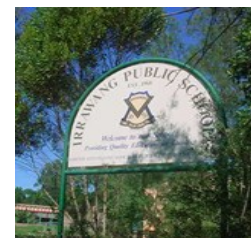




IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community



Term 3, Week 4, 5 August 2015

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week was a celebration of Public Education as we acknowledged and thanked our local heroes. Thank you to everyone who attended our assembly last Friday. Like me, you would have been delighted with the quality of the assembly and the talented students who sang and danced the afternoon away.

work from teachers and students was truly rewarded with the quality of the performances. My sincere thanks to all who played their part in ensuring our students shone on the night.

A reminder to parents that when collecting students from the Roslyn Street car park, only cars with a parking pass are permitted to enter the gates. This area is extremely busy at the start and end of the day with taxis and canteen deliveries accessing the school via this entry. My thanks to all parents who patiently park outside the gate and a big thank you to our local police who will be patrolling this area to support the school in keeping your children safe.

School Calendar 2015 TERM 3 Week 2

11th & 12th Aug - ST2 ZOO
11th Aug - Zone Field Events
14th Aug - Zone Track Events
14th Aug - Art Show
17th Aug - High 5 club -9-12pm



Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Lakeside Learning Community 2015 awards - Ms Rachael Martin and Mrs Alison John for excellence in teaching, Ruby Edgar-Jones for student leadership, Mr Paul Jones and Ms Phyllipa Elvidge for community support and Mrs Fran Edman and Ms Lucy Knuth for excellence in their roles across the school. Well deserved each and every one.

For those in the audience at Irrawang High School last Wednesday night for Showcase 2015, I'm sure you agree with me when I loudly proclaim "the best ever!" What a night of entertainment and talent on display. The months of hard

Warm regards

Nancye Farley
Principal



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Canberra Excursion



We are now less than 6 weeks away from the Stage 3 Canberra excursion's final date for payment, Friday August 21st. Thank you to those families who have been paying off their accounts and a **HUGE** thank you to the **Twenty One** families who have paid in full.

student assistance is currently in the process of being finalised and we will notify the families who applied.

Copies of the payment plan and snow equipment notes are available from the office.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking (or have recently undertaken), an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of <<\$>> per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Assembly Roster Term 3-4 2015

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

LIBRARY NEWS



The Library offers a warm, comfortable place at lunchtime for those students who wish to spend their time on quieter activities. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, Margaret Burton runs an extremely popular craft corner. When his health permits, Geoff Bertram provides chess strategies and coaching to our budding masters of the game. Thinkpads and computers are always available for educational games and research projects. Toys, construction materials and puzzles are well used ... and of course, there are our books which can be heard at the Listening Post, or read and looked at in a secluded tent or snuggled in a cosy bean bag. There is always something for every student who visits our Library at lunchtime.

Remember Bookweek starts on 17th August, so start thinking about your favourite book character for the parade and saving your pocket money to buy a special book at the Fair. Thank you everyone for your current Bookclub orders.

Homework and Chess Clubs start this coming Thursday, 6th August after school in the Library. It's good to see so many students using this opportunity for support with their homework and extra chess practice.

Stay safe, responsible learners and keep reading!

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

CHESS NEWS



We have had a quiet chess time lately. With all the wonderful activities and events of Education Week, chess has been taking a break. However, as I am in the process of confirming a date for Irrawang to hold a tournament day for our region, I hope to see all eager participants coming to the Library for Chess Club on Thursday afternoons after school ... starting this Thursday, 6th August... to practise their skills!

Chris Berry
Chess Co-Ordinator

Woolworths Earn& Learn Promotion

It is great to see students collecting stickers to help us earn new educational resources for our school.

There is a box in the office foyer and one at each of the Woolies supermarkets. Keep it up!

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**)

Week 3, Education Week, 'Celebrating Local Heroes'! So our PBL theme is 'Respecting ourselves and others'. Our lessons will focus on 'Random acts of kindness'. The children will be encouraged to set a daily goal of an act of kindness. Back in class they will discuss their act of kindness, how they felt and how did the other person feel.



