



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now halfway through the last term of this unprecedented year that has been 2020.

With guidelines and/or restrictions in place that need to be adhered to, the following events will proceed as follows:

- ◆ The Year 6 Farewell is going ahead on the school site on Thursday week 9. Invitations have gone out with money and food selections of year 6 students needing to be returned ASAP. There will be no parents on-site and the Farewell will take place during the day. The school is providing each student who attends with a USB stick filled with Farewell photos and videos as a gift from the school.
- ◆ Presentation Day is going ahead in two assemblies, K-2 and 3-6. Parents of award winners will be notified shortly however, again, there will be no parents on site. There will be photos and videos posted on Facebook after the day so award winners can celebrate at home, together.
- ◆ Stage 2 excursion to the movies went well last week and a K-2 incursion is occurring in a few weeks, to be held on-site at school.
- ◆ Year 5 Leadership speeches went ahead this week. All students had their speeches filmed and classes were able to play these in their rooms, followed by a vote. The Leadership Team will be told soon if they made it into the 2021 Leadership Team but will not find out their positions until Presentation Day.
- ◆ Irrawang Aboriginal Educational Group (IAEG) Leaders and Sports House Captains and Vice Captains will be voted on soon with positions also announced at Presentation Day.



END OF AN ERA.....

Our wonderful Brenton Pobjie is leaving us this week. Brenton has worked with Irrawang Public School students and families since 2010. Brenton has been employed as a School Chaplain and an SLSO in his time with us and has made such a positive impact on so many lives. Brenton, thank you for all you have done and the amazing difference you have made. We will certainly miss you and wish you all the very best on your new adventure.



Kind Regards,
Stacy Mathieson

What's On

25/11	Youyoona AECG	10am on Zoom	10/12	Year 6 Graduation Day
25/11	School is Cool	12.30 - 2.15	11/12	Reports Home
3/12	Year 6 Orientation	9.15- 2.30	15/12	Ladder 40 Rewards Day
	Irrawang High		16/12	Attendance Rewards Day
8/12	Presentation Day		16/12	Last Day of Term

SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

RESPECT



Irrawang Public School Preschool



Where education, care and play go hand in hand.

Our priority in Pre-school is your children.

Visiting Speech Pathologist Profile

Each staff member brings fundamental, personal qualities to the service such as empathy, respect, warmth and a passion for learning.



Hi! My name is Phoebe.

I am a fourth year speech pathology student from Newcastle who works with preschool children at Irrawang Public School Preschool.

I am currently studying Speech Pathology.

All about

1. When is your birthday? 9th May
2. What is your favourite colour? Purple
3. Favourite Food? Sushi
4. What is your favourite book to read? Harry Potter series
5. Where would you like to go on a holiday to? Japan
6. Do you have any pets at home? A cat who's named 'son'

Enrol Now for Preschool 2021



**Are you looking to enrol your child in Preschool for 2021?
Or have you already enrolled?**



✚ The preschool is managed by the Department of Education. The preschool educators are specially trained in Early Childhood Education and provide an enriching, play-based, child centred curriculum built upon the National Curriculum Early Years Learning Framework.

✚ The preschool has been purposefully designed with open play areas inside and out to cater for young children and has a wide range of equipment provided.

✚ All activities are supervised and individual goals and developments are recorded so that each child's particular needs are met.

✚ The preschool offers whole day sessions within the same hours as Irrawang Public School.



✚ There are 2 groups, Sun and Rainbow, and they operate on a 5 day per fortnight timetable.

For further information contact the school on
Ph.: 4987 2403.



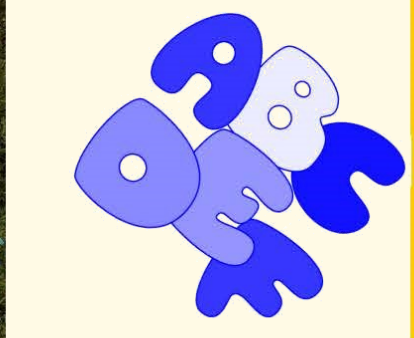
KR have worked hard in their first year at school. We have been having a great time at Sport on Fridays enjoying activities in Gross Motor, dance and athletics. KR continues to work hard each morning. We read in the Engine Room, complete In-dependent Literacy Activities and we are all working hard in Writing Groups



Wow!
What a crazy first year it has been.



We have also been working hard to write our numbers correctly and, add and subtract numbers using a 10-frame.

