

BANKSTOWN IEC IS THE...BEST!!

NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 1 WEEK 11

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Message from the IEC Head Teacher, Mr Kametopoulos

Dear teachers, support and admin staff and dear students

Term 1 of 2024 is coming to an end and our two week school holidays are happening from next week onwards. This was an 11 week term. This term went fast as we all know but at school there was a lot of English language learning at the IEC and many educational excursions took place.

Teachers were teaching their subjects like English, HSIE, Maths, Science, Sport, I.T., Electives, Reading etc through many activities or they were doing assessments (tests) to see what the students learnt. Our students were engaged continuously in the learning. This has been very pleasing for the teachers and it has been rewarding for our students.

I was away in 2023 being on leave but it has been a real delight to return to the school this year and trying to get to know all the new students as much as possible. Our students are at the heart of what we do here at the IEC. Our teachers and our support staff (who help in classes in the home language) want to make sure that our IEC students are always cared for and being prepared for their next step in their education: this is when they go to high school and in particular to Bankstown Senior College, next door.

To be successful, students need to do the following things:

- Come to school every day **on time** and go to classes **on time**
- **Listen carefully** to the teachers
- **Do the classwork and the homework** as best as possible
- **Ask for help**, if they need it
- **Make good friends**
- **Be happy always**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our teaching and non teaching staff, students, parents and community partners a relaxing April break. Now it is autumn and Sydney's weather is just perfect to go out and visit many places in and around Sydney. Why not just do that?

Thank you

Mr Dimitrios Kametopoulos

IEC Head Teacher

Orientation Excursion to Sydney city for BA, BC, BD and 1AA classes

Bankstown IEC Beginners and Level 1AA students enjoyed a great day out in the city of Sydney on Thursday 7 March 2024 with Mr Bhindi, Ms Manion, Ms El Samman, Ms Hill, Ms Alimoradian, Ms Marco and Mr Kametopoulos.

The weather was nice and warm. The students left Bankstown by train and they went to Milsons Point. There they had morning tea. They took many photos of the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. Then they walked over the Harbour Bridge for 20 minutes and walked through “The Rocks”. This place was the first place when the people came from England and settled in Sydney back in 1788!

Afterwards, the teachers and the students walked to the Opera House and they had lunch in the Botanical Gardens, right next to the Opera House.

Many students danced under the trees too. We all had a wonderful time together!

Mr Kametopoulos







Autumn Word Search



Find these autumn words:

apple
brown
chilly
cold
colors
corn
country
crops
fall
farmer

fruit
grain
harvest
hay
leaf
leaves
maple
migrate
November
October

orange
pear
pumpkin
red
rice
scarecrow
September
sweater
vegetables
yellow

2024 TERM 1 CLASS PHOTOS









2024 TERM 1 CLASS PHOTOS

of BA, BC, BD, 1AA, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A

Everyone is so happy to be here! :-)

**Do you...know everyone in these photos?
Can you find yourself in one of them?**

Write your fellow students' names below from your class so you remember them, always.

Write all your teachers' names here that you had for your subjects in Term 1, so you can remember them always, as well:

YOUR NAME: _____ **YOUR CLASS:** _____

YOUR TEACHERS' NAMES FOR TERM 1/2024

English: _____

Maths: _____

HSIE (History/Geography): _____

Science: _____

Reading: _____

I.T: _____

Sport: _____

Mentor: _____

Art: _____

Drama: _____

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS

in Term 1, 2024!!



مرحبا بكم في مدرستنا !!

بمارے سکول میں خوش آمدید!!

به مدرسه ما خوش آمدید!!

Chào mừng đến với trường học của chúng tôi !!

Bienvenue dans notre école !

歡迎來到我哋學校!

'Oku talitali lelei koe ki homau 'apiako!



AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (2 weeks):

Monday 15 April 2024 – Sunday 28 April 2024

The BIEC office will be open on
Monday 29 April 2024 for phone calls on 9796 8138.

**This first day back at school
for all students in Term 2 is**

*****Tuesday 30 April 2024***:**

*Check the BIEC website:
during the Autumn holidays for any updates*

Website: <https://bankstownc-i.schools.nsw.gov.au>

2024 Term 1 Electives

At Bankstown IEC, we have an Electives program every Tuesday in Period 2 (9.25am-10.20am) for students to choose from.

There are many Electives, like Frisbee, Bollywood dancing, Art, Athletics, Hockey, Drumming, Reading, Work Readiness, Gardening and others.

Here are some photos from 2 of our Electives: Drumming with Mr Kametopoulos and with Maegan and Naila from STARTTS and Gardening with Ms Fotis.



This is an opinion text that student Marina Karimi in Ms Cano's 1C English class wrote about the Korean BTS band and what she likes about them.

