

# INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## **NEWSLETTER**

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Term 4 - Week 2 - 2014

## **Message from the Principal**

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

Welcome back everyone to what will be a very busy term four! First, we kick off with our annual school disco this Thursday, starting at 5pm and finishing at 7pm. The cost is \$6 per child and this includes entry, a hotdog and a drink – see below.

**Selective High School Applications 2016** – for students currently in Year 5 – will open on the 14<sup>th</sup> October and close on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. These applications are to be completed on-line (using the internet). Go to

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

If you do not have access to a computer please see Mrs. Hancock in the Admin Office.

**Kindergarten enrolments for 2015** – Please let us know if you have a child starting school in 2015. Odd as it may seem, we are already starting to organise classes for 2015.

The Kindergarten Orientation is where parents are provided with LOTS of information and all their questions about school are answered. This year, as always, it is open to ALL parents, not only those whose children commence kindergarten in 2015. The Kindergarten Orientation Program will be held on the first three Tuesdays in November: 9:05am – 11am. ALL WELCOME!

## **OCTOBER**

Thur 16<sup>th</sup> DISCO!

Academic Challenge to Parliament

House

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Swim Scheme ends

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> P&C Meeting 6.15pm ALL WELCOME

Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> ASSEMBLY – all welcome Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Book Club Issue 7 due

### **NOVEMBER**

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Orientation 9.05am – 11am

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Spider Day

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY – all welcome

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Orientation 9.05am – 11am
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Orientation 9.05am – 11am
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting 6.15pm ALL WELCOME

Thur 20<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY – all welcome

#### DECEMBER

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Presentation Day
Thur 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Farewell

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Last day of school for 2014!

### **JANUARY 2015**

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Students Years 1 to 6 commence classes

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**2015-2017 INPS School Plan:** The way schools ensure that they are constantly improving teaching and learning is to devise a three year school plan – our current plan, the **2012-2014 INPS School Plan**, is coming to its conclusion (a copy is on the school website). I am extremely pleased with our achievement of the objectives outlined in this plan. Now it is time to devise a new school plan. Those of you who attend P&C Meetings will have heard me discuss the new school plan and seek your input.

Schools do not simply teach the basics of reading, writing and mathematics, they shape the individual, the future adult, the next generation of global citizens. In doing so, it is important that we share an understanding of attributes of the 21<sup>st</sup> century global citizen we want our children to embody.

To kick start this discussion with the wider community I suggest the following questions:

- 1. What are the interpersonal and intrapersonal skills required by our children in order to change a world tearing itself apart with racial tension, religious intolerance, economic disparity and violence?
- 2. What are the knowledge and skills required by our children if they are to prevent the world from environmental destruction?
- 3. What are the skills of learning that we want our children to know and practice, given that 80% of the occupations that our kindergarten students will undertake in the future have not yet been invented?

As you can see, these are serious questions. Of course our primary purpose will always be teaching literacy and numeracy, but these other aspects of learning cannot and should not be avoided. As I always say at Kindergarten Orientation, surely our aim is to produce adults who are happy and well-adjusted people capable of rich relationships and who possess a love of learning!

Please let me know your thoughts either by letter, phone, email, in person, or at our next P&C Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.15pm.

**Cogmed™**: I am pleased to inform you that Ingleburn North Public School can now offer selected students special training to improve their working memory. Under licence from Pearson Education Australia a number of teachers at our school have been trained to implement **Cogmed™**, an evidence-based learning program.

In short, selected students will undergo 30 minutes of intensive training four days per week for approximately six weeks. The training involves the students playing a number of short computer "games" that will push them to the limit of – and then extend – their working memory.

Working memory is crucial to learning. Unless a student's working memory is sufficient, when he/she is presented with new concepts or required to juggle mentally a number of facts (something every student must do every day at school) he/she will find learning a difficult task indeed.

If I had my way, every student would take part in this program; however, only six students will be trained initially; after this, the cost that the school will bear is \$300 per student. I hope to select at least eight students each year to take part in the program.

**8**<sup>th</sup> **Class:** the Department of Education uses a formula based on student numbers to make decisions about when a school requires additional staff. INPS has reached the next increment, our 8<sup>th</sup> class, and I am happy to announce that I have employed a temporary teacher. Rather than break up classes at this late stage of the year, I have decided to employ this teacher as a "floater" (a teacher who moves from class to class working with small groups or individual students). Every student benefits!

8th Class demountable classroom: my original plan was to put this demountable in the south-west corner of the school (near the old cricket nets). However, according to Campbelltown Council that area of the school is designated as protected Cumberland Forest. I certainly support the protection of this endangered type of forest. This leaves us with limited locations for the new demountable. Rather than put it on the oval and have the children's playing area reduced, I have asked for the next two demountables to be placed in the little car park near the school notice board. I have also asked for the third and fourth demountables to be placed on the lawn at the front of the school. Neither of these locations is ideal, but I am sure you will agree that we need to protect the children's playing area for as long as possible and use the oval as a last option.

