Beacon Program Launch 2013

Below is an edited section of the speech which I gave at the launch of this significant program for our Year 10 students.

A key factor in the successes of our school in the last decade has been the dedication of the teaching staff who are always looking for innovations or projects which will enhance the learning outcomes and future prospects of our students. Our links with the Beacon Foundation and our partnership with corporate sponsor, Blackrock Finance in 2012, are the most recent example of this innovation. Beacon has made a stunning contribution across 130 schools nationally since its inception 20 years ago and we are very pleased to have signed a memorandum of Understanding with them for the period 2012-2015.

The rationale behind our decision was simple. In 2011-2012, 400,000 Australian teenagers were not fully engaged in work or education with all the attendant personal as well as social and economic costs for our nation associated with such disengagement. We entered into our partnership with Beacon to ensure not one of our Year 10 students ended up as one of these young Australians.

During 2012:

- Blackrock, Cummins, RMS, Origin Energy and the RSPCA were all heavily involved in the High Impact Projects for Year 10.
- The year culminated with the school being awarded the Beacon National Award for being part of the most outstanding school cluster. The award acknowledged the work of many staff, our business partners and personnel from the Beacon Foundation.
- The Year 10 students themselves were asked to evaluate the Beacon Program in 2012:
  - 95% reported that Beacon Projects were helpful to them with 5% describing them as ‘life changing’, and
  - 95% felt that the skills which they had learnt increased their employability and the same percentage felt more confident about entering further education and training.

Our tracking of Year 10 in 2012 reveals 87% returned to year 11 while 11% were either in further training at TAFE or in full-time work. These figures are in line with Beacon national averages in 2011 and are much higher than national averages for post-Year 10 destinations for 16 year old students nationally.

This success in 2012 would not have been possible without the support of Blackrock Finance and on behalf of our students and community I would like to thank Blackrock sincerely for their financial support and their faith in us. Their continued support in 2013 – with the prospect of increased involvement – will ensure that the positive trends in 2012 will continue this year.

To the local business leaders and representatives who have come along, thank you for your support and I would urge you to indicate in the EOI form in your packages the ways in which you may be able to assist in the program activities in 2013. Your future support, involvement and belief in our school will be invaluable.

Principal’s report continues on page 2

Australian Curriculum

Students will return to school for Term 2 on Wednesday 1 May. On 29 April, teachers will be spending the day discussing changes to teaching and learning that will start to take place from 2014. English, Maths, Science and History syllabus will change for Years 7 and 9 in 2014 and therefore a lot of work needs to be done for teachers to prepare for this. All other courses will gradually change after this.

This is a unique opportunity that we have as a school to look even more closely at the programs of work we have in place across the school and to modify them to make sure we provide the very best for our students.
Principal’s report continued …

2013 HSC High Achievers

Three of our HSC high achievers from 2012 attended the annual Campbelltown Council Recognition Ceremony on Thursday 21 March 2013. The three students – Ashleigh Bootsma, Rebecca Isaacson and Emily Marshall, were presented with certificates recognising their achievement by the Mayor, Councillor Sue Dobson, and the South West Sydney Regional director, Murat Dizdar. All three girls are to be commended. They are a credit to themselves, their families and our school. The girls are currently enrolled in university courses.

![Image of 2013 HSC High Achievers]

Sport Excellence

Congratulations to Kaide Risby of Year 12 who represented NSW in the National Softball Tournament in Tasmania in January this year. Kaide was awarded the “Best Batter” award for the tournament and was selected into the U/17’s Australian Squad. Well done Kaide.

![Image of Kaide Risby]

Michael Wiecek
Principal

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 is accepted only.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. A full list of fees can be obtained from the front office.

We seek your earliest attention in this matter.

