



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

Term 1, Week 4, 17 February 2017



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

We are already at the end of week 4 of a very busy 11 week term. Classes are settled and all of our Aussie 5 Super Stars are working beautifully to achieve their learning outcomes.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon yesterday. It was fabulous to see such a wonderful level of attendance. If you were unable to attend, a stage information letter will be heading home soon.

Save The Date:

Unfortunately the P&C had to be rescheduled to next Wednesday, 22nd February in the library at 4pm. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and carers and remind you that it is really important to have your say regarding future directions of the school. At next week's P&C, they will be looking at an opportunity to refine the current format of the half yearly and yearly reports. Feedback for this process is extremely valuable and encouraged. They will also discuss the organisation of upcoming events such as school discos and the Mother's Day stall.

Don't be late, school can't wait!

There has been an increasing number

of students arriving late to school of a morning. Arriving late disrupts your child's learning and the learning of others. Set alarms, prepare lunches, uniform and school bags the night before. If lateness is unavoidable, as a parent you need to:

1. Walk your child to the office and sign them in as late OR
2. Send a note in with your child, signed and dated by you, stating the time of arrival and the reason for lateness OR
3. Ring the school on 49872403 as your child is at the front office stating who you are and why your child is late.

Attendance is extremely important here at IPS and as a reward, the class with the highest attendance gets to choose the song played over the sound system at the end of recess for that week. Well done to KE on their success this week. I have really enjoyed seeing students (and staff), dancing to lines at the end of recess. I wonder which class will be next?

Kind Regards,
Stacy Mathieson
Principal



School Calendar 2017 TERM 1



17/2 - P-6 Assembly
20/2 - PBL Assembly 2.15pm
22/2 - Primary Sport Day
23/2 - Gathang
24/2 - Scripture starts
24/2 - K-2 Sport Day
24/2 - P-6 Assembly
27/2 - PBL Assembly 2.15pm
2/3 - Gathang
3/3 - P-6 Assembly

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

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Don't Be Late, School Can't Wait!

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Our morning session from 8.55am-11.40am is our key learning time for Literacy and Numeracy.

When students are late in the morning, they miss important daily routines, messages and key Literacy and Numeracy learning concepts.

At times, we understand lateness may be unavoidable due to a doctor or other appointment. When this happens, the following options are available:

*A parent/caregiver needs to escort their child to the office and sign them in. OR

*A phone call needs to be made at the time of arrival from a parent/caregiver to say why their child is late (IPS Ph: 49872403) OR

*A note from the parent/caregiver needs to come in with the student to explain why they are late and the time they are signing in.

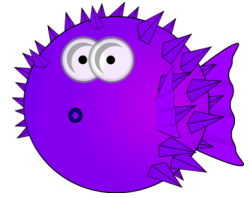
In the interest of student safety, child protection and wellbeing, we need to know that there is an acceptable reason why the student is late for school and that their parent/carer is aware of this lateness.

Thank you in advance for supporting our new approach to ensure your child's safety whilst promoting full time attendance at school.

Regards,
Stacy Mathieson
Principal

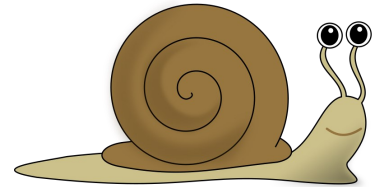
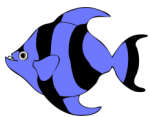
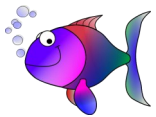


CLASS K/6C



K-6C have had a settled start to school and are exploring some new additions to the room. Our ceiling, doors and wood panels in the room have a new coat of paint and we have some new curtains.

We also have a new fish tank with two very precious goldfish (named Goldie and Sponge Bob) and two snails! Thanks Mrs Carroll and her daughter Tegan, for donating the tank and fish! Thanks Mrs Neil for the fish and the snails!



New Staff- Here to play their Part

Name: Michelle Lynch

Job Role: Teacher Librarian (Relieving)

Background: Degree - Bachelor Teaching/Bachelor Early Childhood Studies. Have been teaching for 12 years. Have worked a lot in Special Education and am also a Disability Support Worker outside of school. I have 4 spectacular males in my life - my husband Vaughan, 2 boys Zachary 5 and Samuel 3 and our Labrador Lewis.

