



INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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'THE BUGLE'



Week 8 – Term 1 – 2012

Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

The first meeting of the **INPS 50th Anniversary Committee** will be at **6.00pm on Tuesday 20th March**. It is important that we make the most of this special occasion in the school's history. So please come along if you can.

Despite trying their very best, **Kidzland** are having great difficulty covering the costs of running the INPS After School Care. The number of you using their service is simply too small. **The INPS After School Care will close at the end of this term**. I thank publicly Kidzland for the way they have undertaken the challenge of running an after school care with so few students attending. I also appreciate the advanced notice they have given our community.

Fortunately, Kidzland will be able to run **vacation care** at our school during the term breaks – watch out for the flyer coming in a few weeks.

Our community could choose to offer the running of the after school care to another service provider. Personally, I do not believe this to be a wise course of action. It is highly likely that we would end up in the same predicament in Term 2. Instead, I have asked **Kidzland** if they would **return in 2013 Term 1** and try again to make the INPS After School Care a viable business. Kidzland have agreed and this speaks volumes about the people running this business (Karen and George).

Thank you to all of those parents and carers who were able to support the INPS After School Care by having their children as full time enrolees. Kidzland will be able to take some of your children to and from school by bus and the others will have **alternative highly reputable before and after school centres** suggested.

Last Tuesday night I discussed this situation with the P&C. **It was suggested that the school run the Before and After School Care**. This presents many logistical problems and before we undertake such an exercise all of the insurance and employment regulations will have to be investigated. The first problem is that two people, one at least who is a certified child care worker, must be found. This would be paid work. I must say that I am quite pessimistic about the feasibility of this venture. However, I am willing, with the assistance of the P&C, to look into the possibility of INPS running its own before and after school care. In the meantime if you are qualified and interested in two hours in the morning and four in the afternoon, five days per week, please let me know.

Because of the extreme rain event on Thursday 8th, the **Clean Up Our School** has been postponed until next Friday (16th) and the **Minnamurra Rainforest** excursion has been put off until a later date.

Unfortunately we will be unable to keep our demountable (**the old library**). The DEC will compensate our school so that we can fit out my old room (next to the staffroom) as our new lab. This is a win for our school as this new lab will be

designated a “special learning space” and this means that it will remain a lab until the community decides to use it for something else. Should our school grow next year, we will be provided a new classroom demountable.

Did you know that if you buy your children’s school shoes at **Athlete’s Foot (LIVERPOOL & BANKSTOWN ONLY)** they will donate \$5 to the school for each pair you buy? Athlete’s Foot has a sport style black school shoe that can be worn for sport on Fridays and is suitable for Monday to Thursday at INPS. These are well made and although they cost more, they are personally fitted and outlast cheap brands by about three to one.

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May students across Australia in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit for their **NAPLAN tests**. These very important tests provide crucial information to schools about the individual student’s academic performance and the effectiveness of teaching programs. For those students in years 5, 7 and 9 comparative data with earlier NAPLAN tests can be generated. This data is used to determine whether or not a student’s rate of progress is adequate. If possible please have your children attend the three days of testing.

Would you like the **newsletter emailed** to you? All you have to do is provide the office with your current email address. We should have this up and running by the end of term!

Bathurst Camp Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September 2012. For those of you who are new to our school, INPS has a three year cycle for camps. This year we are off to the Bathurst Gold Fields! As always the camp is open to Year 6 and Year 5 at first. The deadline for at least making a deposit is Friday 27th April. After this date if vacancies remain, Year 4 will be invited to attend the camp. (This is likely.) The deadline for completing payment is Friday 29th June (the last day of Term 2). The cost for the camp is approximately \$205. I do not envisage this price changing, but I will confirm this next term. The Bathurst Gold Fields Camp is lots of fun and of great educational value; the last time we went the students just loved it!

Did you know that **there are four car parks at INPS** and that each of them have particular rules to keep you and your children safe? Did you also know that approximately 20 people a year are killed or seriously injured by moving vehicles in car parks in NSW?

