



INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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'THE BUGLE'



Term 1 – Week 2 – 2014

Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a very pleasant time with your children over the holiday break. Wednesday of last week saw a lot of very excited faces amongst the children – a definite sign the holidays were just the right length.

In particular I extend a warm welcome to the 40 families joining our great community. I invite you to get involved with your child's school. A great place to start is the upcoming P&C Meeting. I hope to see you there.

Merit System: Last year a large number of parents and teachers voiced concerns about our merit system – in particular the awarding of the Certificates of Excellence. In summary, the concerns were that: a) different teachers gave different numbers of certificates, b) a system where 75% of students reach Gold every year exposes others to obvious embarrassment, c) they are not as valued by students as they should be, d) they do not reflect **outstanding** behaviour, citizenship or academic achievement, e) the awarding of so many certificates – about 5000 were awarded to only 170 students last year – takes teachers' precious time away from teaching.

After some discussion the merit system has been changed.

Coming Events



February 2014

- Tue 6th Captains' Inauguration Assembly
- Wed 12th AGM of P&C 6.15pm to 8.00pm
ALL WELCOME
- Thur. 13th NRMA Science Show (free)
- Wed 19th Meet the Teacher Night
- Thur. 20th Swimming Carnival
- Thur. 27th Whole School Assembly

March

- Thur. 13th Whole School Assembly
- Thur. 27th Whole School Assembly

April

- Tue 8th Term 1 Student Interim Reports
- Fri 11th Last day of term 1

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We have also changed the awarding of the school medal to negate any competitiveness that naturally occurs when numbers of certificates are involved. Also, there is now recognition of those students who wear the correct school uniform and those who have excellent attendance. *See below.*

Thank you so much to all of those parents who have already paid their school contribution. School contributions are unchanged for 2014. They are \$40 for a single child and \$70 for a family. While this is not exactly the \$7000 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.

Did you know that INPS is a nut free zone? Because we have a number of students at the school who are allergic to nuts (one little fellow is in the extreme at-risk category) we ask that you do not allow your child to bring nuts to school. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated.

What's in a uniform? A uniform says much about a school and a child's attitude toward that school. Fortunately INPS has a good standard of uniform. This is largely the case because of your support. To help matters, the school has purchased a special embroidery machine. It should be operational by the end of this week. To cover the cost of this machine + cotton + labour the cost per item of clothing embroidered with your child's initials will be \$2. Just imagine...no more lost clothing!

A child's regular attendance at school between their 6th and 17th birthdays is compulsory in NSW. This is for very good reasons: Learning at school takes place along learning continuums (learning ladders). When a child is away from school, even for an hour, they WILL miss a rung or two on one of those ladders of learning. **To be late to or absent from school regularly has a very negative effect on a child's learning.** What is more, students who are late to or absent from school regularly very often lose social confidence (they lose contact with their friends). This, of course, leads to children often requesting that they stay home even more. To emphasise just how seriously this matter is viewed, should a child be late to or absent from school regularly, this may constitute a reason to make a report of *educational neglect* to the Department of Family and Community Services.

Over the holidays the following was completed at INPS: Mr Pearson did a fantastic job of replacing the broken concertina doors between the two Kindergarten rooms with a solid wall. This not only looks better, it reduces dramatically the noise from one class to the other. Carpet was laid in the office and staff room. Linoleum was laid in the staffroom. A second adult's toilet was installed at no cost to the school. There is now only the staffroom, office annexe and the AP's office to paint and that will result in the entire school inside and out having been painted in my time at INPS (sometimes you just have to plan ahead). Once this occurs we will begin the whole process again – although the construction of our new school will no doubt get the job done much more quickly.

Eftpos at INPS: After years of talk, Meaghan Hancock (our dynamic Office Manager) has arranged for us to have Eftpos. This will be for you to pay school fees, excursions, books, etc. Because we are hit with a charge per use and a monthly fee, the cost per transaction will be an additional \$1. The Eftpos should be up and running by the end of this week.

Car Park: Parents and carers, whether you are new to the school or old hands, this is the most important item I will write this year. Last year two of our youngest students were almost injured by drivers in our car park. The rules below are not policed; they are followed by you voluntarily.

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! Despite my warning that no child should be unsupervised by an adult in the car park, they sometimes are!

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!** Pedestrians using this car park need to be very cautious as teachers and delivery drivers use this car park at all hours.

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 and for mini busses. *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. Cars being side swiped by passing vehicles is an obvious possibility.

