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from THE PRINCIPAL

Thank You and Goodbye

On 20 September I will be retiring from my position as Principal at Ingleburn High School. I have had a very happy 14 years as Principal and have been honoured and privileged to lead the school and serve the community over this period.

In my very first newsletter in 2000 I emphasised the significance of the school's motto – Tolerance, Integrity and Excellence. I wrote...

"I will expect that all students do their utmost to live up to the ideals expressed in this motto. Students must learn to be tolerant of one another if they are to become well-adjusted adults living in a multicultural society. I explained to the students that Integrity can have many meanings but that I interpreted it to mean honesty. I expect that students will be honest in their dealings with staff and with each other and I expect that they will give an honest effort in all the work that they do at the school – be it academic, sport or in any other area of the school's daily life."

Excellence at school is, I think, a very suitable goal to aspire to. All students can ensure that they are doing their personal best in all their endeavours. This can be achieved in three main ways. Firstly, they must be regular in their attendance. Secondly, they must behave in an excellent manner at all times and lastly in their school work they must try to achieve all they are capable of achieving. This of course will be different for every student and only they will know if they have done their best."

Fourteen years later these sentiments are as true as they were back then.

I have been asked many, many times this term what I will miss once I retire. My answer to this has been simple. I will miss the people – staff, students, parents and community – whom I have enjoyed working and learning with. I will miss this part of my work more than anything else.

It is because of these relationships that I retire with a strong sense of optimism about the future of our school and of public education in New South Wales. This is not because of anything to do with politics or resourcing but because our school is staffed by

dedicated professionals who are committed to equity and the provision of quality education for all. This is mirrored throughout our public education system.

I will mention after 20 September my passionate interest in education – but from a more relaxed place. I am looking forward to spending a lot more time with my wife, children and grand-children as well as travelling both within Australia and overseas.

I wish you all the best for the educational challenges and opportunities that are on or over the horizon.

Best wishes and goodbye.

Michael Wiecek

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 7

26 Aug Year 9 Work Education – Work Placement – All week

28 Aug

Week 8

2 Sept Year 11 Preliminary Exams – Week 1
2 Sept Year 12 HSC Music practical exam
3 Sept Support Camp – Wooglemai – Day 1
4 Sept Support Camp – Wooglemai – Day 2
5 Sept English 9E1 and 9E2 Excursion – Quarantine Station Manly

Week 9

9 Sept Year 11 Preliminary Exams – Week 2
10 Sept History Excursion – Year 12 Modern History and Year 10 History Extension – Sydney Jewish Museum

Week 10

16 Sept Year 12 – Crossroads – Day 1
17 Sept Year 12 – Crossroads – Day 2
19 Sept Year 12 Formal Assembly
19 Sept Year 12 Formal
20 Sept Last day of Term 3

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Week 1

8 Oct First day Term 4 – All students return

**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.*



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Subject Selection Charter Signing

On 30 July, THE Year 10 students and their parents attended the Subject Selection evening. This was combined with the Beacon Charter signing event. On the occasion of the Charter Signing the Year 10 students committed to full-time school, full-time work or other pathways like TAFE, traineeship or apprenticeship. The evening was also attended by representatives from Beacon, BlackRock (our financial sponsor) and the businesses supporting the school in this endeavour.

Prefect Initiative

The Year 11 Prefects are planning a project to revamp the school agricultural plot and work with the student sin the Support Unit. This project will initiate more inclusion and acceptance of all students within the school community.

Year 12 HSC

Good luck and best wishes to all year 12 students who are sitting their Higher School Certificate this year.

*Mrs P. Menon
Relieving Deputy Principal*

CAREERS UPDATE

Year 9 - Don't forget to pick up a Tax File Number application form .You will NEED a Tax File Number when you commence part-time work. It's not too late.

Year 10 - Remember if you would like to complete a week's work experience see me for the necessary paperwork. At Ingleburn High School our work experience program is continuous which means you can do work experience at any time throughout the year but just remember you will need to catch up on all missed work. Also, TVET applications are now due so if you intend studying a TAFE course, as part of your Higher School Certificate, please see me as soon as possible.

Year 11 - ALL students are able to apply for a TVET course in their final year of study so see me if you are interested.

