



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

Term 1, Week 8, 17 March 2017



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School Calendar 2017 TERM 1



20/3 - PBL Assembly 2.15pm
 21/3 - P&C DISCO
 22/3 - X-Country
 23/3 - Gathang
 24/3 - Clean up Aust Day
 31/3 - P-6 Assembly
 27/3 - PBL Assembly 2.15pm
 30/3 - Gathang
4/4 & 6/4 - School Photos

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow!

We are at the end of Week 8 already. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity in the last week to be shown some examples of our wonderful student growth in writing. We are so proud of your children and I am very grateful for the amazing staff here at Irrawang Public, guiding and teaching your children each and every day.

Voluntary School Contributions:

These are not new. Each year, parents are able to contribute to the school which supplies your children with books, stationary, art supplies, technology upgrades, in class app purchases on class ipads etc and many many other resources. The only difference this year is that we have sent home a reminder that these voluntary contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Sickness:

At the moment, there seems to be a 'bug' catching up with quite a few of our students and teachers, particularly in our K-2 area. If your child is displaying symptoms of an illness, please keep them at home, have them checked by a doctor if needed and let the school know they are away. Consideration of others and keeping your sick child home is the best way to reduce any illness spreading further.

Uniforms:

With the cooler weather arriving, please send your child to school with appropriate winter clothes. A plain royal blue jumper is acceptable (NO HOODIES) and you also have the option to bring it in to the office with \$2 to have the school crest screen printed on it. Royal blue tracksuit pants or slacks are suitable for the cooler months (NO TIGHTS). Please make sure all clothes are labelled.

Sports shirts:

It has been fabulous on sport days seeing the students in their house colour shirts. A reminder that Years 3-6 sport is Wednesday and years K-2 is on a Friday. If unsure of house name or colour, please see the office or your child's class teacher.

School Reports:

This year we are looking at a change to the current format of the half yearly and yearly reports. The discussion was taken to the last P&C meeting and the suggestion of a change in format was supported by the P&C. Our next step is to show examples of the new format to the whole school parent body with a survey to assess if there is support for a change by the majority of the parent/carer body at IPS. Examples and survey to come home before the end of term.

Kind Regards

Mrs Mathieson
 Principal



SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

RESPECT



Irrawang IT Crew



I would like to introduce our apprentice IT experts. Lachlan Cameron, Nick Hilzinger-Geise, Jaikobie Hampton and Jakoby Hunter have been assisting Mrs John with technology maintenance around the school. Their favourite job is updating our computers to Windows 10. Our expert crew are preparing some hints and will be teaching other classes the basics of Windows 10 over the next couple of weeks. We are lucky to have such a knowledgeable and helpful group of students. Thank you boys!



**Come and help celebrate
Harmony Day at Thou-Walla on**

**Wednesday the
22nd of March**

from 9:30am-11:30am

**The day will involve the 'Release of the
Chickens', African Drumming and
sharing of food from different countries.**

**We will be sharing the celebrations with the
preschool, our community centre playgroup
families and the local children who helped
build the chicken coop.**

We hope to see you there☺

**Please don't forget to bring a plate to share
and wear something orange.**

4987 4666

KIDZ IN THE PARK
**brown street
park**

free family BBQ
4th Thursday in the month
everyone's welcome

**Thursday 3:15pm -
4:30pm**

ages 6-12

Everyone in 3G is a superhero!

Why? You ask...

Because:

- We try our best
- Actively listen
- Help each other out
- Do our Aussie Five

This week in Math, 3G have been learning all about Fractions. Miss Giuffre has made us very hungry during math this week because we have been using food servings (like slices of pizza) to help us learn about fractions. We have even been practising our throwing by playing mini basketball and writing the fraction of how many shots we get into the basket. We love Math!

After recess, 3G usually participate in 'Peace Out'. During 'Peace Out' we get comfortable in the classroom and relax. We listen to a story and focus on our breathing. This helps us calm down after having fun on the playground and helps us get ready to learn.

"Learning is fun in 3G because we use hands on activities like play dough, games and mini basketball". -Gene

"I enjoy doing our literacy and math groups." - Kaidyn

Written by: Evelynn, Gene & Kaidyn

Don't be late! School can't wait!



Welcome to 2017 5/6F!

