Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

Selective High School Applications 2016 – for students currently in Year 5 – will open on the 14th October and close on the 17th 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!

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The disco, I am sure you will all agree, was amazing. Thanks go to DanceFever (the company that ran our dance lessons and gymnastics this year) for providing the amazing Luca and Rachael free of charge. The good news is that they will be back again next year!

From time to time your P&C organise fund raising events. This money and the small amount made from canteen sales is extremely important to our being able to offer your children the latest and the best in educational resources. Thanks to your contributions and volunteer efforts we have now purchased 17 tablets (mini laptops) for $20,000. Along with the 14 provided by the Department of Education we now possess a whole class set! This will allow us to integrate technology into classroom teaching and allow for the students to learn and to practise research techniques.

Schools are people shapers. Schools have always been about influencing/guiding/shaping the next generation and ours is no different. So when I asked the teachers to describe the type of citizen they wanted to see graduate from our school (and when we realised that this was our central purpose) this is what we came up with:

The central purpose in everything we do at Ingleburn North Public School is to help every student to become a responsible and successful global citizen. That is, someone who is a curious and passionate life-long learner; someone who shows resilience when faced with hardship; someone who measures success in their every undertaking with effort; someone who shows respect, compassion and empathy toward everyone; someone who takes personal responsibility for the environment and the betterment of society; and someone who champions cooperation over conflict, assertiveness over aggression and democracy over tyranny.

Is this what you would have written? Have we missed something crucial? Obviously we could have written a lot more; but as a short statement of our intent, will this suffice? Please let me know what you think.

The INPS school uniform is very important in developing our students’ sense of school pride. The effect a messy uniform has on a student’s attitude to learning and to his/her school should not be underestimated. The only way this school can boast one of the best public school uniforms in our region is because of YOU (the parents and carers). Thankyou for being so diligent!

The changes are:

1. Please note that after many of you being unhappy with the girls’ school uniform for a very long time, we (your P&C and I) have decided to make some long overdue changes. I think you will agree that the girls have had too many options and this has led to the girls’ uniform looking quite muddled. From next year the girls’ uniform code will be the following: the main uniform item for girls will be the dress. In winter girls will have the choice of wearing a dress with navy blue leggings or they may wear bell bottom long pants. For sport girls may wear a skort. (A skort is a pair of flaired shorts that resemble a skirt). This is an excellent choice as it allows for modesty and is more appropriate for sporting activities). Girls should NO LONGER wear shorts or track suit pants.
2. The second change (already introduced) is that the blue t-shirt is now the Monday to Thursday t-shirt; the gold t-shirt is for sport only. Many of you have already been very happy with this change because the gold t-shirts are very hard to clean.
3. The third change revolves around the design, material and print of the girls’ dress needing improving. This change will not be introduced until sometime next year.

Please note that your child will not be expected to adhere to the new uniform policy until the commencement of 2017. This two year phase-in should prevent anyone from being out of pocket. Also, please purchase these items from the school uniform shop ONLY. When you buy items of uniform elsewhere the shades and design are never quite right and the school uniform ends up looking like a patchwork.

Thankyou for your support in making our school uniform the best in our region. It certainly is impressive when our students represent the school and so many people comment on how amazing our students look in their uniform. The students are then justifiably proud of their school.
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 school-based 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 and sign 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 began the process with gala day refunds. If your child paid in full for Winter gala days have a look in your child’s bag for your voucher.

Sample Only
Cake and Spider Day

On Wednesday 5th November Year 6 will be holding a Cake Stall and Spider Drink fundraiser. The delicious cakes will be priced between 50 cents and $2.00 each and will be available at both recess and lunchtime. The soft drink and ice-cream spiders will be $1.00 each and will be sold only at lunchtime. You can also purchase a cup of soft drink or ice-cream for just 50 cents. 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 win a free drink. Year 6 also have a limited supply of toys for sale for only $1.00 each.

We thank you in advance for supporting Year 6 on their last fundraiser for the year, it is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Duffy and Year 6

Library News

The library has been buzzing lately not with bees but students participating in SOLE lessons.

SOLE refers to a Self Organized Learning Environment. It is the brainchild of Sugata Mitra, Professor of Educational Technology at Newcastle University in the UK. Through SOLE, children direct the learning process and follow pathways that cater to the 21st century learner and their needs. SOLE relies on the use of technology, collaboration and encouragement as the basis for learning. During 1 hour SOLE lessons the students explore a big question (one that cannot be googled) using technology and relating to the classroom topic then report back to the whole class their findings.