This brings us to week 4 with a focus on 'Making good choices'. Following instructions is a part of everyday life. While some instructions are easy, some are challenging, we all need to be able to follow them so that we all are safe, respectable learners not only at school but also in the community. Following instructions is simple really. All we need to do is make the right choice.



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.





WHO AM I—Family



Congratulations to Eli White, the winner of our winner of our guessing competition in the “Who am I” feature of the Newsletter week 2.

The correct answer was Mai Huynh / The Nguyen Family.

Thank you to Elke Lysaght, Makenzi Lyons, and Katie Baira for entering. Better Luck next time.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer



5 Things you don't know about me- Staff



1. I love my job as a staff member at Irrawang Public School and it takes me over an hour to drive here from my house.
2. I have 1 daughter, 1 son and 1 **totally adorable** grandson
3. I have a very tiny dog, which is a Chihuahua. I look pretty funny when I walk her because I'm so tall and she's so small!
4. Before I was a staff member I used to be a property manager at a real estate.
5. I am the only staff member walking around with a new engagement ring.

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 5 (11/8/15).

The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 6.

Good luck!

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

Guessing Competition Answer.



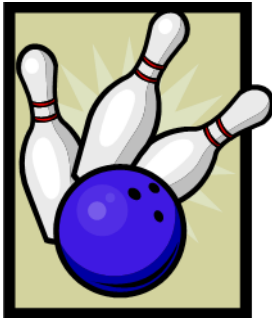
Name:

Class:

Answer:

To the Defence Families

Hello, my name is Deborah O'Donoghue and I am the Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) at Grahamstown Public School. I work on a part time basis at Grahamstown to assist families that have a member currently employed in the Australian Defence Force. I am organising a family event that you are welcome to attend, as an opportunity to meet other local Defence Families. I am holding this event with the Defence Transition Mentor at Irrawang High School. We look forward to meeting you if you are able to attend.



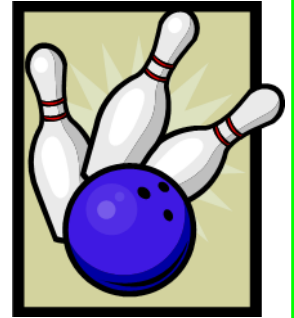
*We would like to invite you to a
Defence Family Afternoon
at Lakeside Bowl, Raymond Terrace
on Friday 14th August 2015*

from 3:30– 5:30pm

Afternoon Tea provided,

however, it will cost \$5.00 per game per person

Children must be accompanied by an adult



Please RSVP by Wednesday 12th August (and for any further information)

by emailing: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au

Kind Regards,

Deborah O'Donoghue (DSTA, Grahamstown Public School) & Glenda de Wit (DTM, Irrawang High School)



Cancer
Council
NSW

The simplest way

to improve the health of your
family and save money

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Friday 7th August 2015

Time: 12:30pm until 2:00pm

Venue: Irrawang Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 31/07/2015 by:

emailing eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au

visiting www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register

or phoning (02) 4923 0704



Eat It To
Beat It





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Safety Responsibility Learning Respect

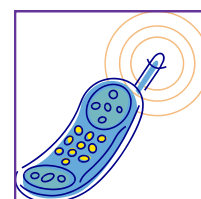


**HAS YOUR CHILD ENROLLED FOR SCHOOL
NEXT YEAR?**

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

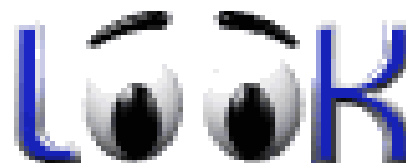
**ENROL NOW FOR THE BEST START TO
YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!!!**

ENQUIRE NOW!



Please ask at the office or phone 02 4987 2403

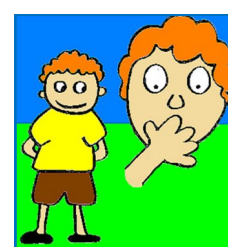
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CAUTION:

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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Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

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Using your Aussie 5!

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