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Hello to the Ingleburn High School Community.

Term 3 began on a high with a fantastic Staff Development Day around Visible Learning. This focus is the main strategy for our Inspired Teaching Priority and more will be explained in future newsletters. LMBR staff training for the new schools finance package has now been completed. Subject Selection Night was a huge success with parents feeling better informed about subjects we offer students in Years 9 and 11 for 2018 to align with future employment, training or further education.

Our Writing for Success strategy continued to up skill staff for improving our students writing and responding skills as part of our commitment to whole school learning improvement. This was also the theme for our final Twilight session. The school transition programs with our partner primary schools has been extremely well received from Year 6 students coming to Ingleburn High School in 2018. Southern Stars is fast approaching and staff and students have been working hard to perform at their best.

Empowering Women in Education has involved five students from Year 11 who have been great role models for young women and have joined educational leaders in our network for mentoring advice.

High Resolves and Rock and Water programs have continued this year and have provided excellent wellbeing programs for Year 7 and 8 students.

Now the HSC Trial examinations have been completed, it is not long now for Year 12 to complete their 13 years of schooling and spend their holiday break studying for their HSC examinations. The end of term activities, including a fun day and graduation, have been organised and students are very excited. Multicultural Day is now also part of the last week of Term 3. I would like to remind all parents and students that their behaviour until the end of term will continue to be exemplary as leaders in the school. There is NO 'muck up' time for Year 12 as it is quite clear that these activities breach the DEC student behaviour code and can create problems for students graduating at the venue for which they sit the HSC. I am fully confident there will be no issues. Students have been much better in the wearing of full school uniform and I would like to congratulate over 95% of students who have complied. Just a reminder that black shorts or tights are not part of our uniform and parents will be called if these are worn and students will be sent home to change.

# Why does DEC support a mandatory school uniform in NSW schools?

- It defines an identity for the school within its community
- It develops students' sense of belonging to the school community
- · It provides an opportunity to build school spirit
- It enhances the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- It promotes a sense of inclusiveness, nondiscrimination and equal opportunity
- It reinforces the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- It increases the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- It promotes positive community perceptions of public education
- It makes school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes

*If your family is having financial difficulties* – please write a request to the Principal for support in getting your school uniform. There is funding in the school to help, where needed. All applications and assistance are treated confidentially and sensitively.

We will be continuing to focus on improving and maintaining high uniform standards – so keep up the great efforts and wear your Ingleburn High School uniform with pride!

#### 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. The school has EFTPOS facilities, the Parent Online Portal and cash or cheque is also accepted.

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.



#### Notification of Change of Address/Phone Numbers

A significant number of parent/carer phone numbers are out of date. A smaller number of parent/carer addresses are similarly out of date. It is vital – especially if an emergency is involved – that these details are kept up to date. There are a few ways parents can notify the school regarding changes:

- Pro-formas are on the school website under Documents – follow the links
- Come to the school and notify in person

A phone call to the Deputy Principals or the Principal. If your family details are now out of date, I would appreciate your prompt response to rectify this situation. A form is included at the back of this newsletter for your convenience.

#### **COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY GUIDELINES**

I extend a reminder to all that, if at any time, you find that you have a concern about anything to do with the school, you are encouraged to ring the school and speak to someone so that your concern may resolved. It is our aim to work with our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Communities has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the school office. Further information is also available in the Department's Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the department's internet website at http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/how-we-operate/how-we-handle-complaints/.

#### P&C

Once again we look forward to continuing our positive relationships with parents so we can work together to produce the best possible learning for all students. Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month to hear about current initiatives and programs of the school as well as discussing educational issues that directly affect the learning of all students. I would like to encourage parents to be active members of the P&C and to make a contribution. The small but active and friendly will welcome members you warmly and enthusiastically. This week we will be discussing the school canteen and its future operations.

#### PRG

The new building project due to start next year has two information booths at Ingleburn Library. These dates have been advertised throughout the local media for the past two weeks. These are Wednesday 23 August and Thursday 24 August from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Please come along to look at the draft plans.