Some of the big questions class 5/6D have been exploring are:
How do my eyes know to cry when I am sad?
We are an island but are we alone?
How does Australia care for other countries?

Parent Helpers

I have a wonderful crew of parent helpers who help make the library run smoothly but I’m always looking for more. If you can spare some time on a Thursday afternoons from 2pm you will find a cool retreat, great company and even a cuppa. Toddlers are welcome.

“Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.” — Groucho Marx

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.

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

Many thanks
Andre Yusuf - P&C President

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**P & C Meeting**

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19th November in the library at 6:15 p.m.
All welcome!

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**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.

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way**

*to make sandwiches fun*

**Casey the Caterpillar**

**Ingredients**

- 2 slices wholegrain bread cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 2 slices reduced fat cheese cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1 cherry tomato
- 1 mushroom slice
- 2 halved/muffin
- Cheese/ham/peppers – for antennas

**Method**

1. Layer bread, cheese and cucumber
2. Slide onto skewer to create body, with a tomato head
3. Cut all in tomato to add retin eyes, cucumber mouth and antennae

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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**SunSmart Snippet**

**The simplest way**

*to protect your face, neck and ears*

Did you know that when it comes to sun protection, not all hats are equal? We all know that hats help protect against skin cancer and eye damage. But did you know that baseball caps do not provide adequate protection? There is now very clear evidence that baseball caps leave the cheeks, ears, chin and back of the neck exposed to ultraviolet radiation, increasing your child’s risk of skin cancer later in life.

**Basket hat**

Basket or surfer-style hats should have a deep crown and sit low on the head. The angled brim should be at least 5cm for children (7cm for adults) and shades the face, ears and back of neck.

**Broad brimmed hat**

Brim should be at around 6cm for children (7.5cm for adults). The brim should be proportionate to the size of the child’s head and provide shade for the whole face.

**Legionnaire hat**

Legionnaire-style hats should have a flap that covers the neck. The side flap and front peak (brim) should meet to protect the sides of the face.

For more information visit
www.sunsmart.com.au
or call 1800 737 274
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.

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.

Fields Zone Presentation Night

The Fields is proud to celebrate the achievements of their students in sport at the Annual Presentation Night. Students who have represented the Fields Zone at Area Carnivals, in individual sports or as part of a team, will be recognised and presented with certificates on the night. Winning Gala Day teams will also receive certificates and their perpetual trophy.

When: Monday 17th November 2014

Where: Ingleburn RSL – Main Auditorium
6.00pm doors open for 6.30pm start

Cost: $5.00 per ticket
(1 ticket per family)
Tickets will be evenly distributed between schools. A waiting list will be available after your school’s allocation has been exhausted.

See your school sports co-ordinator for tickets by Wednesday 12th November.

All students must wear full school uniform.

Tissues

The cough and cold season is here. We are in urgent need of tissues.

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.

CHICKEN POX

We have a student with a confirmed case of chicken pox. Should you be concerned that your child is presenting with symptoms please see your family doctor.
P & C Presentation Day Raffle

The time has come for the Ingleburn P & C to ask for the parents help by donating non-perishable items to the school to go towards our Christmas raffles. All donations are welcome. Please ensure all items have long use by dates. The children can place these items in the baskets in their classroom. The class with the most donations will receive a surprise from the canteen.

Fundraising Committee

Ingleburn North Public School is going shopping……

The P&C invite all parents, family members, friends and teaches to join us for INPS first Fundraising Shopping Trip!

Date: Saturday 8th November 2014
Departure time: 8am
Cost: $37.00 per person

We will be collected from school on a fully air conditioned coach and be driven to 10 different factory outlets including fashion & shoe stores as well as homeware stores. We will then be brought back to school after all our shopping.

Get in before it’s too late by completing the section below and return it to the office by Thursday 30th October 2014 with the money in a sealed envelope.

Don’t miss this great day to form friendships, have fun and support our little school.

I, _____________________________, would love to join in the fun on the INPS shopping trip on 8th November 2014. I require ____ tickets.

My contact phone number is __________________________
Enclosed is my $37 per person.

Signed: ______________________________________ Date: __________________________
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