Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

The dangers associated with parents dropping off and picking up children near schools: In recent years three children under the age of 16 have died within a school zone. Outside of school zones but within the times of drop off (8.00-9.30) and pick up (14.30-16.00) ten children under the age of 16 have also died; on average, 131 pedestrians under the age of 16 are injured each year in NSW during the same drop off and pick up periods (data from the Policy and Regulation Division of Transport for NSW).

The Swimming Carnival was a complete success! Thanks go to Miss Morgan and Miss McLachlan for organising such a smoothly run carnival. Thanks also go to all of the parents in attendance; your assistance and your patience with adhering to the Dept. of Education rules that help ensure the safety of our students was much appreciated.

It was hot! It was loud! It was steamy! But it was great fun. Congratulations to all of those students who “had a go”. Particular mention should go to a number of our students who seemed to be in every race: Michaela, Jack, Illori and Jade (I’m sure they were fish in another life).

Disclaimer:
Ingleburn North Public School does not endorse any product or services advertised in this newsletter.
Uniform: Thankyou to all those people who have been complementing the P&Cs choice of new uniform. The blue shirts are certainly an improvement on the hard to clean yellow shirts; the new dress is just “miles better than the old one”.

A few points about uniform: please do not underestimate the importance of every child wearing the correct school uniform. For our students, a smart uniform instils a sense of pride in their school. It helps to improve the attitudes of the students and the community about our school; therefore it actually improves student behaviour! The only way this school can boast a fantastic school uniform is because of the efforts of you, the parents and guardians. My thanks go to you for being so supportive of your child’s school!

Please note that the preferred uniform for the girls, Monday to Thursday in warmer weather is a dress. The blue sports shirt and skort may be worn on Friday for sport. At the P&C meeting last Wednesday night, the parents voiced their annoyance about the fact that the skort we were supplied is not the one we wanted. The company will be contacted and a longer skort, one that improves modesty, will be ordered. In colder weather girls may wear the bell bottom pants, or the dress with thick dark blue stockings.

There are two areas of concern. A small number of students are wearing coloured or baseball hats. This certainly has an immediate effect and the whole school quickly looks “tatty”. To counter this problem, when students are seen arriving at school with the wrong hat, they will be sent to the office and will be supplied for the day with a hat with INPS1, INPS2, etc., embroidered on the front. The student will return the hat to the office at the end of the day. These hats will be washed each night.

The other concern involves shoes. They should be all black. The preferred shoe is the solid leather school shoe Monday to Thursday and black runners on Friday. Socks should be white. It is permissible for students to wear all black runners Monday to Friday. Raybents and slip on shoes are banned as these will not protect students’ feet.

One last point about uniform: this year and next year are the change-over years for our uniform. This means that for this year and next year the older style yellow shirt and the older style dress are perfectly okay. As I have said to the students, “It would be silly to ask your parents to pay for a new uniform when you have a perfectly good older one!” By the commencement of school 2017, the older style uniform will not be permissible.

Tuesday 24th: 6pm to 7.30pm Parent Information Session: At this session, which I hope to make fun and entertaining, you will gain lots of information about how modern teaching and learning works; not only that, you will gain important skills which you can use to support your child’s reading and to understand what their school reports really mean.

At the P&C meeting last Wednesday night your new representatives were elected. This was a very friendly gathering and there was tremendous spirit of investigating “How can we help our child’s school?” I do encourage you to come to these meetings where you will find out more about the school than is possible through newsletters, etc.

Next Wednesday night the 25th is Meet the Teacher Night. This gives you an opportunity to see your child’s classroom and to hear about your child’s learning program. Unfortunately there will not be time for you to discuss your child’s performance thus far in 2015. This will happen later in the year when we hold the Parent-Teacher Interviews. Please come along. You are VERY welcome.

Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st Feb. I will be in Melbourne. I will spend the first two days of this trip at Silverton Primary School to take an in-depth look at their innovative teaching and learning practices. On Friday and Saturday I will be attending a course at Melbourne University. Both of these, I am sure, will provide me with some interesting ideas; ideas I will bring back and share with the teachers and those of you who attend the Parent Information Session. While I am gone Miss Lewis, who has filled the role of Acting Principal on numerous occasions, will have complete authority for the running of the school.
Every year, after the children have had their final day at school in December, the teachers attend two professional development days. This year we have decided to space these out throughout the year to maximise the benefits of this very important professional development. This means that for all members of staff, the last day of the year will coincide with that of the students. The dates of our rescheduled professional development are:

Thursday 5th March 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
Thursday 21st May 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
Thursday 3rd September 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
Thursday 22nd October 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Please note that with the new bus route running from Edmondson Park to Ingleburn (the 869) students catching this bus will be walked across Macdonald Road via the lights at Campbelltown Road by a teacher. The students have been instructed to stand back from the road behind the power pole. The students will then have to wait for the bus unsupervised. The bus is meant to arrive at 3.19 pm. While allowing children to catch this bus is the parent’s choice, my advice at this stage is that younger children should be in the company of a responsible sibling in Year 5 or Year 6.

