Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kindergarten Enrolments
We are currently organising the Kindergarten Orientation Program for those children starting Kindergarten at IPS in 2015. If you have a child who is five or will be turning five before the end of July 2015, please collect an application for enrolment form from the Administration Office. We would appreciate it if you could pass this message on to friends and neighbours who have children approaching school age.

Fire in the Fields
Congratulations to all our fantastic students who represented our school with pride at the “Fire in the Fields” matinee and evening performances on Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 August. You were simply amazing. A huge thank you to Miss Issa, Miss Overell and Miss Ravelli for their support and dedication in preparing those amazing students for this combined schools concert. Thank you also to the whole staff of IPS who supported our performing students in many other ways. All our students represented Ingleburn Public School with enthusiasm and pride and should be exceptionally pleased with their performance efforts.

Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall
On Wednesday 3 September we hosted a great BBQ that started at 8:00am and finished at 9:00am. It was great to see so many children and their families enjoying the company of not only their own family, but other families and staff along with some tasty food. During the day our P&C ran a Father’s Day stall where all children had the opportunity to purchase some small gifts for the special men in their lives. This saw all the children very excitedly choosing some lovely gifts and we hope that all families enjoy Father’s Day on Sunday and love the gifts that your children chose.

Fun Day
We will be hosting a Fun Day Extravaganza on Wednesday 10 September. Students, parents and teachers have been working closely together to make this great day extremely successful. Keep the day free, we would love to see you all here to enjoy the day on Wednesday. More information will follow during the coming week. Thank you to Miss Lowe, Mrs Southam and Mrs York and all the staff who have been doing an incredible amount of work behind the scenes to ensure the day is fun and successful. Our monstrous Fun Day Raffle will be drawn during the course of Fun Day, there are lots of fantastic prizes to be won and we would encourage all families to continue to sell their raffle tickets so as to continue to raise funds for this event. Thank you to Mrs York for her amazing work in organising this raffle and a huge thank you to all the local businesses and families who have donated prizes, there are over 30 prizes to be won and there are still tickets available for only $2.00 each.

Mr Graeme Green
Principal
3T's Planet Poetry

This term 3T is learning about space and our place in the solar system. Students are completing project-based learning tasks where they find the answers to questions they posed at the beginning of the term. They have designed and made board games about the importance of the Sun and are currently making travel brochures to inform people about each planet. Students have also been reading and writing poetry. 3T hopes you enjoy reading their theme poems about each of the planets in our solar system.

-Miss Thompson

Mercury
Red, brown, rocky
Covered in ice
To be precise.
-Cameron, Zac, Cedrik

Earth
Blue, green environment
Only planet
Supporting life.

The Moon
Like a marshmallow
Grey, white
A natural satellite.

Venus
Orange, black, warm
Like the Sun
Has some storms.
-Diwakar, Vaibhav, Ethan

Mars
Cold, dusty, red
Spotted with craters
No life, dead.
-Jasmine, Victoria, Wiremu

Red, rocky, dusty
Two moons
Looks rusty.
-Apsara, Hayley, Josielei, Riley
Jupiter
Giant, strong, stormy
With a great red spot
Gravity stronger than any
other planet.
- Arshdeep, Tamjid, Zaeem

Uranus
Big, cold, blue
Has a beautiful ring
Seventh planet too.
- Leanne, Melissa, Olivia

Neptune
Blue gas giant
Has one ring
Similar to Uranus.
- Myisha, Taninder

Saturn
Yellow, orange, dusty
With rings around
Sixth from the Sun.
- Sophie, Riki’lee,
  Lily, Bella