Something interesting about me:

I love hats! Some may call me the Mad Hatter (I am a little crazy ha ha ha) I'm VERY excitable and love using hats to share emotion, create a little magic in learning and help people discover the world of their imagination xx

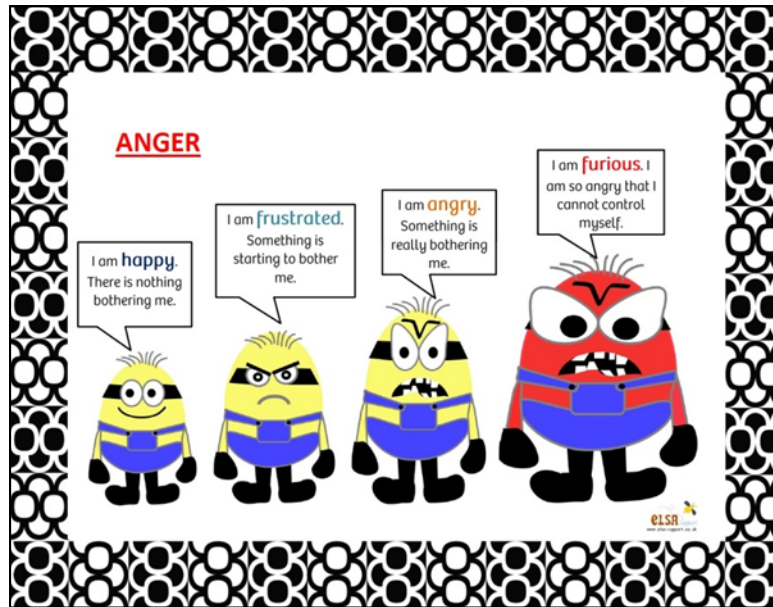
Quote: "Share the Love" -Share the love of learning,
Share the love of friendship, Share the love of life xx



Irrawang Public School's School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) for



(Back row) Mrs Smith, Mrs Dallas, Mrs Godwin, Mrs O'Loughlin, Mrs Medway, Mr Manhood,
(Second row) Mrs Chojnacki, Mrs Tuxford, Mrs Levido, Ms Thompson, Mrs Pascoe
(Third Row) Ms Cowan, Miss Hay, Ms Aylett, Ms Beasley
(Front row) Mrs Carroll, Mrs Pitkin, Mrs Cockle, Mrs Davidson, Mrs Moss
(Photo's to the right) Mr Ford and Mrs Turner
Away Mrs McGarry



OH DEAR!!!

I don't think Bob is controlling his emotions!

(Or is he!)

BUT WHAT IS AN EMOTION?

A strong feeling, deriving from an incident that may at times, cause a mood to become distinguished from reasoning or knowledge. At times we may not like what it is asked of us, as it may bother us.

BUT.....

We all need to control our emotions.

Weeks 4 & 5, teachers will be focusing on teaching 'Controlling our Emotions'.

Now let's see if Bob has controlled his emotions and how he

controlled them!!!





Recess Fitness Fun Group

This year, Mrs Milner has organised Irrawang's first fitness fun group every recess. Each day, she takes different students and instructs them in a combination of boxing, circuit and fitness. As you can see, Mathew and Ashlea are loving the new activity. Mathew even said that Wednesday is his favourite day of the week.

Well done boxing superstars!

Family Details and Consent Forms

Family Details and Consent Forms have been sent home today to the eldest child in each family. Please complete this form as soon as possible and send it back to the office via their teacher. This form covers a lot of permission areas and saves on continual notes being sent home. It is also a chance to make sure your current details are updated.

Thank you for your assistance



IAEG Leader nominations



Mr Edwards will be calling for IAEG nominations from Year 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Students will vote for who they believe should be the Representatives. Representatives will then have a responsibility to represent the student body for the group. Voting will take place on the 23rd of February 2017. Last year's leaders Jye and Taleah did an excellent job and have set a high standard for this year's nominations.

Library News –Week 3-4 Term 1 2017

What's Hot in Irri's Library

BORROWING ~ Everyone is doing a fabulous job borrowing something new and exciting. In Irri's Library we . . .

- ♦ **MUST** have a **Library bag** to take a book home
- ♦ **ALL** borrow 1 book for our class each week

Your Library Borrowing Days Are:



Monday	5/6F, 4/5J, 3G, 3/4E
Tuesday	3/6M, 2I, 2/6B, KC, KE, KR
Wednesday	Preschool, K/6C, 1B, 4/5G, 1T, 2T, 6P



LIBRARY MONITORS ~ I am in the process of appointing new Library Monitors for 2017. Once their new badges have arrived they will be announced and inducted at a Monday assembly. If your child has been appointed, you will be contacted personally inviting you to the Assembly.

Please stay tuned for more information!

BOOK IN FOCUS ~ This term we are looking at **HEROES**!

What makes a hero? Who are heroes? I'm a Hero!

And the difference between fictional heroes and real life everyday heroes!

This week we looked at fictional heroes and watched DC Comics. We even had the opportunity to make our own hand print superheroes.

