



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

Term 3, Week 6, 26 August 2016



Inside this issue:

Principal's Message	1
Slippery Surface Warning , Parents not Partners & Assembly Roster	2
PBL	3
Library News	4
Who am I	5
Canteen volunteer	6
Student Survey, Cyberbullying, Canteen, Meal Deal & Raymond Terrace Markets	7
Parking, Sailability	8
Irrawang High School Fair, Magic Fair Away Tree, Dad's Group	9
Enrolment, Facebook, Aussie 5	10
Absentee Note	11
Caught You Being Good At Home	12

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

IT'S NOT ABOUT PERFECT. IT'S ABOUT EFFORT. AND WHEN YOU BRING THAT EFFORT EVERY SINGLE DAY, THATS WHERE TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS. THATS HOW CHANGE OCCURS

I am so proud of all our Year 3 and Year 5 students who sat the NAPLAN test earlier in the year. Although it is a snapshot in time, results can be used to look at the Year 3 and Year 5 groups both individually and as a whole. It is a good tool in determining where students are working well and in identifying areas of need. After reading our results, it was wonderful to see such growth in all areas for our students. Well done to the staff, students and parents for their support in this process.

Tell Them From Me Survey

This term students in Year 4,5 and 6 along with staff and students will be asked to offer their anonymous opinions of our school via a 'Tell Them From Me' survey. Unfortunately, the wrong dates were on the opt out permission note that was sent home on Monday. An amended note is in this edition of the newsletter. If you do not want your child to participate in an anonymous survey of the school, please send in the note before the due date.

For students: These online surveys will be completed during school time.
For parents: Online surveys will be available through your own device by going to

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/aussie5> Please ask your child to let their teacher know when you have completed the survey and they can get a treat as a thank you to the family.

Book Week Parade and Fair

A huge thank you to Mrs Berry and her team of tireless volunteers and library monitors who ran an amazing parade and fair on Wednesday. Everyone looked fabulous for the parade and many enjoyed the book fair. A great day!

Looking Ahead

All the best to our Stage 3 Campers heading off to The Great Aussie Bush Camp next week and to our Stage 2 getting ready for their Reptile Park experience soon after. I know you will all have your Aussie 5's with you for these wonderful experiences.

Wedding Bells

Our beautiful bride to be Miss Laura Vautin is getting married this weekend. On behalf of the school, we wish her and Matthew all the very best and look forward to hearing all about it when she returns as Mrs Evans.



School Calendar 2016 TERM 3



Fri-26/8 - Gathang
Mon-29/8 to 31/8- Aussie Bush Camp
Fri -2/9 - Gathang
Thur-8/9-Reptile Park Exc

Irrawang Public School
21 Geer Street
RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324
P: 49872403/ 49872600
F: 49874063
Principal:
Stacy Mathieson
Webpage: <http://www.irrawang-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>
Email:
irrawang-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Stacy Mathieson
Principal



SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

RESPECT

CAUTION

Slippery surface warning

Please be aware that the grass/dirt area near the hall's water tank is a very steep slope and can be very slippery especially during times of rain.

Community members visiting the hall are asked to keep to the concrete paths in order to reach the seating areas at the back of the hall to reduce the risks of slipping over.



This is a six-session program for separated parents in conflict over their children. It is designed to improve emotional and developmental outcomes for children in separated families by:

- raising parents' awareness of the impact on their children of the ongoing conflict in their family
- providing them with knowledge, tips and strategies to be able to focus on their children rather than on their issues or conflicts with the other parent

Parents will learn:

- ways to better regulate their emotions and to self-care
- ways to help their children manage their emotions
- to recognise the effects of ongoing, mismanaged conflict on children
- skills to better manage conflict with the other parent
- to reorient interactions with their child's other parent to be respectful and cooperative
- to recognise and differentiate between their own and their children's individual needs
- skills to communicate effectively with the other parent
- to reflect on their behaviour and make changes where needed

Dates: Thursdays, 20 October – 24 November 2016

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Venue: Thou Walla

Contact Carmel at Interrelate – 0455 085 244 or
Gina at Thou Walla – 4987 4666 or 0400 431 657

Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Raymond Terrace & Karuah is funded by the Australian Government and Facilitated by The Smith Family.



