Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Welcome back to the new school year. It is now almost half way through the term and it is a very busy term indeed. In the second week of term we farewelled Mr Kametopoulos, who has been the Head Teacher at Marrickville IEC for nearly 6 years. He will be greatly missed by staff and students and we wish him well in his new position as Head Teacher at Bankstown Senior College.

We have an exciting term planned for our students full of educational activities and excursions to deepen students learning in subject areas. Excursions this term include a Science excursion to Sydney Observatory to study astronomy, a HSIE excursion to study the convicts of early Australia and white settlement, an Art excursion viewing exceptional Year 12 art works from all over NSW, an English excursion to the Story Factory to learn about and get assistance in writing stories, and a City orientation excursion to learn about Sydney and the city. These excursions are rich learning activities where students have first hand experience of public transport in Sydney, mixing with other students and doing much preliminary and post excursion work in their subject areas.

We also have a swimming program this term for our junior students; in Week 5 for classes 1A, 2A and 3A and in Week 6 for classes 2A and 2B. In Australia students learn to swim in primary school. Unfortunately many people drown every year in Australia because they can’t swim or swim in unsafe places. Students will learn water safety as well as either basic skills in staying afloat and learning to swim or improvement in their swimming ability.

Wishing everyone a productive and exciting term.

Regards, Caroline Holmes     Acting Head Teacher, MIEC
WELCOME ALL NEW STUDENTS!

BOULIU Liyuan
LI Xin Yun
ZHOU Zhihao
CUI Yanwan
AN Wenjun
LI Xinyang
LIU Yuxin
SHI Jiamin
REN Haocheng
XIAO Hui
CHEN Yihan
YE Zhesu
GUO Jin Cheng
PATINION
Aikaterini

BOURANTAS Ioannis
IANNINO Giorgia
DA FONSECA REIS Vania
BOURANTA Fotina
NGUYEN Quynh Anh
YU Anqi
KIM Jiyoon
ZHAO Jian Hua
SON Inho
RANTAS John
JIANG Yatong
SUI Wenzhuo
DINH Nhat Phat
ZHAO Qian
YANG Maikai
Qi Kaiwen
PERATELLO LEITE Nicolas

The Student representative Council (SRC) is an important school body that works with our SRC Coordinating Teacher, Ms Ou on a variety of initiatives. Our SRC works with the High School SRC during the year on many common initiatives. Our Term 1 NEW SRC students who were elected democratically are listed below.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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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 and Ms Anne Herring. Some of our Volunteers have been with us for 5 years or more. A hearty thank you to them once again for returning and being part of the school community!!

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. This happens 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.

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.

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

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.

PLEASE ENSURE that the Home Work Diaries are checked and all set Home Work completed on a timely and regular basis in order for us to offer our students the best opportunity for lasting academic success.
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 me with a note from home before class, otherwise they may be placed on lunch detention.

Useful links for Parents and Guardians

www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/search/schools/profiles
schools profiles

NSW Board of Studies

syllabuses, exam papers and resources for the HSC and SC
Also:
www.studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/
BOS Students Online
www.hsc.csu.edu.au/
NSW HSC Online
SC and HSC Test Yourself Online

www4.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/
School to work Student Pathway survey

Survey that some classes, mainly Year 9 - 12 may access and complete as an end of year activity.
Students need to use their ID and password to access the survey so that it is saved to their folder.

myfuture
Australia’s career information service

Creative Commons Search
Search with a range of search engines for copyright free material

Centrelink Links
useful links for a range of government services

Student Leadership and SRC
DET on student leadership

Student Health
DET on student health

Programs and Services
DET support programs

Keliwe Online English Dictionary
thesaurus, definitions, synonyms and sample sentences.
(A web interface to Wordnet Database)

Commission For Children and Young Future Leaders
Youth NSW

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

To host international students
(From 10 weeks to 4 years)

Seeking caring families interested in welcoming International Students enrolling in NSW government Schools into their homes.

Hosting International Students is a unique opportunity to experience cultural exchange and build meaningful relationships as Carer.

• English must be the main language spoken in the home.
• Home must be within 30 minutes travel time by public transport to the school.
• Families can be single adults, couples with or without children.

For full details, including payment information, please contact any of the DEC International registered Homestay Providers listed below:

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Tune into Australia’s Multicultural Public Broadcaster to listen to your language program so you know what is going on in your own community as well as in Australia. Some programs are on every day of the week, some are on a few days per week. Many topics are discussed, eg education, welfare, housing, migration etc. You can listen to SBS Radio on analogue (normal) radio (depending on the language program) either on 1107 AM or 97.7 FM, online and now on new SBS Digital Radio 3. SBS also has podcasts that you can download and listen to at any time that you can at home on the internet or on your smartphone.


