Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Welcome back to Term 4, 2014! We hope that you all had a wonderful two week spring holiday back in September and October. The holidays are always an important time to relax, to be with family and friends and indeed to “recharge those batteries”. Now we are in the middle of the Term already and “full steam” ahead with our programs and quality teaching and learning!

A LONG TERM WITH MANY EVENTS!

This term is 11 weeks in duration. Please note the upcoming events in our diary that follows in this Newsletter, so you are aware of what is happening, particularly as this Term we have our second Parent-Teacher Afternoon in Week 9 on Tuesday 2 December, from 3.30pm-6.00pm. On this day, parents and guardians are invited to come to the school and discuss with the teachers the progress of their children.

In Week 10, on Friday 12 December, we will be hosting our third annual IEC student reunion and connecting with our past IEC students who are in High schools.

Week 11 will see our Picnic Day take place on Monday 15 December whilst Tuesday 16 December we will have our Term 4 Leavers’ Assembly. The last teaching day will be Wednesday 17 December and the Term (as well as the year) will end! Once again, do consult our website calendar for any important dates of our IEC! In addition, the last few weeks, we have been working together, the High School and IEC to produce our New School Plan for 2015 with specific targets and focus areas. This will be made public early next year.

WELCOME TO MORE THAN 80 NEW STUDENTS AT THE IEC!!

Our Marrickville High School Principal Ms Dassakis, the IEC teachers and office staff would like to welcome our new students who started this Term and those students of course who are continuing their studies at Marrickville Intensive English Centre. We started the term with 11 classes and now we are running with 12 classes due to an UNPRECEDENTED number of student enrolments at the Centre. Last term, we had 8 classes! That is an increase of 4 classes! At the beginning of November we had 180 students and this number is slowly rising again! Our school has never seen its numbers that high! It is an absolute pleasure to host so many students, mainly International students. It does pose a challenge though to ensure that all students’ well-being and academic needs are met but all teaching and Office staff are doing this in their classrooms and beyond with warmth and care! At the end of this term, we expect to exit approximately 50 students who will be expected to commence with their High School studies at Marrickville High School or at their local/chosen High School. We also welcome some new teachers at the IEC with the rise in student numbers.
Welcome to Ms Natalie Ngo, Ms Grace Hari, Ms Jamuna Sundaram, Ms Angelina Stratigos and Ms Francisca Castro who is back again.

**SRC STUDENTS**

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is an important school body that works with our SRC Coordinating Teacher, Ms Sainsbury on a variety of initiatives. Our SRC also works with the High School SRC during the year on many common initiatives. Our Term 4 SRC students who were elected democratically in their classes are the following students:

1J – Dimitra SYKA
1S1- Yan Coelho BINDA
1S2- Zoe WEI
2J1- Herrick AL SCANDALORO,
William WERNER
2J2- Alessio MALCOTTI, Logini
PUVENDRAN
2J3- Sharon HE
2S1- Suria HAWA, Ella WU
2S2- May AUNG
2S3- Gloria JIANG
3J- Tony CHEN
3S- Betty BI

**COMING TO SCHOOL ON TIME**

We ask all our families to support the school with our rules. Students must be at school by **8.30am**, so they don’t have to rush getting here. The bell goes for Roll Call at 8.45am. If students are late 3 times, the IEC’s policy is to place the students on a Tuesday afternoon detention. Please ensure you support the school on this matter.

**“BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE”**

The Department of Education and Communities has initiated the “Bring Your Own Device” program since Term 1 this year. This allows students and of course teachers to access the WiFi of the school on their own laptops, smartphones, tablets etc. Students log on as per normal onto their device and then they have access to the Internet.

All new IEC students this term, who wish to use the school’s WIFI, must sign a special form to sign with their parents or guardians, stating what device they bring to the school and the serial number of that device. (If they do not bring their own device to school, then this should be stated on the form.) This is essential as any Internet access is recorded automatically onto the Data storage of the school and student log-ins on different sites can be checked on a daily or weekly basis. If the form is not filled out, then student access may be suspended temporarily.

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

“Mosaic Program”

A great evening was held on Tuesday night, 28 October 2014 when Marrickville IEC students were accompanied by me to NSW
University for the Presentation of works produced by the students in the Special Skills class "MOSAIC" program in Term 3.

