



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

Term 3, Week 4, 11 August 2017



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School Calendar 2017 TERM 3



15/8 - School Disco + School Plan
Afternoon
16/8 - Careers Day
16/8 - P&C Meeting (4pm Library)
22/8 - Book Week Parade
22/8 & 23/8 - Book Fair
23/8 & 24/8 - Zoo-Snooze Excursion
Every Thursday - GATHANG

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

"I Learn, We Learn" is this year's Education Week theme.

It is a celebration of our schools' commitment to ensuring at Irrawang Public School, we create an environment where every student, every teacher and every leader will improve every year.

We have embedded a culture of high expectations for all. We teach to the strengths and needs of each individual and in doing so, students will be better able to reach and exceed their potential in becoming lifelong learners and successful citizens.

At Irrawang Public, every student is known, cared for and respected and I believe that our parents and carers are our schools' partners in the education and wellbeing of their child, our students and indeed our future.

I was privileged to see our Showcase performers last week and was also able to award some of our students, staff and community members, their very well deserved Education Week awards.

I look forward to seeing all parents next Tuesday afternoon for the 2018-2020 School Plan forum where you can have your say in the future direction of our school. This forum coincides nicely with your child having fun at the school disco.

Kind Regards
Mrs Mathieson
Principal



SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

RESPECT

Workplace Health and Safety Committee

Irrawang PS provides a safe learning environment for our students to learn and succeed. We achieve this by providing a safe environment free of hazards and promoting positive social behaviours.

Our WHS committee wishes to foster a partnership with parents to provide and maintain a safe learning environment for our school community and to enhance student wellbeing. We encourage parents, teachers and the community to let us know of any concerns they have or to make suggestions to maintain a safe environment for our students and community. Please email your ideas and suggestions to our school email address or drop a letter into our office.

The WHS committee meets in Week 6 of each term. We will make available beforehand an agenda for the meeting and provide feedback through a copy of the minutes in the office area.

We all play a role in fostering a safe learning environment.



ASSEMBLY ROSTER TERM 3-4 2017

Term 3	Class
Week 4	Preschool
Week 6	6P
Week 8	KE
Week 10	2I
Term 4	Class
Week 2	1B
Week 4	KC
Week 6	3/4E
Week 8	Leaders
Week 10	YEAR 6



6P'S

BRAIN DAY

At the beginning of this term 6P, along with all of stage 3, had the opportunity to participate in Brain Day with John Joseph. John Joseph is a brain expert who enjoyed explaining how our brain works.



He told us stories about the 32 different countries he has visited to share his expertise

We cut up sheep brains, some of us liked it but others thought it was disgusting!

Page designed by Mackenzie and Ryley



MIA



HAVE YOU SEEN BOB?

Please return BOB to Miss Martin or School office.

EXCURSION PAYMENTS:

ZOO-SNOOZE - Final Payment due Friday 18th August 2017.

MURROOK - Final Payment due Friday 18th August 2017.

CANBERRA - Final Payment due Friday 25th August 2017.



Irrawang Public School's PBL News

Irrawang Public School Community play their part by being **safe**, **responsible learners** who show **respect** to everyone, at all times, in all settings.

Resilience..

What does this mean???

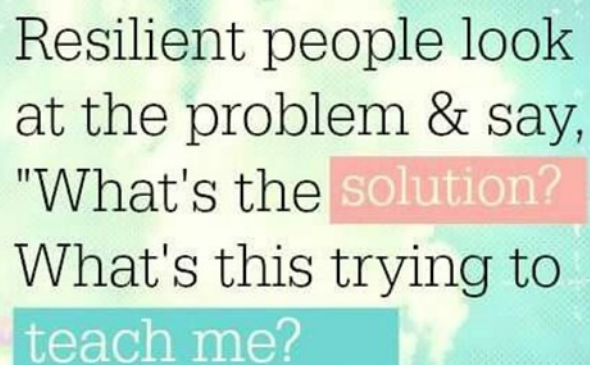
It is the ability to cope with unexpected changes and challenges.

When we have a problem, we can choose to make it shrink or make it bigger!

If we choose actions that make problems bigger, they can be harder to fix and can make us feel bad for a long time.

If we choose actions to make problems smaller, they are easier to fix and are easier to forget!

It is all about 'Bouncing Back'!



Resilient people look at the problem & say, "What's the **solution?** What's this trying to **teach me?**"

Library News –Week 3-4 Term 3 2017

What's Hot in Irri's Librar

BORROWING

Your Library
Borrowing Days
Please Remember
To return your
Books.

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



BOOK WEEK

WEEK 6 is our annual Book Week Celebration Week

TUESDAY 22nd AUGUST - Book Week Parade & Book Fair opened for purchases. Families are welcome to attend the IPS celebrations from **11.40am**.

WEDNESDAY 23rd AUGUST - *Illustrator Visit & Book Fair* opened for purchases.

