



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

Term 1, Week 4, 21st February 2020



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



School Calendar 2020 TERM 1



Mondays - PBL Assembly 9.00 AM

TERM 1

- 25/2 Meet Teacher K-2 In Hall 3.15-4.15pm
- 26/2 Meet Teacher Stage 2 In Hall Support Class in Classroom 3.15-4.15
- 27/2 Meet Teacher Stage 3 In Hall 3.15-4.15
- 4/3 NSW Premiers Reading Challenge Starts
- 5/3 Life Education at school
- 6/3 Life Education at school

School Photos:

- 31/3 Day 1
- 2/4 Day 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Attendance Matters

Dear Parents/Carers,

School attendance has always been important to us at Irrawang Public School. Not only whole day absences, but late arrivals too. As a school we are striving for excellence in school attendance and we need all parents/carers to help.

Whole Day Absences

If your child is away, an SMS will be sent to the number you provided. Please ensure that these numbers are up to date and connected. You can reply to the SMS directly with a reason, ring the school with the reason, or write a note (with the date, reason and signed by the parent), to send in with the child the next day they attend.

From the NSW Department of Education attendance policy....

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Accepted Justified reasons for school absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of

absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as **Unjustified** on the student's record.

Late Arrivals – You child arriving at school after 8.55am

If your child is late to school, after 8.55am, your child MUST report to the school office with one of the 3 following procedures:

- The Parent/Carer comes to the front office with their child to collect a late slip (**preferable**)
- The Parent/Carer rings the front office just before their child is to arrive at the front office to explain why they are late.
- The Parent/Carer writes a note with child's name/date/arrival time and reason for being late and send it in with the child to the office.

Early Leavers – Collecting your child from school prior to 2.55pm

- Parent/Carer MUST come to the office for an Early Leavers slip.
- Parent/Carer exchanges Early Leavers slip for the child, with the class teacher or teacher on duty.

Attendance is important for our students and we need your help to support us in this.

It's Not Okay To Be Away!

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

Kind Regards,
Stacy Mathieson



SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

RESPECT

Preschool Canteen Menu



Food for Thought Cafe
Irrawang Public School



Fresh seasonal fruit available all day for \$1.00

Sandwiches

E	Buttered Bread	\$1.00
E	Vegemite or Honey	\$1.50
E	Cheese	\$1.60
E	Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
E	Tuna	\$3.00
E	Egg	\$2.00
E	Egg & Lettuce	\$4.00
E	Chicken Breast	\$3.50
E	Chicken & Lettuce	\$4.00
E	Chicken & Avocado	\$4.00
E	Lite Ham	\$3.00
E	Lite Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.70
E	Salad	\$5.00
E	Chicken & Salad	\$6.00
E	Lite & Ham Salad	\$6.00



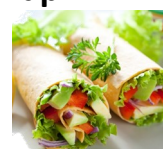
Drinks

E	Small Water	\$1.00
E	Plain Milk	\$1.00
E	Large Water	\$1.50



Wraps

E	Chicken Salad Wrap	\$6.00
E	Lite Ham Wrap	\$6.00
E	Salad Wrap	\$5.00



Salads

E	Salad Box	\$5.00
E	Salad Box with Chicken	\$6.00
E	Salad Box with Lite Ham	\$6.00

Extras

E	Avocado	\$0.50
E	Pineapple, Cheese, Egg	\$0.50
E	Ham or Chicken	\$1.00

Snack & Frozen Treats

E	Frozen Fruit—Seasonal	\$0.20
E	Yoghurt Tubs	\$0.70
E	Fruit Tubs	\$0.70
E	Veggie Cup	\$1.00
E	Fresh Popcorn	\$1.00
E	Eggs	\$0.50



Canteen Procedures for Parents & Carers

- Please order online or at the Canteen. (This is **NOT** the Preschool staff's responsibility.)
- Orders need to be in by 9am online through Flexischools or 9.30am over the counter.
- Only green food is available to Preschool students.

This is a healthy foods menu **NO** hot Food, only sandwiches, wraps, plain milk, water and fruit

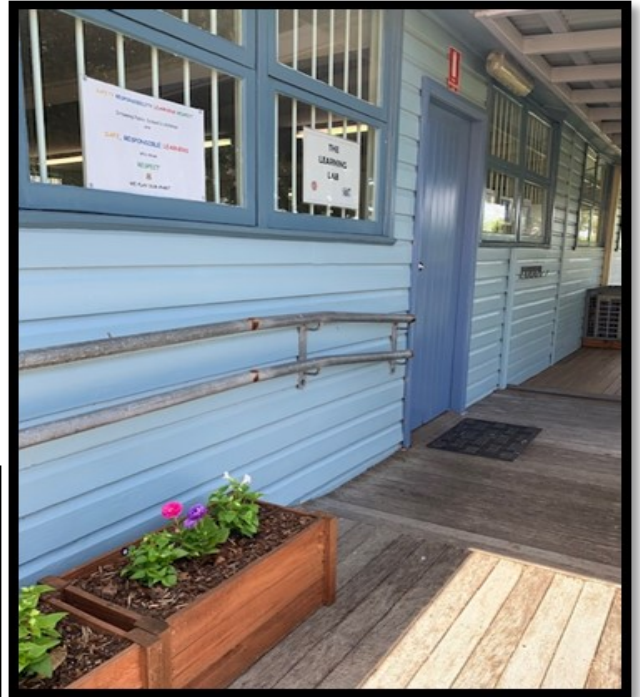
If there are any issues, please talk to Miss Hylie McEvoy (Preschool Teacher) and Tracey (Canteen Manager). Please don't go through the volunteers.

