

Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

Ingleburn Community of Schools Xmas Concert a huge success! Thanks go to Ms Morgan who choreographed our item and Ms McLachlan and Mrs Parker who assisted. I may be biased but I thought our students were the stand-out act! Thanks also go to Ms Jenny Young the Ingleburn High School music teacher who coordinated the 135 Sackville Street Public School, Ingleburn Public School, Ingleburn High school and Ingleburn North Public School performers.

Classes for 2014: Each year the scuttlebutt turns to who is teaching what and which children are in which class next year. I am usually very reluctant to guess, because that is exactly what it would be, a guess. People would then rightly become annoyed because I had "changed my mind". This year the problem of "guessing" is worse than ever. We are extremely close to our 8th class and this 8th class is a certainty - probably very early in Term 1. So I have developed 3 plans. Plan 1 has us with 4 infant's classes and 3 primary classes, but this plan may not be needed, and if it is, it will not be needed for long (we only need 3 students to start an 8th class). Plan B (more likely) sees us with four infant's classes and 4 primary classes. Plan C kicks in if we end up with all of our new enrolments in infants. We will need to create a 2-3 class. Confusing isn't it?

Week 10 – Term 4 – 2013

December

Coming Events



Mon 9 th :	Hot Shots Tennis Comp
Tue 10 th :	PRESENTATION DAY 11.20am
Wed 11 th :	K-2 Christmas Incursion
Thurs 12 th :	Year 6 Farewell
Fri 13 th :	Volunteers' morning tea
Mon 16 th :	Student reports sent home
Tues 17 th :	3-6 Imax Excursion
Wed 18 th :	Last day of Term 4

January 2014

Wed 29th: First day of Term 1

So, we may start the year with Plan A, change to Plan B by Week 2 and therefore have to change all of the primary classes. We would end up with a straight Year 6 and a straight Year 5 and two 3-4 classes – all considerably smaller classes, so a good problem to have. The second aspect to all this is when parents invariably ask for their child to be changed to another class. First, unless you have a very good reason for this request, please help limit the obvious difficulties such requests cause. Often students will complain about not being with their "best" friend. They are only in the classroom for 4hrs and 45min per day and they should be focussing on their schoolwork during class-time – perhaps being away from their "best" friend is a good thing! Second, unfortunately it will not be possible to accommodate the majority of these requests.

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I am sure you appreciate the problems associated with complying with every request! Fortunately, we are blessed with great teachers and wonderful students. I am sure the students will learn to enjoy their new class.

Your support and understanding in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Calling All Volunteers. Have you volunteered in any capacity what-so-ever at INPS this year? You may have helped out in the library, or at a sport carnival, or in our canteen, maybe you manned the BBQ during the Federal Election, or perhaps you taught scripture, whatever you did, we want to acknowledge your fantastic contribution to our school at the **Volunteers Morning Tea on Friday 13th December, commencing at 11am in the library.**

Are you a confused parent? (Who isn't?). Certainly being a parent of 21st Century children is not easy. For a terrific Australian website with a constant stream of information for parents see Generation Next.

http://www.generationnext.com.au/

Mr Moseley's question/puzzle for the week: What is the name of the second man to step foot on the moon? A super hard bonus question: did you know that Australians got to watch the first moon landing on television about 2 seconds before the Americans? Why? I remember it well. In 1969 I sat three "feet" from the TV in Mr Thompson's classroom at Revesby South Public School and watched Neil Armstrong take his first step, and humanity's first step, on the moon.

Congratulations to Matilda R. who was first to answer last week's question correctly: *The Howler Monkey*.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHaYQWw CXZw

Congratulations go to Miss June Quinn-Kirk who is retiring. June began teaching in Queensland in 1970 and began her teaching career in NSW in 1973. She came to our school in 2002. We wish her well in this new phase of her life and on behalf of the many hundreds of students she has taught in her long and interesting career, I thank her for her dedication and hard work. Congratulations go to Mr Chapman who has gained a permanent teaching position at another school. Mr Chapman has worked in a variety of roles at our school and has proved to be an excellent teacher. His great sense of humour will be missed by his colleagues.

Farewell to our fabulous Year 6 students and others who may be leaving us. Farewell also to those parents who will no longer have an association with our school. Many of you have volunteered to help out at our school and/or have been tireless supporters of our efforts to educate your children. Without you our school would not be the wonderful place it is. Good luck to you all.

Finally, as we drag ourselves over the line to a much needed break, it is important to acknowledge that because of our fantastic students, exceptional teachers and supportive parents, our school has gone from strength to strength. This year, 2013, has been an outstanding year of learning for us all.

I hope you have a safe and fun filled holiday.

Mr B. Moseley Principal

STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL LATE IN 2014

Parents need to contact the school if they know that their child is not returning to school during the first week of Term 1 2014.

Please contact the school office on 9605 2459

Commonwealth Student Banking

Student banking at our school is Wednesday mornings before the bell. All students with a Commonwealth Bank account are encouraged to bring their banking to the office window.

In 2014 the Commonwealth Bank will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens. With these new items on offer, please be aware that the **Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year**. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. Please be aware that they still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

Ms Keen - School Banking Co-ordinator

HIGH IMPORTANCE MEDICAL FORMS

We are still waiting on a number of Student Medical Details and Health Conditions Forms sent out last week.

It is imperative that we receive these forms back for **every** child enrolled at this school even if your child does not have any allergy or medical conditions.

This is a Departmental requirement for every child enrolled in public schools in order to update the database.

If you require another form, they are available from the front office. Please send these forms in as soon as possible to avoid the necessity of making phone calls for missing forms.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



The office ladies.