Mrs D. McAllister
School Administration Manager

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 9
25 March Year 7 Vaccinations – HPV, dTpa
26 March Cross Country Carnival
27 March P & C Meeting at 6.30 pm in Common Room (B Block)
28 March Year 8 TAS Excursion – Royal Easter Show
29 March Good Friday

Week 10
1 April Easter Monday
2 April Year 12 Half Yearly Exams – Week 1
2 April Year 7 Interim Reports distributed
5 April Year 11 Interim Reports distributed
5 April Year 11 Music Excursion – Joan Sutherland Centre, Penrith
5 April Year 7 TAS Excursion – Powerhouse Museum
5 April Year 11 Music Excursion – Joan Sutherland Centre, Penrith

Week 11
8 April Year 12 Half Yearly Exams – Week 2
9 April P&C Sweet Treat Day
9 April SRC Excursion – Macarthur Regional Youth Forum, Camden Civic Centre
11 April Year 12 Biology Excursion – Sydney children’s Hospital, Randwick
12 April Last Day Term 1

TERM 2

Week 1
29 April Staff Development Day
1 May Students return for Term 2
3 May Years 11 and 12 Legal Studies Excursion – Campbelltown Local Court

Week 2
10 May Year 9 Commerce Excursion, Bondi Junction

*IHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

Friday mornings from 8.30am – 10.00am

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.
Earn and learn

Last year, our school participated in the Earn and Learn program from Woolworths to provide resources for our school. I would like to sincerely thank all of our community who participated in the promotion to collect stickers from Woolworths during the promotion period and bring them to school. Most particularly we would like to thank our P&C President Sue Roberts for the extra lengths she went to gain extra stickers and enhance the rewards provided to our school.

I am pleased to report that we received over one thousand dollars’ worth of resources to assist students' learning.

Through the program we received a full drum kit; books for our library; games for students in our welfare and support faculties and stamps and stickers for teachers to reward student work.

I would encourage your involvement in the 2013 Earn and Learn program starting 8 April.

Schools United

We will be hosting a combined meeting of teachers from all our local partner primary schools; Ingleburn Public School, Ingleburn North Public School and Sackville St Public School on the first day of Term 2 for teachers, 29 April. We will be looking closely at combined ways in all our schools to improve student learning, most particularly about giving clear, effective and positive feedback to students.

Some teachers in our school will be providing sample lessons to share with colleagues in our school and our primary schools so we can learn from each other and participate in a rich community of learning. This follows on from the Regional Award we were given last year for our transition work with our Community of Schools.

Mr L. Weatherstone
Deputy Principal

ANTI-RACISM – A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCO

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

FILM CLUB

* Tuesday lunch
* A 20
* Ms Preece

* The club is currently in post-production (editing) for the spy action thriller "Retired".

* In pre-production (planning and storyboarding) for two student-devised screenplays in the teen drama genre.

* Still needing cast and crew for these – everyone welcome!

Actors, directors, editors, camera operators, stage managers / ADs, props, costumes, sets/locations, hair and makeup, continuity, special effects, sound design and engineering, iMovie and Premiere elements.

Ms V. Preece
English Faculty
The P&C have lots happening in the next 4 weeks:

The weekend just passed we had the Dance Troupe Car Park Fundraiser. I will advise amount raised and thank our Year 12 and Prefect volunteers in the next newsletter

Saturday 6 April – Bunnings BBQ at Campbelltown store – This is a great opportunity to raise funds from the Campbelltown community. This is a very busy day as we are there from 7.30am to 4.30pm. We need a number of parents/students to help out so that we have at least 4 people available for cooking and serving at all times. After my last request in the P&C Newsletter I had one parent volunteer. This is disappointing from a school with over 500 families. If you can spare an hour or two to help out please email me on jeffr4@bigpond.com.au

Tuesday 9 April - Sweet Treat Day – We will have Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Toffees, Brownies, Cup Cakes, Lollies etc for sale during both breaks outside the hall. Treats will cost between 30 cents and $1.50.

Saturday 20 April - Nesian Festival – The Polynesian Community will be running a Festival on this day using our school hall. The day will run from 10am to 6pm. The P&C will be running a BBQ as well as assisting Year 12 with Tea/coffee/cakes refreshment stall. The SRC will be organising the cold drinks stall. The event organisers are expecting 600 people to attend. This is a MASSIVE OPPORTUNITY for our school to raise funds from the local community BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT, all we are asking is a gift of your time. We cannot do it on our own. If you can spare some time on the day please email me on jeffr4@bigpond.com.au

Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Promotion – The Earn & Learn sticker promotion starts again on 8 April. For every $10 spent at Woolworths in one transaction you will receive one sticker. Place your stickers in the box at the Woolworths Ingleburn store or there will be a box in the foyer at the school office. From last year’s promotion we collected 26,000 stickers, let’s see if we can make it to 40,000 stickers this year. Our school received heaps of board games and a drum kit from the stickers collected last year.