Enjoy reading Marina's writing!



BTS band

By Marina Karimi

I like listening to music because it makes me happy. I am BTS Army, I am a big fan of BTS. All Army likes BTS because their voice is like an Angel. I like BTS not because they are beautiful and rich but because inspiring people to love themselves. They have many songs about loving yourself. It is not important who you are, where you are from, if you have black skin or white skin just love yourself. They said I have come to love myself, for who I am, who I was, who I hope to become. Also some of their music is romantic, some music is about

★ Respect, respect your mother and father, family and respect

★ The people. When I am tired and disappointed, I look at the life of BTS, it motivates me to try.

★ The first BTS was very poor, they could not support their family, but now they are success. Now BTS

are in military service. Jimin had sent a letter to him. He said he misses all armies. I am happy because

★ They will come from military service very soon. 😊



Join us for a day
hike in Sydney Harbour
Saturday April 20th 2024

For anyone aged 18-25 years

The First Hike Project supports new refugees and migrants to Australia to experience the great outdoors. Australia is known for its outdoors and we want to take you on a journey of discovery!

Register your interest via the QR code below, or get in touch on: 0439 790 473



SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS: if you need them:

Police / Fire / Ambulance: 0 0 0

Medicare: 12 20 11

Centrelink: 13 23 00

Interpreter Services: 13 14 50
Arabic, Dari, Vietnamese,
Farsi, Bangla, Urdu, Tagalog, Thai



3A HSIE EXCURSION TO WOLLONGONG—Tuesday 2 April 2024

On Tuesday 2nd of April, 3A went on an excursion to BlueScope Steel: Inside Industry tour to support their learning in Commerce. We left Bankstown Station and made our way to BlueScope Steel in Coniston, 1 hour away.

We arrived at the steel factory and met the guides Margaret and John. John worked at the factory for 40 years and had a lot of knowledge to share with us. The tour showed us the entire process of making steel in the factory and all the working areas. We were given full personal protective equipment including a hard hat, gloves, glasses, and jacket. The guides also gave everyone a handset with headphones. John explained the process, temperatures, equipment, and value of the factory for Australia. We all enjoyed seeing the hot steel travel through different machines to be made thinner and thinner then rolled into large coils. These coils of steel cost between \$40 000 and \$70 000 each. We climbed high above the machines and felt the heat of the red-hot steel as it was being cut into shape, the smell was terrible!

We also learned about the excellent recycling that is happening at the factory. Steel off cuts are collected and used again and again. The company also recycles water and 80% of the water on site comes from a plant rather than the dam.

It was a great day together.

Ms Mraovic and Mr Masters

3A Commerce





SBS RADIO-SYDNEY

Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) www.sbs.com.au/radio

Listen to SBS radio 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 either on **1107 AM** or **97.7 FM** or on **digital radio SBS Digital Radio 3** or on **SBS Digital TV (channel 37 & 38)** or online on **your computer and smartphone**. Also, you can listen to your language program **on demand (when you want to!)** from each language website!

***am = morning hours

*** pm = afternoon/night hours



LANGUAGE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arabic اَلْعَرَبِيَّةُ	97.7FM 6.00am-8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am-8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am-8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am-8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am-8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am-8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am-8.00am
Vietnamese tiếng việt	1107AM 7.00pm-9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm-9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm-9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm-9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm-9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm-9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm-9.00pm
Chinese— Mandarin 普通话	1107AM 7.00am-9.00am	1107AM 7.00am-9.00am	1107AM 7.00am-9.00am	1107AM 7.00am-9.00am	1107AM 7.00am-9.00am	1107AM 7.00am-9.00am	1107AM 7.00am-9.00am
Chinese— Cantonese 粵語	1107AM 9.00am-11.00am	1107AM 9.00am-11.00am	1107AM 9.00am-11.00am	1107AM 9.00am-11.00am	1107AM 9.00am-11.00am	1107AM 9.00am-11.00am	1107AM 9.00am-11.00am
Assyrian		97.7FM 8.00pm-9.00pm				97.7FM 8.00pm-9.00pm	
Persian فارسی / پارسی		97.7FM 3.00pm-4.00pm				97.7FM 3.00pm-4.00pm	
Dari دری		97.7FM 4.00pm-5.00pm		97.7FM 4.00pm-5.00pm			
Urdu اردو			97.7FM 6.00pm-7.00pm				97.7FM 6.00pm-7.00pm
Filipino (Tagalog) pilipino	97.7FM 10.00am-11.00am	97.7FM 10.00am-11.00am	97.7FM 10.00am-11.00am	97.7FM 10.00am-11.00am	97.7FM 10.00am-11.00am	97.7FM 10.00am-11.00am	97.7FM 10.00am-11.00am