Year 12 - Good luck in your Higher School Certificate. If you are applying to UAC please don't leave it to the last minute as you will incur a late fee. Applications are due by 27 September.

Don't forget the latest Careers Newsletter can be found on the Ingleburn High School webpage.

As always please see me if you need help.

*Mrs J. Duval
Careers Adviser*

YEAR 12 EXTENSION HISTORY EXCURSION

In late July I accompanied the HSC Extension History class and Mrs Ellis on a day tour of historical sites in the Parramatta area – as part of their studies. The students – Niko Auer, Robert Fisk, Lubaba Rahman, Jessica Roberts, Besa Beqaj and Travis Smith – were guided by historian and author, Judith Dunn.

The excursion covered sites along the Parramatta River as well as the sites of the original Female Factory and the very significant final location which is still in use.

The day provided the students with a fascinating insight into the workings of the factory system in colonial times as well as the powerful story of women and their place in society between 1821 and 1848.

The students were attentive throughout; articulate in their questioning and a credit to themselves and their school.

Mr M. Wiecek



YEAR 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION FEEDBACK

Correspondence received from Sydney Olympic Park Authority over a recent excursion.

Dear Principal

We recently had a Year 11 group from your school visit Sydney Olympic Park for a Biology excursion in the wetlands. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the students for their exceptional behaviour during the excursion, and the teachers for their support and enthusiasm.

The students were respectful, polite and engaging with our education officers and each other, and showed interest and concern for the environment around them. Furthermore, they were actively engaged in the field work, asked thoughtful questions and gave exceptional answers throughout the excursion.

It makes our work at the Park all the more fulfilling when we work with classes such as your Year 11 group and I trust they are integrating what they learnt at the Park back at school with equal enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing your school again soon and thank you once again for visiting Sydney Olympic Park.

Yours Sincerely

*Rachel Maitland
Education Coordinator
Sydney Olympic Park Authority*

YEAR 12

On Monday 29 August 2013, Year 12 had a Welfare session where they were presented with the BURN movie and had a discussion led by Legal Aid NSW.

The movie 'follows the story of 16-year-old, Tee, whose life is thrown into chaos when a late-night drive with older boys erupts into violence. This gritty crime drama was improvised by the young cast and shows how high-risk group behaviour can quickly spin out of control'. BURN added to the students understanding of how easy it is to get involved in group situations that can escalate to law breaking.

I wish Year 12 all the best with their upcoming Higher School Certificate which starts on Monday 14 October. I look forward to celebrating Year 12's upcoming graduation and formal and will endeavour to instil the last few pieces of advice to see that their remaining few weeks (leading up to the Higher School Certificate) are as productive and rewarding as possible.

All the best Year 12!

*Ms M. Chuna
Student Adviser Year 12*

P&C **PARENTS AND CITIZENS** **ASSOCIATION**

We are over half way through the term already and there is lots happening for the remainder of the term.

Tuesday, 27 August - Sweet Treat Day

The P&C will have Krispy Kreme doughnuts, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, toffees, lollies etc. during both breaks. Prices will be from 30 cents to \$1.50. If any parents have time to help out on the day to sell, please contact me either by mobile on 0438 982 930 or email jeffr4@bigpond.com.au

Saturday, 7 September - Election Day BBQ/Cake Stall

This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds from the local community. We need your help in either of three ways:

- Donate cake mixes/ingredients to bake treats for the stall (donations can be left at the school office)
- Bake some treats to sell on the stall (bring treats to the stall on the Saturday)
- Volunteer an hour or so to either cook or serve customers

All help is very much appreciated. If you can help out in any way please contact me on my mobile or by email as stated above.

Sunday, 8 September - Bunnings Cake Stall

This booking was made with Bunnings before the date changed for the Election. So I have a busy weekend with both events happening. Hopefully I will have some cakes left over from the Election Day Cake Stall to sell at Bunnings or it's going to be a busy night baking to replenish supplies.

If you are in the store on the day, come and say hello and buy a cake. I will be at the front entrance to the store.

Snax Fundraiser

Order forms have been sent home for the Snax Fundraiser. Anyone wanting to place an order must have their order, with full payment returned to the school office by Thursday, 5 September.