So, in summary:

- 1. Drive slowly = 5km**
- 2. Do not park, pick your child up or drop them off in the car park where the large bins are positioned**
- 3. Do not park, 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**
- 9. Leave the carpark in a forward direction (never reverse out)**

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

The Staff list for Term 1 2014 is as follows:

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| 1. Brett Moseley | Principal |
| 2. Tanya Lewis | K/1L Assistant Principal (AP) |
| 3. Michael Hanus-Smith | 4/5H (Acting AP) |
| 4. Amy Cady | 3C |
| 5. Craig Cosis | 5/6C |
| 6. Ashleigh McLachlan | KM |
| 7. Nina Attard | 2A |
| 8. Tanya Parker | 1/2P |
| 9. Kathy Wyber | Library and Release support for teachers (RFF) |
| 10. Carly Morgan | Learning Support (STLA) |
| 11. Laura Wiecek | Release support for teachers (RFF) |
| 12. Meaghan Hancock | Office Manager (SAM) |
| 13. Cathy Keen | Admin. Officer (SAO) |
| 14. Kath White | Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) |
| 15. Sharon Lee | Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) |
| 16. Dave Pearson | General Assistant (GA) |
| 17. Christian Shaw | School Counsellor (DSC) |

WHOLE SCHOOL MERIT SYSTEM

Certificate of Excellence: Academic – awarded to those students who demonstrate exceptional academic effort, improvement and/or performance

Certificate of Excellence: Citizenship – awarded to those students who demonstrate exceptional school and community spirit by helping others, being polite and respectful to students, teachers and community members and wearing the correct school uniform

Certificate of Excellence: Behaviour – awarded to those students who demonstrate exceptional self-discipline

10 INPS Certificates of Excellence	=	Bronze Award
20 INPS Certificates of Excellence	=	Silver Award
30 INPS Certificates of Excellence	=	Gold Award (+ Gold Party)
45 INPS Certificates of Excellence	=	Platinum Award (+ Canteen Voucher)
60 INPS Certificates of Excellence	=	Diamond Award (+ Principal's Morning Tea)

Each teacher at INPS is provided four Certificates of Excellence each week and these must be awarded to students in the same week. Every Certificate of Excellence awarded must be recorded by the teacher concerned on SENTRAL. *Totals will accumulate over the student's length of enrolment at INPS.*

Because this system is new and would be unfair to students in years other than Kindergarten, Kindergarten teachers will award 4 Certificates of Excellence per week; Stage 1 teachers will award 6 Certificates of Excellence per week; Stage 2 teachers will award 8 Certificates of Excellence per week per week; Stage 3 teachers will award 10 Certificates of Excellence per week. Teachers of across-stage composite classes will have the total Certificates of Excellence based on their older Year reduced by 1 per week (i.e. a K/1 teacher will award 5 Certificates of Excellence per week). In following years, each stage will have the total Certificates of Excellence to be awarded per week reduced by 1 – until all stages are at the limit of 4 Certificates of Excellence per week.

NOTE: The Principal, the Librarian, the Learning Support Teacher and the RFF teacher **may** award up to 4 Certificates of Excellence per week.

At the end of the year, one student from *each class* will be selected as the Class Citizen of the Year and awarded the **School Medal**.

Those students who record no absences or late arrivals over an entire semester will be awarded a special **Certificate of Excellence: Attendance** at the Presentation Day in Term 4.

The **INPS School Dux** will be a student in Year 6 with the highest average across most key learning areas—chosen by the Year 6 teacher(s).

The **INPS Citizen of The Year** will be a student from Year 5 or 6 who displays consistently a high regard for his or her peers and teachers and represents with distinction the school and its values — chosen by all staff.

The **INPS Sports Person of the Year** (a male and a female) will be a student from Year 5 or 6 who achieves at an outstanding level in most sports — chosen by the Sports Coordinator.

The **INPS School Ambassador** in theory can be from any year (although he or she is more likely to be from Year 5 or 6). This student must have exceptional communication skills and qualities of leadership — chosen by the Principal

For those of you who receive the Newsletter by email, I have attached an updated version of the INPS Information Booklet.

Mr Moseley's question/puzzle for the week: Remember last year's question? *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 Brodie Pearson for supplying the correct answers:

Buzz Aldrin was the second man to stand on the moon, and the reason Australians saw it before Americans was that the satellite relay came to Earth via the radio receiver at Parkes NSW known as "The Dish".

This week's questions: How high can a Kangaroo jump? What is a group of kangaroos called? What can't a kangaroo do when moving? How big is a kangaroo when it is born? Can you tell me one more interesting fact about kangaroos?

Mr B. Moseley
Principal

P&C News

Welcome back all and hello new families.

The P&C at INPS maintain the running of the school canteen and uniform shop and to keep both open and operating 5 days a week we need all the volunteers we can get. I am especially looking for someone to manage the school uniform shop.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February at 6.15pm. This will include the AGM where a new committee will be elected. If you would like to have your opinions heard this is a good place to start. There is always a school representative in attendance, usually the Principal. As the school is growing and changing the P&C have been asked to participate in the planning and changes that are taking place. It is a great opportunity to have you say.

Committee positions vacated are: President, Fundraising/Vice Presidents (x2), Secretary, P&C Treasurer, Canteen Manager, Canteen Treasurer & Uniform Co-ordinator.

NO PRESSURE

Everyone is welcome so hopefully I will see you there.