The students in this Special Skills class (Special Skills classes always run on Thursdays, Period 4 at school and they are an Elective for the students), explored various themes, such as Multiculturalism, Racism, Understanding cultures, Refugees and Religion in today’s world, with the assistance of fantastic NSW University students. The university students came on Thursdays in Term 3, wearing their characteristic MOSAIC pink t-shirts, and helped the IEC students in class. The students made posters and Power Point presentations and these were submitted to the MOSAIC program.

At the evening, there was a presentation of Marrickville IEC’s works amongst other participating schools and IECs for University officials. Being the keynote speaker, I mentioned that MIEC was the first Intensive English Centre to participate alongside with mainstream High Schools in the Sydney region, pointing out that our students with their developing English language skills were able to articulate their thoughts about local and global issues! The “MOSAIC” program is a very worthwhile program connecting students to a University, challenging them to think about topical issues and providing a "voice" for all students, even for our new arrivals!!

Well done to all participating students! The students that participated in the program were:

Panagiotis Sykas from Greece
Fatma Gouhar from Greece
Afrodite Symani from Greece
Haikal Masduqi from Indonesia
Ka Weng Pan from China
Logini Puvendran from Sri Lanka
Cheuk Ho Lui from China
Elida Koroka from Papua New Guinea.

SCULPTURES BY THE SEA!
Tuesday 28 October 2014

As part of the Visual Arts program 90 students, organising Visual Arts Teacher, Ms D’Antonio, Teachers and School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) went on an excursion to view the extraordinary 2014 "Sculptures by the Sea" exhibition on Tuesday 28 October 2014. Selected students participated in artist led art-making workshops with Elyssa Sykes Smith and
Harry Vastutabu (and the collective Machine Green). They created artworks and talked and laughed and thoroughly enjoyed the art-making. Other students went with Chasna Harper, an ESL Educator, for a tour of the exhibition where they learnt about the sculptures and engaged in discussion to respond to the artworks. After a huge group picnic lunch in the park at Tamarrama beach the teachers and the students walked the beautiful coastal pathway to Bondi viewing all the amazing artworks from all around the world. This experience was an amazing experience that our students had by the sea! On behalf of Marrickville Intensive English Centre, our school would like to thank the Sculptures by the Sea and The Brennan Family Foundation for providing sponsorship for the workshops and travel costs for this invaluable excursion. Anyone can visit the following website to enjoy the exhibition and find out more information:


NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL

We ask that when students are given notes to be signed by parents or guardians, that this is done promptly, so notes are returned ON TIME, including if there are any monies to be given to the school e.g. for excursions. This makes the organisation of events much smoother with the administration of excursion in the Office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our students must always wear their school uniform and ensure they bring their equipment to school as well. If they are out of uniform, they must provide a note from home to me before class; otherwise they may be placed on a lunch detention. Support on this matter is of high importance.

READING VOLUNTEERS

Our Volunteers, from the general community are back at the IEC to contribute to the Reading Program of our students. This term these volunteers are: Mr Don Rooney, Ms Gabriella Tsirakidis, Ms Anne Herring, Ms Joan Llewellyn, Mr Matthew Lim. Some of our Volunteers have been with us for 2 or 3 years and others have recently become our newest volunteers. A hearty thank you to them once again for returning and being part of the school community during this Term!

FREE HOMEWORK CLUB EVERY TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL!!

Please note that Ms Litsa Nossar from the Marrickville Metro Migrant Resource Centre organises FREE homework help for ALL of our students, if they wish to get assistance with their homework. The homework Centre, called officially “STAP” or EVERY Tuesday from 2.30pm-4.00pm after school in Room 105. Why pay for homework help, when students can come and join in for free? Students from University assist our students as well. Please encourage your child to join in this cost free service! They just need to talk to me and that is all!!
**HOMEWORK/DIARIES**

Homework is part of the learning process! We have introduced MIEC diaries where students can write in there all the work they need to do. Failure to do homework may result with students being given detention or phone calls made to parents or guardians. If students continue not to provide work to the teachers, the students will be put on a special Homework booklet to help them further to organise their work. In this booklet, parents or guardians MUST sign it every day.