The next **P&C meeting** is on **Wednesday, 28 August** starting at 6.30pm in the Staff Common Room in B Block. Last meeting we had only four parents attend but we need five in attendance to run a meeting so it would be great to see some new faces. Come along and find out what's happening around the school and enjoy some home baked treats for supper.

*Sue Roberts
P&C President*



SYDNEY SOUTH WEST GIRLS NETBALL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

This year, inspired by our new netball bodysuits, the Ingleburn High School Open Netball Team achieved their best results ever in the SSW Open Knockout Competition. Not only did they make it through day one of the competition undefeated, ensuring us a place in the top twelve in the region, but we managed to also complete all of our preliminary games on final's day without a loss to score a place in the semi's. After a tough game against Elderslie High School, where our girls fought hard despite a range of injuries incurred earlier in the day, we went down for our first loss of the tournament. We finished the competition equal third in the SSW Region with Camden High School.

Congratulations to all the girls on their spectacular effort over the two days: Rachel Minton, Emma Isaacson, Dakota Holmes, Monique Harrison, Hayley Calvert, Stacey Courtage, Elyse Roberts, Tora Ierome and Taryn Marshall.

Thank you to all of the parents who came to cheer us on and a special thanks to ex-student Becky Isaacson for umpiring for us.

*Mrs S. McMurdo and Miss E. Ventura
Netball Coordinators*



TEACHERS ON SECONDMENT

A message from Mr Weatherstone

As many of you would know, I have been asked to relieve as Principal at Robert Townson High School until the end of this year. This happened at very short notice and there was almost no time to say my goodbyes to staff or students.

I'm pleased to tell you that I have been welcomed warmly by staff, students and parents at Robert Townson but I certainly miss the strong relationships I have built with everyone in the Ingleburn community. I got to know the students in Years 8, 10 and 12 well and seeing them through the school (and some occasionally in my office!) was always a pleasure apart from those times when we were working through some extremely difficult issues.

Mrs Menon has been appointed to relieve as Deputy Principal in my absence and I am sure she will continue to offer support and assistance to students and staff in this capacity.

This year I took on teaching 81 English and I am sad to leave them but they are in the capable hands of Mr Zezovski who I'm sure will grow to love them (well, most of them) as I did. Year 12 are approaching their HSC and it has been a pleasure to see them all mature into the fine young men and women that they are. I will unfortunately not be able to attend their formal (as it is on the same night as Robert Townson's formal) but I will be there for your graduation to celebrate the completion of your schooling.

One of my great pleasures has been working with the Prefects of the school, and as we say farewell to our outgoing Year 12 Prefects, our Year 11 Prefects have impressed me by their enthusiasm and dynamism in leading positive change in the school.

This relieving position as Principal is for the remainder of 2013, after which I may return to Ingleburn or there may be other things that occur. No matter what happens, it was an absolute pleasure to serve as the Deputy Principal of Ingleburn High School over the past 11 years and I look forward to bigger and brighter things for the school in the future.

A message from Mrs Ellis

I am currently working at State Office in Oxford Street, Sydney and am assisting in the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum in History. In doing this I am writing professional development modules for teachers to engage with to help them to become acquainted with the document and to give them the confidence to begin teaching with it next year. I am also working on an integration project. I am working with Macarthur Girls and Parramatta High Schools to develop and teach integrated units across the Phase One subjects of the new syllabuses. In a couple of weeks I will be also starting on a differentiation curriculum project, which will see me working with other schools across

the state in implementing a differentiated curriculum in line with the new Australian syllabus.

Year 12 – Good luck in the future. Go out and own the world and always be proud of where you come from. It has been a privilege knowing you all and always remember to read between the lines and to come to grips with the definition of *Damn Whores and God's Police* and all that is associated with that, at all times.

WELFARE TEAM

Term 3 – Student of the Term Sport

This award for Student of the Term is awarded to Jacob Tupuola (Year 11).



Jacob has achieved a lot in his footy lately. He is representing our school in the Under 17's CHS NSW Football side. Close to the end of this term, Jacob will go to England to represent NSW Under 18's football team.

We wish Jacob and his team the best of luck.

He will then go on to represent New Zealand in the Under 18's Cup.

