INGLEBURN HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2012

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REMINDER TO ALL THE STUDENTS OF YEARS 10, 11 AND 12

Please take your Laptops to the Technology Support Officer, Mr Alajpur located in the school's Library, for Stocktake. This needs to be done before the end of term.

SCHOOL FEES 2012

Just a reminder to all Parents/Guardians that school fees are now due. Payment may be made in full or a payment plan can be arranged if necessary. Cash or cheque accepted only.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. A full list of fees are available from the school's Front Office.

We seek your earliest attention in this matter.

Mrs D. McAllister School Administration Manager

IHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Purchases of the new school uniform may be made during the following hours.

Friday mornings from 8.30am – 10.30am

If your child requires an "unusual" size or fitting, then this can be ordered via the uniform shop at no extra cost for the item.

EFTPOS and Credit card payment is available.

All sales benefit the school with a percentage of each item sold going to the P&C.



Regional Directors Visit

We had a visit from the Regional Director of schools on South Western Sydney, Mr Murat Disdar on 18 July to see the programs we have in place to support our students. He visited a number of classes and was very impressed with the care and professionalism of our teachers and the enthusiasm and learning of our students.



Open Classrooms

We celebrated Education Week this year by inviting parents to see students learning in classrooms in our "Open Classrooms" morning on 31 July. Parents who were able to attend were taken throughout the school and all expressed pleasure to see our students and teachers working together and learning in positive and productive ways. I would like to thank all those parents who gave their time to visit on the morning and also our Hospitality staff led by Ms Williams for putting on a morning tea for our parent visitors.



Polyfest

Polyfest was held on 24 July and was truly a celebration of Polynesian culture as well as other cultures within our school community. Mr Tim Time volunteered to assist our students in preparing for the event, taking make hours to rehearse and using many days of school holiday time to ensure it was a successful event. Kate Lauina (Year 10) and Richard Sulusi (Year 11) sowed true leadership skills in organising students and making sure everything went to plan.

Many parents and students attended the evening concert with over \$1000 being donated to a Cancer charity from money that was raised. I believe this may become a regular and valued addition to yearly school activities to celebrate the talent, commitment and leadership skills of our students. Many thanks also to our faithful P&C who ran a canteen on the night to provide refreshments to our guests.







More photos can be found on the school website.

Anzac Day Grant

Mrs Ellis, our Head Teacher - History, has recently won a grant to the school to research Anzac Day and the variety of ways it has meaning to many cultures within our community. This is a very prestigious award and we congratulate Mrs Ellis on the outstanding application that led to it and the work that will now be able to be done to reflect on the importance of the men and women who fought for the rights and freedoms in our country.



Alana Ellis, captains William Bryant and Tara Tanovic and principal Michael Wiecek are looking forward to no year's Anzac Day celebrations.

Colourful Anzac Day plans

INGLEBURN High School students will celebrate An-zac Day with a multicultural twist in 2013.

The school received \$5000 from the Department of Veterans Affairs through the

multicultural category of

multicultural category of the new Anzac Community Grants program.

"We want to look at how different cultures commem-orate their fallen, how the Ingleburn Army Camp has impacted on ingleburn as a society and to highlight an

Ingleburn soldier from each Ingleburn soldier from each major conflict," history head teacher Alana Ellis said. School captain Tara Tanovic said recognising the men and women who fought for Australia in the past was important for the school community.

Leon Weatherstone Deputy Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 6

22 Aug AIME - Aboriginal Mentoring Day at

Sydney University

22 Aug P & C Meeting at 6.30 pm in Common

Room (B Block)

Week 8

3 Sep Year 11 Preliminary Exams – Week 1

Week 9

10 Sep Year 11 Preliminary Exams - Week 2

Week 10

17 Sep Year 11 History Excursion - Nicholson

Museum

20 Sept Year 12 Reports distributed

21 Sept Last day of Term 3

Week 1 Term 4

8 Oct First day of Term 4 for all students

*All dates and information are correct at time of printing however changes may occur due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

PASS IT ON

The Welfare Faculty maintains a uniform pool to assist students in need. If you have any uniforms, jumpers, blazers, etc that are in good condition and you would like to **PASS IT ON** to our students, please leave the items at the front office.

Your kind generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Gonski could be great for our school

Have your heard about the findings of the Gonski Review? Well, potentially it is very good news for our school and our students.



Headed by senior businessman David Gonski, the review was the most comprehensive national investigation of school funding in almost 40 years. It found not only was the current funding system broken but Australia is investing far too little in schools.

Gonski said a major funding increase for public schools and some private schools is urgently required to ensure a high quality education for all.

That increase translates to an average of \$1,500 per student extra per year in public schools. If Ingleburn High School were to receive that amount it would mean an additional \$1.2 million in the overall budget allocated to our school.