What a busy start we have had to 2017 with so many fabulous and exciting opportunities ahead for all the students in Stage 3. STAR LEADERS have been doing an amazing job and will be presented with their badge at next Monday's assembly. 🙌🌟🙌



To start the year we made new friends with our class members by working co-operatively in PBL class lessons. The expectations for tasks and learning from students in Stage 3 are extremely high as they are now leaders of the school and are expected to model the behaviours they have learned over the past years at Irrawang Public School. I must say that the students in 5/6F have impressed me with their fabulous start to the year.

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Math

In class, students have been working really hard in Maths by learning new games that reinforce and improve our recall on number concepts. When we work in Maths groups we play fun Maths games, use computers, iPad technology and work with Miss Finch where she extends our knowledge and supports each of our individual learning needs.

In Literacy, students have been learning to write imaginative and narrative texts through the program of the 'Seven Steps for Successful Writing'. So far we have learnt how to plan for our writing, create sizzling starts, backfill and tighten the tension in our stories by using our senses to make the reader feel like they are experiencing the events in the story. Students 'have-a-go' attitude has really been evident in their writing attempts.



5/6F has recently been introduced to Personal Interest Projects (PIPs) in computers. They have been researching their choice of superhero and developed a PowerPoint presentation covering interesting facts about their superhero.

Students have also been working in groups to create an iMovie trailer for a superhero story. They are so excited with these projects and will be presenting some of these items at 5/6 F's week 8 assembly. Stay tuned for more exciting news from 5/6F in 2017.

Miss Finch

**We all have
a hero
in our heart.**

Class 3/6M

The fabulous 3-6M have had such a fantastic start to the year, it's hard to choose what great projects to talk about. The thing they are proudest of however is the Dry River Bed that we helped Craig, and others build in the Preschool. 3-6M shared the responsibilities of measuring and cutting wood to size to build the bridge, learnt how to bend wood (and patience when it kept breaking). They worked hard placing the rocks in a particular way, and used their muscles to shovel a tray load of gravel into the wheel barrel and mix it with concrete. They had an eye for detail when laying the stepping stones, ensuring that they were level in the concrete. 3-6M are enjoying all the hands on learning happening in and outside the classroom.



RESPECT

We use this word a lot.

But what does it really mean?????

Respect is a way of treating or thinking about something or someone.

It is showing politeness and consideration, greeting and talking in a friendly manner, encouraging and praising.

Where and when should we show respect and to who?

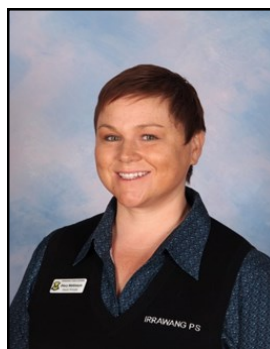
Respect should be shown everywhere, at all times to everyone.

7 ways to show you're
**All About
RESPECT**



New Staff- Here To Play Their Part

Irrawang Public School Executive



Stacy Mathieson -Principal



Anna Swanson- Instructional leader



School Administration Manager

Assistant Principals:



Jodie Edgerton

**(Relieving) Early
Stage 1 and Stage 1
(K-2)**



Adam Edwards

**(Relieving) Stage 2
(yrs. 3 & 4)**



Rachael Martin

Stage 3 (yrs. 5 &6)



Dionne Boyd

Support Classes

Our Irrawang

Thou-Walla Family Centre

By Community Liaison Officer, Melissa Beasley

Thou-Walla Family Centre is a community centre located right here in the school grounds. The Centre provides various programs to the community with a focus on families with children 0- 8 years of age. The community centre is open to all families in surrounding areas with some families traveling from as far as Nelson Bay and Kurri Kurri to attend programs here.

Some of the regular programs on offer include supported playgroups, parenting programs, baby massage, drumming and sewing. There are also other programs and workshops made available at various stages in the year including programs that are offered at other schools. Check out their term newsletter for each term's programs or have a look in the school newsletter. They also have a Facebook page 'Thou-Walla Family Centre' where all new programs are advertised.

Thou-Walla's Facilitator Gina is a social worker and has a strong connection with the local community. If you are looking for a referral to a service or require support, please feel free to call in or call the Centre. Thou-Walla Family Centre has many visiting agencies that partner in providing programs to the community and are here to support families. The Centre also has casual staff and volunteers who support our programs and help make the Centre what it is today.