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DATES TO REMEMBER!

- WEEK 5 & WEEK 6:
  - Monday 23rd Feb - Friday 6th March: SWIM SCHOOL WEEKS-Students will be in different groups. Information will be given to our families and students beforehand.
  - All students must remember to bring sun screen lotion, towels and their swimming costume.
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Proper Diet is Essential

Students can not study well if they don't eat a proper breakfast and healthy food throughout the day.

Bad Food = soft drink, Coca Cola, lollies, chips, coffee, etc.

Good Food = cereal, fruit, rice, vegetables, water, etc.

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.

Other families needing IEC schooling

If you are aware of any families in our area that have just settled in the area and their children need intensive English before they go to High School, please refer them to us. We would like to ensure that newly arrived students will receive intensive English skills to be successful at their High School.

For any enquiries about your children, please do not hesitate to ring our office.

SPECIAL FAREWELL

Sadly on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 we farewelled our much loved IEC Head Teacher Mr Dimitri Kametopoulos whose tireless devotion, commitment, passion sense of humour and individual care poured out over a period of six years will be sorely missed by the entire Marrickville community.

Once again we wish Mr K a seamless transition and the best of luck in his new position as Head Teacher at the Bankstown Senior IEC and look forward to his visit very soon!!

Ms Caroline Holmes kindly stepped in as Head Teacher replacement until the end of Term 1, 2015, immediately demonstrating the energy, professionalism, experience and dedication the role requires. We also welcome Mr P. Patana taking Ms Holmes' teaching load and Ms L. Ou, who comes to us with many years of experience and will no doubt contribute to the quality teaching we have come to expect at Marrickville IEC. Welcome new staff!

Celebrating our Teachers’ Aides

At the IEC, we try to make communication between parents and the school as comfortable and easy as possible. We have a strong team of teachers’ aides who enable us to do this. Here is a list of languages they speak:

Ms Sue HONG
Cantonese/Mandarin/Vietnamese

Ms Lin TRAN
Cantonese/Mandarin/Vietnamese

Ms Trish HUNTER
Thai

Ms Cora LAWS
Tagalog

Ms Sandy ZHAO
Mandarin

Ms Sarah CHANG
Cantonese/Mandarin

Ms Jenny Chang
Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin

***If you want to hear podcasts from your program just type the SBS website address and then your language, e.g:
Lastly, we anticipate this to be one of our best terms with many excursions and field trips on offer promising an exciting and highly purposeful term with experiential opportunities for learning across all Key Learning Areas. Please check our calendar for key dates and click on the Excursions link for more details including photos as they come to hand...

**Special Skills**

As usual Term 1 offers a range of special co-curricular and extra-curricular interest activities for all our IEC students experience something new or just brush up on existing talents, skills or knowledge. Students choose a different Special Skill activity each term from a wide selection including: Choir/Singing, Drama, Drumming, Games, Gardening, Greek/Italian, Juggling, Making Movies, Making Art, Movies and Reviews, Girl’s Talk and this term introducing Yoga!

**Valentine's Day Fund Raiser**

Cup cakes were on sale on Friday 13th February for IEC and High School students to celebrate that someone special in our life. Much appreciation goes to Ms Stratigos, the Greek/Italian Special Skills class and SRC students involved in organising this fun and romantic event!

Don’t forget to stay tuned with our website news on updated key events and messages as well as photos and videos and...

Unfortunately we must farewell Ms Stratigos who has been with us for the last one and a half terms. We have had to drop a class, however she will be back later in the term to replace one of teachers on leave.

**HAVE A GREAT TERM ONE!!**
CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR 2015

Best wishes for the 2015 Lunar New Year goes to all our Asian community members! Please find relevant details regarding celebrations in Sydney from the 13th February to the 1st March 2015 at the link below;

http://www.sydneychinesenewyear.com/

Creativity Corner

3B’s Vingh Nguyen
Autobiographical Self Portrait was created in Photoshop CS6 exploring identity, heritage and cultural transition.

Introducing !

Writer’s Corner

We are inviting and encouraging student submissions of quality written works which will be featured in our end of term edition in week 9.

Please contribute by offering your work and celebrate our school’s talents in any area of written expression.

From the editor Mr Pazin

REMINDER!

Marrickville High School Library offers a FREE Homework centre to assist students with study each Thursday from 3.15 to 4.30 pm

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1, 2015!!

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