Together we learnt heroes are brave, strong, confident people who are compassionate and help to protect our world and everyone in it.

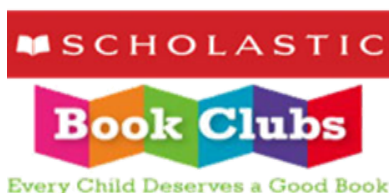


Welcome to
Book Club



Orders can be made through the office or online through Scholastic's LOOP service.

Register yourself as a member- <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>



Wombat
For PRE K&K

LUCKY
For YEARS 1&2

ARROW
For YEARS 3&4

star
For YEARS 5,6,7+

Issue 1 orders are placed. Please allow 2 weeks for delivery.

To the Defence Families

My name is Deborah O'Donoghue and I am the Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) at Grahamstown Public School. My role is to assist the families of current Australian Defence Force personnel with their mobile lifestyle, etc.

I am holding a **WELCOME FUNCTION** as an opportunity to meet other families **at Lakeside Bowl next Friday 17th February** with the Defence Mentors at Irrawang High School and Medowie Christian school from **3:30-5:30pm**. ***There is a cost of \$5 per game per person, however, afternoon tea will be provided.*** All Defence Families are invited to attend and if you are interested or would like further information, I would appreciate it if you could please contact me on: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au
(Please RSVP by Thursday 18th February,
Thank you)





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.

Stories on the Street Children's Literacy Program

brought to you by Port Stephens Library



A FREE Literacy program for Children 0-5years



**MONDAY and THURSDAY
MORNINGS**
(Raymond Terrace area)

FRIDAY MORNINGS
(Medowie area)

We will visit your home,
leave song and craft idea stencils,
read to your children and leave books
to be exchanged each week.
(excluding school holidays and rainy days)

Contact Melissa Beasley
on 4980 0128 or
0427 188 755

or Raymond Terrace
Library on 4980 0111



Port Stephens
LIBRARY
Start here, go anywhere...



**23/02/2017
10 am
MarketPlace
RAYMOND
TERRACE**

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions,

RAYMOND TERRACE POLICE STATION 02 49837 599

**PORT STEPHENS
LAC**



BIKES/Scooters



All bikes being ridden to school must comply to NSW Road Safety regulations.

The following are from Irrawang Public School's Bicycle Policy.

All bicycles must be fitted with a bell or horn, brakes and reflectors.

Students up to the age of twelve and their accompanying adults should ride on the footpath.

Students must wear a Standards Australia Approved (SAA) bicycle helmet correctly at all times when riding a bicycle.

All bicycles are to be walked into the school grounds and stored on the school's bike racks and locked.

The School takes no responsibility for bikes.

NOTE: Skateboards, scooters and roller blades are not permitted on the school grounds at any time.

Did you know?

- Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades can only be used on the road during daylight hours (up until the street lights come on).
- They cannot be used on roads with a dividing line or median strip or a speed limit greater than 50km/h, or a one-way road with more than one marked lane
- Fines have increased - \$319 for not wearing an approved helmet.
- The fine for riding a bicycle without working warning device (eg bell, horn): \$106

Please discuss bicycle/pedestrian road safety with your children regularly.



PORT STEPHENS POWER JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Ferodale Oval, Medowie

2017 Online Registrations Now Open
Visit www.portstephenspower.com.au

NAB Auskick \$70
5 Years to 8 Years
Includes 2017 Auskick Pack & Club T-shirt

Juniors \$100
U9s, U10s, U11s, U12s, U13s, U15s & U17s

Junior & Youth Girls \$100
U12s & U16s

Each new player receives a club sports bag, water bottle and socks

A \$10 discount will be given for every extra family member

The first 10 girls registered will receive a \$20 refund

***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****

For further information please email portstephenspower@gmail.com
or contact Mel on 0412067251



PSYCHIC FAIR

Sat Feb 18th

9.30am-2pm Riverside Park

Hunter St Raymond Terrace

WHAT DOES 2017 HAVE IN STORE
FOR YOU? HAVE YOUR TAROT'S READ
ASTROLOGY, AROMATHERAPY
MASSAGE, REIKI, LEARN HOW TO
MEDITATE AND MUCH MORE.
HEALTH WELLBEING STALLS, LOCALLY
MADE GOODIES, LIVE MUSIC, HOT
FOOD, ICE CREAM AND
COFFEE. CONTACT LIZ FOR STALL
BOOKINGS 0422144441.
KIDS, MUMS AND BUBS DAY SAT 18TH
MARCH.