#### NAPLAN

Results are now available on line, on the parent portal. If you have trouble accessing them then please contact the school for support.

#### SCHOOL PLAN

We are currently working on the next three year school plan. At the next P&C meeting we will be discussing what our community would like to see happen at Ingleburn High School during 2018 to 2020. This will also include the funding of programs and student resources.

I look forward to next term's newsletter.

Kind Regards

Rob Cheadle

Proud Principal Ingleburn High School

## 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 Teaching and Learning Staffroom in BR0064. If you have any questions regarding our policies or the resolution process, please contact me through the school's front office.

> Mr D. Levkovski Head Teacher Teaching and Learning ARCO Representative



# SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### Week 6 – Term 3

23 August P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in the Library 25 August Year 7 Gala Day

#### Week 7 – Term 3

28 August Year 9 Work Placement – All week31 August Father's Day Stall and Sweet Treat Day

#### Week 8 – Term 3

Week 9 – Term 3	
4 Sept	Year 10 Workplacement for interested students – All week
4 Sept	Year 11 Preliminary Examinations – All week

- 11 Sept Year 11 Preliminary Examinations
- 12 Sept Year 11 Preliminary Examinations

#### Week 10 - Term 3

18 Sept	Year 11 Music Preliminary Examination
19 Sept	Multicultural Day
20 Sept	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
21 Sept	Year 12 Formal – Panorama House
22 Sept	Last day of Term 3

#### Week 1 – Term 4

9 October All students resume school for Term 4

\*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.



## EMPOWERING THE POWERFUL-WOMEN IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Four of our Year 11 students, had the opportunity to take part in this year's Women in Educational Leadership Conference at Darling Harbour. The event was led by Maria Serafim, Director Public Schools NSW and was attended by over 250 women across all educational sectors.

The aim of the conference was to highlight the power of women and how to believe in themselves. Grace Ford, Angela Nguyen, Dona Peralta and Fariha Shaiyara, as host leaders, modelled and led discussions with their group of women on how they back themselves, how they help to back up other females and how to achieve their goals both personally and professionally.

The girls had a fantastic day collaborating with other students from East Hill Girls Technology High School, Holsworthy High School and Macquarie Fields High School. The girls found the experience to be "exciting", "fantastic". They enjoyed learning the skills on "...how to back myself and be a 10/10 not only for myself, but for other girls around me too…" and enjoyed working with Maria Serafim, Jan Dolstra (Principal Macquarie Fields High School) and all the other student representatives.

#### Ms G Koskinas Assistant Student Adviser Year 11



# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEWS

Monday 14 August saw the celebration of the Public Schools, NSW Ultimo Vocational Education and Training Awards at Revesby Workers Club. The event is a celebration of the dedication of students, parents, teachers, schools and community partners who contribute to the Vocational Education and Training (VET) of over 10,000 students. Award winners are students who have shown excellence, commitment and passion in their chosen industry area of study.

Congratulations to:

Helen Yuen – Business Services

Nicholas Kemble- Construction

Luke Fonti – Retail Services

Students were awarded as finalists in their industry area.

Most VET courses require work placements which provide students with access to real work in industry settings. VET courses are designed for all students and are offered to students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. They are dual-accredited and lead towards a Certificate I, II or III qualification. VET courses contribute to further studies at TAFENSW, private colleges and university and most importantly, allow students to acquire work-related skills and hands-on experience.

For further information please contact Ms G Koskinas (VET Coordinator) at Ingleburn High School.











#### **School Canteen**

All financial members have been emailed a letter requesting their attendance at the next P&C meeting to vote on the P&C's involvement in the school's canteen.

This meeting is extremely important and we ask that all financial members attend this meeting for the vote.