Book Week Parade -This year's Book Week theme is Escape to Everywhere. We ask that students come dressed as anything they have discovered through reading a book.

Your only limit is your imagination!!

Dressing up does not have to be expensive - your children could wear a simple hat or scarf or do their hair crazy. There are endless opportunities.



Parade Day--Tuesday's Agenda

8.30am-9.00am - Book Fair opened for early purchases.

9.00am-11.40am - *Classes as normal*. Students purchase from the Book Fair.

11.40am-12.25pm - Lunch Break *'Picnic in the Playground'*

Lunches can be pre-ordered from the canteen or ordered on the day. Tea/Coffee, cakes and slices will be on sale from the canteen.

Students will picnic with their families whilst sharing a book from the book tubs.

Book Fair opened.

12.25pm-1.40pm - Book Week Parade & P&C Competitions

1.40 –2.15pm - Recess as Normal, Book Fair Opened.

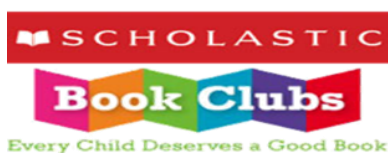
2.15pm-3.00pm - *Classes as normal*.

Book Fair opened until 3.30pm.

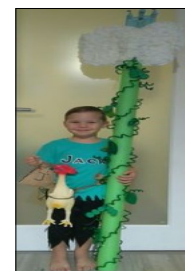
Welcome to
Book Club

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

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



Issue 5 orders have been placed.



Our Irrawang- Preschool

By Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Melissa Beasley

Days / Times

We are open school days and school hours. Children attend a 5 day fortnight, Djuukan group attend Monday, Tuesday and even school week Wednesdays. Dhurumiri attend Thursday, Friday and odd Wednesdays.



Organisers / run by

We are a Department of Education Preschool, we are part of Irrawang Public School and managed by our Principal Stacy Mathieson



Funded by / cost

Fees range from \$1 a day for health care card holders, \$5 a day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and \$10 full fee.

Why was it started?

Our Preschool was established in 2005 to provide quality affordable Preschool for children in our community.



Who is it available to?

Children are eligible to enrol in our Preschool from the beginning of the school year if they turn 4 years of age on or before the 31st July in that year.



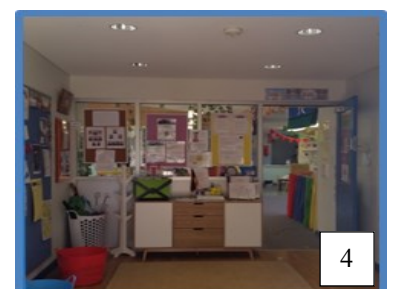
Can anyone volunteer to help / how

Anybody interested in volunteering at our Preschool should contact the Preschool teacher Megan Lysaght to discuss.



Photo's

1. Irrawang Public Preschool
2. Staff (From left to right)
Aunty Candice, Mrs Lysaght and Miss Hay
3. Photo of inside play areas
- 3b. Inside foyer



IPS Staff-Here to play their part

By Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Melissa Beasley

Name:

Megan Lysaght



Job Roles:

I am the Preschool teacher at IPS

Background:

I was born and grew up in Sydney, I moved to Newcastle in 2003 after meeting my husband. I worked at KFC part time while I was in High School and the AAMI insurance call centre while studying at University and have been teaching for just under 11 years. I am 1 of 4 children and my husband Tim and I have 3 children- Elke, Samson and Flynn (but we call him Freddy).

Something interesting about me:

My husband and I have just bought an 80 year old house! So we are spending all of our spare time renovating.

Quote:

The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best – Henry Van Dyke

A good laugh and a long sleep are the 2 best cures for anything

Photos

1. Mrs Lysaght reading a book at story time.
2. Mrs Lysaght with her husband Tim and children Elke, Samson and Flynn
3. Staff (From left to right)
Aunty Candice, Mrs Lysaght and Miss Hay





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.

School Banking day is THURSDAY.



Remember, **Thursday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at **Irrawang Public School**. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.

Dear Parents,

This is to advise you that a child in your child's class is being treated at home for head lice. Would you please take the time to check your child's hair if necessary treat it with a head lice treatment?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

Stacy Mathieson

Principal



PRESCHOOL FEES:

Accounts have already been distributed for Term 3, if you have any outstanding fees for **TERM 2** we would greatly appreciate your co-operation in settling this account as soon as possible.



You can pay as little as **\$1.00** off your account regularly and watch the total come down.

Thank you very much to those who have already paid.





A group for
parents and
expecting parents
25 years and
under

**YOUNG PARENTS
GROUP**

MORNING TEA PROVIDED +
ACTIVITIES FOR THE
LITTLE ONES!

TERM 3 - LEARN TO CROCHET
WITH MARGARET

Come along and meet other parents, share experiences,
sit back and relax or join in, it's up to you!