REMEMBER THE CANTEEN CAN BE CONTACTED BY PHONE 49872403



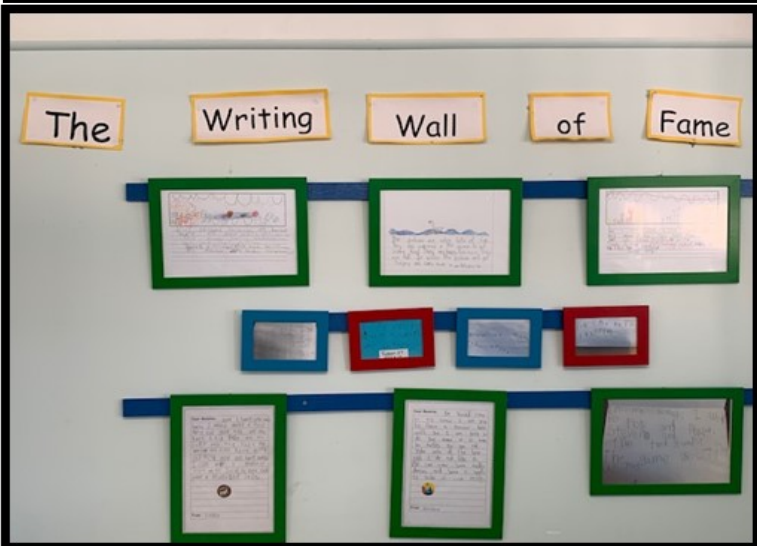
The Learning Lab

The Learning Lab is a special part of Irrawang Public School. This is where most of the school intervention teachers work, and where data-informed programs are run for individual students or small groups of students. Irrawang PS students are very lucky to have so much support for them to help reach their goals!



Students participating in programs run by the Learning Lab may be getting extra support with reading, writing or counting to reach grade expectations, some programs target growth in certain areas or are part of whole stage or whole school programs such as Writing groups.

At the Learning Lab, we love to celebrate success, and this is shown in our data wall, the Writing Wall of success and in displaying quality work around the Lab.



This term our focus areas include fine motor, phonics, NAPLAN support, one on one reading and Oral Language. If your child is part of these programs, you will receive a note outlining the program they have been successful in accessing, and the intervention staff involved.

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

Control what I do and Say in the playground.

This week we will be looking at being
Responsible
by controlling what we do and say to
everyone, everywhere, every time.

Responsibility

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This week Wundui will be looking for students that are being RESPONSIBLE in the playground by making GOOD CHOICES!



Library News –Week 3-4 Term 1 2020



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

Library Lovers' Day



Valentine's Day in Irri's Library was celebrated with Library Lovers' Day. Throughout the week the students were encouraged to 'uncover something new' with their class borrowing. Some students were even given a book to unwrap and enjoy. We had many even share on a love heart their favourite books which have been displayed in our foyer.

What a wonderful opportunity to 'Share the Love of Reading' and advocate for the value of public school libraries!



Library Monitors 2020

This year we have a very keen group of students trialling their interest in the role of Library Monitor. They have all stepped up and we look forward to welcoming them onto our Library Team in the coming weeks.

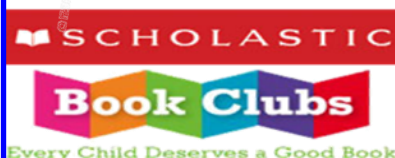
The New Look Irri's Library

As we welcome students back for 2020, they are keen to access our new coloured shelves. **Red** for Non-Fiction, **Green** for Junior Fiction, **Orange** for Senior Fiction, **Yellow** for What's New and **Blue** for Teachers.

Not only are the shelves coloured, our books are undergoing a transformation too and are being generified. Students can now use the handy charts in the Library to find their favourite style of writing or discover something new.



Well done to the students who have FOUND their overdue books and have returned them safe and sound. You are all superstars at being 'Responsible Borrowers'!



Issue 1 orders have been placed. Please allow 2 weeks for delivery.

