

IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

This will be our final newsletter for the year.....and what a year it has been!

2020:

As a school, we have managed to not only survive 2020 but thrive in the face of change and uncertainty.

As your principal here at Irrawang for 5 years now, 2020 has simply reinforced how amazing everyone is.

We have had a tough year, haven't we? A topsy turvy year full of new experiences that none of us had ever experienced in our lifetime, until now.

Parents and carers have been our partners in learning. Schools and families benefit from strong, respectful relationships where responsibility for student learning is shared and I have been so thankful to all parents and carers who have supported myself, the staff, and their children in learning from home and through the changes and routines that have now become our 'new normal' here at IPS.

Our teachers and students are lifelong learners, collaborating in a positive learning environment to achieve their best. I am so grateful to our dedicated staff who have developed and adapted to online teaching in what seemed like the blink of an eye, you truly astound me with how you all go above and beyond for our students.

And of course, to the final part of our learning together puzzle, our students. You have surpassed our expectations in the way you have shown resilience and determination throughout this whole year. Change is hard, learning in different ways can be challenging, but you have all played your part and have been Aussie 5 Super Stars each and every day and I am proud to be your principal.

COVID updates:

Keep an eye on the school's Facebook page throughout the holidays for COVID updates and Department Guideline changes.

New staff:

In 2020, we welcome two new permanent staff members to Irrawang public School, appointed through transfer. Chelle Heath is our new, wonderful classroom teacher and Sarah Rudolph is our new, fabulous Assistant Principal.

I know they will be amazing assets to Irrawang Public School. Welcome ladies!

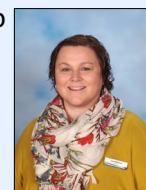


Sarah Rudolph

Chelle Heath

Merry Christmas:

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to spend time with loved ones and relax ready for 2021!.



Kind Regards,
Stacy Mathieson

What's On

8/12	Presentation Day		Happy New Year
10/12	Year 6 Graduation Day		2021
11/12	Reports Home & Last Day for School Banking	29/1/2021	School Resumes Yr1 –Yr6 & Preschool Resumes (Rainbow group)
15/12	Ladder 40 Rewards Day	1/2/2021	Preschool Resumes (Sun group)
16/12	Attendance Rewards Day	1–3/2/2021	Best Start Interviews
16/12	Last Day of Term Merry Christmas	4/2/2021	Kindergarten First Day at 9.15

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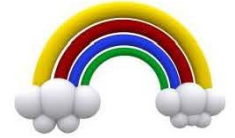
RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

RESPECT



Preschool News



IRRAWANG PRESCHOOL
GRADUATION

& End of Year Celebration

When:



Friday 11th December 2020



Wednesday 16th December 2020

Where: Irrawang Public School Preschool

The Preschool graduation this year is a little different. Preschool children will have afternoon tea and disco party to celebrate their last day of preschool for 2020. Parents will be able to view photos and videos of the day on the preschool's closed Facebook page. We can only invite one parent between 2.30pm and 2.55pm to join your child for a photo at the front of preschool when you pick them up and sign them out.

Thank You

Preschool Staff



What's Hot in Irri's Library

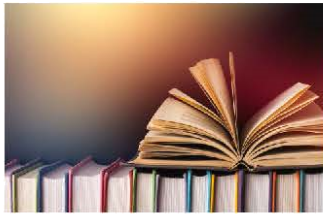


Happy Holidays

From all of us here in Irri's Library, we wish to thank you for all of your amazing support in 'Sharing the Love of Reading'. 2020 has brought about many changes in our library, but has also brought about new passions and excitement in reading and exploration.

As holidays approach, make sure you make some time to sit with a good book and get lost in the magic that is written before you. Learn a new skill, explore a new place, read a new genre but most of all stay safe and have fun!

See you all next year!



Mrs Lynch and Mrs Holdom

THANK YOU



To our amazing Library Monitors -

Aneka, Morgan, Mia, Tyson, Ashley, Sabrina, Aleaha, Emily, Grace, Jesse, Alysa, Ella S, Maekenzie, Loghan, Kloe, Hayley, Jai, Nicholas, Izzy and Eden

This year certainly brought a twist to our normal duties in the Library. I am so proud of all that you have done. For being patient when learning new skills, adapting to new expectations and for supporting our library to help make it a place of excitement and exploration for our students.



I will miss you next year!