The next P&C meeting is 27 March 2013, and it is our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Sadly we lose two of our committee members as their children no longer attend the school. A big thank you to Melissa Welfare and Simone Campbell for their hard work and dedication to the P&C over the last number of years.

It was great to see two new parents attend the last P&C meeting, but we need to see more new faces to be able to even run the meeting. This is your opportunity to get involved and help make a difference to the school.

YEAR 7 VISUAL ARTS
Printmaking – ‘Still Life’ – Students Work Term 1

Mrs Poornima Menon, Head Teacher Welfare, will be attending this meeting to discuss with parents the great opportunities and an insight into the schools Welfare services.

Sue Roberts
P&C President
Zone and Regional Swimming Carnivals 2013

On Thursday, 28 February, Ingleburn High School hosted the Hume Zone Swimming Carnival at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre. Our students participated in all of the events on offer and we are very proud of them as they did their best on the day. The following students represented Ingleburn High School in various events:

Tayla Bale
Cameron Binnie
Faris Buksh
Eman Donaire
Zack Dunn
Erin Dunshea
Wun Fung
David Littlechild
Brendan McGuire
Melissa McWilliams
Jackson Nautu

The students proudly wore our school’s new swimming caps which were kindly donated by our P&C. The competition was tough but nevertheless the following students were able to place in an event (some more than one) at the Regional Swimming Carnival that was held on Monday, 18 March at the Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre in Bradbury and proudly represented our Zone:

Eman Donaire
David Littlechild
Shamus O’Loughlin
Lauren O’Loughlin
Olivia Prince
Maddison Ross
Jayme Smith
Paige Smith

We would like to thank our keen swimmers for their sporting spirit and their parents and guardians for supporting them on the day.

Ms L. Peters and Mr D. Levkovski
Carnivals Co-coordinators
WELFARE

BEACON BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Ingleburn High School, in collaboration with Beacon Foundation, launched the Building Connections program for the first time last year. It was very successful with a number of Year 10 students getting various opportunities to participate in image and awareness building programs like Polish, Lunch with the Girls and BBQ with the Boys. The students were also actively engaged in site visits with Cummins, Komatsu and RSPCA. We are thankful to Black Rock Finance for funding this program.

This year the Building Connections program was formally launched with a Business Breakfast on 12 March. More than 25 businesses from the Ingleburn and Campbelltown area participated in the launch to support students in furthering their educational prospects and/or assisting in creating opportunities and pathways for students when they exit school at the end of Year 11/12. The Guest Speaker was Mr Bryan Doyle, MP and Member for Campbelltown. Mr Adam Seccombe from Black Rock also addressed the invited guests. Our Beacon student ambassadors Courtney Chapman, Lana Kraichuk, Yajin Hah, Kajol Kumar, Claire Hastings and Cherie Hounslow managed the whole event under the guidance of their Year Adviser, Mrs Pilgrim, from invitations to small yet meaningful ‘thank you’ gifts. The businesses who attend the Breakfast were very enthusiastic about the prospects of the program and were happy to offer their time and support. During the course of the year, the Year 10 students will participate in various High Impact programs, Speed Careering and Mock Interviews. There will a Charter Signing event on 30 July where students will commit to meaningful engagement at school or other pathways.

Mrs P. Menon
Welfare Faculty

Bryan Doyle, MP, and our corporate sponsors

Beacon Student Ambassadors

Roshan Vaz at the Easter Show in a conversation with Mark Ferguson from Channel 7
Welcome to High School Year 7

Term 1 day 1 we saw over 100 very scared, nervous but excited Year 7 students’ eager to start their high school journey. Nearly everyone who had attended the orientation had completed their homework booklet and most were in full school uniform. After three days of being picked up by their teachers at the hall for classes, the students overwhelmingly agreed that they were ready to face going to classes by themselves…and they were right! The biggest problem that students faced this term was not forgetting how to get around the school, it was losing their timetables. Most students now have their timetables in their diaries so hopefully this won’t happen again.

