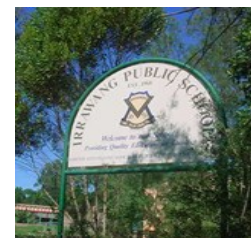




IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community



Term 2, Week 6, 25 May 2015

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School Calendar 2015 TERM 2 Week 4 & 5

26th May - Parent Forum
26th May - Careers through reading
2nd June - PSSA Girls Soccer



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,
Along with planning for your child's success and implementing a diverse teaching program, teachers are feverishly working on semester one reports. These will come home at the end of this term, with 3-way-conferences to commence early term 3.

With the cooler weather fast approaching, it is timely that I take a minute to state the importance of the whole school wearing the correct uniform. The school is aware that there have been some difficulties sourcing uniforms from our supplier and understand that parents have been purchasing clothes elsewhere. This is totally acceptable. The only thing I ask is that the clothes you send your children to school in, comply with these guidelines:



Acceptable

- Plain royal blue jumper, without designs
- Plain royal blue track suit pants without designs
- Gold/white/royal blue long sleeve shirt can be worn

under their school shirt
Plain royal blue stockings/tights can be worn under shorts/skirts or skorts
School hats are available to purchase from the front office



Unacceptable

- Designs on clothing that is not our school logo or colours
- Tights on their own
- Coloured/multi coloured shoes
- Hoodies

Parent Forums are being held this Tuesday. It is a fantastic opportunity to have your say and give insightful feedback and thoughts of 'where to next' for your children, our students. These young minds are tomorrow's future and everyone's priority.

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.....

H.E. Luccock

Stacy Mathieson
Relieving Principal



Is someone in your family using drugs and/or alcohol?



Do you work with Families and Friends of drug users?

Family Drug Support presents 'Stepping Forward' providing -

- ✓ Clear and practical information sessions and
- ✓ A safe place to share and to feel supported

There are three sessions on offer covering -

1. Stages of change for users and families – what is happening for families?
2. Basic communication – what works and what doesn't.
3. Drugs and alcohol information – how they affect people & what are they?

Each is designed so that you will have something of value to take away to help you on your journey.

WHEN: Saturday 6th June 9.30am – 4pm

WHERE: Room 4015 Mental Health Administration Building Mater Hospital, Edith Road, Waratah, Newcastle

COST: FREE (donation welcome)

Bookings are essential – P: Julie 0400 11 34 22 or E: julie@fds.ngo.org.au

"Family Drug Support has helped thousands of families survive this ordeal. Whatever happens, you will be glad you came along".



Assembly Roster Term 2-4 2015

Term 2	Class
Week 6	4E
Week 8	2T
Week 10	KV
Term 3	Class
Week 2	2R
Week 4	PRESCHOOL
Week 6	KE
Week 8	1S
Week 10	1M
Term 4	Class
Week 2	4E
Week 4	5-6M
Week 6	5-6J
Week 8	3-4I
Week 10	YEAR 6

Year 6 Poetry

Our Year 6 students have been working very hard whilst the Year 5 were occupied with their NAPLAN tests. I am sure you will all agree that we have some extremely creative and talented poets at Irawang Public School.

Winter

Snowflakes forming mounds of marshmallows.
All warm and cuddly in front of the fire.
Hot chocolate sliding down my throat.
The crackling of kindling.
The fragrance of fresh eucalyptus wood.



Ruby and Tenille

Beach

Dried seaweed and salty air in my nostrils.
Scalding sand between my toes.
An army of waves crashing upon the beach in front of me.
Sitting on the beach eating hot fish and salty chips.
Children screaming at the enormous waves.



Jackson

Anger

Anger is the redness of an open flame.
Anger tastes like the hot, dangerous flames from the underworld.
It sounds like a pounding drum coming from the depths of my chest.
It smells like burnt rotten eggs at night.
Anger looks as if you were a dangerous, uneasy bomb about to blow.
It makes me feel strong, powerful, undefeatable and lonely all at the same time.



Izac

Fandangles

Fandangles are like rainbow skittles in your mouth.
Fandangles tease you with their heavenly taste.
Fandangles sound like children happily slurping the wonderful cream.
The sweet heavenly fragrance of the luscious cream is like angels perfume.
Fandangles look like a delicious bundle of joy.
Fandangles make me feel relaxed.

Paige P

Fandangles

Fandangles are a creamy white or pink heavenly delicious dream.
Fandangles melt smoothly and deliciously in your mouth.
Fandangles sounds like a person slurping on a hot day.
Fandangles smells like a refreshing frosty fairy tale.
Fandangles makes me feel like I'm on a mouth-watering holiday.

Paige B



LIBRARY NEWS



Book Club orders have arrived and will be distributed this week. As always, there are a lot of overdue books that need to be returned as soon as possible so that other students are able to also enjoy them. Students are encouraged to continue regular borrowing to work towards their Premier's Reading Challenge target.