#### Father's Day Stall/ Sweet Treat Day

The P&C will be running a Father's Day stall on Thursday 31 August outside the hall during both breaks. Cost of gifts will range between \$2.00 - \$6.00

Also on this day we will be having Sweet Treat Day. There will be brownies, cupcakes, toffees and lots more for sale. Cost of treats will range between 50cents to \$2.00

#### **Entertainment Book**

Each year the P&C runs the Entertainment Book fundraiser. The Entertainment Book is filled with \$15 000 worth of offers for fine dining, casual dining, accommodation, hire car, sporting activities, movies and lots more.

The Entertainment Book is in the form of a book, full of offers/vouchers or an E Book on your phone. The E Book is very handing, you just enter what location you are at and it will come up with the offers in that area. The E Book will also keep track of the savings that you have made as well as add new offers throughout the year. Also with the E Book you can share it with two other family members. The cost of the Sydney Greater West Book is \$65.00. After just visiting two restaurants you will save the cost of the book.

Reminder to all parents that the 'earn and learn' is back on. There is a box located in the front office of the school as well as one at Woolworths Ingleburn.

**The next P&C meeting** is on Wednesday, 23 August, in the Library starting at 6.30pm. Come along and meet the school's Executive staff.

Ray Mosley P&C President

# **UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

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

### Thursday mornings 8.00am – 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.



# FREE SOFTWARE FOR STUDENTS

All students in the Department of Education are entitled to free software from Microsoft and Adobe. This includes software such as Microsoft Windows 10, Microsoft Office 2016 for both Windows and Mac users, as well as some Adobe products.

To download the software, students need a valid Department of Education email address (ending with @education.nsw.gov.au). To access the website type the following URL into your devices web browser:

http://nsw-students.onthehub.com

Enjoy this great resource!

Mr P Noakes ICT Coordinator

# SHOW WEEK – POSTCARDS – SOUTHERN STARS 2017



After almost a year of preparation and many months of rehearsals, Southern Stars 2017 *Postcards* is in the final week – show week!

From Monday this week the WIN Entertainment Centre will become a hive of activity as the staging and lighting goes in and on Wednesday students will arrive to take part in two huge days of rehearsals in preparation for the four performances on Friday and Saturday August 25 and 26.

Over 3000 public school students from around Southern NSW will perform in Southern Stars *Postcards*, displaying their many and varied talents in music, dance, drama and even circus.

**Postcards** has something for everyone, whether you have a child in the show or not, it is worth taking your family to see one of the best arena variety entertainment shows in the country. The matinee show on Saturday is ideal for families!

If you do have children in the show make sure you check in to our Facebook site **Southern Stars - The Arena Spectacular** for the latest photos backstage, for video of students in final rehearsals, and for stories from our media sponsors WIN News Illawarra and the Illawarra Mercury. Please like us and share our posts with your friends and family.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, there are still some available through Ticketmaster, but be quick! Tickets are Adult \$49.00, Pensioner and student over 12 \$39.00, Student/Child under 12 \$29.00. www.ticketmaster.com



# MULTICULTURAL DAY – PARENTS AND LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

Ingleburn High School believes in the importance of building a sense of community and fostering the social, physical, emotional, cultural and academic wellbeing of students. The school's Multicultural Day is part of a tradition that not only acknowledges and celebrates the achievements and talents of our students, staff and community, but recognises our multicultural nature and seeks to build positive relationships between all members of the school community.

This year's Multicultural Day is shaping up to be a truly memorable event. All of the students and teachers have been working hard to ensure everyone enjoys this unique day at Ingleburn High School.

We are requesting **parents and local businesses** to **donate** a stall or prizes for our event that includes food stalls, talent quest, various competitions and rides.

All local businesses that assist with our Multicultural Day have the opportunity to be advertised in our newsletter as well as promoted on the day via a stall or donated prizes.

Date: Tuesday 19 September 2017

Time: 8:45am to 3:00pm

Expected Numbers: 800 plus

**Donations accepted:** Food stalls, prizes, gift vouchers, hampers, drinks stations

If you have any questions about our Multicultural Day, please phone the office on (02) 9505 1509.

We look forward to seeing you at Ingleburn High School to enjoy our Multicultural Day with us.