ASSEMBLY ROSTER TERM 3 & 4 2016

Term 3	Class
Week 6	KV
Week 8	KR
Week 10	1M
Term 4	Class
Week 2	3-6J
Week 4	Preschool
Week 6	4-5E
Week 8	Special Ed
Week 10	YEAR 6

At Irrawang Public School & Community we are
safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings!

(IPS Staff, School Community, Students, Parents)

‘Be quiet, be polite and do it right!’

There are times during the school day and out in the community
where we are required to be quiet.

The library is one location where we must always be quiet and
polite.

Being quiet and polite shows respect to others. When we treat
others with respect they will be more willing to listen to us and
help us when we need it!

**THE
SILENT
ONES ARE
THE MOST
OBSERVANT
ONES.**



Book Parade 2016



What a fabulous parade!



5 Things you don't know about me- Staff



Congratulations to **Rhiannon Henderson**, the winner of our guessing competition in the "5 Things you don't know about me" feature of the Newsletter.

The correct answer was Mr Simon Edgar-Jones.

Melissa Beasley

Community Liaison Officer



WHO AM I—Family



We are a family of four. We have been together for 29 years and have 2 children.

One child attends IPS and the other is 20 years old and works.

We have one cat, two dogs, two birds & ten rabbits.

As a family we like to visit Grandparents, go fishing and to the markets / garage sales. Since our youngest child started at IPS we have been involved in many of the programs run through Thou-Walla and have enjoyed attending all the School events and assemblies over the years.

I get involved in the parent Forums and the entertainment at the school's talent quests and Christmas concerts.

In the past I have been in the Fire Brigade, studied Law & medicine and trained for the Olympics.

Who am I?

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 Thursday week 7.

The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 8 (9th September).

Good luck!

Melissa Beasley

Community Liaison Officer

Guessing Competition Answer.



Name:

Class:

Answer:



Canteen Volunteers Needed



Providing nutritious food in our canteen is a vital step in helping kids set up healthy routines and habits for life. Our canteen is run with the help of a network of volunteers from our school community working together.

If you can spare any time to join our network and help prepare and serve food at our canteen, we would very much appreciate a hand. Its easy and fun work with On-the-job training and you can dedicate as much or as little time as you like. Our time is from 8:15am-12.30pm if you are available. All volunteers' efforts are rewarded with a healthy lunch and as much tea and coffee as you can drink.

Just fill in the volunteers slip below and email or send it back to school. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me via phone, email or drop in to the canteen for a chat.

Many thanks,

Phyllipa Elvidge
Canteen Supervisor

49872403
ipspandc@hotmail.com

Canteen Volunteer

This information is kept confidential and secure unless otherwise noted.

Volunteer Name: _____ Best Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Child(s) Name: _____ Class: _____

Day(s) Available to Volunteer:

- ☐ Monday
☐ Tuesday
☐ Wednesday
☐ Thursday
☐ Friday

Frequency you would like to volunteer:

- ☐ Once a week
☐ Once a fortnight
☐ Once a month
☐ Once a term
☐ Other: _____

Any Special request, such as being rostered with friends or particular dates etc:

Extra copies available from the Office or Canteen.



The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 5th September, 2016**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>



Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?

Arts/Crafts/Markets
Fair Day
Saturday 27th August
Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
Heatherbrae
10am-3pm

kids activities	Locally Made
Displays/workshops	Roving musicians

Bring the family and browse the many stalls offering a range of locally made products and home baked grown goodies. Celebrate Wattle month. Plants, woodwork, ceramics, photography etc Roaming musicians, variety of performers. Face painting, spray on tats, Pink hoops for breast cancer etc.

Free kids craft workshop 10-2pm -create & win a prize. Kids activity area. Indoor demonstrations and workshops. Tarot readings.

