Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

Three YouTube clips about our area (the future clip is fascinating):

The past
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNQyXP-t3cE&list=FLmDJFTxUONaA2QFzJ3jQAZw

The present
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnUzcbLOqJY&list=FLmDJFTxUONaA2QFzJ3jQAZw

The future (at the very beginning of the clip you can spot our new school to the right)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7b2zVRFbUMU&feature=c4-overview&list=UUmDJFTxUONaA2QFzJ3jQAZw

The results of the tablet technology survey indicate clearly that 95% of you are in favour of introducing tablet technology for every child at INPS and that 90% of you are willing to rent a tablet for your child for $50 per year. There were quite a few comments and questions attached to the surveys. I will attempt to address some of them here:

1. It will not be possible for students to bring their tablet from home: each evening the tablets will be docked, charged and synched. At night apps will be added to every tablet. Tablets not on the same platform will cause issues. The problem of students bringing private information/photos to school would also cause issues.

2. Students will not miss out on learning the basics. In fact there are numerous tablet applications that actually improve the way students learn the basics. The time students spend on handwriting will not be decreased.

3. In time we will decrease dramatically the number of PCs in the school. Tablets are cheaper, portable and able to be integrated with classroom lessons much more easily. Groups of students working on a project will be able to meet in any location in the school and research and discuss topics without disturbing others.

4. Will the students simply copy information from the internet? In the ‘Age of Information’ information sources are instant. It will be as though every student will have in their grasp the entire Sydney University library! Students must be taught how to evaluate all of this information, to make sense of it, to summarise the key concepts and to use this knowledge to answer interesting research questions. The nature of knowledge has changed!

5. The $50 rental will allow your children use of the tablets for up to 196 school days. Because the tablets are personalised, each tablet will be assigned to one student only. Should parents decide not to rent a tablet, teachers will provide those
students with alternate work. Should a child damage or destroy a tablet purposefully, parents may be asked to pay for a new tablet or the student may be denied use of a tablet for the rest of the year.

In the future editions of the newsletter I will attempt to answer more of your questions. In the meantime there are many aspects of this project yet to be explored. These are exciting times for INPS. It is perfectly reasonable for a few of you to be unsure about the project. The pace of change with information technologies means, quite simply, that as soon as we get our heads around some new concept it has already passed its use-by-date. I remember well when I introduced the idea of having Interactive White Boards (IWBs) at INPS; there were similar questions and concerns. I have no doubt that using tablet technology in the classroom will be even more successful than the advent of IWBs.

Now for the fundraising! Many of you indicated on the surveys that you would like to help out with the fundraising. Well, our best opportunity to make some hard cash has landed in our laps, courtesy of the Federal election. **If you can donate an hour on Saturday 7th September, between 7am and 6pm to man our drinks and sausage sizzle counters please let Ms Hancock (our new admin manager) know on 9605 2459.**

INPS State Champions in Futsal! Congratulations to the boys’ and girls’ senior teams. The National Finals are held on the Gold Coast in November. I will investigate the cheapest travel options. Whatever happens we are going to have to raise additional funds!

Unfortunately very few parents returned the ethics classes interest form, an interesting discussion program for students attending non-scripture. I will send this home again in the middle of next year when the school is bigger. More information is available at: [http://www.primaryethics.com.au/](http://www.primaryethics.com.au/)

Over the past seven years I have written and spoken on numerous occasions about the importance of a healthy diet for children. Obesity, poor memory, lower intelligence, hyperactive behaviour and illnesses usually related to later life have all been linked to poor diet by medical researchers. The one aspect of a healthy diet I have not mentioned is the proven benefits of a healthy diet in fighting cancer. The Cancer Council of NSW has developed a program called *Eat It to Beat It* and have offered to send a trained diet expert to our school to run an information session for parents (see the flyer below). Please drop in, email or ring the office to let us know of your interest.

Mr Moseley’s word for the week: *troglodyte*. The first student who tells me what it means AND uses it in a sentence will receive a special sticker!

Mr B. Moseley  
Principal

**Coming Events**

**August**

- Wed 21st: Wooglemai Excursion KQ & K/1L
- Thurs 22nd: Wooglemai Excursion 1/2P & 2A
- Tue 27th: Scavenger Hunt & Book Swap
- Wed 28th: Dads’ Reading Arvo
- Thurs 29th: Book Fair
- Fri 30th: Gala Day

**September**

- Wed 4th: Father’s Day Stall
- Thurs 5th: ASSEMBLY (performance by 4/5S)
- 10th, 11th, 12th: School Camp to Dubbo
- Wed 18th: Money Talk (Infants)
- Thurs 19th: Money Talk (Primary)
- Thurs 19th: ASSEMBLY (performance by 6M)
- Fri 20th: Last day of Term 3
- Tue 8th Oct: First day of Term 4
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. Every deposit through the school earns a token which can be saved and redeemed for fun Commonwealth bank items.