**Update on school name change:** The application is now with senior education officers. Once finalised, it will be passed to the NSW Government for a final decision. I must emphasise that this is an *application* process. It may be decided that the name should remain the same, or perhaps another name might be put forward; either way, this will be a very long process and we may hear nothing for more than 12 months.

## **Sports Report**

## **Equestrian Camden Inter-Schools Competition**

A huge congratulations to Emilia Nitto who represented Ingleburn North at the Camden Inter-Schools Competition in the Equestrian on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. She competed against 20 schools within the district and 22 competitors in Year 6. On the day, Emilia received one first place and three second-placings- an absolutely outstanding result! She also competed in the Grand Champion and ended up with a hard-fought second place and now holds the title of Reserve Champion. Emilia's father Byrand has reported that "she looked great and rode with honour". Well done, Emilia!



## **Sydney South-West Athletics Carnival**

Sincere apologies to Andrew Kelly. His name was omitted in the last edition of The Bugle as being one of our school representatives at the Sydney South-West Athletics Carnival. He placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Junior boys 800m run. We are very proud of his achievement!

Miss Morgan





## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

## **NEW CREDIT VOUCHER SYSTEM**

With certain school-based activities (where the school has not been charged for the service) parents are entitled to a refund. For this purpose we have created a credit voucher that can be redeemed to be put towards another activity. A sample of the voucher is below.

In certain cases (i.e. where a whole activity has been cancelled or has had a price reduction after full payment) the credit vouchers will be automatically generated and distributed. In the case of an isolated case parents can approach the office to discuss if they are entitled to a refund and a credit voucher will be raised. When you wish to use your credit, simply complete the voucher given to you and send to the office.

Please note that for refunds above \$30.00 per student activity the refund will have to be actioned with a cheque.

We have begun the process this week with gala day refunds. If your child paid <u>in full</u> for Winter gala days have a look in your child's bag for your voucher.

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This voucher can be redeemed against any school-based activity (i.e. sport, excursion, camp etc.)		
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DON'T FORGET PAYMENTS FOR THE TENNIS
PROGRAM FOR YEARS 2 - 6 ARE DUE THIS
WEEK.

PROGRAM IS \$16.00.

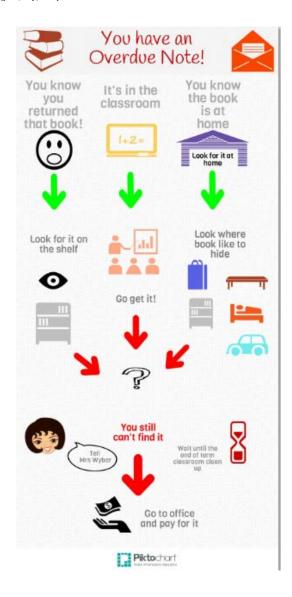
## Library News

Welcome back!

Term 4 is a busy time in the library with stock take in week 9. Due to stock take all borrowing will finish in week 9 with overdue notes being sent out in week 6 to give everyone plenty of time to locate those missing books.



I explain the procedures for overdue books with the students regularly as shown below. If you have any questions please contact me at school.



## Chess Club

Chess club is continuing this term and will finalise by week 8. Please keep playing games with the Children. Trophies for the junior and senior Champions will be decided by points and handed out on presentation day,



Happy Reading Kathy Wyber Teacher/Librarian

## P&C NEWS

## Canteen

We are in urgent need for volunteers for the canteen for Term 4. If we do not receive new volunteers, the canteen will be closed on days it cannot be manned.

A wonderful way to be part of the school community is through volunteering. We currently have some amazing volunteers in our canteen to ensure we maintain a full-time canteen for our students. However, the canteen is in desperate need for some new volunteers. No experience necessary. If you are able to donate any of your precious time, please contact the canteen or office staff. Your children also gain a sense of pride when their parent helps at the school.

Term 4 roster is up so we need volunteers to keep the canteen open every day.

New Spring & Summer menu is now available.

Lunch Wallets are available \$9.00. Colours: Pink, Blue, Green, Red, Purple, Yellow and Grey.

Many thanks Andre Yusuf - P&C President

## P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the library at 6:15 p.m. All welcome!

**Student Medical Insurance** 

Have you paid your \$5 to the P&C to ensure your child is covered for medical expenses for accidents incurred on school premises or on school-related activities.





Reminder that the P & C run disco is on this Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The cost is \$6 per child or \$5 per child (for 3 or more in the same family). All children will receive a hot dog and a bottle of water.

A huge thank you to DanceFever who are putting on this disco FREE OF CHARGE. They are very kindly donating their time and equipment for the night.

If you can help on the night, please let a P & C representative or office staff member know.



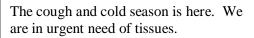


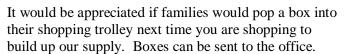
## School Banking

Wednesday is school banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to the front office before 9:00 a.m.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a school banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Ingleburn North Public School.

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