**OTHER FAMILIES NEEDING IEC SCHOOLING**

If you are aware of any families that have just settled in our area and their children need intensive English lessons before they start High School, please refer them to us. We would like to ensure that newly arrived students receive intensive English language lessons to be successful at their High School. For any enquiries about your own children, please do not hesitate to ring our office.

**As this is the only Newsletter in Term 4, 2014, please have a wonderful Term and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2 December at the Parent-Teacher afternoon!**

To all our exiting students this Term, best of Luck in your High school studies and keep in contact with us from time to time!

To all our parents and guardians, on behalf of the Principal Ms Dassaklis, the teaching and Office Staff, please have a wonderful summer holiday from Thursday 18 December and a lovely Christmas and New Year!!!

Best regards
Mr Dimitrios Kametopoulos
Head Teacher
November-December 2014

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**DATES TO REMEMBER****

- **WEEK 6:**
- **WEEK 7:**
  - Tues 18 Nov: Indonesian visitors at the IEC-
  - Wed 19 Nov: Inter-IEC Oratory Showcase at
  - Chester Hill IEC-all day
- **WEEK 8:**
  - **WEEK 9:**
    - Tue 2 December: 3.30pm-6.00pm: PARENT/TEACHER interviews. Marrickville High School Library. All families are invited to attend. Interpreters available. Notes will be given out Week by Week.
  - **WEEK 10:**
    - Friday 12 December: IEC Student Reunion Day
  - **WEEK 11:**
    - Mon 15 December: IEC Picnic Day-all day
    - **WEEK 12:**
      - Tue 16 December: School only open for staff
      - Wed 17 December: LAST Day of school
      - Thu 18 December: School only open for staff

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**SUMMER HOLIDAYS (6 weeks)**

Thursday 18 Dec –Monday 26 January 2015
(26 January = Australia Day Public Holiday)

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**2015, TERM 1- SUMMER TERM**

Tuesday 27 January: Teachers & Office staff return
Telephone enquiries can be made

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**Wednesday 28 January 2015: STUDENTS RETURN to school at 8.30am**

Check our MIEC Website for any information!
WELCOME!

BIENVENIDOS!

BEM-VINDOS!

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歎迎雛鳥 

SELAMAT DETANG!

AFIO MAI!

Hoan nghenh!

New Students

A very warm welcome to the following students and their families at the end of Term 3, 2014 and this Term 4, so far:

- From Vietnam..... chào mừng!
  Tam PHAN
  Jamie TRAN
  Trang HOANG
  Aaron Vu NGUYEN
  Jessica NGUYEN
  Vinh NGUYEN

- From Thailand..... อีมพีอีดอนรัม!
  Proud KULASETTHAKORN

- From Spain.... Bienvenidos!
  David RETES

- From Korea.... 환영합니다
  Jay SONG

- From Greece.... Καλως οριστε
  Theoharis MISIKOS
  Stliani TSAKOZI

- From Iran.... خوش آمدید
  Selma JAFARI

- From Portugal.... Bem-vinda!
  Eunice LOPES DA SILVA

- From Nepal.... स्वागतम्!
  Aliz KHATRI

- From Tibet.... གཉིས་བོད་བཟང་།
  Tenzin THINLAY

- From Indonesia.... Selamat Datang!
  Amelia AMELIA

- From China/Hong Kong/ Taiwan..... 欢迎
  Jimmy GUAN
  Michael LIU
  Simon PENG
  Kevin TIAN
  Kingston TIAN
  Emma WU
  Charles YIN
  Hilary ZHANG
  Evan CHEN
  Jimin WANG
  Steven WAN
  Yu XIA
  Steven ZHANG
  Nick CAO
  Milly CHEN
  Kaixi DONG
  Susan JIANG
  Winston LIU
  Jack LIN
  Anabelle LING
  Alvin LIU
  Daisy LIU
  Ziqi LIU
  Jason SONG
  Tom TANG
  Echo WANG
  Neil ZHANG
  Jayce HUANG
  Hank LEE
  Nick WANG
  Yanan WANG
  Kevin XU
  Scarlett XUE
  Lanson YANG
  Jenny YUAN
  Tiffany JIA
  Lewis LIN
  Zoe SHI
  Jacqueline YU
  Tony LIU
  Eason WANG
Homework Centre

Marrickville High School Library offers **free** help for all students with their homework **every Thursday** from 3.15pm – 4.30 pm.