Stage 2 and 3 are currently working on a Research Topic about animals or plants that are endangered due to the effects of Global Warming. They are able to use the Library during lunchtimes from Tuesdays to Thursdays to spend additional time sourcing information and pictures.

The Craft Corner with Mrs Burton is a very popular spot during lunchtimes; however it is now only available on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Burton kindly volunteers her time to assist in the Library and we are very fortunate to have her take such an interest in our school by organising craft activities for these 2 days.

Deidre Hall
Relieving Teacher Librarian

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN.

NOMINATE AN EXCEPTIONAL TEACHER TODAY.

A Day Made Better gives you the opportunity to recognise exceptional primary and secondary school teachers who go above and beyond. If chosen as one of our 10 winners, they'll be rewarded with a surprise event, \$2,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom. Nominate today to give them the recognition they deserve.

NOMINATE NOW AT ADAYMADEBETTER.COM.AU



PSSA Boys soccer



Well done to our boys' team who played valiantly against a very good Grahamstown team. We had some very good attacking surges early in the first half which we couldn't capitalise on due to a slippery ball and field. All of our boys had fun and tried their best, even in the rain. The score line of 7-1 may well have been different if not for some very good goal keeping by both team's goalies. Player of the match for Irrawang was our goal keeper Jackson Elliot who continued to put his body on the line for the whole game. Well done boys you played with Great Spirit.

Mr Jones

PSSA Girls soccer



At this stage our first game is against Seaham Public School on Friday week 6, 29.5.15. I will let parents know where the game will be played as soon as I know via a note as well as Facebook.

Mr Jones

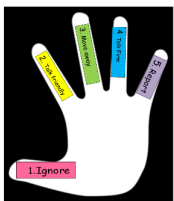
Irrawang Public School Community are
safe, **responsible learners** who show **respect** in all settings

Welcome back PBL members
(**IPS Staff**, **School Community**, **Students**, **Parents**)

During week 4 we visited the Aussie 5 rule 'I can control what I do and say' with a focus on 'Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves'. We are continuing this focus throughout week 5. In week 4 the children were introduced the 'High 5 Helper hand'. The hand represents steps for the children to take to help them resolve a problem by themselves before going to a teacher.

The steps are:

1. Ignore
2. Talk friendly
3. Move away
4. Talk Firm
5. Report



You might like to talk to your child/children about what each step means. Using the High 5 Helpers will help solve problems in the classroom, playground and in the community, while giving us all a common and consistent understanding of what is expected.

Week 6 will see us focus on moving around the school quietly and safely, especially in class lines. The catch phrase 'Walk, don't talk' will be used, so that when we are moving during class time we are not disrupting other children's learning. It will also be important when we move from assemblies. We will continue to focus on whole body listening when at **any** assembly, with an emphasis on all eyes on the person who is talking at the front.



SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is every **THURSDAY**.

Please remember to hand your bank books to your teacher and they will be taken to the office. If you don't receive your bank book back by Friday please check at the office.



ATTENTION KINDY 2016!

Aussie Hi-5 Club



Aussie Hi-5 Club is a **NEW** school readiness program for children who will be commencing Kindergarten at Irrawang Public School in 2016. It will run in addition to our usual transition to school program.

It will operate from Monday Week 5, Term 3 from 8:55am to 11:00am in the Library and will continue each Monday until Week 4, Term 4.

Aussie Hi-5 Club is co-ordinated and run by a current Kindergarten teacher and a Student Learning and Support Officer (SLSO).

The play based morning session will focus on school readiness, school environment, PBL and staff familiarisation and include activities which target learning concepts and language development. These will include:

- ❖ individual, small group and whole group activities
- ❖ indoor and outdoor activities, and
- ❖ hands on, interactive learning centres as well as more structured learning.

In the long term, Aussie Hi-5 Club aims to:

- ❖ develop positive attitudes towards coming to school for the children
- ❖ enable children to feel comfortable and familiar in the school environment
- ❖ foster partnerships between school and families, and
- ❖ assist in identifying areas of need that children may require support in.

The Aussie Hi-5 Club is a first for our school and will run as a trial this year. For this reason, the program will only accept 20 students who are definitely attending Irrawang Public School in 2016. Please register your interest as soon as possible to secure your child's place. This can be done by contacting the IPS office on Ph:49872403 / 49872600.

We look forward to working together in preparation for Kindergarten next year.



WHO AM I—Family



There is no winner of our guessing competition in the “Who am I” feature of the Newsletter week 4.

The correct answer was Jo Powell, our very own local author who was also kind enough to talk to our students on Career’s Day.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer



5 Things you don’t know about me- Staff



1. I’ve worked in a restaurant in Bolivia even though my Spanish isn’t very good.
2. I’m currently trying to get my learners licence on a motorbike.
3. My favourite sport to watch is Basketball.
4. I donate blood once a month.
5. My team lost our Oz tag semi-finals.