For our school, additional money could be spent in the areas we know make a real difference for students such as smaller class sizes, more individual assistance for students with particular needs and additional staff.

If you would like to see additional resources flowing to our school, you can register your support at the www.igiveagonski.com.au website.

Alternatively, if you would like to contact our federal MP Mr Laurie Ferguson directly you can do so at 9829 7577.

You can also find out more about the Gonski Review at the Federal Government's website http://www.schoolfunding.gov.au/.

Darko Levkovski NSW Teachers Federation Representative – Ingleburn High School

CAREERS

Year 9.. Don't forget it's not too late to apply for a Tax File Number as you will need this when you start a part-time job.

Year 10.. I hope to see many of you regarding your subject selections for next year. Please see me if you have any concerns at all. If you are considering a TVET course next year make sure you see me for an application form.

Year 11.. If you are a TVET student and wish to continue in your course you will need to fill out an application form for 2013. If you wish to take up a 120 hour course for Year 12 you need to see me as soon as possible.

Year 12.. I hope you all prepared well for the Trials and that you did your very best. The HSC is just around the corner and is the final commitment that you make to your thirteen years of schooling.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 19 September – Periods 1 and 2 practice for Graduation and Periods 3 and 4 fun time in the Senior Area

Thursday 20 September – Graduation Assembly 9.00am till 11.00am followed by Morning Tea in the Library and then your FORMAL from 7.00pm till midnight at the Waterview Restaurant at Homebush Bay.

Please see me if you have any concerns at all.

You can access the school's Website for the latest Careers News or alternatively your Year 10, 11 or 12 student's portal email.

As always, please see me if you have any concerns at all.

Mrs Jane Duval Careers Adviser

Category Gold Notice!

TO ALL STUDENTS!

Mr Sampson is now Category Gold supervisor. All Silver awards must be taken to him in the **Industrial Arts staffroom!**

Also!

There will be a Category Gold excursion running in Term 4 so keep an eye out for more information and keep getting those Bronze and Silver awards!

> Mr Sampson Industrial Arts Faculty



Nicole Kershaw
STUDENT OF THE TERM

Upcoming Events for our year group:

Term 3

Fortnightly Welfare workshops Thursday A Period 4 – 8R & 8T Friday A Period 1 – 8E Thursday B Period 4 – 8V & 8I

High Resolves 'Justice' program Thursday 13 September – 8R & 8T Friday 14 September – 8V, 8I & 8E

Term 4

Seminar on the consequences of risky behavior ~ delivered by Jonathan Beninca (RailCorp spokesperson) Tuesday 27 November Period 2 (seminar) Tuesday 27 November Period 3 (workshop)

End of Year Camp ~ Active Education (Morriset)
17—19 December (Week 11)

Year 8 Report

Year Adviser - Mrs B. Noakes
Assistant Year Adviser - Mr P. Noakes

Term 3 has started fabulously! The fortnightly Welfare workshops have begun, with all Year 8 classes having now participated in the first two workshops. Our students seemed to really enjoy Workshop Two! During this workshop, the students viewed and discussed an anti-bullying DVD produced by three high school students from Wollongong. Each class made "Stand Up Against Bullying!" posters. We are very proud of the students who courageously agreed to demonstrate their support of the anti-bullying message by signing their names on their class' poster. These posters will be hung up in several Year 8 classrooms to remind our year group of their pact to one another to stand up and support the victim rather than standby and allow the victim to continue to hurt. In this fortnight's workshop students will develop empathy for others and learn how to be assertive (not aggressive!) when standing up against bullying.

Unfortunately due to the Year 12 Trial exams, the High Resolves program needed to be rescheduled. We are looking forward to sharing this experience with our year group on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 September.

Congratulations to our 'Student of the Term' for Term 2 ~ Nicole Kershaw (8V). Nicole was given this award for displaying great leadership skills. The Student of the Term for Term 3 will be awarded to a student who displays a passion for learning!

We are impressed with the many students in Year 8 who have earned 'Silver' merit awards. We have placed 63 students on 'Silver' category. Congratulations to Rebekah Edwards who has achieved Gold category. We encourage all Year 8 students to firstly, do their best in class so that they can be awarded with a Bronze Award, secondly come to us when you have received 5 Bronze Awards to be placed on Silver and HOPEFULLY thirdly, take their 3 Silver Awards to Ms Knapman to be placed on Gold!

Important Reminder - The camp costs \$236.50. If you require another camp letter please see Mrs Noakes. The deposit of \$100.00 is now due to the office. Please pay ASAP!

YEAR 10

The focus of this term is CAREERS. We will be completing many tasks and activities that will help you in your future prospects.

This Term in **SILVER AWARDS** – We currently have one student. Let's improve on that by the end of the Term.