Overall the transition to high school has been very successful with large numbers of Bronze Awards, over fifty Silver Awards and three Gold Awards being earned by the students. We need to keep reminding students to hand in their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards to achieve their well-deserved recognition at a higher level.

This term ‘Student of the Term’ award category is for ‘Learning’. The award has been given to Caroline Talaia who is always striving to do her best in class, her bookwork is immaculate, she contributes to class discussions and always focusses on her work. Her teachers are very pleased with her dedication to her learning and her positive approach to Year 7. Caroline has also achieved Gold Category for her adherence to the school rules and should be commended for her efforts.

Ms K. Hamilton
Student Adviser Year 7

Year 12

During Week 6 Year 12 participated in their first welfare session for the year. The session equipped students with the necessary strategies on how to handle stress and anxiety that they could face during their HSC year. Exam preparation and study techniques were also discussed.

On Friday 22 March, Year 12 had their second welfare session over the expanse of two periods. This session tied up the information, knowledge and skills of exam preparation; that will help equip students for their upcoming and future exams.

Year 12 Half Yearly exams will take place in the final two weeks of this term, from **Tuesday 2 April** till **Friday 11 April**. I wish Year 12 all the best, and encourage them to put to use the skills they will have learnt in preparing for their exams.

I would like to congratulate Year 12 on their enthusiasm and creativity which they displayed for their muck up photo on 26 February. It was a pleasure to be a part of the excitement of the day and witness the array of costumes of the various characters the students embodied.

Once again, could I please remind students to pay for their upcoming formal. The $100 payment may be paid in full to the front office or paid in instalments. The cut-off date is the end of Term 2.

I wish Year 12 a Happy Easter and all the best in their exams.

Ms M. Chuna
Student Adviser Year 12

Ms K. Hamilton
Student Adviser Year 7
**TERM ONE**

**STUDENT OF THE TERM ~ The Arts ~**

Is awarded to…

Josiah Tauti

Josiah is a talented artist, guitarist, singer and has showcased his awesome dance skills in the Cultural Dance unit in PDHPE!!!

Well done!

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Upcoming Events for our year group:

**Term 2**

Silver Award Excursion to Urban Jungle Adventure Park

Elevate Education—60minute seminar on Memory & Mnemonics

Fortnightly study skills workshops

**Term 3**

Community Service Challenge

Rewards Excursion for students who successfully complete the Community Service Challenge (TBA)

**Term 4**

Fortnightly workshops on ‘Attitude is Everything!’

End of Year Camp

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**Year 9 Report**

**Year Advisers ~ Mrs B. Noakes & Mr P. Noakes**

Term 1 has been a great first term of the year!


Congratulations to Lachlan Chau, Richard Wallace and Malorie Torrefranca for receiving a Silver Award this term! We are very proud of your behavior and work ethic!

We encourage all of our Year 9 group to work at achieving Silver Award by Term 2, Week 2. **It is only 5 Bronze awards!!** All students in our year group who achieve Silver by Term 2, Week 2 will be invited to attend Urban Jungle Adventure Park at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre as a reward for their positive behavior in school. While on this excursion, students will enjoy 2 hours in the park, with full access to 5 courses and over 50 challenges. After a nice lunch in the Aquatic Park, students will continue their fun on the waterslides in the Aquatic Centre!! Below are some pictures of the fun we can have!!

Mrs B. Noakes & Mr P. Noakes
Year 11 Report

It was a pleasure to see and welcome back all the Year 11 students on the first day this year, looking sharp and stylish in their senior uniform. Already, many things have taken course in the first term. It was great to witness the student’s cheerful spirit at the Swimming Carnival, actively engaging in their first Welfare Activity, run by Legal Aid NSW, settling into their senior courses and the demands required of them as a senior student and collaborating as a year group on a decision for a Jersey or Jacket for Year 12. This year is going to require a lot of concentration and hard work but in the end it will be worth it, so I encourage all Year 11 students to keep a positive outlook and stay focused on their studies.