Thou-Walla Family Centre is open to new ideas so if you have an idea that they can support, please let them know. If you would like to find out more about what they do, please call in or call 4987 4666.



Facilitator Gina Ascott-Evans, Social Work student Ellie Morgan, Support staff member Ivy Lesigues and Volunteer Tosso Higginbottom



Drumming group- Zukuma



Sewing group

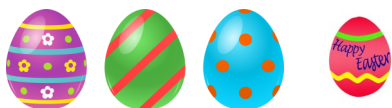


story time at one of the 3 playgroups



(Left) Painting craft activity
Playing in the boat at Thou-Walla (Right)





Easter Raffle



The P&C are having a raffle at the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday

5th April 2017

and are looking for **NEW** donations of any sort, Easter Eggs, Toys,
Craft items, Donations to be brought into school by

Monday 3rd April 2017

and can be left at the office.

Please place in a bag with your
child's name on it so they can re-
ceive a **FREE** ticket in the raffle.

Thankyou P&C Committee.



Irrawang Public School P&C Association

DISCO

Tuesday 21st March

Entry cost is \$2.00 per person

Superhero Theme if you want to come dressed up.

Chips, Drinks and Lollies available

TIMES: INFANTS– 4-5PM

PRIMARY– 5-6PM

Children must be picked up from the hall by parent/carers at the end of their disco session.





Library News –Week 7-8 Term 1 2017

What's **Hot** in Irri's Library



BORROWING~Everyone is doing a fabulous job borrowing something new and exciting. **BUT** we are forgetting to bring them back!!!

Overdue notices went out this week—If books are not returned please expect a phone call from the ‘Mad Hatter’!

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



EASTER HAT PARADE AND BOOK FAIR ~ Wednesday 5th April

Students are encouraged to create their hats at home with their families. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you need assistance.

Students will **parade their Easter Hats in the Hall** and participate in activities in their classrooms. Families can share a picnic lunch before the Parade and lunch orders can be made at the canteen.

The Library will be hosting their first **MINI BOOK FAIR for 2017**. Books can be **purchase** during the **morning, lunch and afternoon** on **Wednesday**.

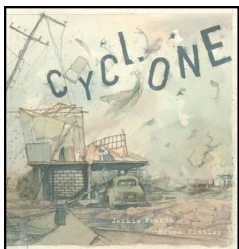
The P&C will be holding an **Easter Egg Raffle**. Any **DONATIONS** of Easter eggs are welcomed and can be taken to the office.



PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES IN THE NEWSLETTER & NOTES HOME

TEXT IN FOCUS ~ This week we are looking at **EVERYDAY HEROES!**

Heroes are . . . ‘Everyday people doing extra-ordinary things!’



In Jackie French's books, Flood and Cyclone, we are taken on a journey of survival, bravery and heroism.

What heroes are in your life and what have they done for you?



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/>

CAREERS DAY 2017

SAVE THE DATE: 2nd August 2017 (Term 3)

Looking for Career Presenters

'You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose' Dr Seuss

Careers Day at Irrawang Public School is all about celebrating career choices and the importance of education in achieving your goals. We are planning the Careers Day for 2017 and are looking for any parents/caregivers or extended family who may be interested in being a career presenter or helper on the day. In particular, we are looking for any previous Irrawang Public School students. If you can help, please fill in your details on the slip below and return to the front office before Wednesday 21st June. If you have any questions regarding your participation in the Careers Day, please contact Community Liaison Officer Melissa Beasley on 49872403 or Gina Ascott-Evans at Thou-Walla on 4987 4666.



Careers Fun Day Volunteer

(Please return this slip to the front office by Wednesday 21st June, 2017)



Yes! I am able to help with the Careers Fun Day on Wednesday 2nd August, 2017.

Your name: _____

Your child's name and class: _____

I work(ed) as a _____

and can be contacted during the day on (Ph) _____





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
ipsandc@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.

Swamp Stomp 2017

Sunday 2 April
Fred Harvey Oval, Woodberry

Colour Run

Colour Run
starts at 11am & 1pm
Wear a white t-shirt
or buy one for \$5
Proceeds to Anglican Parish
Food Pantry



SWAMP STOMP

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2017
10AM-2PM
WOODBERRY OVAL

- Gold Coin Donation
- Colour Run
- Market Stalls
- Pop-up Playgroup
- Face Painting
- Amusement Rides
- Live Entertainment
- Youth Space
- Prizes
- BBQ

For more information please call Naomi at Maitland Neighbourhood Centre 4932 0950. For market stalls information, call Doug at the Anglican Parish 0478 050 012.