The Term 3 'STUDENT OF THE TERM' is for the ARTS. If you or a friend is involved in anything to do with the ARTS please see Miss Gerace.

REMEMBER YOU NEED TO BE IN FULL UNIFORM

GIRLS

Yellow button up shirt with the School's Emblem

Bottle Green Pants OR Light Green Check Skirt

Green Jumper OR Green and Gold Spray Jacket

White Socks

Fully enclosed BLACK leather shoes OR Fully enclosed BLACK leather runners



BOYS

Yellow button up shirt with the Schools Emblem OR Yellow polo shirt with the Schools Emblem

> Grey Trousers OR Grey Shorts

Green Jumper OR Green and Gold Spray Jacket

White Socks

Fully enclosed BLACK leather shoes OR Fully enclosed BLACK leather runners

> Ms M. Gerace Student Adviser Year 10

YEAR 12 2013

On Friday 10 August, students of Year 11 eagerly underwent sizing for their jerseys, which they will don as they enter the final stage of their schooling.

Earlier in the term, the grade got together and decided on the design of their jersey which is to be a varsity jacket. The jacket will boast colours of green, white and gold.



The varsity jacket is of great quality and will be manufactured by Exodus Wear. It will cost between \$85-\$95 dollars depending on numbers. Students are reminded to pay their \$45 dollar deposit by 24 August and to finalise their payment by the end of term (21 September).

Year 11 will shortly participate in Crossroads, which is a mandatory Stage 6 course. The course content is divided into two focus areas: *Working at Relationships* and *Drug Issues*. Students will be participating in six different sessions related to these two focus areas for the duration of the day. This program will be held on 30 August and is in the process of being finalised.

As a last note, as time quickly progresses, Year 11 students are ever nearer to taking hold of the ruling sceptre as Year 12 students. As their new Year Adviser, I encourage them to ready themselves to be the next role models for the rest of the school in all areas: academically, behaviourally, and in the way they present themselves (uniform).

Ms M. Chuna Year Adviser Year 11



Sweet Treat Day

Thank you to everyone who bought treats on Sweet Treat Day. Just over \$400 was raised for the school.

Billy G's Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Thank you to the families who placed orders for cookie dough. From your orders \$534 was raised.

Woolies Sticker & Coles Vouchers

This promotion has now ended. If you have any Woolworths stickers or Coles vouchers still in your possession please place them in the box at the school office by Friday 24 August so that we can finalise this promotion.

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

The Local Council Elections are on Saturday, 8 September. The P&C will be running a BBQ and Cake Stall. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**.

Following our request for volunteers in the last newsletter only two parents have offered to help out. This is a long day as we are there from 7am to 4pm. Send an email to jeffr4@bigpond.com.au if you can spare an hour or two to help cook or serve. Any donations of cakes can be bought up to the school on the Saturday.

'Tensation' Game Fundraiser

This is a great game for the whole family to enjoy. Tensation is similar to scrabble but with numbers. Everyone who can count to 10 can play. Tensation is a great gift for Christmas, birthdays, etc. Tensation cannot be purchased from retail outlets. Anyone wanting to place an order for Tensation, please complete the order form on the flyer in this newsletter and return it to the school office with full payment by Friday, **14 September**.

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday, 22 August in the Common Room starting at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing some new faces. Home baked treats will be supplied for supper.

Sue Roberts P&C President

HISTORY EXCURSION TO THE SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM

Year 12 Modern History and Year 10 Elective History visited the Sydney Jewish Museum on 19 July as part of their course study of 'Conflict in Europe' and 'Genocide in the Modern World', respectively.

When we arrived at the museum, we were welcomed and introduced to Peter, who is a survivor of the Holocaust. Peter very kindly told us his life story which focused largely on how he lived through, and survived, the persecution of Jewish people during the Nazi regime's conquest of Eastern Europe throughout WWII. The students were genuinely interested and taken aback by Peter's story of survival, one which also included an interment in the infamous concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz - Birkenau. They were very inquisitive and asked numerous insightful questions which Peter was more than happy to answer.

Year 12 and Year 10 were then split up into two groups - Year 12 went to a lecture pertaining to content on their HSC topic and exam whilst the Year 10 class was taken around the museum exhibits by a museum curator as well as Peter. The Year 10 students were given an insightful overview of the events that led to the persecution of Jewish people. They were also shown information regarding the Nazi's planned mass extermination of Jewish people and one of the most striking exhibits was probably the large map of Europe that was dotted with all the concentration and extermination camps where almost 7 million Jewish people were killed. Again, the students asked insightful questions and exhibited a very sound understanding of the events and issues presented by the curator. The Year 12 students, who were complimented on their depth of knowledge, then joined the Year 10 students in their walk around the museum once their lecture had finished.

Overall, it was an informative, moving and stimulating day out of school. The students did a fantastic job representing our school in the best possible way. The curator at the end commented how our students were some of the most polite and loveliest students she has had in a long time.