Miss M. Gerace
Student Adviser Year 11

Get Real Program

(Ready for Employment and Life)

Students undertake activities that are designed to educate students in practical knowledge-based components required to survive everyday life. Students have tuition on learning and assistance in employment and life. NOVA employment delivers their ‘Job Club’ providing the students with extra knowledge when applying for jobs and how to construct themselves in interviews. They will also take part in a CPR course delivered by St John’s Ambulance.

Year 11 Student of the Term – Extra-Curricular Activity

Vicky Halloran has been an active member of the Student Representative Council (SRC) for four years. She is a keen and enthusiastic member of the SRC who started off as the Secretary and has now moved up to Chairperson. She always contributes to the group and gets involved in as many events as she can. She has been involved in transition BBQ’s, painting of the alcove and fundraising. Vicky will attend the Regional Youth Forum in the upcoming weeks.

Spelling Bee 2013

Quick – spell CONQUER, GNOME and THERMAL! Can you do it? These are just some of the words being included in the Year 7-9 Annual Spelling Bee - can YOU spell them without looking?

The 2013 Spelling Bee continues Ingleburn High School’s tradition, as this is the fourth year running and the current Year 7 are some of the best spellers yet. Every student across Years 7-9 is given 20 NAPLAN-based words to spell during class. They have to listen to the word used in a sentence then spell it. It may be a daunting task for some, but the results have been very pleasing. The current word lists are being marked and the second round will be held in the middle of Term 2. Students have to score 18 and above to qualify for the second round, so the competition is tough!

The last round is held in the hall, where the top finalists from each Year group have to spell the word verbally and battle it out until the “last man standing”. No winner has held onto their title for more than a year but 2013 could be the first year with a carry-over champion. All eyes will be on the second round and then the third, as the future Year champion will be among them. Good luck to all the Year 7, 8 and 9’s!

Miss S. Morales
Learning Assistance Support Teacher
LIBRARY NEWS

The library is moving forward in leaps and bounds. The beautification and painting of the library is just about complete and this, coupled with new carpets and some new furniture, has further lifted the library as being a place students are happy to be in. At times it can be far too popular with at times over 100 students in the library at any given lunch or recess.

Borrowing rates amongst students is also on the improve with many students taking up the joy of reading for pleasure. This can largely be attributed to the great books now contained within the collection. Our philosophy is simple, give the students the books they want to read and an environment they are comfortable in and the rest will follow.

The library has undertaken to run a reading challenge of its own as well as the state wide Premier’s Reading Challenge. The aim of this reading challenge known as the Principal’s Reading Challenge is simply to improve literacy by developing a love of reading. Students are required to register with the Teacher Librarian, and then read a minimum of 10 books and a maximum of 25 books. Students will be awarded a Bronze challenge award for 10 books, a Silver challenge award for 20 books, and Gold will be awarded for 25+ books read. Students who participate in the Principal’s Reading Challenge will be in the running to win Reader of the Year and a $50 book voucher.

The Library is proud to announce the arrival of the following Fiction titles for the reading enjoyment of the school community.

The Sunken Kingdom
Horrible Histories-The Angry Aztecs & The Incredible Incas
Life, Death & Gold Leather Trousers
School for Heroes - Lessons for a Werewolf Warrior
School for Heroes - Dance of the Deadly Dinosaurs
My Australian Story - The Hunt for Ned Kelly
My Australian Story - My Father's War
The Ink Bridge
Fly by Night
The Secret Kingdom
The Familiars - Secrets of the Crown
Shadow Runners
The Considine Curse
Dead End in Norvelt
Mostly Sunny with a Chance of Storms
Lottie Biggs is Not Mad
Lottie Biggs is Not Tragic
Seraphina
Struck
Blood Magic
The Blood Keeper
Dancing Jax
Dancing Jax Freax and Rejex
Battle Lines
The Descendants
Buffy the Vampire Slayer
Zero Hour
Skeleton Key
Scorpia Rising
Point Blanc
Stones for My Father
Magyk
Flyte
Physik
Queste
Syren
Darke
Before I Wake
The Shifters - Alpha
The Shifters - Stray
The Shifters - Shift
The Shifters - Prey
Partials
The Bonehill Curse
Blood Bound
Shadow Bound
Pan's Whisper
Ratburger
Coraline
Mortal Kiss
Mortal Kiss: Fool's Silver
War - Stories of Conflict
Skylark
White Ninja
Molly Moon and the Morphing Mystery
Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism
Molly Moon - Micky Minus and the Mind Machine
Secret of the Shadows
All Just Glass
Extreme Adventures - Anaconda Ambush
Dangerous Days
Ruby Redfort Look into My Eyes
The Adjusters
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making
The Hunt
Water for Elephants
Girl, Stolen
Star League - The Final Cut
Star League - Box Office Smash
Star League - Robot Reboot
Hitler’s Daughter
Orphan of Islam