Pluto
Small, dark, purple
Dwarf planet
Like a turtle planet
Like a turtle, all alone.
- Lida, Kevin, Nataria
1YK have been getting their hands dirty this term with gardening lessons and learning about how things grow and change. The students have been planting vegetables in the gardening beds behind their classroom. They have been very lucky to get some tips from gardening expert, Mr Monkleigh. Visual Art and Writing lessons have been based on the gardening theme with students writing procedures about 'How to Grow Beans' and creating artworks using autumn leaves.
Frozen Disco
Last week’s disco was one of the best we have experienced at IPS. Many of the IPS staff danced along with the students, whilst parents relaxed in our Parent Cafe. We had over 200 students attend, and are pleased to announce we raised over $1000 which will be used to provide exciting and new Fun Day stalls. Many students sang along to the lyrics of songs from the popular movie, Frozen and danced to many of the latest hits! Thank you for your continued support. We hope everyone had a great afternoon!
Mrs York

Fun Day
Don’t forget our biggest fundraiser of the year, Fun Day, is on Wednesday 10th September between 11am and 2pm. Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends are invited to participate in the fun and excitement! This is our major fundraising event of the year and it is hoped you will attend with your child between 11am – 2pm. There will be many stalls and fun activities including food stalls, white elephant and a Petting Zoo! All money raised will be used to purchase new resources to support your child’s learning.

Fun Day Raffle
Each child has been given a sheet of ten raffle tickets to sell at $2.00 per ticket. When your child has sold their raffle tickets, please send completed tickets and money to school in an envelope labelled with your child’s name and class.
The Fun Day Raffle will be drawn on Fun Day, Wednesday 10 September 2014, please continue to sell all raffle tickets, and collect more from school if required. We will be accepting all tickets up until Wednesday morning.
We would like to thank all families and many local businesses for all the donations and support with providing for the 30+ prizes that can be won.

Miss Lowe and Mrs York
Literacy and Numeracy Week Author and Illustrator Visit

During Literacy and Numeracy Week, about forty students who had written exceptionally good and well-structured texts, were chosen to attend an author visit where they would have the incredibly rare chance to meet Patricia Bernard, a very experienced author and Chewie Chan, a skilled illustrator. The author visit took place in the school hall with the support of Liverpool City Library and the Casula Powerhouse Museum.

Once at the hall, we sat at some desks. On the desks were some notebooks with lined pages and pens. Every single one of us were allowed to keep one notebook and a pen. We watched closely, without making a sound as firstly the author, Patricia Bernard showed us some of the books she wrote like “The Mask”. This is a book about a boy who is kidnapped in Venice. After she finished showing us her books, she focused on some book covers that she had created for her books. She told us many things about the way a book should be structured and how important it is to have the right grammar and punctuation. The only time that there was some noise was when the author concluded her lecture and everyone wanted to be the first to get an autograph.

After recess, everyone returned to the hall eager to meet Mr Chewie Chan. By the look of things, he was a really good illustrator. We sat exactly where we sat before recess and just stared at the illustrated comics and drawings by Chewie Chan, that were placed on the desks. Chewie demonstrated some awesome ways to draw humans and then showed us how to draw 3D trains. The same fuss occurred when everyone lined up again for an autograph.

To sum up, the author visit was an ideal chance for students to get to know famous authors and illustrators and learn valuable information about book and novel writing and illustration. I hope there is another author visit next year at our school and at the high schools that Year 6 people will enrol in.

By Jason 6W
Campbelltown Academic Challenge

Art Competition

Our students participated in an Art Competition that was held during the Campbelltown Academic Challenge. All 20 schools participating in the Challenge and each school could enter 8 artworks from each stage.

All of our schools fantastic artworks that were submitted into the art competition are displayed in the hall. Please call in and have a look.

Congratulations to the following talented students who achieved excellent results with their outstanding work.

First Place
Kindergarten
Sabeera Styler1M

Encouragement Award Stage One
Sarah-Laine Ferris 1D

Third Place
Stage Two
Courtney Timmins 3/4B

Second Place
Stage Three
Sienna Wallace
Library

Last week Book Week was celebrated, this is an acknowledgement of Australian children's authors and illustrators. The theme for this year is Connect to Reading a very important message as it is through reading we learn about our world and its inhabitants. Reading is an important skill, a skill that is used throughout our life whether we are reading books, newspapers, information on the computer, signs, labels or filling in forms, it is with reading we connect to our world.