Parents’ Car Park: This is the largest car park to the south of the school. We are one of a very small number of primary schools in NSW to have a parents’ car park. Yes it can be a little difficult to negotiate (especially when muddy) but we are lucky to have it! **RULES: please drive 5kph**; only reverse park against the hall; do not park near the bus stop or block the area where the bus turns around. *Watch out for children at all times!*

Staff Car Park: This car park is located next to the Admin Office on the northwest corner of the school. **Under no circumstances should this car park be used by parents or volunteers – at any time!**

Volunteers and Teachers Car Park: This is the small car park located next to the gas tank. This is as the title suggests only for those people who are working at the school in a paid or volunteer capacity. *Pedestrians should not use this car park!*

After School Care Car Park: This car park is located between the large rubbish bins, the hall and the After School Care. This car park **MUST NOT BE USED** by anyone other than the After School Care workers. *This is a thoroughfare for pedestrians and the chances of hurting a child should you use this car park are extremely high!*

Street Parking: This is not recommended. Inadvertently people who do this park on the foot path (parents have been fined for this by the Police in the past). Crossing Macdonald Road to get to your vehicle is dangerous. And cars being side swiped by passing vehicles has occurred here in the past.

Please help us to keep **EVERYONE** safe by following these rules, remaining patient and courteous and being considerate of others. Thank you.

With all the rain we have been having I am moving forward a reminder I usually send to you in April of each year. **Please do NOT send your child to school if they are sick**, especially if they have nits, flu, stomach bugs or other viral infections. The usual scenario when sick children are sent to school is that other children and their teachers become infected, your child is miserable and usually ends up in the sick bay for much of the day or until you can come and take them home. If your child has whooping cough, conjunctivitis, measles or some other highly contagious illness it may be necessary to keep them at home. **Please contact me ASAP if your child has a contagious illness** and I will, while ensuring student privacy, send a note home warning everyone to watch their child(ren) for symptoms.

Mr B. Moseley
Principal

Coming Events

Tue 13th March: Police talk on bullying years 5/6

Wed 14th March 9am to 12.30pm: Wild Animal Encounters (whole school incursion)

Tue 20th March 6pm: INPS 50th Birthday organising committee meets

Thur 22nd March 2.10: Assembly

Thur 22nd March: Close the Gap Day

Mon 2nd April: Lorax Movie Night

Thur 5th April: Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

Thur 5th April: LAST DAY OF TERM

Tue 24th April: FIRST DAY OF TERM (for students)

Wed 25th April: ANZAC DAY (public holiday)

Thur 26th April: ANZAC DAY Assembly – All Welcome

Book Club

Book Club is due on Thursday 22nd March, 2012.

P&C FUNDRAISING

Upcoming Dates to remember.

- Monday 2nd April 2012

The Lorax Movie Night

6.30pm start. Dumaresq St Cinema

- Thursday 5th April 2012.

Easter Raffle Draw

Parents, just a reminder that Easter egg donations for the Annual Easter Raffle, would be much appreciated. Each classroom has a basket for donations. Spare raffle books are available at the front office.

Student Injury Insurance

Payment of \$5 is due very soon. Thank you to those who have already paid. If you haven't paid could you please send \$5 per student to the Office by the end of this week. This \$5 covers each student for a whole year. Student Insurance covers injuries that happen at school, excursions and children going to camp.

Thank you

Tanya

P & C Committee

School Banking

School banking is running each Wednesday morning before school at the front office.

Opening an account for School Banking – Great News - School banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school.

Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking.

Take in identification for you and your child (such as driver's license and birth certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot- it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open the account on line as well!

When children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

Cathy and Marie
Office.

Bambi Kindergarten



**Celebrating 60 years
of service to the community**

Bambi Kindergarten Association Inc
Would like to invite you to join us for afternoon
tea

Date: Saturday 26th May 2012

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Where: Bambi Kindergarten Stevens Road,
Ingleburn

RSVP: Friday 20th May 2012

Phone 9829-1927 Fax 9829 3419

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