Tracy Smith
INPS P&C President

Are you able to help?

We have a new family moved into the Ingleburn Gardens Estate who, because of work commitments, would appreciate any assistance with transporting her child to school in the morning.

She is prepared to reciprocate the favour with transportation in the afternoon.

If you are able to offer any assistance please contact Wai on 0407 499 415.

Tissues



Last year our supply of tissues dwindled. It would be appreciated if families would pop a box into their shopping trolley next time you are shopping to build up our supply. Boxes can be sent to the office.

Thank you in anticipation.

Office staff.

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CANTEEN SUMMER MENU 2014

SANDWICHES

Bread - White, Brown & Multigrain

Roll - Soft white

Vegemite / Jam / Honey	\$ 1.50
Cheese	\$ 1.80
Tomato	\$ 1.80
Cheese & Tomato	\$ 2.00
Ham / Tuna / Chicken / Egg	\$ 2.00
Salad (Lettuce, carrot, tomato, beetroot, cucumber)	\$ 2.50
Ham / Tuna / Chicken / Egg - with SALAD	\$ 3.00
Salad Bowl choice of meat as above with egg and salad	\$ 3.50

HOT FOOD

Fish Fingers	\$ 0.40	each
Chicken Dino Snacks	\$ 0.60	each
Chicken Chippies	\$ 0.60	each
Chicken Wedges	\$ 0.80	each
Hash Browns (oval size)	\$ 1.00	each
Sausage Roll	\$ 2.30	
Pizza - Supreme / Margarita / Hawaiian	\$ 2.40	
Lasagne	\$ 2.40	
Macaroni & Cheese	\$ 2.40	
Traveller Pie (meat)	\$ 2.60	
Chicken Chippies Tortilla Wrap (3 Chippies, Lettuce, Mayo)	\$ 3.50	

CHICKEN BURGERS

with Mayo or Sauce \$ 2.70

with Lettuce, Mayo or Sauce \$ 3.00

with Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo or Sauce \$ 3.30

BEEF BURGERS

with cheese and sauce \$ 3.00

with Lettuce, Tomato and Sauce \$ 3.30

EXTRAS

Tomato Sauce	\$ 0.10
BBQ sauce	\$ 0.20
Mayonnaise	\$ 0.20
Beetroot	\$ 0.30
Cheese Slice	\$ 0.30
Cucumber	\$ 0.30
Lettuce	\$ 0.30
Tomato	\$ 0.30

FRUIT

Seasonal Fruit one piece \$ 0.50

SLUSHI (Blue Lemonade or Strawberry) \$ 2.00

DRINKS

Water 600ml	\$ 1.00
Juice (Apple or Apple B/Current)	\$ 1.00
Juice (Orange, Orange Mango or Paradise punch)	\$ 1.00
Milk Plain served in a cup with straw	\$ 1.00
Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry)	\$ 1.50
Quench (Apple Raspb, Blue Heaven, Cola, Lemonade)	\$ 1.50

SNACKS

Mamme Noddle Snack \$ 0.80

Jumpy's (chicken, BBQ, Salt & Vinegar) \$ 0.80

JJ'S (chicken) \$ 1.20

Plain Salt Chips - Smith's \$ 1.20

Honey Soy Chicken - Red Rock Deli \$ 1.20

Fun Bun - Finger Bun \$ 1.00

Cheese & Bacon Roll \$ 1.50

ICE BLOCKS

Fruit Stack ice block	\$ 0.50
Lemonade Icy Twist	\$ 0.80
Calippo (Lemon/Raspberry)	\$ 0.80
Calippo (Cola)	\$ 1.00
Paddle Pop (Banana, Choc, Rainbow, Vanilla)	\$ 1.20
Bubble Gum Berry Lava Paddle Pop	\$ 1.60
Paddle Pop (Trop-o-saurus)	\$ 1.60
Choc Shakysake	\$ 1.80

Miscellaneous

Bread Sticks \$ 0.10 each

Yogurt Sticks \$ 0.15 each

Fruity Jelly \$ 0.20 each

Yogurt 100 Pop Sticks \$ 0.20 each

Choc chip Cookies \$ 0.60 each

Ovalteenies \$ 0.80 each

Fruity Jelly \$ 0.20 each

Recess bags, Lunch bags, spoons, forks \$ 0.05 each

Commonwealth Student Banking

School banking resumes Wednesday 12th February, 2014.

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. If your child does not have a Dollarmite account new applications can be made online or by visiting your nearest Commonwealth Bank.

This year the Commonwealth Bank have introduced a new range of reward items. These include a moneybox, scented pencils, projector cup, handball, sea streamers pool toy, penguin or shark plush toy keyring and a swimming bag.

Ms Keen - School Banking Co-ordinator

CANTEEN



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, through volunteers' children moving on to high school and work commitments, 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.

First Confession and Holy Communion

Catholic children in State Schools in Year 3 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 17th 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