



Week 2 – Term 1 – 2012

Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

A very warm welcome to the first newsletter of 2012! I would like in particular to welcome all of our new parents to our great little school. I am sure that you will soon discover for yourselves that this is an exceptional school, one that offers a wonderful and rewarding educational experience for your child. This year will be an exciting and very busy year, so here goes...!

Please note: the week commencing Monday 30th January is **Week 2** of Term 1, Friday 27th January being Week 1.

This year INPS will have more infants (K – 2) than primary students (3 – 6). While this bodes well for the future of the school, it has presented some interesting challenges in **allocating classes**. Please note that I do NOT allocate students to classes according to academic merit, but I do (with advice from teachers) take into account the social mix of the class. Every year it is usual for a couple of you to request that your child be moved to another class, due to a variety of reasons. While I have always tried to remain flexible and open to your wishes, where possible, this year it is going to be almost impossible for me to accommodate your wishes. The classes are full. But please feel free to discuss your concerns with me.

Another consideration is that we are extremely close to gaining a **7th class**. If this occurs then classes K to 3 will have to be restructured. While this is a huge disruption for everyone, it will, in the long run, be of benefit to the children's learning. Please note this could occur at any time over the next few weeks.

In 2012 a student with a **severe nut allergy** is enrolled at INPS. We have had a number of students with **anaphylaxis** in the past; however this student will be our first in the severe range. Nuts of any kind or in any quantity are literally life threatening to this child. I would like, with your help, to make INPS a **nut free zone** in 2012. This is something that can only occur with your support as it would be impossible to police. The staff underwent special training on Friday 27th January in administering initial aid should this child suffer anaphylactic shock. Could you please assist us in keeping this child safe by ensuring that your child does not bring foods to school that contain nuts? Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kidzland are now managing the Before and After School care. We have been very fortunate to have Kidzland agree to manage the before and after school care here at INPS. It gives you the opportunity to drop your child at our safe little school, knowing that they will be well looked after and safe. I encourage you to get on board and support this service. There is no doubt that Kidzland will find it very difficult to meet costs unless

you can ensure some regular patronage – especially in the mornings. Please see the flyer below.

A number of you have indicated that you would like to see some changes to our **Merit System**. I agree completely with the sentiments you have communicated. If we are to teach our students that great rewards only come with exceptional effort, we must employ a merit system that is commensurate with this goal. For a community that has been used to the vast majority of students reaching the pinnacle of our reward system, getting used to these changes may be challenging. For our new students and those coming from other schools, these changes will reflect conditions that exist in most other schools and therefore will be unsurprising. Please see the information below.

A note will be going home next week indicating which **textbooks** your child will be required to purchase. Wherever possible these costs have been kept to a minimum. Please ensure that these are paid for promptly to ensure your child is able to use them when needed.

Contributions are greatly appreciated as they go a long way to helping us to buy educational resources for your children. Contributions for 2012 are \$40 per single child and \$70 per family.

In 2012 **whole school assemblies** will be held on Thursdays at 2.10pm, Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9 of each term. It is hoped that having assemblies on an established timetable will allow you to attend more regularly. I encourage you to come along and enjoy these school community events.

There are *only a couple* of places left for **After School Sport**. If you wish your child to attend please be quick! Reminder: the After School Sport will operate on Monday, Week 3 to Week 9, 3.15pm to 4.14pm for Infants, and on Wednesdays at the same times for Primary. If you wish to have your child attend please have your child ask Mrs Parker for an enrolment contract.

Applications for the Campbelltown Performing Arts High School close on 17th Feb 2012. There is an information evening on 15th Feb at 7pm.

Last year the P&C introduced **student insurance**. The cost per year is \$5 and this provides limited insurance cover should your child have an accident at school or on an out of school activity – money well spent! Please forward your \$5 to the front office.

Are you able to receive this newsletter electronically? Please help us to save money by joining the majority of parents already receiving the newsletter over the web.

COMING EVENTS:

Tue 7th Feb: Swimming Carnival

Wed 8th Feb: Hot Dog & Milk Shake Day

Thur 9th Feb, 2.10pm: WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – ALL WELCOME

Wed 15th Feb, 9.15am: P&C AGM – ALL WELCOME

Wed 15th Feb, 5.00pm to 6.00pm: Meet the Teacher Night

Thur 23rd Feb, 2.10pm: WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – ALL WELCOME

Wed 7th March, 6.15pm: P&C Meeting – ALL WELCOME

Thur 8th March, 2.10pm: WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – ALL WELCOME

Certificate of Excellence: Academic – awarded to those students who demonstrate exceptional academic effort, improvement, and/or performance

Certificate of Excellence: Citizenship – awarded to those students who demonstrate exceptional school and community spirit by helping others, practicing the values of our school and/or being polite and respectful

Certificate of Excellence: Behaviour – awarded to those students who demonstrate exceptional self-discipline

10 INPS Certificates of Excellence = **Bronze Award**

20 INPS Certificates of Excellence = **Silver Award**

30 INPS Certificates of Excellence = **Gold Award**

The two students who are awarded the most Certificates of Excellence *in each class* will be awarded the **School Medal**.

For students in Kindergarten to Year 2, teachers will be responsible for keeping a record of all Certificates of Excellence awarded.

Students in Years 3 to Year 6 are responsible for keeping all Certificate of Excellence and cashing them in for the applicable Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

The **INPS School Dux** will be a student in Year 6 with the highest average across most key learning areas—chosen by the Year 6 teacher(s).

The **INPS Citizen of The Year** will be a student from Year 5 or 6 who displays consistently a high regard for his or her peers and teachers, and represents with distinction the school and its values—chosen by all staff.

The **INPS Sports Person of the Year** (a male and a female) will be a student from Year 5 or 6 who achieves at an outstanding level in most sports—chosen by the Sports Coordinator.

The **INPS School Ambassador** in theory can be from any year (although he or she is more likely to be from Year 5 or 6). This student must have exceptional communication skills and qualities of leadership—chosen by the Principal

KIDZLAND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
offers
OUSTIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

We are fortunate to have this service managed by Kidzland

**Hours: 6.30am – 8.30am
2.30pm - 6.00 pm**

Contact phone number: 02 9605 3741

8.30 am – 3.15 pm phone 9605 2459

Supervisor: Karen Mahoney

Daily fees (as at January 2012)

\$13 per child (includes breakfast) **6.30 - 8:30am**

\$18 per child (including afternoon snack) from **2.30pm – 6.00pm**

Vacation Care - \$45 + Excursions 6.30am – 6.30pm

\$2 per minute after 6.00 pm

\$2 casual fee

Please note: the morning program will operate only if we have 4 or more regular attendees.

All money is to be paid two weeks in advance for permanent bookings. Casual bookings are to be paid on the day. All parents entitled to child care benefits, as stated in the Child Care Management System (CCMS) policy. Fees may be paid in cash, Direct Deposit, Eft Pos When available, OR Ezi-Debit or CentrePay facilities are available and can be set up on parent request at the Centre. Children are offered a variety of experiences and activities including painting, building, craft, music, movement, stories, messy and free play, drama and sporting activities.

**Vacation care will be available at the INPS Premises.
Programs will be made available to parents in advance with all centre based
and excursion details outlined.**

THE CENTRE IS CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.