I would also like to include the following book review written by one of our senior students Heidi Fait-Jeboult.

**Shy** by Emily Saipaia

Someone unsettling, someone quite strange
Someone not far, someone in range
Someone’s been watching, someone's a spy
She needs to be careful, I’ve hear he’s quite shy

Mr M. Koosache
Teacher Librarian
A Zombie Apocalypse by Emily Saipaia

Blood on her face, flesh on the ground
Racing heartbeat. Don’t make a sound
Wielding her machete with unsteady hands
One final choice, she finally stands

Swing right, swing left. Nowhere to run
Is it a little bit wrong if she’s having some fun?
Dodge right, dodge left, swift like a fox.
Stop for five seconds to pull up her socks.

The undead close in, hungry like hippos
Unfortunately for them, she’s quick on her toes.
She swings once more, chuckling as she does
Insanity kicks in, innocent she once was.

After another day of surviving, she kicks off her boots
and slips off her gloves
Smile on her face because she’s still doing what she loves.
Zombie Slayer for years
And many more to come…?

BOOK REVIEW

Struck by Lightning

By Chris Colfer

“Life comes at you fast. It hits you and tries to escape and be expressed in any way possible. In a way, it’s a lot like... lightning.”

Carson Phillips is a 17-year-old senior student in a tiny town called Clover. He is just trying to get through high school in order to reach his dreams of becoming a successful journalist. But he doesn’t belong—the other kids in his town are just another obstacle in his way of achieving his goal.

Carson is a high achiever; he’s the president of the Writer’s Club, editor of the school newsletter, and he published his school’s first ever literary magazine—all while keeping an impressive 4.2 grade point average.

But this isn’t your average ‘high-school-romantic-happily-ever-after’ novel. It’s dark, compelling, sad and hilarious. It’s a perfect story for anyone with ambition or dreams, or for anyone in need of motivation. It’s very highly inspirational.

“It’s perfect for anyone about to go into high school, anyone in high school, or anyone who’s been through the high school experience.”

Carson comes from a broken home. He hasn’t seen his father in years; his mother is more often than not unconscious, and his grandmother, the only person who he truly loves, doesn’t even remember who he is, so he spends most of his time and puts most of his energy into the school newsletter.

Written in a journal-style format, Struck by Lightning is easily relatable for anyone about to go into high school, anyone in high school, or anyone who’s been through the high school experience. A rollercoaster ride of emotions, the book will make you laugh out loud, sit on the edge of your seat in anticipation and ball your eyes out all in one chapter.

Perfect for teenagers and adults alike, Chris Colfer has created a wonderful masterpiece about the stresses of not belonging in a world where it’s hard not to belong.

Struck by Lightning is now a major motion picture, written by and starring Chris Colfer.
Careers Update

Year 9: Don’t forget to apply for your Tax File Number especially if you are looking for part-time work. Remember you need your Birth Certificate number or passbook number on the back of the form.

Year 10: Many of our Work Education students have successfully completed a week’s work experience and performed really well. If you are not a Work Education student you can still undertake work experience as we have a continuous work experience program at school you just need to see me for the necessary paperwork.

Year 11: TVET students need to remember that you MUST let me know if you are going to be absent from TAFE for any reason. Your TVET course only runs once a week so if you are absent it means you miss a whole week’s work which is equivalent to 4 periods so you will have a lot to catch up on.