Who is this staff member?

Please write your answer on the tear off slip at the bottom of the page. Place in the foyer at the office by the morning of Tuesday week 7 (02/6/15).

The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 8.

Good luck!

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

Guessing Competition Answer.



Name:

Class:

Answer:



**OPEN
DAY**



**Home
Fire
Safety
Audit**

Raymond Terrace Fire & Rescue NSW station is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 30th May 2015 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Everyone is invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our stations fire truck, hold a fire hose and get an information bag while chatting with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn about fire safety in the home.

Winter is just around the corner and it's the worst time of the year for house fires, so this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

For more information please visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au



Irrawang P&C Freezer Filler Fundraiser

After all of the storms we had recently we are offering you the opportunity to re-stock your freezers with some of the canteen favourites.

Please complete the order form attached (remembering to show this offer to family and friends first). All money and forms to be handed to the canteen in a sealed envelope with correct money included. Order forms and money must be handed in by Friday 29/5/15.

The canteen does not have the space to store orders. Please arrange to collect your order at 9am Thursday 4/6/15. If you have any questions around this please see Michelle in the can-



Freezer Filler Fundraiser	Chicken Chippies (1kg) \$13.00	Chicko Rolls (24) \$26.00	Flame Grilled Meatballs (1kg) \$11.00	Salt and pepper squid (1kg) \$17.00	Ovenable Spring Rolls (40) \$13.00	Crumbed Calamari (1kg) \$12.00	Potato Nuggets/Gems (2kg) \$9.00	Tempura Fish Cocktails (1kg) \$11.00	Prawn Cutlets (1kg) \$25.00	Tempura Chicken Nuggets (1kg) \$13.00	Total Quantity	Total Price
Buyers Name	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY	QTY

Total Cost of order: \$

Delivered To Irrawang Public School Canteen.
Forms and Money due back to canteen by Friday 29/5/15

Orders to be collected Thursday 4/6/15 - 9am

Ordering Parents Name:

Phone:

Childs Name:



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GEER STREET GATES WILL BE CLOSED

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Work Health and Safety representatives are in the process of conducting a safety audit of our school. A major area of concern regarding pedestrian safety has been identified.

As a result of our findings, we will have a trial period of closing the Geer St. Car park gates between
8.40am – 9.30am
2.40pm – 3.15pm

This trial period will begin Monday 18th May, 2015 (week 5, term 2).

The Geer Street pedestrian gate will continue to remain open for **all** access to the school, Thou Walla and the Preschool.

A follow up audit at the beginning of term 3 will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of this initiative.

Please take note of the parking signs around the school. Below is a reminder of the council signs and the rules.

A survey will be sent home separately to explore the possibility of a system for student drop off and collection.

Thanking you in advance for your support in maintaining the safety of our students and community.

Kind Regards,

Stacy Mathieson

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES:

WHAT DO THESE SIGNS MEAN?



You CAN STOP HERE FOR 2 MINUTES ONLY

- You can drop your child off here but you must either stay in the car or within 3 metres of the car.
- Mobility sticker permit holders may stop for up to 5 mins.



You CANNOT STOP HERE

- You cannot drop your child off here.
- Medical or other emergency stopping only is permitted.



You CANNOT STOP HERE unless driving a bus

- Children cannot be dropped here unless they are arriving by bus.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.



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Safety Responsibility Learning Respect

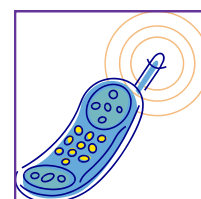


**HAS YOUR CHILD ENROLLED FOR SCHOOL
NEXT YEAR?**

**WILL YOUR CHILD BE STARTING
KINDERGARTEN OR PRESCHOOL NEXT
YEAR?**

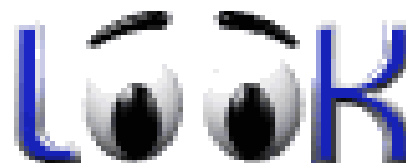
**ENROL NOW FOR THE BEST START TO
YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!!!**

ENQUIRE NOW!



Please ask at the office or phone 02 4987 2403

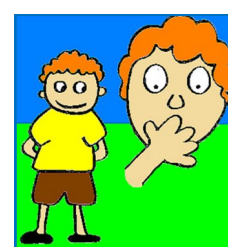
facebook



CAUTION:

Please remember that if you are putting photos from school events on your personal Facebook page that other children should not be in the photos unless you have permission from their parents or carers.

IRRAWANG AUSSIE 5





Irrawang Public School: Absentee Note

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Date/s of absence/s _____

Reason for leave: (Please circle)

*Sick

*Urgent Family Business

*Other: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____

*****Please return with your child to class teacher. Thankyou*****



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Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
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Using your Aussie 5!

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