It is important to encourage children to read so as to develop the skill of reading, the children I see in the library all enjoy listening to stories and browsing through books.

I would like to see more children borrowing books, they don’t have to wait for their class borrowing time, the library is open in the morning before school, at second half lunch and after school, all times when the children and their parents can come in to borrow.

Encourage your child to connect to reading.

Lorelle Byers
Teacher Librarian

Head lice

We have received several reports of head lice amongst students at IPS recently. Head lice are only found on the human head. They are not found on any other part of the human body. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. Treating anything other than the human head does not eradicate head lice. As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice:
* regularly check your children’s hair
* teach older children to check their own hair/tie back and/or braid long hair
* keep a fine tooth comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair

Before you choose a treatment for head lice, consider the following:
* make sure that your child actually does have head lice and do not treat unless they do
* any product used on the head should be used with caution. Always read the label
* many products have a very strong smell. A strong smelling substance left on the hair for any length of time may trigger a reaction
* if dead lice are found then the product has worked. You must re-treat in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs
* if you find live lice then the treatment hasn’t worked. Either use another product with a different active ingredient (read the label) or try the comb and conditioner method

* Do not use insecticides, methylated spirits or kerosene on your child’s head.

**Treating head lice:**
What is the comb and conditioner method?

1. Remove all hair accessories from the child’s hair and comb out plaits and braids. Put paper towel around your child’s shoulders to catch any conditioner spill.
2. Apply liberal amounts of conditioner to the scalp and massage it thoroughly through the hair. The idea of the conditioner is to restrict the movement of the head lice long enough for you to catch them with a comb.
3. Use a large comb to part small sections of the hair starting from the back and working upwards towards the crown. Eggs are often found behind the ears and toward the back of the head.
4. After each comb out, wipe the conditioner on the paper towel.
5. Keep combing each section of hair until not further lice or eggs appear on the paper towel.


*Remember: It is very important to teach your children not to share hats, brushes, combs, headbands, etc. Also please teach younger girls not to touch with or play with each other’s hair.*

Mr Graeme Green
Principal

**Girls Touch Football Knockout**
On Wednesday 23rd June the Year 6 Girls Touch Football Team participated in the Razorback-Campbelltown State Knockout Shield. Unfortunately, the girls were defeated in the first round by a very strong team from Bradbury Public School. Despite this setback, it was pleasing to see our students continue to give their best effort to our remaining games.

At the end of the day, one of the principals from a local school commended our girls on their sportsmanship and impeccable manners. It was pleasing to hear such wonderful feedback about our students, who deserve a huge congratulations for the way in which they represented our school.

Mrs Pritchard
Fire in the Fields 2014

Miss Issa, Miss Overell and Miss Ravelli were very excited to be taking 67 students in choir and dance from years 1 to 6 to Fire in the Fields.

Our students spent many weeks rehearsing. Last week we had rehearsal, matinee performance and our big evening performance on Wednesday night.

We are so very proud of all the effort our students have displayed! On Wednesday night the students performed with confidence and enthusiasm. There were many comments of “that was so much fun” that had us teachers smiling from ear to ear.

To our students we thank you for all your hard work and for the amazing effort you put into the performances. Well done, we are very proud of you all! Miss Ravelli, Miss Issa and Miss Overell 😊
POSITION VACANT

CANTEEN TREASURER
Are you good with numbers?
Are you able to devote some time?
Do you want to help your child?
Do you want to help the P&C?
Do you want to help the School?

Then the voluntary position of Canteen treasurer is the right role for you!
The P&C run Canteen is looking for a treasurer to manage the financial records of the Canteen and pay bills.
This is not a full time role, is voluntary and can largely be done at a time convenient to you.
Could those interested in undertaking this rewarding role please contact Ros or Kim at the Canteen during school hours.

CANTEEN NEWS
The P&C wishes to thank the parents and citizens who have answered the calls for volunteers to help in the canteen. More volunteers are always welcome. Any help you are able to give will be greatly appreciated.
The Canteen is run by the P & C and all profits are donated to the School for use in the purchase of resources and equipment, which are then used in the education of your children.
Please help in the canteen so that it can maintain its standard of service and provide lunches and snacks for your children. Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated. Contact Ros Creswell or Kim Russell at the Canteen during School hours.