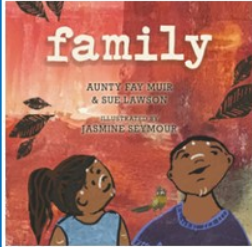




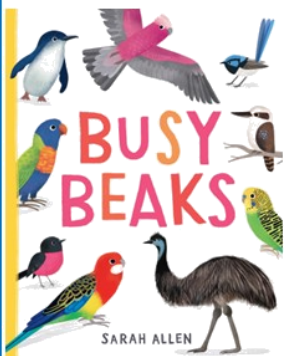
What's Hot in Irri's Library

Celebrating NAIDOC Week in Irri's Library

Last week, Irri's Library celebrated NAIDOC week. We shared **Aunty Fay Muir's Book, 'Family'**, and as a whole school, made a family chain. On our chain, each student wrote what family meant to them and helped connect each of the links together. Our beautiful and very special chain is displayed in the Library.



Busy Beaks - Sarah Allen



It is always wonderful to get out into our amazing school environment and explore the gardens!

Depending on the weather conditions, classes got out and about and went bird watching. We discussed the beauty of many Australian birds and went looking for what we could find in our own back yard.

On our adventures we found cockatoos, rainbow lorikeets, magpies, noisy miner, egrets, kookaburras and plovers. We found many different nests, heard all sorts of squawks, squawks and squeaks and then finished our

lesson with a girls vs boys bird quiz. We all were very busy too :-)



Book Club & Book Fair

Each year, Irrawang Public School offers the school community 8 opportunities to order from SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB and 2 opportunities to purchase from SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR. Books and activity packs start at as little as \$2 and each item sold earns 20% of the purchase price back to the school as rewards.

This year, your fabulous generosity has earned our school \$2143 in Scholastic Rewards!

Thank you!
THANK YOU!



Issue 7 orders have been placed and should arrive this week.

Issue 8 brochures have been sent home. Orders are **due 26th November!**

This is our **LAST BOOK CLUB** so it is a great opportunity to get some Christmas gifts or fabulous surprises organised.

Overdue Notices

Overdue notices have been sent home. Please find some time to try and look for these items at home. As per our Library Collection Policy, families are responsible for reimbursing the school for lost or irreparable items. The prices for overdue items are on your notice. Please make payment directly to the office.



Donations for our Library Gallery

Many students come to Irri's Library to draw and sketch. We felt that this was a great opportunity to showcase their wonderful work. If you have any **OLD, UNDAMAGED WOODEN PICTURE FRAMES** (without the glass), please send them to school with your child so that we can create our own Art Gallery.



PBL NEWS

IPS Staff, School Community,
Students and Parents
Are
Safe, Responsible Learners
who show
Respect

This week we will focus on students learning to
Be an Active Listener

Wunduwu
gigaglitters.com

'You've Earned Your Stripes'

All adults will be on the lookout for students being Safe, Responsible Learners who show Respect.

This week we will focus on students **actively listening to teacher and your peers.**

Wunduwu is on the look out for:

1. **Showing 5**, when someone is speaking.
2. **Listening**, to the person that is speaking
3. **Following instructions from teachers**, without comment
4. **Raising your hand and waiting**, if you have a comment or question.

I need YOU to earn your stripes by using your Active Listening Skills.



Info from the IL

Numeracy Ninjas

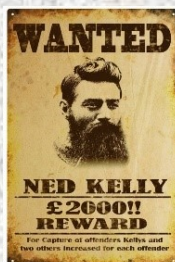
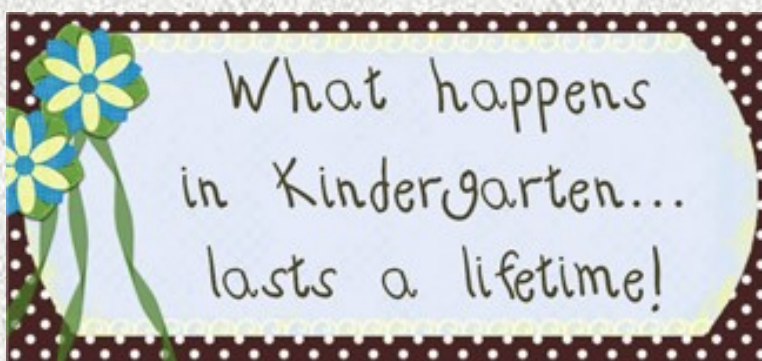


Our ninjas continue to break boards! The Stage 1 Ninjas have been working with Mrs Griffey, Mrs Cruickshank, and Mrs Cowan on their 'Friends of Ten'. Number pairs that equal 10. They are identifying the partner numbers with improved speed and accuracy.

