Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

This term has been a very busy term and of course it will remain busy until the last day: Friday 19 September! The two week September/October holidays (Spring holidays) are around the corner and it will be the time that both staff and students get a well-deserved rest, particularly as it has been a rather cool winter and a busy term! It will be very nice to look forward to the spring break with the flowers blossoming in many gardens and parks in Sydney. They say that spring is the best season of all in Sydney! A time to appreciate what the city has to offer!

Please note that for Term 4, Monday 6 October is a Public Holiday, so there is no school. Students and Staff return to school on Tuesday 7 October 2014.

Our teachers and office staff would like to welcome our new students who started from the middle of Term 3. During this period, there has been plenty of teaching and learning experiences as well as educational excursions! Our teachers have been writing up the Exit reports for our Term 3 Leaving students as well as the regular Progress Reports for all students which will be used to discuss student progress at the Term 4 Parent-Teacher Afternoon. We are now in the process of planning for our Term 4 classes and timetable. Our numbers are expected to increase with many International Student bookings. We are planning 11 classes at Marrickville, something that has not happened for many years. Our students are enriched by what we offer them at the school and are prepared best before they go to their High School. We welcome back our Counsellor, Ms Anthea Waldersee who has been on Leave since the start of Term 3, going overseas to Europe and Greece in particular and we all look forward to her sharing her highlights. Our teacher Ms Caroline Holmes has been on Leave for a few weeks during this term, exploring the Australian outback and she has many stories to tell about her adventures to our newly arrived students. We would like to thank her replacement teacher Ms Natalie Ngo for doing a fine job at Marrickville and look forward to seeing her again!

COMING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

We ask all our families to continuously support our school rules. Students must be at school by 8.30am and at the latest by 8.40am, 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 from 2.30pm-3.30pm. We are making it stricter for students to ensure that they come early and take responsibility. Of course, there are times when buses or trains may be late but coming to school on time is essential as it impacts on learning time.
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 been 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.

We suggest that students do a Homework Plan every afternoon/evening, so they can perform better at school and achieve better outcomes. An example is to have dinner between 6.00pm-6.45pm, have a brief rest between 6.45pm-7.00pm and then spend an hour or one and a half hours eg 7.00pm-8.30pm on homework, learning new words, making summaries, translating words etc. This is a recommendation but practising this, does lead to better results!

Other families needing IEC schooling

BEING A HOST FAMILY

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.

In addition if you would like to be a HOST family for International students, please look further into this Newsletter and ring the International Student Centre for more information or visit their website:

http://www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/international-students

LEAVING STUDENTS

To our Leaving students this Term who are going to their High School, we wish them very well. A special Leavers’ Magazine is being produced and will be given to all of our students in the Last Week of this term.

To all our students and families, have a lovely Spring holiday & do check our MIEC website for any information you require in the break!

Best regards
Mr Dimitrios Kametopoulos
Head Teacher
September 2014

*****DATES TO REMEMBER*****

- **WEEK 8:**
- **WEEK 9:**
  - Friday 12 September: Bike Education Program-Sydney Park-To Be Confirmed
  - **WEEK 10:**
  - Thursday 18 September: 12.55pm-3.00pm: Leavers Assembly
  - Friday 19 September: End of Term 3, Picnic Day-Warragamba dam visit-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
  - **Spring Holidays:** Saturday 20 September – **Monday 6 October**

TERM 4

All students must be back at school on Tuesday 7 October at 8.30am for the start of Term 4
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New Students

A very warm welcome to the following students and their families so far this term:

- From Russia..... Добро пожаловать!!
  Anton KARGAPOLOV

- From Nepal.... स्वागतम्
  Ayushma BUDHATHOKI

- From China..... 欢迎
  Wenshan WANG
  Jian YANG
  Tian Yu SHI
  Jiabao CHEN
  Gem DENG
  Pei Li

Holiday activities

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

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

Marrickville Library:

Visit our IEC Website for Weekly news & in the school holidays:
www.marrickvil-i.schools.nsw.edu.au

Our IEC email is:
marrickvil-i@det.nsw.edu.au

Mission Statement

We strive to teach, to learn and to seek the knowledge, to promote tolerance, the settlement of our students, their acquisition of the English language and the development of their learning skills. Our students and their families are at the centre of everything we do.

We dedicate ourselves to furthering our rich tradition of program innovation, leadership and to the delivery of the highest standard of ESL Education to our community.