P&C MEETINGS
The P&C holds a monthly meeting on the first Monday of the month at 9.15 am (just after the flag raising) in the staffroom, which is located in the building behind the flag raising.
All parents and citizens of Ingleburn Public School are welcome to attend and participate.

Your 2014 Committee:
President: Susie Corrigan
Senior Vice-President: Ros Cresswell
A/Junior Vice-President: Sarah Gifford
Treasurer: Sarah Smith
Secretary: Fiona Frame
For over 20 years Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Catalogues have been Australia’s favourite fundraising programs. There are hundreds of exciting toys from leading toy brands to choose from at unbeatable prices. Many of the toys in the catalogues are used by schools and centres and have been carefully selected to inspire creativity, learning and family fun.

You will find toys which are perfect for birthday or Christmas presents for children of all ages. The collection contains toys, books, puzzles, games, art & craft, construction, sporting & outdoor equipment, electronics, educational products and much more.

By ordering through the Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraising Catalogues you are helping our school. For every dollar you spend, **20 cents will be donated back to our school** to spend on valuable educational resources from Australia’s leading educational suppliers. Also, if we collect enough parent orders, we will receive an additional **$400** to purchase useful learning resources and equipment.

Simply collect a catalogue from the front office, browse the catalogue whilst having a cup of tea, and once you have decided on the items you wish to purchase, complete the order forms in the middle of the catalogues and return to us with your payment. We will consolidate your orders and send them to Chalk and Parent Direct. Your orders will then be individually packaged and labelled and sent to us for you to collect. Delivery is always prompt and by choosing to have your order delivered to the school, charges are kept low.

Please return your orders to Megan in the front office by **Friday 14th November 2014**.

If you have friends/relatives or neighbours who you think may be interested and would like to look through a catalogue, please feel free to ask for an additional copy for them too!
**Wizards** Handwriting Group

Occupational Therapy provide a comprehensive Handwriting program. Children attend small groups (3-6 children) which are prepared to specifically meet the needs of each child. The group is designed for Kindergarten and Year One Students.

Some of the topics covered include:
- Correct pencil grip and posture, Hand strengthening.
- Correct letter formations, Visual perception activities.
- Introduction to line placement and spacing (for sentences).

Resources are provided to help you facilitate continued learning at home.

Age: Kindy - Year One
Venue: Macarthur CDC
Dates: Commencing Term 4 2014
Time: To be confirmed
Cost: To be advised on enrolment

For more information and to register interest in Wizards handwriting group, please contact Macarthur Children’s Developmental Clinic on 4648 0837.

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**INVENTORS**

The Inventors Literacy Group

The Speech and Language Pathologists at Macarthur CDC provide a comprehensive, fun and innovative literacy program for primary school aged children who are striving to increase their literacy skills.

Over 10 weeks our inventors will join together in a small group to work towards developing their skills in reading, writing, spelling, comprehension, grammar and punctuation. Our inventors will become familiar with various text types and learn strategies to aid their comprehension.

Parents will be provided with tools, advice and resources for implementing strategies at home and in school.

Age: Primary School Age
Venue: Macarthur CDC
Dates: Commencing Term 4 2014
Time/cost: To be confirmed 2 week prior to commencement

Please contact our office on 46480837 to reserve your spot in Term 4.

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**Busy Bees** Social Skills Group

Psychology and Speech and Language Pathology combine to provide a comprehensive social skills program. Children attend small groups (4-7 children) which are prepared to specifically meet the needs of each child. There are groups available for a range of ages and abilities.

Some of the topics covered include:
- Understanding and managing emotions, Understanding inference and perspective taking. Giving and receiving compliments, Sharing and Turn taking, Self Esteem, Confidence and Assertiveness, starting, maintaining and ending conversations, Using eye contact, Playing with others, Making and keeping friends, Teamwork, Understanding humour, Listening and attention, Basic problem solving, Dealing with conflict.