Year 12: Your yearly exams are coming up soon so make sure you prepare well. I need to see ALL Year 12 students for a short interview so that I can assist you in your future career pathways.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to.

Mrs J. Duval
Careers Adviser

Lasersport League

We have been hosting sport for a group of students from Ingleburn High School and are getting information out to start up a Junior League which targets students, aged 12 to 18 years. This League will be a local week to week sporting competition for Laser Tag and we would like as many students involved in the sport. The students who may be most interested in playing, would be the ones who don’t play other sports like football or soccer. It is a fun sport where students will meet other people from different schools in the area.

The Junior Lasersport League runs on a Monday afternoon from 6pm to 8pm and starts Monday 29 April 2013. Further information can be found at www.zone3campbelltown.com.au.

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HEIDI'S CORNER
Also with Georgia Fait-Jeboult

Student opinion: Homophobia
Written by Heidi Fait-Jeboult

Over the last few years, homophobia has taken a spike in controversial conversation. Many people will argue the pros and cons. My question is: why hasn’t our society as a whole accepted this yet?

These people, whether they’re lesbian, gay or bisexual, can’t help it. They didn’t choose to be attracted to people of the same gender. They fall in love and that’s that. And without the support of their peers, they can fall apart.

Some students have voiced their opinion on this topic:

“It must be hard enough for them to admit their feelings, but with society telling them it’s wrong it can make it just that much harder. If their parents choose to ignore their child’s ‘choice’, it could send them over the edge.”

“Imagine having to tell the people closest to you your deepest, darkest secret, and they choose to ignore it afterwards.”

“It’s really just something as simple as support.”

People who are ‘different’ are just trying to be accepted into society. And why shouldn’t they be? For as humankind has been living, changes have been accepted. Something different is what makes our world special. We accept different people. We should accept them.

“Love is love. People fall in love with a person, not a gender.”

Streets Ice Cream Fundraiser
Written by Heidi Fait-Jeboult

On Friday, 15 March, the SRC sold ice creams at school during lunch time to raise money for a family who’ve recently lost their home.

Streets supplied the SRC with 400 ice creams for the purpose of fundraising. We completely sold out of ice creams, raising $535 for the family.

The SRC would like to thank everyone who bought an ice cream, and everyone who donated money. We appreciate the support Ingleburn High School has given to a family in need.

Ingleburn High School’s First Ever Literary Magazine!
Written by Georgia and Heidi Fait-Jeboult

Ingleburn High School is creating its first ever literary magazine! A literary magazine is a compilation of literature written by students and staff, bound into one magazine.

This means that we need any and all student and staff to enter in their own pieces of literature. This can be articles, short stories – fiction and non-fiction – reviews, editorials, poetry; anything really. As long as it’s appropriate and in your own words, then it’s good enough for us.

If you would like to submit a piece, just give your work to an English teacher or an SRC member, or you can drop it in one of the two designated literary magazine boxes, which will be located in the front office and the library. Your work can be anonymous or not; please specify on your entry.

We hope you all contribute to Ingleburn High School’s first literary magazine, and we are looking forward to what you can come up with!

Student Representative Council 2013
Written by Heidi Fait-Jeboult

The SRC have had a wonderful start to 2013. As well as raising $535 for the Randall family, we are planning new events and are on a secret mission...

The SRC has recruited new members, but we still have a few open spots in Years 8, 9 and 10, so if you would like to join the SRC, please see Mrs Bimson in the Social Science staffroom.

Within the SRC, there have been four new roles elected:

President—Jessica Roberts
Chairperson—Victoria Halloran
Secretary—Ruby Holt
Media and Social Justice Officer—Heidi Fait-Jeboult
ATSI Officer—Jarred Murphy

Clean Up Schools Day was scheduled for Friday, 1 March, but due to rain, it was cancelled. It has not yet been rescheduled, but the SRC is hoping to participate in it by the end of Term 1!

The SRC has been invited to take part in the ‘REPRESENT’ Macarthur Regional Youth Forum, an initiative that’s a part of the National Youth week in 2013. It is being held on 9 April and will consist of conversing about the need for teenagers’ input and help within the Macarthur region. A few select people from each year group will be participating.

