



INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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'THE BUGLE'



Week 4 – Term 1 – 2013

Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

The **Swimming Carnival** was a wonderful success. The rain gods were kind and the temperature was just about perfect (hot swimming carnivals are truly awful). Mr Smith is to be congratulated for organising what was a very smoothly run carnival. Well done to all of those students who “had a go”.

Below you will find an advertisement for Acer's **ProtectaChild** program. While I do not necessarily endorse this product, a number of you have raised concerns about your children using social media and the dangers of cyber bullying. This program costs \$120 per year and claims to allow parents to monitor all of their child's social media interactions.

Thank you so much to all of those parents who have already paid their school contribution. School Contributions are unchanged for 2013. They are \$40 for a single child and \$70 for a family. While this is not exactly the \$5000 one pays in the private schools, this small amount does go a long way to helping us to purchase the best learning resources we can find for your children.

Parent and carer volunteers and the P&C are vital to the quality of school life at INPS. Without these wonderful people we would not be able to run the canteen; you would be forced to buy your

child's uniform at greatly inflated prices elsewhere, we would have no computer lab, no air conditioners in the two main blocks, no interactive whiteboards, etc. By being a volunteer you are contributing your time directly and purposefully to your child's school. I encourage you all, if you can, to get involved, even if it is for only an hour or two each week.

Could all volunteers please note that you must sign-on and sign-out of the school and that you must wear a volunteer's badge. Also, you must follow strictly all Work Health and Safety (WHS) instructions and procedures. Should you become concerned about any WHS issue or wish to report an unsafe practice or situation, please see the Principal immediately.

With so many different parents, carers and visitors entering our school and communicating about a whole range of issues, it is very important that you all stick to our **Parents, Carers & Visitors Code of Conduct**. Please see below.

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 VERY slowly**

(5kph); only reverse park against the hall; do not park near the bus stop or block the area at the end of the car park near the trees 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 at 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 INPS staff and 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.

So, in summary:

- 1. Drive slowly = 5km***
- 2. Do not park, or pick your child up, or drop them off in the car park where the large bins are positioned***
- 3. Do not park, or pick your child up, or drop them off near the bus bay***
- 4. Stop at the crossing and look out for children***
- 5. Always keep a sharp eye on your children in the car park***
- 6. Always park your car and walk your children to or from the school***

7. Park rear to the school hall

8. Do not park near the trees at the end of the car park to allow room for the bus to turn around

Year 6 parents and carers please return your child's expression of interest form (the EOI indicates their choice of high school for 2014) to me by 22nd March. Note: you must put down their in-area school in the box provided. You may have up to three alternate choices. Students going to private schools should complete one of these forms just in case their application is rejected by the private school. Note: should you be late returning the EOI, or simply assume your child will be accepted by a particular school, they may end up having to apply for their local high school anyway and then miss out on being placed in a class that best suits their needs.

The selective high schools test information for students currently in Year 6 was included in the Week 6, Term 4 2012 newsletter. It is now too late for students in Year 6 to apply. For students in Year 5 the selective high schools test will be held in March of 2014. Year 5 students wishing to sit the test must apply in October 2013. The link below should be used to find the on-line application:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Please note that the selective high schools test is quite difficult. Of course all students may sit the test, however, in my experience, only those who perform consistently at a high or outstanding academic level pass the test and are accepted into a selective high school.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you wish them to attend the school's exciting **Sydney Camp**, please make a deposit and reserve their place before the end of Term 1. The total cost is approximately \$180, but this is yet to be confirmed. Should places remain unfilled at the commencement of Term 2 then I will open the camp to Year 4.

There will be fewer **Textbooks** to purchase this year. Changes to teacher practice mean we are less likely to rely on textbooks. Could you please pay promptly.

Mr B. Moseley
Principal

Coming Events

Wednesday 20th Feb: Meet the Teacher Night
5.30pm – 6.00pm. Please come along!

Wednesday 27th Feb: Zone Swimming

Thursday 28th Feb: School Assembly

Tuesday 12th March: Cyber bullying presentation
by NSW Police for primary students

Thursday 14th March: School Assembly

Thursday 14th March: Selective high school test

Thursday 21st March: Harmony Day

Thursday 28th March: School Assembly & Easter
Hat Parade

Friday 29th March: GOOD FRIDAY – school closed

Monday 1st April: EASTER MONDAY – school closed

Wednesday 10th April: Brief Student Reports sent
home

Thursday 11th April: School Assembly

Friday 12th April: LAST DAY of TERM 1

P&C NEWS

Student Insurance

Student Insurance is due now @ \$5.00 per student. This insurance covers our children at school, on camp, on excursion etc. Please pay as soon as possible at the office, so we can mark each name off.

