

Week 6 - Term 4 - 2012

## Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

**Congratulations** go to Kiara Risnes. Kiara entered a competition for all students in NSW (Kindergarten to Year 12) learning Braille. The competition was broken into two parts: the first involved Kiara editing a page of Braille; in the second, Kiara had to write a creative story in Braille. Her story was all about books coming to life after the library had closed. And...Kiara won!

**Congratulations** go to Ingleburn North Public School. On Thursday night I attended a special ceremony called Director's Choice, held at the Sports Centre at Homebush. INPS, along with Ingleburn High, Sackville Street P. S. and Ingleburn P. S., picked up the award for Middle School Initiatives. This was in recognition of the constructive way these four schools work together to ensure that students entering Year 7 have a smooth transition.

Selective High School 2014 Applications are now available online. Printed applications are available from me. See www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

## Attendance:

There are 10,080 minutes in a week. Children spend 1800 minutes at school (1450 in class). Children spend 8280 minutes with you!

Every day that your child is away from school and every minute that they are late in the morning DOES have a negative effect on their learning – if this absenteeism and tardiness is regular then the effect will be very serious. If they miss a single day then they may miss key concepts and struggle to catch up. If they are late in the morning they will very likely miss the introduction of the lesson and then lose valuable time trying to figure out what the lesson is all about. Unless they are unwell please make sure they attend school every day and arrive before 8.55am.

Having said this, the opposite is true when they *are* **sick**. Last week INPS lost 12 staff days due to sickness – all down with the stomach bug that is rampant at the moment. In one class alone 17 students reported that they experienced vomiting Monday to Wednesday. If your child comes to school when they are sick they may infect other students and teachers. Please keep them home during the infectious stage of their illness.

A number of Year 5 students have self-nominated for the position of **Captain 2013**. The election is open to every student in Year 5. They have been instructed that there is to be no American style electioneering or lobbying. In short, the only time they should be speaking to other students about being School captain is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the school assembly when they will have approximately 60 seconds to put their case forward for election. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November all students and all staff (including all support staff) will vote for one boy student and one girl student. The student votes are worth one point. The staff votes are worth five points. Apart from the different value for teachers and students votes there is no interference in the democratic process. The elections are fair and conducted entirely by me.

The **INPS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Booklet** should be ready by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no extra copies for sale. If you wish to purchase a copy of this great piece of historical memorabilia then you must preorder. An order form has been sent home with your child.

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

Mr B. Moseley Principal

## **Coming Events**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: P&C MEETING 6.15pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: School Assembly

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 7 Orientation Day

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: PRESENTATION DAY

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 6 Farewell

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: P&C and Volunteers Day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Yearly Reports given out

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Students last day of school

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



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