Jacob is a great sportsperson and this award is well deserved.

FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

A concern recently has arisen at the number of contact details that are incorrect for your children. If you have recently moved, changed employment, have a new mobile number or a new house number, please contact the school and update your details.

Ms S. Papadakis
Head Teacher Administration

IHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

**Friday mornings from
8.30am – 10.00am**

**EFTPOS and Credit card payment is
available.**

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



Year 7 Powerhouse Museum Excursion

Our Year 7 Design and Technology (Mandatory) classes were fortunate to go on an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo, which was organized by the Head Teacher of the TAS Faculty, Mrs D. Williams. Accompanied by Mr T. Tomeski, Mr D. Dong, Mr L. Dearnley and myself, students were enthusiastic to demonstrate and enhance some life skills on the day. Purchasing their own train ticket, travelling together on the train and walking safely as a group from Central Station to the museum and back home.

Once arriving at our destination, students were split into two groups and introduced to an 'Innovation Presentation'. The workshop provided hands-on skills and engaged students in learning about the design process behind different types of coffee makers. The 'Wallace and Gromit's - World of Invention' exhibition enabled students to view videos and participate in further activities such as designing their own logo for a 'smoothie'. After lunch, we had the opportunity to see and explore a diverse collection of technological exhibits in the Transport and Space Travel section. Many students asked me questions as they were intrigued with our unique past as we 'stepped back in time'. I answered as accurately as possible and tried to explain that some of these technological inventions existed even before my time. Some found this hard to fathom.

Student feedback was positive as most found it fascinating, informative and enjoyable.

I would like to congratulate our students on their excellent behaviour and manners during the day.

*Mr N. Prculovski
Visual Arts/Technology Teacher*

PHOTO GALLERY







Visual Arts Faculty

Friday 28 June was the last day for Stephanie Reichel and Tayla Fowler at Ingleburn High School. Students from the Year 8 Visual Arts classes got together to farewell both girls. Many have been friends since primary school and will continue to keep in touch. From everyone at Ingleburn High School we wish you both all the best of luck and success at your new schools.

Mr N. Prculovski
Visual Arts/Technology Teacher



SCHOOL FEES

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



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Traxside have partnered with the Anglicare young carers program and are organising two focus groups for young carers aged between 12-17 and 18-24.

The young people will meet and compile a list of current issues associated with being young carers. This is a chance for young people to meet other young carers, have their say and hear other stories. Light refreshment supplied. These focus groups will be held in August- date and time to be decided upon by the young people.

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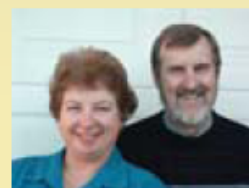
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ANTI-RACISM – A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCO



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

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Year 11 Report

As Year 11 comes close to an end, please ensure you are all up-to-date with your classwork and assessment tasks. Your Final Preliminary exams will be held during Weeks 8-9. Make certain you are studying for these exams. It is a 10 week term, therefore attendance during Week 10 is compulsory so you will need to still attend school in the last week of term.

Silver Awards – It has been a little quiet in this department lately. Remember collect your five Bronze Awards and hand them in to Miss Gerace to receive your Silver Award.

Crossroads – 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. The dates for this program are 16 and 17 September. It is compulsory for all Year 11 students to attend.

2014 Varsity Jackets – We have now finalised orders and all outstanding balances need to be paid by Friday 13 September 2013. Below is what they will look like.



2013 KARI GALA DINNER

Venue: The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club
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18+ EVENT

Michael Wiecek's Retirement

Mr Wiecek retires at the end of this term after 12 years as Principal at Ingleburn High School.

To show our appreciation for his dedication to the school and pass on our best wishes, the P&C would like to invite current and past students/parents to 'An Evening with Mike' on **Monday, 16 September** from **5.00 pm** in the school hall.

The P&C will have sausages sizzling on the BBQ and cold drinks, tea and coffee available.

We hope to have a selection of students performing throughout the evening. Any students interested in performing on the night please see Miss Young in the Music faculty.

If you would like to attend and, to assist with catering, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by **Thursday, 12 September** or I can be contacted on 0438 982 930 or by email at jeffr4@bigpond.com.au.

Regards

Sue Roberts
P&C President

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