Overdue Notices

Overdue notices have been sent home for the final time this year. 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.

! Competition Time !



For the first class to have all of their overdue books returned before the end of term, Mrs Lynch will have a surprise awaiting for you. Let's erase the tally and find our books!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Issue 8 has been ordered and is on its way. Thank you again for all of your support this year supporting the Library through your purchases. We look forward to another fruitful year of quality literature with Scholastic in 2021.

Thank You Kiwanis

A big thank you is to be extended to Kiwanis East Maitland for their generous book donations to our Library. The books have already been accessioned, covered and put on display ready for an eager reader to borrow.



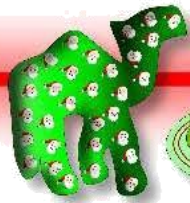
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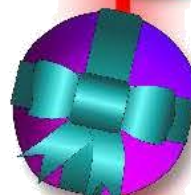
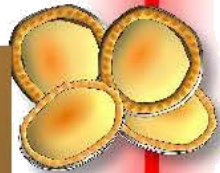
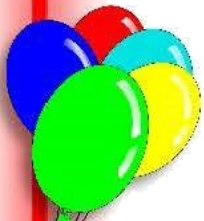
Goodbye from Year 6 2020

Our time at IPS has been amazing! We thank everyone for making our time at primary school so memorable.





Our Kindergarten students have all had a wonderful first year at school, despite the challenges of 2020. KE, KL & KR are now beginning our Christmas craft program which the students all love. There are some magical elves visiting the classrooms and reporting back to Santa how the Irrawang Kindy kids follow their Aussie 5, even at such an exciting time of year! We wish all families a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.





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**

**Expressing Our Emotions
Appropriately**

'You've Earned Your Stripes'

Wundawi

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 learning to express our emotions appropriately

Wundawi is on the look out for:

1. **Speaking kindly to everyone**, at all times
2. **Hands and feet to yourself** (KYHFOOTY)
3. **Following instructions**, without comment
4. **MYOB!** It is the teacher's job to look after other students.
5. **Using your High 5 helpers**

I need YOU to earn your stripes by controlling your emotions!



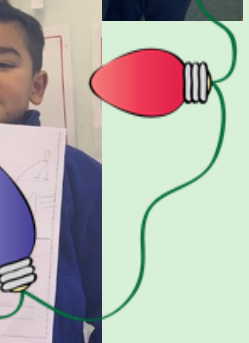
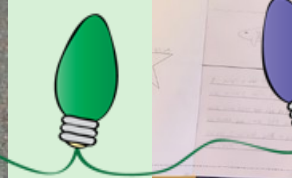
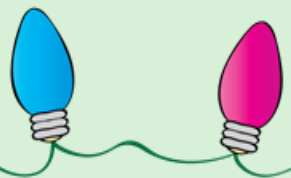
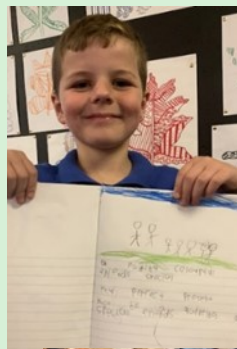
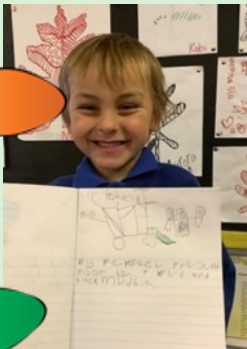
Merry Christmas from the Intervention Team

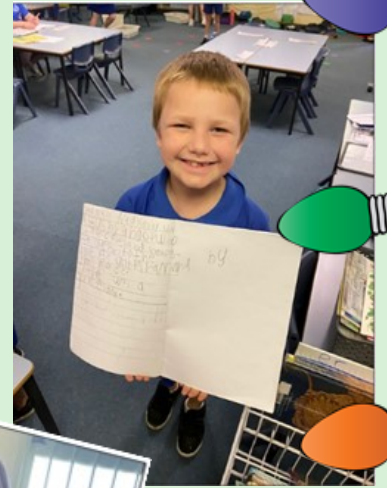
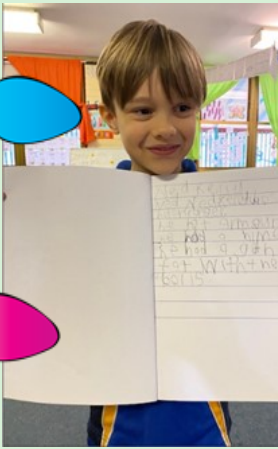
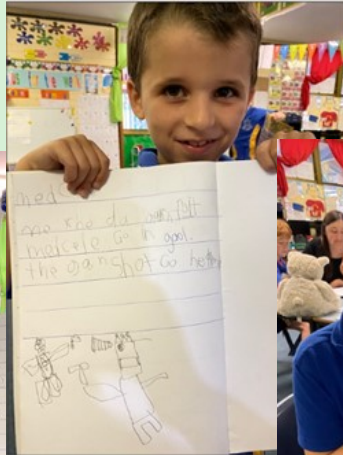
And that's a wrap!