Resources are provided to help you facilitate continued learning at home.

Age: Pre-school, 5-7 yrs, 7-10 yrs, 10-14 yrs, 14 + yrs
Venue: Macarthur CDC
Dates: Commencing Term 4 2014
Time: To be confirmed
Cost: To be advised on enrolment

For more Information and to register interest in Busy Bees Social Skills group, please contact Macarthur Children’s Developmental Clinic on 4648 0837.

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**School Holiday Care**

Come along and join the fun!

To download our enrolment form and full activities program, visit our website at [www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/childcare](http://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/childcare) and follow the links to School Holiday Care.

For more information, please contact our administration office on 4445 4443.

Two convenient locations:

Eagle Vale Neighbourhood Centre
31 Eagle Vale Drive, Eagle Vale

Campbelltown CTC
49 Broughton Street, Campbelltown

New opening hours: 7am to 6pm daily
Getting Ready for School Group

An eight week Occupational Therapy group therapy program for children going to kindergarten in 2015 with concerns about:

* Fine motor coordination
* Drawing skills
* Cutting skills
* Self care skills
* Pencil grasp and control
* Social and Group skills

**WHEN:** Tarm 4 - Monday 10.30am to 12pm
13th October every week until 1st December.

**DURATION:** 8 week program-90 minutes per week

**WHERE:** Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy
138 Thunderbolt Drive, Raby

**COST:** Screening Assessment prior to Group $115
70$ per weekly group (Claimable on most health funds)

**BOOKINGS:** Phone or talk to Narelle, Tahlita, Taighor or Elisha for bookings and further details PH: 9824 8945

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The 2014 “WRITE ON CLUB”

Making Handwriting Fun Group!

What? A handwriting assessment and group program for infants and primary school children during the September school holidays.

Program will include:

1. Screening and assessment of handwriting legibility and speed.
2. 3 group sessions (1 hour each session) of 4 participants involving fun sensory motor activities teaching children about correct handwriting techniques.
3. Follow-up sessions focusing on letter formation and handwriting legibility (as required)

Who are Group will be run separately for Kindergarten Years 1-2:
Years 3-4 and 5-6 children who have difficulties in:
- Handwriting
- Writing picture
- Speed
- Fluency

When:
- Morning sessions (time advised at screening).
- September school holidays 2014, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week (22th, 23rd, 24th September).

Costs: (Claimable on most health funds or through
Medicare under Allied Health Care Plan through GP)
- $115 Screening assessment
- $70 per 1 hour session
- Total Cost $325

The group program is suitable for children with
ASD. Social skills will be incorporated. Groups are claimable under FaCSIA

Where: Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy
138 Thunderbolt Drive, Raby

Bookings: Phone Narelle, Tahlita, Taighor or Elisha on 9824 8945

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**OPEN DAY 2014**

**SATURDAY, 13th September, 2014**
Minto Heights Rural Fire Brigade,
Hansens Rd, Minto Heights
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

*Activities for Kids
*Bush Fire Information
*Demonstrations
*Sausage Sizzle
**COME & PLAY SOFTBALL or TEEBALL!**

Mixed Boys, Girls, Mens & Women
Beginners welcome
All Training & Games @ Milton Park
Train after school, play on Saturdays
Come be part of our great local club!

We need players NOW!
Contact Registrar: Jacqui 0431 683 942

**REGISTRATIONS:**

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 2014 10.30AM-12.30PM INGLEBURN RSL
SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST 2014 10.30AM-12.30PM INGLEBURN RSL
THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST 2014 6.00PM-8.00PM MINTO MALL
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2014 2.00PM-4.00PM INGLEBURN RSL

*Birth Certificate required for NEW registrations*

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**Single with Children**

A non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.

Call 1300 300 496

Or visit our website:

[Website link]

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**KIDS CAMPS**

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays.

Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 30 activities for kids aged 5 to 18 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love.

Kids’ Camps from $45 per day

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