Take a relaxed stroll through the gardens & have lunch in the café or choose from the food stalls. Free guided walking & photography tours. Only \$4.00 per car-all money raised to Hunter Region Botanic Gardens.

Enquiries Liz- Organiser ph. 0422144441.

Fact sheet
CYBERBULLYING

Follow us: @ThinkUKnow_Aus facebook.com/ThinkUKnowAustralia

Cyberbullying is the repeated use of the internet, mobile phones and other technologies to bully, intimidate and humiliate others. It differs from other bullying because it often continues outside of school and school hours. It can be 24/7 and sometimes you may not know who is behind it.

What does cyberbullying look like?
 Cyberbullying might occur over the internet, in instant messaging (IM), social networking sites, blogs or through online gaming. It can also occur over the phone, by SMS or MMS, or voice and video calls.

Why do people cyberbully?
 There are a number of reasons why people might cyberbully others, including:

- think it's amusing
- don't like the person
- don't consider it to be a big deal, "it's just words"
- don't believe there are any consequences
- think they can be anonymous

None of these reasons, or any others, can justify cyberbullying.

What are the effects of cyberbullying?
 Things that happen on the internet or mobile phones can have offline consequences. Some of the effects of cyberbullying may be:

- anger
- embarrassment
- fear
- poor performance at school
- loss of confidence and self-esteem
- revenge cyberbullying or retaliation
- self-harm, even suicide

Cyberbullying hurts people. It can ruin lives. There could even be legal consequences for harassing or threatening someone online.

Most importantly, know where you can go for help! Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable. You can also contact:

- Reach Out: www.reachout.com.au
- Bullying, No Way: www.bullyingnoway.com.au
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com
- The website, application or phone carrier that you were using at the time

What can you do about cyberbullying?

Don't start it! Cyberbullying is never acceptable. Think before you post something mean, or send someone a hurtful message.

Don't be a part of it! As a bystander, you can do something to stop cyberbullying. If someone tries to get you involved in cyberbullying, say NO.

Don't let it get out of control! You need to tell someone if you are being cyberbullied so that they can help you to make it stop.

Stand up! Be an active bystander and tell a trusted adult if you see cyberbullying occurring.

How can you stay in control?

- learn how to block and report unwanted communications
- find out your school's policy on cyberbullying
- research what policies your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and any online sites and applications you are using have on cyberbullying
- tell someone!

How can you help your friends?

- support the person who is being bullied - you never know when you might need help too
- encourage them to speak to a trusted adult
- don't forward or pass on any cyberbullying materials such as links to humiliating videos or gossip texts
- create a positive culture in your school and community which doesn't tolerate bullying in any form

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen is now open 8:30am-2:15pm every day.

Could you please try to have the correct money as Canteen doesn't carry change.
 We appreciate your help.



Irrawang Public School Meal Deal Day
 Friday 16th September 2016. Cost \$6

Name: _____
 Class: _____

Meal consists of either hotdog or cheese burger,
 Donut or finger bun and a drink.

Lunch

Hot Dog _____	Tomato Sauce _____
Cheese Burger _____	BBQ Sauce _____
	No Sauce _____

Recess

Iced donut _____
 Finger bun _____

Drink

Large Water _____	Juice _____
Plain Milk _____	Banana milk _____
Choc milk _____	Strawberry milk _____

Please return all money and forms to the canteen.
No later than Wednesday 14th September 2016.

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.

For more information contact Port Stephens Council's Road Safety Officer
Telephone 4980 0201
A road safety initiative of Port Stephens Council



Come try Sailing!



at the
**Grahamstown Sailing
& Aquatic Club**
Grahamstown Road, Medowie

27, 28 & 29 September 2016
(Tuesday to Thursday)

***Cost: \$45/sailor**

***\$65 per family (maximum 3 persons, \$10pp extra)**

Fee includes: use of personal floatation device, course handbook, sailing with experienced sailors, practical sailing and racing activities, Certificate on completion.

Kiosk open: Light snacks, drinks, ice creams available

Time: 10am - approx. 3pm each day.