These awesome students have also been counting by 5s and 10s and working on recognising the numbers that come before and after a given number. Well done Ninjas!

Kindergarten Orientation

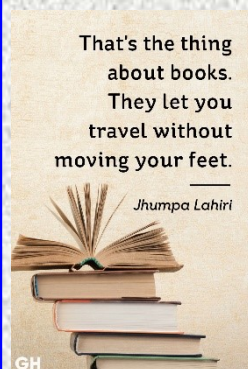
Orientation is in full swing! We have had 4 visits from our Kindergarten 2021 friends and they are all working together brilliantly. We have some very excited children who are ready for big school and some even more excited teachers, ready to welcome our 2021 Kindergarten into the school.



Stage 1 Writing Groups

It has been a huge fortnight in Stage 1 writing groups. We have been researching Ned Kelly the famous Australian Bushranger and writing some detailed information reports. Mrs Blackman and I could not be more proud of the effort and enthusiasm our writing group is displaying. They were so interested in the story of the life of Ned Kelly and were able to share some incredible information about Ned Kelly. Is he a hero or a villain? You will be able to read these fantastic pieces of work and make up your own mind when they go live on the website.

Stage 2 Reading



Some of our amazing stage 2 classes have been reading the Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick. They have finished reading this mammoth 500 page novel. I have had so many conversations with students who have enjoyed this book so much and have been asking what other novels they can read. I have assured them that they have some amazing books to look forward to next year!!

When working in their classrooms the insight students have provided about the novel shows how much their comprehension skills are developing. Most importantly a love of reading, literature and books continues to thrive. With holidays and Christmas coming up, what better place to visit than our local library and fall into some new stories.

Fantastic Phonemes

Our incredible phonemes group has been working on recognising, reading and, writing some digraphs this term. We have done 'ai' for /ay/, 'ee' for /e/, 'or' for /or/ and 'ou' for /ow/. These students are retaining these sounds so well and recognising them when reading as well as breaking down words and sounding out incorporating the sounds to support correct spelling. With so many different ways to make sounds, we have an incredible language that can take some time to master. Keep working phonemes group, you improve every week!

IF THE GH SOUND IN ENOUGH IS PRONOUNCED "F"
& THE O IN WOMEN MAKES THE SHORT "I" SOUND
& THE TI IN NATION IS PRONOUNCED "SH"
THEN THE WORD

"GHOTI"

IS PRONOUNCED JUST LIKE

"FISH"



WELCOME TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Please label your child's belongings

We find it very difficult to locate the owners of lost property with no name or some form of identity.

Please label all belongings with first and last name



ATTENTION PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

We have a large number of unclaimed school jumpers that can't be identified, they have been washed and will be available from the office. If your child has lost a jumper send them to the office and one will be given to them.

CLOTHING POOL

Our clothing pool is very much depleted as items lent haven't been returned.

If you have small sized school shirts, shorts, pants and skorts that no longer fit your child, we would greatly appreciate it if you could send them into the office.



Water bottles



Please endeavour to get your children a water bottle with their name clearly labelled on it.

Term 4 on, there will be no plastic/paper cups Provided at school. Bubblers are not to be used during Covid -19.

Canteen News

Food for thought Café

Just a couple of reminders for parents/carers :

- ◆ Unfortunately we cannot heat up food brought from home, due to Food Handling guidelines.
- ◆ If at any time your child orders an item and we are out of stock another flavour or item of the same cost will be substituted.
- ◆ Cut off for *flexischools* orders is 8.55am. If you miss the cut off other arrangements will need to be made.
- ◆ The only hot food item available at recess is garlic bread and that must be ordered.

Take Care
Tracey Singleton
Canteen Manager



School Banking day is **Friday**



Remember, **Friday** is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit.

School Banking rewards now available

For every deposit made at school students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually completed 10 **deposits/ tokens** they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items, in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!



Treetop Stationery Set



Treetop handball



Magic Mist Drink Bottle



Tomato Seed Kit

New Online Enrolment Option:



We are excited to announce the new Online Enrolment System is now live!!

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website [here](#).

Nutrition Snippet

SUMMER FRUIT AND VEG.



Try these summer sizzlers:

- [Lamb and veg meatballs](#)
- [Coleslaw](#)
- [Frozen fruit puree](#)

Check out our [blog](#) to find out more about what's in season.



Nutrition Snippet

BE FOOD SAFE.

Did you know that food poisoning is more common in summer?



Bacteria love hot and humid weather.

Always pack an ice brick or frozen water bottle in the lunch box.