New bus timetable:

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P&C NEWS

Canteen

The canteen will be closed Thursday 19th and Friday 20th of this week. The canteen will also be closed every Monday until further notice due to there being no volunteers to run it.

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.

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

Uniforms

In the process of introducing the new uniform (which looks fantastic) the old uniform is acceptable and will be phased out in 2015/2016.  
Also please note that size small and medium hats are currently unavailable. Hopefully we will have the new stock in 2 weeks.

Many thanks  
P&C President
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.

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**REDGUM BOOK CLUB**

Redgum Book Club is an Australian owned children’s book club supporting Australian authors, illustrators and independent publishers. To view or purchase books for your child visit [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au) and follow the simple on-line ordering system.

If you would like to purchase any books in the attached brochure ensure you go online (this is a cashless system) and place your order before 9th March, 2015 and your order will be sent to the school for distribution. **DO NOT SEND ORDERS OR MONEY TO THE SCHOOL.**

Not only will you be enhancing your child’s engagement in reading the school will receive a 10% commission on any sales.

C. Keen  
Book Club Coordinator
Library News

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had a restful break. Welcome to all the new families, its lovely to see so many new faces. As usual the library will be bursting with activities for the children to embrace and love reading. I’m at school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, feel free to pop in and have a chat about your child’s reading.

Borrowing

Each class has a weekly 40 minute library and borrowing time. During this session the children are allowed to borrow 2 books for one week if they bring their library bag. This year in Years 3-6, the students will also be borrowing for their home reading, which is part of their homework. The children are also allowed to borrow during the second half of lunch on Tuesday.

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Library Bags

As mentioned the children need library bags to borrow books to take home. This bag does not have to be fancy as long as it is labeled. It can even be an old pillow case. We only ask that it not be a plastic bag for health and safety reasons. Library bags are also available at the uniform shop.

Premier’s Readers Challenge

The challenge begins in February and finishes on the 1st of Sept and requires the children at different age groups to read a certain number of books from the list provided. All children will be participating during library and class time. The children in the K-2 classes will have the books read to them by their class teachers and recorded as a whole group. The 3-6 children will keep their own records during library time. The students will be starting their challenge next term. For more information about the challenge please see: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index

Chess Club

The library is open the whole of lunchtime on Thursday for chess club. The first term the children will be learning and anyone can come in and play. In second term the children will be asked to sign up for chess club and will be making a commitment to play each week. Occasionally the school will compete in outside events and the students in chess club will be asked to join these groups. If you have any questions concerning chess club please feel free to contact me at school on 9605 2459. The following article gives you an understanding of the benefits of your child playing chess.


Help Needed!!

Each Thursday I am in the library from 2pm-3pm and a number of parents come in to help tidy shelves before school pickup. Everyone is welcome and it is a great way to get involved and meet other parents, have a cuppa and check out a small adult library. It’s also cool in the library and preschoolers are welcome too!

If you’re not able to help at this time maybe you could come and help at another time or take books home to cover. Please feel free and come in and have a chat about when you’re able to help.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island." — Walt Disney

Happy Reading

Mrs Wyber
Ingleburn North Public School

Celebrates Our Diversity

Thursday March 26th

Students come dressed in the national costume of their family and bring a gold coin donation to go to the Solomon Islands Charity.

Students will make a patch to go on our Harmony Day wall hanging.

Whole school assembly @ 2:15pm

Parent get-together in library with light refreshment from 1pm
Internet Safety and Usage
Ingleburn North PS has a strong policy concerning the appropriate usage of the school internet by students. Each year we conduct sessions during ICT explaining how to use the internet safely and how students are to conduct themselves using computers including email at school and at home. We do not tolerate any bullying, if a student uses the computers or DET portal inappropriately parents will be contacted and they will lose their internet rights for the continuation of that school term. It is important that we send a strong message to our children concerning this matter. The students from grades 3-6 will be bringing home a contract which they have written explaining the appropriate behaviour we are expecting, including the use of communicating with peers through x-box live. If you are having issues concerning computer safety i.e. students over-use, safe web browsing, usage of x-box live please come and discuss it with myself or Mr Moseley. I will be able to help you change the settings on the computer that can lock out children at certain times of the day as well as other tricks to keep them safe. The following website gives excellent information and guidelines for children using computers and the internet. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology

Mrs Wyber

Jesse Tadrosse is participating in the World’s Greatest Shave

Jesse’s hair will be shaved on 12th March, 2015 here at school.