St Brigid's Netball Club 2017 Season Registrations

Register Online

www.psna.nsw.netball.com.au

Forms & Information - Online Registrations - St Brigid's
Registrations to be completed by 18 Feb 2017

Net Set Go (8-10yrs): \$130

Junior and Intermediates (11- 17yrs): \$138

Juniors playing in Seniors: \$153

Seniors: \$172

Need assistance with online registrations,
come and meet the Committee
at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on:

Wednesday 18 Jan 2017 - 5pm to 7pm
Saturday 18 Feb 2017 - 9am to 11am

ALL WELCOME

all ages, all levels, existing and new players

Enquiries to Club Registrar Stacey Lawlor 0458006567

Good for Kids good for life

WATERMELON ICE BLOCKS

INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
Diced Watermelon	2 cups
Fresh strawberries (hulled)	10
Lemon Juice	1 x lemon
Water (optional)	1/2 cup

METHOD

1. Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth
2. Pour into ice block moulds
3. Freeze until hard
4. Enjoy on a sunny summer day!



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499

camp  quality.

ROCK ON THE RIVER

BOOK ONLINE NOW
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

DATE: Saturday 25th February 2017

TIME: Gates open 3:00pm
Entertainment starts 4:30pm

VENUE: 840 Hinton Road, Osterley
(near Raymond Terrace)

TICKETS: Adult: \$25 | Child (13-17 y.o.): \$15
Family pass (2 adults, 2 kids 13+): \$60
(FREE entry to kids 0-12 y.o.)

Bring your picnic rug, nibbles and a glass of wine, while you enjoy the sun set over the Hunter River listening to local bands from 7:00pm till late. The kids will be kept entertained with jumping castles, face painting and an array of Camp Quality style fun!

Food and drink available for purchase, or bring your own picnic. Camping spaces, for tents and caravans, also available for those who wish to stay the night. (\$5 camping fee per car applies).

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK TICKETS:
rockontheriver.com.au

camp  quality.



FUN KIDS ENTERTAINMENT!

Plus a BBQ, raffles, auctions and an array of Camp Quality style cheer.

LIVE MUSIC BY:

- ★ 24 Hours
- ★ Summer Breese
- ★ Half Cut

ROCK ON THE RIVER



Did you know that we have supported playgroups right here in the school grounds?

- Tuesday's from 9.15am - 11.15am
- Wednesday's from 9.15am - 11.15am

At: Thou-Walla Family Centre

Phone: 4987 4666

Call into the Centre or look us up on facebook

Like: Thou-Walla Family Centre

New families always welcome 😊



Are you a family member caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition?

My Time is a group that provides support for families as well as a place to unwind and share experiences. Experiences include:

NDIS Guest Speakers; Meditation and yoga for carer's; Pampering sessions; Disability Support Resources

For families with children 0-16 years

Families are welcome to attend, even if their child is at school. This is your time!

At each MyTime Group, there is a Play helper who helps to support children (0-5 years) in various play so members can spend time catching up with one another. Siblings welcome.

When: Thursday's during school term

From: 9.30am- 11.30am

Where: Thou-Walla Family Centre

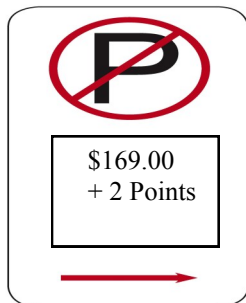
(In the grounds of Irrawang Public School)

MyTime also runs in conjunction with a Homeschooling Group, who use the Centre from 10.30am -12.30pm

Would you like more information? Please call into the Centre or phone 4987 4666.

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



POP Payments:

Please be mindful when making payments via internet to the school for your child/children that you select "Irrawang Public School" and not the High School.



CALLS TO THE OFFICE FOR LATE PICK UP:

If you have to ring the school to get a message to your child/children that you are going to be late, please try to ring before 2.45pm.

If you ring after 2.45pm we can **not** guarantee that the message will reach your child/children before the bell.

Thank you for your understanding.



SCREEN PRINTING:

Reminder: You can leave your child/children's Sport shirts in the office with \$2 per shirt and we will have the school logo screen printed on them for you.

Please ensure your child/children's name is clearly marked on each shirt.





Irrawang Public School

Safety Responsibility Learning Respect

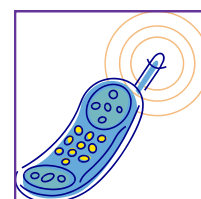


**HAS YOUR CHILD ENROLLED FOR SCHOOL
NEXT YEAR?**

**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

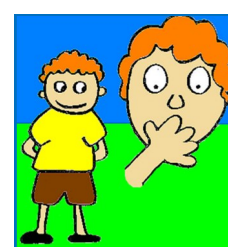
facebook

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*****



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