2322 Men's Shed
Carter HEAVY HAULAGE
NSW
ABILITY LINKS
St Vincent de Paul Society
Maitland

Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY CLASS PARTIES

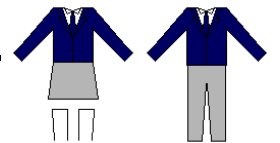
As parents we help our children pack their lunchbox or choose lunch orders at the canteen, but we don't have much choice in what they eat at school functions, events and class parties.

Here are a few suggestions for healthy party food at school:

- Rainbow fruit kebabs
- Pikelets or fruit pikelets
- Watermelon Pizzas
- Frozen fruit covered in yoghurt
- Apple slice monsters
- Air popped popcorn and dried fruit mixes
- Cheese party shapes and crackers
- Mini vegetable muffins or mini fruit muffins



UNIFORMS:



If you have any pre-loved uniforms that your children have grown out of or are venturing onto high school.

Could you please donate them to the school for our emergency store where they will be **GRATEFULLY**

Accepted. You can leave them at the office. Many thanks for your help.

Please!!!





Photo Days

School Photos are quickly coming upon us.

This year it will be a little bit different.

On Tuesday, 4th April, 2017 all Infants classes will be having their class photos taken along with **Preschool Sun, Year 6** (this is the graduation photo not class), **Leaders, Library Monitors, PBL Reps, Aboriginal Leaders and Sports Captains.** Family Photos will also be taken on this day.

On Thursday, 6th April, 2017 all Primary and Support classes will be having their class photo taken along with **Preschool Rainbow, Star Leaders, debating and Sporting squads.** Family Photos will also be taken on this day.

All forms and money for class photos must be returned on the day of your child's class photo.

Family forms can be picked up at the Office and **returned** there.

Every child must have their own order form.

Order forms will **not** be accepted at school after the photo day.

All children are required to be in full school uniform.



Plus Gold Face Behaviours!

Miss M. Cruickshank / Mrs A. Begley
Co-ordinators

S. Mathieson
Principal

We Play Our Part

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...



**RAYMOND TERRACE AUTUMN
PRELOVED 2ND HAND
SATURDAY MARKETS**
RIVERSIDE PARK
Sat 25th March 9.30-2pm

Bring the family and check out the
variety of stalls selling preloved items
as well as locally hand crafted goodies.

**Celebrate Harmony Day, kids'
activities/competitions, face painting,
live music, hot food, coffee, drinks, etc.
Bag a bargain. New stallholders welcome.**

Contact Liz on 0422144441
rtcommunitymarkets@bigpond.com
FB Raymond Terrace Community
Markets

SUPPORT THE LOCAL

2017 Cross-Country:

Our cross-country will be held on Wednesday of week 9 during primary sport time. It will commence at 12:30; straight after lunch. All eligible students who turn 8 at any time this year are expected to take part (years 2-6). Depending on numbers, boys and girls may run in the same race. They will be placed accordingly at the finish. The first 3 place getters (Boys and Girls) will be invited to represent our school at the Zone carnival next term. Please ensure your child(ren) wear appropriate shoes on the day and their House sports shirt. Please feel free to come along and cheer the runners on. If any parents would like to assist on the course they would be most welcome.



Clean up Australia for Schools:



We will be doing our bit to keep our school's environment clean after recess on Friday, 24th March. Classes will be designated an area to clean within the school grounds. Students will only be picking up general playground litter (no dangerous objects). If you would prefer your child(ren) to wear gloves, please send them in on the day.



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 carers; 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

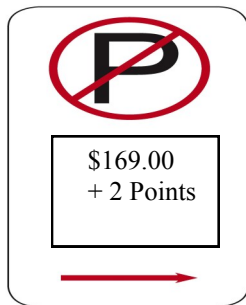
(In the grounds of Irrawang Public School)

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

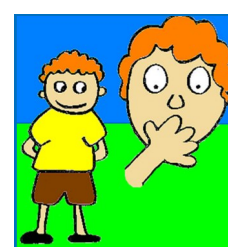
facebook

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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