Venue: Fielding Madden Park
Grahamstown Rd. Medowie

To book, please contact:

**Richard Byrne 4981 7509, sailwithrichard@gmail.com or
Frank Bardsley Ph/fax 4982 3053**

Who can learn? Anyone, age 12 yrs & above.
(If you have younger children wishing to participate please contact us.)

People with a disability are welcome!

Sailability, a world-wide organisation, aims at making Sailing available at low cost for all, regardless of ability or disability.



www.facebook.com/sailabilityportstephens

***\$25 for past participants or \$45 per family**

IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING FAIR!

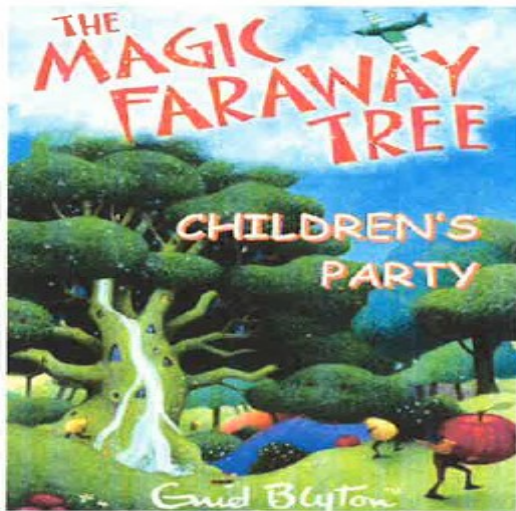
Saturday September 3rd

10am-3pm

Come along and join in
All the fun of the fair!

All in a good cause...

TO RAISE MONEY TO
AIR CONDITION
OUR SCHOOL HALL!



SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2016
5pm - 8.30pm

@ STOCKADE HILL HERITAGE PARK EAST MAITLAND
(in Rotunda area)

Everyone welcome, we provide sausage
sizzle, fairy bread and fruit.

Entertainment by magician
JOEL HOWLETT

Jumping castle - Various games.

Entry fee : \$5 Adults - \$3 Children

Bring picnic blanket, torch, dress up as a magical
character or super hero

Ring Greg 0408493084 for more information

An old fashion family picnic by:



Kiwaniis

Dad's Group cont...

Looking at fathering...a most important
job.

Max from Family Support Newcastle, invites dads, and men
who have a role in raising children, to the term 3 workshop.
Each group session is unique.

Topics usually include:

- Healthy & Resilient Relationships
- Looking after yourself and your child
- The joys and struggles of a 21st century Dad
- Dealing with strong emotions
- Boundaries & discipline

When: Wednesday 7th of September

Time: 10-2pm Where: Thou-Walla

**FREE CHILDREN'S GROUP AVAILABLE
ON PREMISES. Lunch provided.**

To make a booking or for further inquiries,
Please call Gina on 4987 4666





Irrawang Public School

Safety Responsibility Learning Respect

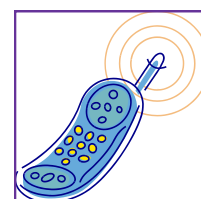


**HAS YOUR CHILD ENROLLED FOR SCHOOL
NEXT YEAR?**

**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

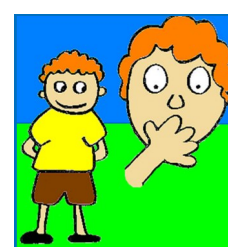
facebook

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:

*Sick _____

*Other Reason _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____

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



Irrawang Public School: Absentee Note

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Date/s of absence/s _____

Reason for leave:

*Sick _____

*Other Reason _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____

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



Irrawang Public School: Absentee Note

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Date/s of absence/s _____

Reason for leave:

*Sick _____

*Other Reason _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____

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

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe


Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe


Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe

Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe

Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe

Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe

Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe


Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe


Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe

Using your Aussie 5!

Who: _____

Caught You!

Name: _____

Reason: _____

 ☐ Following instructions
☐ Speaking politely
☐ Waiting patiently
☐ Being kind to others
☐ Being safe

Using your Aussie 5!