

INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Week 4 - Term 4 - 2012

Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

Car Park Again!

There are some things that I need to make clear: what we call the car park is really just an area of dirt owned by Landcom that they kindly let us use to park our cars. The RTA has no jurisdiction in this area of dirt. And neither does the DEC.

We are very lucky to have this area for parking.

I have tried all sorts of things over the years to make the car park safer: signs, rules, crossing, etc. But nothing seems to work. People often suggest more signs, more paint, more rules, but really, if people are going to ignore what we already have in place, then nothing else will help.

I appeal to you as adults, responsible members of our community, people who do not wish to have the death or serious injury of a child on their conscience for the rest of their lives, PLEASE slow down (5kph), stop at the crossing if there are children, park rear to the hall, park your car before collecting or dropping off children, park away from the crossing and bus stop AND USE YOUR COMMON SENSE! BE CAREFUL!

Selective High School 2014 Applications are now available online. Printed applications are available from me. See

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Snakes! NSW is alive with snakes this summer. The heavy rain last summer has led to the bush being thick with flora and fauna. Now is snake breeding season. Please reinforce information already provided to your children by their teachers: stay away from the gardens! If a child sees a snake they should back away slowly if the snake is some distance off, and quickly if the snake is very close. They should then go straight to a teacher. Thanks to Mrs Hooper we will soon receive 6 solar powered snake repellents. I have received mixed reports about their effectiveness, but hopefully they will do the trick!

The daytime **P&C** meeting in week 7 of Term 3 was cancelled due to the small number of attendees. And last Wednesday night only five parents attended the P&C meeting. Not only that, we may have to close the canteen some days this term because there are not enough parent volunteers.

Please remember that it is because of the efforts of your P&C that we have a computer lab, interactive white boards and air conditioners in every classroom, and now an intercom system that has made the school a much safer place for your children.

If you are able to volunteer an hour a week (you simply say **no** to any more if that is how you want it) it would go a long way to making your child's school the best little school in NSW!

As an experiment – to see if the numbers at meetings increase – the next P&C meeting will be another evening meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 6.15pm to 8.00pm. PLEASE COME!

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Tanya Lewis has been selected, from a fabulously talented field of applicants, to be our school's new permanent Assistant Principal. Mrs Lewis is a very experienced classroom teacher and has been an Assistant Principal (Rel.) held in the highest regard by her colleagues for the last 2 ½ years. She will commence work at INPS in 2013.

Major work will be done to the playground! Commencing Monday 5th November and concluding Thursday 6th December (+ or – a couple of days) the stairs near the boys toilets, the drains near the canteen and the grates near K/1M will all have work done to improve their safety (reduce trip hazards). This will cause some disruption to our normal routines, but I am sure we are happy to have the DEC spending many thousands of dollars to make the playground a safer place for our students.

Mr B. Moseley Principal

Coming Events

Wednesday 7th Nov: Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday 8th Nov: School Assembly

Wednesday 14th Nov: Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday 21st Nov: Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday 21st Nov: P&C MEETING 6.15pm

Thursday 22nd Nov: School Assembly

Wednesday 5th Dec: Year 7 Orientation Day

Thursday 6th Dec: PRESENTATION DAY

Wednesday 12th Dec: Year 6 Farewell

Friday 14th Dec: P&C and Volunteers Day

Tuesday 18th Dec: Yearly Reports given out

Wednesday 19th Dec: Students last day of school

Wednesday 30th January 2013: First day of school for Years 1 to 6 – Kindergarten will be undertaking Best Start assessment.

P&C NEWS

Christmas Hamper Raffle Donations

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is that time of year again when the P & C calls on your support in donating any suitable items for the annual Christmas raffle. Donations can include any canned or packaged foods (use by date must be no earlier than January 2013) as well household items and any other item that you would consider suitable for Christmas (eg. tinned fruit or veggies, pasta, jam, long life custard, jelly, lollies, fruit cake etc. also items such as wrapping paper, gift cards, sticky tape, small toys etc). All items need to be in new condition to be included in the hampers; no second hand items will be accepted. Donated items will then be packaged into gift hampers and will be raffled on Presentation Day.

Each classroom now has a basket for donations, so items can start coming in. For each item donated, the class receives points. The class with the most points will be rewarded at the end of term.

Raffle ticket booklets have been sent home, good luck selling as many as you can. Spare booklets will also be available from the office.

We thank you for your support as all money raised by the P&C goes back into the school and your child's education.

P & C Fundraising Committee

School Banking

All students are welcome to participate in banking at School through the Commonwealth Bank.

Your deposits can be made at the front office every Wednesday morning before the school bell.