If you would like to sponsor Jesse, and raise vital money for leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, please place your donation in an envelope marked “World’s Greatest Shave” and hand in to the office. All donations over $2.00 are tax deductible so ensure your details are on the envelope so a receipt can be issued.

Alternatively, you can donate via credit card by logging on to: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/Jessejamestadrosse

Let’s all get behind Jesse and support this wonderful cause!
FROM THE OFFICE

Parent Helpers

From 2014 all parent helpers now need to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC) available from RMS (old RTA). There is no cost to obtain a volunteer clearance. Please provide the front office with a copy of your clearance once received. Attached is the instruction on how to apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance.

Office ladies
Art Classes in Drawing & Painting

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

Term 1 2015
starts Jan 31

Ingleburn North Primary School Hall
Cnr Macdonald Rd & Campbelltown Rd

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NOTICES

First Confession and Holy Communion
Catholic children in state schools in Year 3 or over are due to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Forgiveness and Holy Communion. An enrolment and information meeting for parents will be held on Monday 16th 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 Father Peter on 9605 2785.

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Beverley Road, Campbelltown

Year 7 - 2016 Information Evening
18 February, 2015 at 6.00pm

Parents and students are welcome to attend an evening that will provide an opportunity for prospective students & families to meet key personnel; develop an understanding of the school’s priorities, programs and subjects; tour the school’s state-of-the-art facilities; and gain information about the enrolment and audition process.

Auditions for Year 7, 2016 will be held on
16th, 17th & 18th March 2015
Application forms will be available on this evening or our school website www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au

Audition applications close 27th February 2014
For more information please call our Performing Arts Faculty on 02 4625 1403
Information sheet for applicants

How to apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance

Note: Subject to conditions, existing child-related workers in the Department of Education and Communities are not required to apply for a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance until the relevant compliance date as prescribed in the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013. For further information, please contact your relevant human resources area for advice.

The application process for a WWCC Clearance is as prescribed by the Children's Guardian. For the full conditions, please visit the website at http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/.

Who needs to apply

If you are required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance as a condition of employment or engagement in child-related work, and you are not an existing child-related worker in the Department, you must apply for the Clearance as issued by the Children's Guardian (if you don't have one already).

How to apply

- Complete the online application form which can be accessed at: http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au.
- If you cannot access the online system, call the Children's Guardian customer service on (02) 9286 7276 and an officer will complete the application form for you.
- Once you have made an application, you will receive an application number.
- Present your application number to a NSW motor registry or Government Access Centre, along with proof of identity (which consist of the same proof required when applying for a NSW drivers licence).

For information about the NSW Motor Registry or Government Access Centre near you, telephone 13 22 13. See next page for a full list of NSW Motor Registries and Government Access Centres.

- Once your application has been processed, the Children's Guardian will notify you of the outcome by email or post.

You will not be employed by the Department if you do not receive a WWCC Clearance number.

Cost

Non-volunteer clearance
A person with a non-volunteer clearance can be engaged in either paid or unpaid child-related work.

An application fee applies ($80 as of 15 June 2013) which is paid for by the person applying for the clearance.

Volunteer clearance
A person with a volunteer clearance can be engaged in unpaid child-related work. An application fee does not apply.

What records are checked
The WWCC process obtains applicants' national criminal histories from CrimTrac. Records include: convictions (spent or unspent), charges (whether heard, unheard or dismissed) and juvenile records.

Workplace misconduct findings are also considered. If a misconduct investigation finds that sexual misconduct, including grooming, or serious physical assault of a child has occurred, nominated reporting bodies must report this finding.

If the outcome of a WWCC is a clearance, the child-related worker will be subject to ongoing monitoring for relevant new records during the period that your WWCC Clearance is valid.

Validity

If you receive a WWCC Clearance, the Check is valid for 5 years (from the date it is granted), unless it is cancelled sooner by the Children's Guardian or if you surrender it sooner.

For further information on the application process:

Email: newcheck@kids.nsw.gov.au
Telephone: 02 9286 7276
Website: www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au

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