What an incredible year (and for me personally, an incredible term and a half) at Irrawang Public School. Unprecedented is the word and whilst we were looking at Pandemic in our writing across the school this week, it struck me that for many students, especially younger students, did an incredible job, taking the craziness of 2021 in their stride. Our students have done so well and worked so hard to come back to school and keep putting one foot in front of the other to improve their learning.

We have had so many things happening in the Intervention Lab this year! We have run Literacy Programs: Friendly Phonemes for Kindergarten, Fantastic Phonemes for Stage 1, one on one reading support, in class reading support, in class writing support and our oral language program. To support the development of numeracy skills across the school we have run Numeracy Ninjas for Kindergarten, Numeracy Ninjas for Stage 1 and done work in class supporting the delivery of amazing lessons in Mathematics. We have run assessment, small group support, one to one support, in class support and through this have worked with every student in our school. That means that we have supported over 390 students across our school.

In recognition of all of this hard work, both by our teachers and our students, we are currently celebrating the enormous successes of 2020 (which was a pretty trying year). The personal growth of individual students is so exciting and as educators we could not be more proud! What better way to share success than to show pictures from our year in the Lab, in classrooms and across the school. From our incredible Intervention Team to you, have a wonderful Christmas and may 2021 be fresh beginnings and healthy and happy year for all!





Best wishes from
Ms Coles, Ms Cowan, Ms Cruickshank, Mrs Griffey, Ms Isedale, Miss Lysaught and Mrs Neilands
Please enjoy this small selection of images ☺

Merry Christmas

FROM ALL OF US AT
THOU-WALLA FAMILY CENTRE

It has been a big year!

For everyone who has joined our groups and/or stayed connected via our Facebook page, we say thank you.

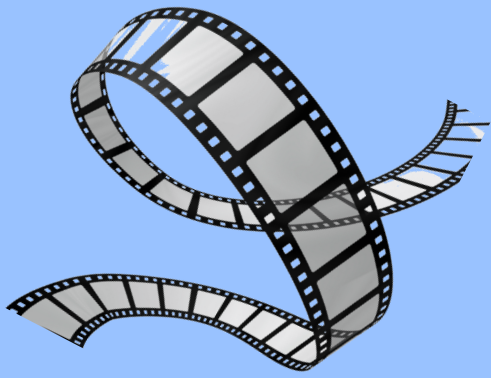
Whilst we have had to limit our face to face groups, we have been able to partner in a couple of Community Connections Projects, as well as having increased opportunity to work alongside our preschool and school children.

Our last playgroups for the year will be on the 15th of December
and our last MyTime Group will be the 10th of December.

We wish you and your
family a Merry Christmas
and a safe and peaceful
holiday.

We are contactable on 49874666 or
0400431657. Alternatively, you can
message us via our Thou-Walla Facebook
Page.

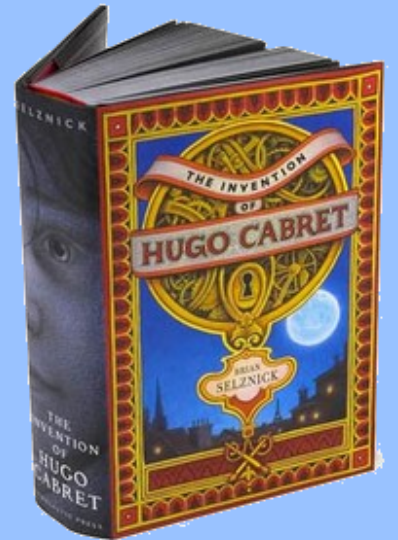




MOVIE TIME IN 4I

After finishing reading
'The Invention of Hugo Cabret',
4I have had the joy of watching the
movie.