During the holidays, we are hoping to raise money for the SRC by selling drinks at the Regional ‘Nesian’ festival.

So far Term 1 has been successful for the SRC. We are hoping to accomplish more throughout the rest of the year!
Year 10 Geography Excursion to Cronulla

On Monday 11 March and 18 March Year 10 Geography visited Cronulla for a Coastal Management Fieldwork.

It was an early start, leaving school at 8:30am (or maybe a bit later). The teachers from the Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre met us at the Wanda Surf Life Saving Club.

John and Pat were great, helping us to measure the wind speed, temperature and humidity of the beach before taking us for a walk through the sand dunes.

Pat taught us all about the flora and fauna of the coast and the impact of introduced species.

John built a series of models on the beach and demonstrated the effects of wave action on the beach. We giggled a bit at the bananas in pyjamas used to represent European settlers but loved the use of the leaf blower to represent strong coastal winds.

The excursion brought to life all we had been discussing in the classroom and hopefully we all learnt something new.

A special thanks to Mr Webb and Ms Chuna who helped out with supervision on the day.

Mrs Bimson
Social Science Faculty
Elevate Education Study Skills Seminars

The Welfare team would like to offer students in Years 9 to 12 the opportunity to participate in the Elevate Education program during Term 2.

Elevate Education is Australia’s largest provider of study skills seminars to high school students. Through a short, sharp 60 minute presentation, Elevate assists students in developing practical study skills to lead them to significant improvements in examinations and assignments. The presentation is tailored to your child’s year level and is presented by young, vibrant Year 12 graduates, who have recently faced and aced the challenges of High School assessments.

Years 9 and 10 will participate in the ‘Memory & Mnemonics’ workshop. This workshop covers simple to use techniques and strategies that help students with their memorisation and recall of information. The workshop also shows students what an ineffective study environment can do to their memory and are introduced to ways to deal with Facebook, music, TV, distractions and the internet.

Years 11 and 12 will participate in the ‘Path of the Study Sensei’ workshop. This workshop breaks down the study techniques of the top students, providing students with a road-map for what they need to be doing across the year, such as note-taking, conceptual learning skills, practice papers and standing out on assessments, and how to do it.

The student workshops will be held during school hours at a cost of approximately $8.50 per student. The cost also covers take home materials for students to continue to develop their study skills throughout the year.

The Elevate Education team also offers ‘How to help my child succeed’ workshops for parents and guardians. We would like to provide this opportunity to our parents in Term 2. This workshop will be held on a weekday evening.

To be involved in this exciting opportunity please complete the expression of interest note below and return to Mrs Noakes in the PDHPE staffroom, located in the Hall. Further information regarding the program will be distributed to interested students.

Yours in Education

Mrs B. Noakes
Year 9 Student Adviser
Mrs P. Menon
Head Teacher Welfare

My son / daughter ___________________________ of year _________ and roll call _________ would like to participate in the Elevate Education program. We understand participation in the program has a cost of approximately $8.50.

☐ I, ___________________________ am interested in attending the parent workshop.

Parent / Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Writer of the Term (WOTT) is a creative writing competition open to ALL students. Each term you may submit up to TWO pieces of writing that will be judged by at least one of the English teachers. You may choose to write in any text type. ONE entrant will be selected based on merit to receive an award. There will also be ONE Honorable Mention award each term.

The RULES:

- ALL work MUST be an ORIGINAL ‘polished’ (edited and carefully proofread) piece of writing.
- Your FULL NAME and English class MUST appear on the Submission Sheet that MUST be attached to your work. You can collect a Submission Sheet from the English Staffroom.
- Place your work (with Submission Sheet attached) in the WOTT Box located in the English Staffroom.
- Length: NO MORE THAN 3-4 A4 pages (size 12 font only or hand-written neatly). Poems to be no less than 15 lines.
- Submissions are due NO LATER than TUESDAY of the LAST WEEK of Terms 1 – 3 and by the END of WEEK 8 in TERM FOUR.

The JUDGEMENT: Your piece must be

- Original and creative.
- Well-structured and appropriate for your chosen text type (poem, short story, article, essay, etc.).
- Well expressed and engaging. Language must be appropriate to purpose and audience.