CAREERS DAY 2020

SAVE THE DATE

23rd September 2020 (Term 3)



Looking for Career Presenters

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 2020 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 1st July. If you have any questions regarding your participation in Careers Day, please contact Community Liaison Officer Melissa Beasley on 4987 2403 or Gina Ascott-Evans at Thow-Walla on 4987 4666.

We will contact you within 2 weeks of receiving your return slip. If you do not hear from us after this time, please contact us by phone.

Thank You

to some of our previous presenters



**Library Assistant
Mathew Reed from
Raymond Terrace Library &
Port Stephens Council (PSC)**



**Compliance Officer &
Senior Ranger Peta Ware
& Andrew McAdam from
PSC**



**Youth Liaison Officer
Senior Constable
Leanne Mann from
Port Stephens Hunter
District Police Force**



**Parent-
Bank Manager
Westpac Bank**



**Road Safety & Traffic
Officer Lisa Lovegrove
from PSC**



**Parent-Musician /
Roadie Andrew Bettini**



**Parent-Administration
Supervisor
Tina Lanesbury from
TNT**



**Mrs Ping's brothers & Mr
Kirks sons -Personal
Trainers from F45 Gym
Andrew & Matthew Kirk**



Careers Fun Day Volunteer

(Please return this slip to the front office by Wednesday 1st July 2020)



Yes! I am able to help with the Careers Fun Day on Wednesday 23rd September 2020.

Your name: _____

Your child's name and class: _____

I work(ed) as a _____

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





Life Education

will be visiting Irrawang Primary School this term,
Starts on Thursday 5th March (week 6)
To 12th March 2020

Please send in \$5 and Permission Notes ASAP



PRESCHOOL FEES



Accounts have been handed out this week.

This year we have invoiced for the full year.

Payments need to be made before the end of each term or
can be paid in full at any time.

Payments can be made online at

www.irrawang-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Or by cash at the office/Preschool.

Fees can be paid weekly, monthly or by the term.

If paying by cash, please place money in an envelope with your child's name,
class & amount clearly marked on outside.

Thank you



Every Day Counts

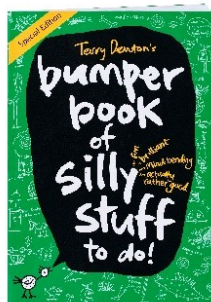
When your child misses just	that equals per year	and therefore from Kindy to year 6	and therefore from Kindy to Year 12 that is	Your child has missed
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	9 months of school	1 ½ years of school	260 days
1 hour per day	40 days per year	1 and ¼ years of school	Over 2 ½ years of school	520 days
1 day per week	40 days per year	1 and ¼ years of school	Over 2 ½ years of school	520 days
2 days per week	80 days per year	2 and ½ years school	Over 5 years of school	1,040 days
3 days per week	120 days per year	4 years school	Almost 8 years of school	1,560 days

Give your child every chance to succeed.....



CommonwealthBank

Exciting new Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!



**Terry Denton's
Activity Book**



**Mini Soccer Ball
(size 2)**

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 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!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Friday**

Irrawang Public School Family Details and Consent Forms 2020

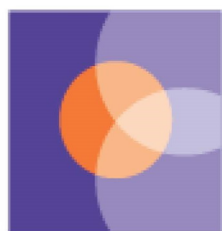
have been sent home with your child, could you please send these forms back to the office ASAP so we can update your child/rens details and record Permissions.

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.





MyTime

*supporting parents of
children with disabilities*

MyTime is a group that provides support for families, as well as a place to enjoy and share experiences. For families with children aged 0–16 years of age. Families are welcome to attend even if your child is at school. At each MyTime Group there is a playhelper to support children (0–5 years) in various play. Siblings welcome.

**When: Thursday's during school term. From 9.30am–
11.30am**

Where: At Thou–Walla Family Centre

Phone: 4987 4666

Returns Thursday the 6th of February 2020.

**We are excited to announce
this term, we will be
partnering with the Northern
Settlement Services.**



**Juanita from NSS will be here each week. and
available to support families.**

Northern Settlement Services was established as a Migrant Resource Centre to assist migrants and refugees. They provide a range of services in the areas of settlement, aged care, youth and families across the area.



Connect2Kids Supported Playgroup

DETAILS

Wednesdays (During school term)

9:15am – 11:15am

Thou-Walla Family Centre

Irrawang Public School

Playgroup provides an opportunity for parents and carers to enhance their relationship with their children aged 0-5 in a fun, supportive environment!

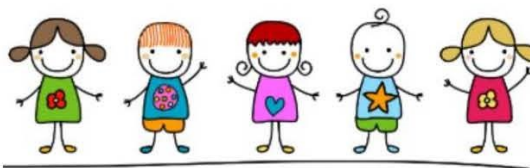


TERM ONE DATES:

Wed 5th Feb – Wed 8th April



- Art & Craft
- Outdoor Play
- Sensory & Messy Play
- Social Interactions
- Stories & Songs
- Child Development Support
- Healthy Morning Tea



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