Students can see Ms Rega, the Teacher-Librarian about this. University students and teachers help all the students.

Visit our IEC Website anytime for school news and updates:

www.marrickvil-i.schools.nsw.edu.au

**This Newsletter appears on the website as well!**

Our IEC email is:

marrickvil-i.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Holiday activities

Check out what is happening in the Summer Holidays at the following websites and be part of the events:

Marrickville Youth Resource Centre:
www.myrc.org.au

Marrickville Library:

Cindy WU
Joey YUNG
Cindy CHEN
Ziqing CHEN
Zoey CHEN
Ella DAI
Qri FENG
Sharon HE
Joe HU
Peter JU
Susie KANG
Jessica SONG
Sherry WANG
Hillary WENG
Camilla WU
Christina YU
Peter ZHU
Zachary BAO
Gem DENG
Rita LI
Judi MU
Heather WANG
Olivia WU
Cherry WANG
Iris LIANG
David TANG
Will WANG
Kate WONG
Gigi YU
Niki SHI
Lilian DONG
Sherry FAN
Gloria JIANG
Tom LAM
Leo LI
Amanda LIAO
Eugenie LIN
Rachel LIN
Sunny WANG
Jack XU
Joyce XU
Ray ZHANG
Eva ZHU
Tony CHEN
Doris TANG
Jinglan YANG
Alice PAN

From Sierra Leone.....Welcome!

Michael BANGURA
Margret BANGURA
Elizabeth BANGURA
During a presentation in Week 5 from Marrickville Council we learnt that Australia is the second biggest producer of waste in the world! The week between 10 November-14 November is “National Recycling Week” and Junior Level 2 and 3 classes were working with the Waste Education Officer at Marrickville Council going through all of Marrickville High School’s rubbish for one day; sorting, weighing and recording. The students saw how much rubbish we generate and explored possible ways to refuse, reuse, reduce and recycle rubbish. In the HSIE (Human Society and its Environment) subject, we look at practical ways in which we can make a difference! So, let’s all be mindful of any rubbish we throw away at school and at home and let’s sort them through into recyclable items and non-recyclable items!

Ms Holmes & Ms Castro

This term, Level 2S3 are participating in a service learning project with Wilandra Nursing Home. Service learning is a method of teaching, learning and reflecting that combines academic school work with meaningful service in real situations. The project is cross-curricular involving Ms Sundaram in English, Ms Sainsbury in HSIE, Ms D’Antonio in Visual Arts and Mr Greenland in Music. All of the activities are underpinned by the ESL framework document for teaching of English language.

The students visit the nursing home and provide morning tea to the residents. They then return to the nursing home and interview the residents and later present them with a bound book of biographies.
AT THE BEACH

Summer is a great season to play at the beach, swim and enjoy the hot weather. Please make sure you are safe in the water, as sometimes Australian waters can be dangerous, particularly beaches that have continuous waves. Do not forget to cover up with sun cream or sun lotion as the Australian sun can get very hot and burn. We want everyone, our families and students to enjoy themselves but also to be safe and sound!

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year 2015 and a great holiday from everyone at MIEC!

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero año nuevo!

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पुष्पसंगती रामप्रातिकर्ति

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero año nuevo!

Chúc Giáng Sinh Vui Vẻ và Chúc Năm Mới Tốt Lành!

Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo!

من عيد ميلاد فرح وسرفيسو العام الجديد

Yeni yılınız kutlu olsun

Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr

शुभ क्रिसमस
नये साल की हार्दिक शुभकामनायें

Kellemes Karácsonyt és Boldog Új Évet

Будућности Рицда и з Новим Роком

メリークリスマス
新年おめでとうございます

크리스마스를 축하합니다
새해 복 많이 받으세요

Selamat hari natal dan tahun baru!

сал ну мітарк

С Рождеством Христовым!

С Новым Годом!

Гёзва Еркдисліндже е Вітін и Рі!

Feliz Natal e Bom Ano Novo!