Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

Is Mrs Nitto a parent helper superstar? As you may have heard, Monday 24th was a difficult day for the students and staff at INPS. Because of a fault down the road, we were without electricity until 2pm. While we were melting in the classrooms without so much as a fan, the canteen was in crisis! The regular canteen volunteer was unable to make it. It looked likely that we would have to close the canteen. This was avoided when Mrs Nitto volunteered to take an extra “shift”.

When Mrs Nitto arrived to find no power and then learnt that for some unknown reason many children had ordered hot foods, was she fazed? NO! She simply raced home with the foods, cooked them in her oven and raced back to school just in time to ensure that your children had their lunch on time!

Wow! Such an effort will no doubt be added to the many INPS legends of great parents serving the needs of the school.

On behalf of the INPS parents and carers: “Mrs Nitto, thank you!”

DECEMBER
Monday 8th K – 2 Observatory Hill Incursion - $3.00
Tuesday 9th Presentation Day - 11:20 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (approximate finish)
Thursday 11th Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 17th Last day of school for 2014!

JANUARY 2015
Wednesday 28th Students Years 1 to 6 commence classes

FEBRUARY
Monday 2nd Kindergarten students begin

Renewal of Bus Passes

When students move from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7 it is a requirement of the bus companies that students reapply for a bus pass as the boundaries change for students in Years 3 and 7.

New application forms have been handed out to the relevant children. Once completed, please return to the front office.

Disclaimer:
Ingleburn North Public School does not endorse any product or services advertised in this newsletter.
UnitingCare Burnside
Christmas Giving Tree

This year, the staff and students have decided to support UnitingCare Burnside’s Christmas Giving Tree.

UnitingCare Burnside works directly with families in need in the Macarthur area. Their Brighter Futures program targets families experiencing problems that impact on their ability to care for their children. UnitingCare currently have over 140 children who need our help to ensure they receive a Christmas gift this year.

If you would like to support one of these families in need, we are now taking donations of new toys and gifts for girls and boys up to age 13. The gifts do not need to be expensive but they must be new. All gifts collected will go directly to targeted families working with UnitingCare in our local area.

Once you have purchased your gift, please place it in a gift bag or leave it unwrapped, and attach the gift tag to the present indicating the age group it is suitable for. Students can then place the present under the Christmas tree located in the office. Extra gift tags are also available at the office.

Some suggested gift ideas include: toys, games, colouring in and reading books, sporting equipment, puzzles, art and craft supplies.

Please place all gifts under the Christmas tree by Monday 8th December to enable them to be collected by UnitingCare and distributed before Christmas.

Thank you for your support of this worthy charity and in helping to bring the Christmas spirit to needy children in the Macarthur district.

Miss Lewis - Assistant Principal

Library News

Well it's here. Library borrowing finishes next week. I will be sending home overdue notices this week in preparation for stock take. Please speak with me if you have any concerns about overdues. I will not be asking for payment of books until the end of week 10 when all the rooms have been completely cleared of library books.

Thank you to my regular helpers Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Das and Mrs. Chen. If you are able to join us on a Thursday afternoon there are always jobs to be done, some afternoon tea and good company!

Christmas shopping at school

Due to the wonderful sales at this year's book fair Scholastic are offering us a buy one and get one free for the library sale. We have decided that we would coincide it with presentation day, Tuesday 9th December, so that parents can do some Christmas shopping.
We will not be earning commission on sales but for every book sold we can select one for the library to the same value. If you choose to buy a second book you also receive a free book to the same or lesser value. A great chance to stock up on presents for Christmas.

**A head Start for your Child**
Everyone wants to give their kids a head start for the next year. Unfortunately studies show that student scores in reading drop significantly over the holiday period, with many students needing a number of weeks to return to where they were the previous year. But there is one thing you can do during the holidays that will help your child maintain their reading level or even put them ahead. You've guessed it! Encouraging them to read is the single most important thing you can do in the holidays, apart from some down time for the family. Below is the information for the Summer Reading Club at Campbelltown Library. It's a great opportunity to get the kids motivated and it's free!

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." — Margaret Fuller

**Happy Reading**
Kathy Wyber
Teacher/Librarian

Campbelltown City Library is pleased to announce that the Summer Reading Club will once again be taking place throughout December and January. We are inviting children and their families to come in and join in the fun. The Summer Reading Club is open to young people up to 16 years of age.

The holidays are all about fun and adventure, and this year's Summer Reading Club is aimed at encouraging children to find both – in the pages of books. This year's 'Adventure' theme will see children choose their own adventure as they explore the library shelves.

Registrations will open on Monday 1 December. You can visit any Campbelltown City Library branch to register and all participants will receive a Summer Reading Club starter bag and a prize from our lucky dip. Registrations are also available online through the Summer Reading Club interactive website [http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/)

Read as much as you can and return your reading logs to any Campbelltown City Library branch to go in to the draw as there are some great prizes on offer.

Reading for the Summer Reading Club will end on Sunday 18 January. To celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Club we will be hosting parties at all Campbelltown City Library branches on Thursday 22 January so look out for your invitation in the mail!

We look forward to seeing you in the library – happy reading!

For more information, contact Campbelltown City Library on 4645 4444 or visit our Facebook page.
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.

The simplest way

...to make a Christmas centerpiece.

Get creative these holidays with a fruit and veg inspired centerpiece for your Christmas feast!

The picture on the right uses layers of baby tomatoes, rosemary and cheese but you could use:

- Layers of thinly sliced green and red capsicum, with slices of carrots in between
- Baby tomatoes and basil
- Kiwi fruit, watermelon, rockmelon
- Use mixed berries: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries.

If you have fruit + veg on your table, you’ll be surprised how quickly it will be eaten.

For more inspiration – like us on Facebook – details below.

Merry Christmas!

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

The simplest way

...to make healthy Santas.

This Christmas, get your kids eating strawberry Santas – they’re cute to look at, and delicious to eat!

Follow these instructions to keep your Christmas fun and healthy:

1. Wash your strawberries, dry, then slice off the tip
2. Spoon/pipe reduced-fat ricotta or cream cheese on the larger half, then put the hat on top
3. Top hat with a little more of the cheese to make a pom pom
4. Cut a small amount of sultanas up for the eyes and place on gently.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Eat It To Beat It!

For more information visit
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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

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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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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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Art Classes in Drawing & Painting

**Kids** (7-12yrs) : Sat 10am 12pm
**Youth** (13yrs+) / **Adults** : Sat 12pm - 2pm

Ingleburn North Primary School Hall
Cnr Macdonald Rd & Campbelltown Rd

Term 1 2015 starts Jan 31

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WE MAKE KIDS SMILE

Over the Term, we have made some great memories in OOSHIC but nothing tops water week last week. We laughed, got wet, ran from Danii and Corinne as they chased us down with buckets of water but best of all WE HAD FUN. We stayed cool and beat the heat with our water week.

We have welcomed Corinne Popovic as our new Coordinator and she had this to say “Working for Camp Australia is a privilidge not a job to me. I have been so lucky to be placed in your school. The children are amazing and make me smile everyday. Thankyou to all the families for making me feel so welcome”

We have the Holiday Club coming up as well and it will be offered at Cran Park Primary School where Corinne will be Co-ordinating as well as The Grange Primary School in Minto. Please ask us for more information.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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