HIGH IMPORTANCE
MEDICAL FORMS

We are still waiting on a number of Student Medical Details and Health Conditions Forms sent out two weeks ago.

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 matter.

The office ladies.

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Eat It To Beat It

Come to our
Fruit & Veg
Sense Session

Date: Thursday 5th September
Time: 9am until 10.30am
Venue: Ingleburn North Public School

Did you know that eating adequate amounts of fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This session run by Cancer Council NSW as part of the Eat It To Beat It program will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Improve the long-term health of your whole family

Don’t miss out – register now by phoning or visiting your school front office or register online at www.cancer council.org.au/eatittoBeatit/register

Eggcellent Fundraiser!

We raised over $200 with our first order of eggs. Well done!

We will be continuing to run this fundraiser every fortnight to raise valuable funds for the Year 6 Farewell.

To assist with the smooth running of ordering and collection it is requested that orders and payment be placed at the office by Wednesday morning 10.00 a.m. Orders will be placed every second Wednesday (week newsletter does not get distributed) and will be ready for collection that Thursday from the office.

Order forms can be obtained from the front office.
**Year 6 Fundraising**

**Cake and Spider Day**

This Tuesday 20th August, Year 6 will be holding a spider drink and cake stall fundraiser. These yummy cakes will be priced between 50c and $2 and will be sold at both recess and lunch. The soft drink and ice-cream spiders will be priced at $1.00 and sold at only lunch time. You can also purchase a cup of soft drink or ice-cream for just 50c. Don’t forget to check the inside of your cup when you are finished. If you have a picture of a spider inside you will receive a free drink!

**Car Boot Sale**

On Saturday 7th September, 2013 Ingleburn North Public School will be hosting a car boot sale. This event will coincide with Election Day and will run from 8am - 4pm. The cost of hiring a car space is $25. If you are interested in reserving a car spot please fill in the bottom slip and return it to the office with payment as soon as possible. Spaces are limited.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Miss Morgan & Year 6

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**Car Boot Sale**

Name: __________________________ Phone No.: ___________________

Number of car spaces I would like to reserve: __________

Total cost: __________

Signed: _____________________________________ Date: __________
Week 6 Bulletin

Peer Support Program
Each week we see the students thrive during our Peer Support sessions. The leaders growing in confidence and the younger students enjoy the company of school friends from other classes.

**Peer Support aims to build a strong Sense of Self which involves what individuals think, feel and believe about themselves.**

*It is ever changing and formed by the individual, their relationships, interactions and experiences. It shows itself in the individual's values, attitudes and behaviours.*

*Having a strong Sense of Self involves the skills of critical thinking, decision making, problem solving and values clarification.*

In session 4 the children will practice developing their strengths. This will help your child to become resilient, optimistic and help develop their Sense of Self. Ask your child what strengths they developed or want to develop.

In session 5 the children focus on positive self talk. Children need to practise talking positively to themselves. Your child will also learn to persevere, which will encourage them to keep trying in challenging situations.

*If you have any questions concerning this program please contact our Peer Support coordinators through the office on 9605 2459.*

*Mrs Wyber & Mrs Morgan*
*Peer Support Coordinators*
Library News

Only one week now until Children’s Book Week 26th-30th of August. Our events are;
- Tuesday 27th August~ Come as your Favourite Book Character Mufti, whole school Scavenger Hunt and Book Swap
- Wednesday 28th August~ Dads’ Reading Afternoon. Please return note ASAP
- Thursday 29th August~ Book Fair

Parents Welcome!! I hope you’ve found some books for our annual Book Swap which will start at 2:30pm (Tuesday 27th August) when the children and parents can bring a book from home that they no longer want and swap it with someone else. No money is required and bringing a book is optional. The library will also have old books available for swapping.

Book Fair is on next Thursday 29th August 8:30 – 3:30pm

Students will attend with their classes. If you are able to assist on the day please contact the office or myself. Every purchase you make allows us to buy more books for the library. You can pay with cash or credit card. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Dads’ Reading Afternoon

Still looking for Dads, Granddads and Uncles!!!

Why do we have Dads’ Reading Afternoon? Many recent studies have shown that boys in particular have improved reading results when they see other males reading.

With this in mind, as part of the Children’s Book Week celebrations we will again be holding our annual Dads’ Reading Afternoon. It will be on Wednesday 28th August at 2pm. We would love to see lots of dads, uncles or granddads along to read to a small group of children in your child’s class. You can bring your own book or I can supply one. Please return the form below if you are able to attend. Or if you’re not sure and can make it on the day just turn up.

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I am able to attend the Dads’ Reading Afternoon on Wednesday the 28th August from 2pm onwards.

Name_________________________ ContactDetails_____________________

Child/ren’s Class/es __________________________