Mrs A. Ellis and Mr D. Levkovski History Faculty



ARTIST OF THE TERM

Last term the Visual Arts faculty introduced 'Artist of the Term' in recognition of those students who have produced outstanding Art works within their year group.

The art works have been on display throughout the school and have generated a lot of interest from the school community. These students will be rewarded with a certificate and i-tunes voucher at the school assembly in Week 3. In Term 4 all 'Artist of the Term' recipients will be invited to attend an excursion.

It is my pleasure to announce the following students as 'Artist of the Term';

Year 7 - Kiel Reddy

Year 8 - Leslynn Dickens

Year 9 - Lana Kraichuk

Year 10 - Stacey Courtnage

Year 11 - Wyatt Brown

Year 12 - Ayana Fitzgerald

Congratulations to those students and I look forward to acknowledging more recipients later this term.









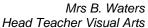


ARTISTIC MERIT FLOWS

As you are all aware the student toilets have been up graded over the past term and as part of this refurbishment the Visual Art students were involved in creating some colourful murals for the girl's toilets.

These murals served to place more ownership over this space and to enhance the appearance of an otherwise plain area. The students and their teachers worked long and hard to complete some very successful art works. This resulted in a much brighter environment which has made a huge difference.

The Year 9 10 and 11 students who worked on these murals are to be highly commended for their dedication to the project. A job well done by all those involved and thank you to the Visual Art staff you helped facilitate these murals. The art works have been well received by the school community and will be for years to come.

















ANTI-RACISM – A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCO

RACISMAN Anti-racism education for Australian Schools

Ingleburn High School has a strong

commitment to Multicultural Education, Equity and Equality. These beliefs permeate all of our school policies including our Anti-Racism Policy, the Cultural Diversity and Community Relations Policy, Multicultural Education in Schools, the Aboriginal Education and Training Policy and the Complaints Handling Policy, amongst others. This ethos is embedded in our teaching practice and not only is it taught explicitly to students, but it also forms part of our expectations of the safe, respectful learners that attend Ingleburn High School.

Any member of the school community has the right to lodge a complaint and seek a favourable resolution if they have been the victim of racial vilification in the school context. The resolution of such complaints can be either formal or informal depending on the severity and frequency of the abuse. It is my duty as an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) of Ingleburn High School to handle such complaints and to provide mediation, education and monitoring that leads to reduced recidivism of racial abuse in our school.

If any student experiences such vilification, they are encouraged to speak to their teacher and to see myself in the History, Languages and Music Faculty in B17. If you have any questions regarding our policies or the resolution process, please contact me through the school's front office.

Mr D. Levkovski ARCO Representative



PISA 2012

Programme for International Student Assessment

PISA is coming to our school!

Our school has been chosen to represent Australia for the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which is taking place between 30 July and 7 September 2012. A random sample of

15-year-old students will be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent

Australia in education!

PISA is an international assessment, occurring every three years, which measures skills in mathematics, science, reading, problem solving and financial literacy at a point when students have almost finished their compulsory schooling. PISA helps to inform policy makers involved with education on how well schools are succeeding in helping students to acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to meet challenges beyond school.

Since the first PISA assessment in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers world-wide. In 2012, Australia will be one of almost 70 countries participating in PISA. More than 800 schools and over 15 000 students will represent our country in this important project.

PISA is part of the National Assessment Program in Australia. Participation in these sample assessments is an obligation for government schools under the National Education Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories, and an obligation for non-government schools under Commonwealth schools funding legislation and funding agreements for 2009-2012.

What will PISA mean for our school?

Thirty-two students who are randomly selected from our school will be sampled to complete a two-hour paper-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science, financial literacy and reading questions. These students will also be asked to complete a questionnaire.

After the paper-based assessment and questionnaire, a sub-sample of 20 students who participated in the paper-based assessment will also participate in a computer-based assessment of problem solving, mathematical literacy and reading literacy.

Date of Assessment: Friday 31 August 2012

PISA School Coordinator: Mr J. Newing

PISA IT Coordinator: Mr P. Noakes

ACER- PISA Project Information Line: 1800 280 625

Every participating school and student has an important role in showing the rest of the world what Australia can do.

ACER will provide your school and participating students with a certificate, recognising their contribution, and students will receive results from PISA. Each student will also receive a small gift in appreciation of their participation.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO DANCE?

Join us on Tuesday evening at Ingleburn RSL in the Auditorium between 6.00pm and 7.00pm.





You can learn Ballroom, Latin, New Vogue, Quickstep, Cha Cha, Jive and many others

Great way to keep fit, learn new social skills and have a fun time

Cost is only \$8.00 per lesson

Boys & Girls between 5-25 years can be trained with a view to competitive dancing

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