We all agree the movie was fine
but the book was way better!!!



We would also wish everyone a
Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy
New Year



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.



With the end of term fast approaching the last day the canteen will be open is next Friday 11th Dec.

We will of course be running our stock down. I will keep [flexischools](#) updated but if your child orders over the counter and we don't have what they want I will ask them to choose something else.

With the Year 6 farewell being held next Thursday the canteen will only be offering a selected menu. Only basic hot foods and basic sandwiches, drinks and ice blocks will be available.

I would like to take the chance to thank our volunteers Emma Patten, Emma Bowden and Barbara Lyons (pictured) for all their help this year and I look forward to welcoming some new volunteers in 2021.

Thank you to IPS P&C and all the IPS staff for supporting me throughout this "interesting" year.

Good Luck to the Year 6 students moving on to High School and I look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten friends next year

I hope you all have a wonderful and Merry Christmas and an enjoyable and safe New Year, surrounded by your loved ones.

See you in 2021!!!!!!!

Tracey



Christmas Storytime - Raymond Terrace Library

Friday 11 December 2020

10:30am to 11:00am

Venue: **Raymond Terrace Library**

Address: 18a Sturgeon Street,
Raymond Terrace

Cost: **Free**

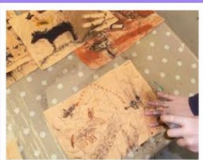
Booking Details: In line with our COVID Safe plan, restrictions on attendance numbers apply, so bookings are essential.

Contact Raymond Terrace Library on 4988 0111 to book.
Join us for Christmas stories and a take home craft activity.
Suitable for ages 2+



2021 School Holidays Activities

SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS



Port Stephens
LIBRARY
Start here, go anywhere...

Free Sketch Mania Caveman Art

Tuesday 12 January



Raymond Terrace Library 10:30-11:30am
Tomaree Library 2:00-3:00pm

Cost: Free
Suitable for ages 8-12

Using multimedia, create images of prehistorical animals. We will then make a cave with all the creations!

Things could get a little messy, so we suggest participants wear old clothes.

In line with our COVIDSafe plan, restrictions on attendance numbers apply, so bookings are essential. Contact the library to book your place
Raymond Terrace 4988 0111 | Tomaree 4988 0670

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Edison is a programmable robot designed to be a complete STEM teaching resource for coding and robotics education. Edison scans unique barcodes to activate pre-set programs in the robot – the perfect screen-free way for anyone to kick-start learning with Edison.

Port Stephens
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Start here, go anywhere...

Meet Edison Bot Let's Bar-Code!

Thursday 14 January

Raymond Terrace Library 10:30-11:30am
Tomaree Library 1:30-2:30pm

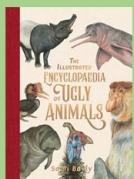
Cost: Free

Suitable for ages 8+



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Illustrating Workshop

with Sami Bayly, author and illustrator of

'The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Ugly Animals'

Wednesday 20 January

Tomaree Library 10:30-11:30am
Raymond Terrace Library 2:00-3:00pm

\$5 per child
Suitable for ages 7-12



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HOLIDAYS



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The Art and Science of Cyanotype



presented by Newcastle Museum

Friday 22 January

Tomaree Library 10:30-11:30am
Raymond Terrace Library 1:30-2:30pm

\$5 per child
Suitable for ages 5-12

The Art and Science of Cyanotype looks at the world's first 'photographs', a process not as we know it today. In this hands-on workshop children will learn about this process and create two of their own cyanotype artworks. They will also colour and cut two frames for their works.

In line with our COVIDSafe plan, restrictions on attendance numbers apply, so bookings are essential. Contact the library to book your place
Raymond Terrace 4988 0111 | Tomaree 4988 0670

Last Day for School Banking

is

Friday 11/12/2020

Have a great break and we will see you again in 2021



If you would like to know more about School Banking, visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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](#).

Sunsmart Snippet

Seek shade at home



Shade alone can reduce UV exposure by up to 75%

Priority areas for shade at home:

- Outdoor eating areas, decks and patios
- Sandpits and play equipment
- Pool areas

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Sunsmart Snippet

Slop on sunscreen



Apply SPF 30 or higher sunscreen generously, re-apply every two hours.

Apply 20 minutes before going outside.

Adults use about a teaspoon for the face, neck and ears; a teaspoon for each arm and leg; and a teaspoon each for the front and back of the body.

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