Thursdays 10am - 12pm
3 Phillip Road, Raymond Terrace

Call Debbie for more information on 4987 4674

Logos: Hunter New England Local Health District, NSW Health

Irrawang Public School P&C Association



Tuesday 15th August 2017

Entry cost is \$2.00 per person

Pajama Theme if you want to come dressed up.

Chips, Drinks and Lollies available for sale

TIMES: INFANTS- 4-5PM

PRIMARY- 5-6PM

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

I would also like to encourage all parents when dropping their child/ren off at the hall to drop into the library for an information session with the Principal.

Suzanne Short

P&C President



Max from Family Support Newcastle with Thou-Walla invite mums, dads and others who have a role in raising children...

Families

And their relationships

For all parents who want to improve their relationships

Four hour workshop covers:

- Looking after yourself
- Emotions & relationships
- What your child/partner needs
- Being at your best when trouble arrives
- Love Languages
- Better communication



**August 30th
Wednesday 10-2.30**
Light lunch provided

Thou-Walla Schools as Community Centre
Irrawang Public School Geer Street, Raymond Terrace

Free children's group available on premises
To make a booking or for further inquiries
Please call Gina on 4987 4666

Logos: Family Support Newcastle, Thou-Walla

Special Needs Motorcycle Ride Day



Date: Sunday 17/09/17
Time: From 9am

Has your child ever wanted to be a passenger on a motorcycle?
To support with Hunter Connect, come and enjoy a day for children with special needs to experience a free passenger ride on a motorcycle.

Leaving from Stockton Foreshore and doing a loop around Stockton.

If you have a motorcycle and would like to be involved on the day, your email would also be appreciated.

Riders if you have any spare helmets could you please bring them along...

Passenger if you have a helmet please bring it along on the day.

Face Painting for the kids & proposed other kids activities.

Show and shine if people are interested with certificates of appreciation given on the day for the top 3 bikes, with the kids deciding the top 3 bikes.

Fire & Ice Coffee will be there on the day.

BBO will be on
Please express your child's interest by emailing
Peter peterson 3630@hcnhs.com.au or
Michael michael2@hunterconnect.org.au

Minimum legal age to ride is 8 years old, but if your child is younger there will be other bikes available for them to sit on.

On arrival please register to ensure everyone gets a ride.





Careers Day 2017

Wednesday 16th August

Special assembly at 9:30.

Families welcome to
participate.

Muffi-day - Dress up in the
uniform of your dream career!



Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre Registration Days

Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre, Kangaroo Street, Raymond Terrace
On Saturday August 12, 19 and 26 from 10 am to 1pm.

A "Come and Try" afternoon will be held on Saturday August 26 from 1pm for anyone interested in trying some events and finding out more about athletics.

Free mid-week coaching sessions are available during the season in sprints, hurdles, throws, walks, middle and long distance; and long jump.

Competition begins Saturday September 1st

Enquiries: Deidre 0418 962 185

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...



R.T. Lions Junior Public Speaking 2017 - Notice to Parents

Dear Parents,

July, 2017.

Would you like your child to speak in front of a Community Audience?

The teacher who co-ordinates Public Speaking at your school has recognised your child as a Public Speaker. Our Lions club will be holding a Public Speaking event at the RT Golf Club on 16th August, 2017.

This short note/notice is to give you a better idea if you are interested in having your child involved in our Local Lions Club event. We can only take **two** children from Stage 2 and **two** children from Stage 3 from your School. We have this event open to only 4 schools: R.T.P.S., I.P.S., G.P.S. and St. Br. P.S.

When : 16th August, 2017

From 4 – 5pm for Stage 2 - 3 minute speakers talk.

From 5:10pm – 6:30pm for Stage 3 – 4 minute speakers talk

And a 1 min talk on the Judges topic(s).

Venue: Raymond Terrace GOLF Club

Each child receives a Lions gift and a Certificate

The winners from Stage 2 and 3 receive a small trophy

An audience of Parents, Relatives and Friends as well as some Lions Members and Community people are all invited.

Our Lions club will server tea/coffee about 3:30pm and 5pm

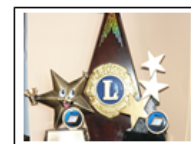
For further information of involvement please contact me on my mobile.

phone **0423 927 706** - So I can add your child's name into the program.

Your school won't be organising this Public Speaking event

Thanking you,

Neil Goldthorpe (R.T. Lions Club Junior Public Speaker Co-ordinator.)



PLAYGROUP



**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**

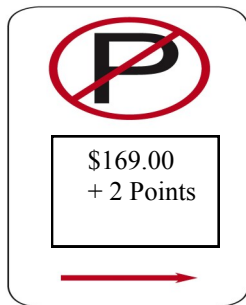
(In the grounds of Irrawang Public School)

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 Collared 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

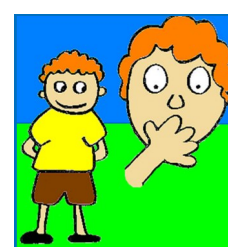
facebook

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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