Thank you,
Tanya. P&C.

Fundraising

It is that time of year where we will be needing donations towards our Easter Raffles. A basket will be placed in each classroom for your children to bring in their donations. The class that has the most donations will win a prize. Raffle tickets will be sent home with your children on Friday 23rd February.

Tuesday I will have **MaltEaster Bunny Fundraiser** boxes available at the Office if you would like to help sell a box. All profits go towards important resources for our children. If you can help, please see me in the office **Tuesday** afternoon.

Thanks, Fundraising
Sharyn & Kristy

First Confession and Holy Communion.

Catholic children in State Schools, in third grade or over, are due to be prepared to receive the sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion. An enrolment and information meeting for parents will be held on **Monday 25th February at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre of the Holy Family Church, Oxford Road, Ingleburn. Baptism certificates are required for enrolment. For enquiries, please contact Fr. Peter on 9605 2785.

Scripture starts this Friday 22nd February, any students who **do not return** the scripture note will be allocated to Non Scripture class, and will be doing private reading during this time.

Office News

Please be prompt returning our Student Emergency Contact Reports to the office for updating on our records. This process is very important to enable correct contact from school to parents or carers.

School Banking reminder, our Commonwealth Student Banking morning is Wednesday before the first bell at the front office counter.

INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT REQUIRED OF PARENTS, CARERS & OTHER PERSONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We are fortunate indeed that at INPS it is almost unheard of that parents, carers or visitors engage in any of the negative behaviour listed below. The Code of Conduct exists though as a reminder to all that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not to be subjected to behaviours that wound their feelings, or arouse anger, resentment, disgust or outrage.

Schools should be places where students, staff, parents and visitors feel safe and happy. Ensuring that our school remains a pleasant and safe place for everyone is the responsibility of all who enter the school grounds.

Parents, carers and visitors to the school are expected to:

1. Treat ALL persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
2. Keep clear of all buildings and entrances
3. Ensure their child/children are punctual to class
4. Make appointments in advance
5. Leave the grounds when requested
6. Allow staff to investigate issues and manage student issues without interference
7. Make complaints about the school, staff or students to the Assistant Principal or Principal only
8. Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

Should a parent, carer, or visitor fail to abide by this Code of Conduct the Principal has the authority to employ the *Inclosed Lands Protection Act (1901)*, whereby the individual(s) concerned will not be permitted to enter the school grounds or attend school functions. This is most likely should an individual engage in the following:

- Cause physical assaults to, or threaten with physical assaults, students, staff, parents or community members at the school or during the course of school activities;
- Behave in a manner in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors to the school that causes alarm or concern;
- Use offensive language (i.e. swearing);
- Interrupt the learning environment of the school, such as by entering classrooms without permission;
- Enter the school site without permission or legitimate reason.

NOTE: INDIVIDUALS NOT ADHERING TO THE INCLOSED LANDS ACT ARE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE ARREST. PENALTIES FOR PHYSICALLY ASSAULTING STAFF ARE EQUAL TO THOSE FOR ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER (UP TO 7 YEARS IMPRISONMENT).



Introducing ProtectaChild

ProtectaChild is an automated search tool that replaces the need for parents or guardians to manually monitor their children's activity on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. ProtectaChild is a gateway to hold open discussions with your children about appropriate online behaviour. It also provides parents with peace of mind about their children's online activities.

It is important to know that not everyone uses social media in the way it was intentionally created. Our goal at ProtectaChild is to assist in eradicating the harmful behaviour that frequently occurs on social media sites.

ProtectaChild Protects Children

ProtectaChild provides awareness for parents while safeguarding the privacy of their children who use Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube and bebo. Parents will be alerted if explicit or damaging content has been posted to or from their child's page. Your email or sms alert will advise you as to what word(s) were used in the post, in what context the word(s) were used in, who sent the post and when the post was sent.

ProtectaChild does not hack into or violate the privacy of the people who use it. It is a search tool that analyses posts on their children's pages to provide parents with awareness of the existence of content that can be harmful to their children's safety, reputation or standing in the community.



Is Your Child Online:

- with an **internet predator**?
- with a classmate that is **bullying** them?
- posting items that may impact their **tertiary education admissions**?

Acer is proud to support **ProtectaChild** in their mission to play a pivotal role in eradicating bullying and other potential dangers children may come across via the internet.

Together we aim to make your child's cyber world a safer and more enjoyable place.

Click here to take advantage
of Acer's special \$9.95 / month offer* >

*Available to all Acer customers for a limited time only.



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