



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

Term 2, Week 4, May 22 2020



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

After a whirlwind couple of weeks I am happy to say that life at Irrawang, will be heading back to a new kind of normal.

- 5 days a week for all students - no remote learning. This new normal will see a number of things not returning at this current time including:

I am so very proud of how everyone has worked together in these tricky times and I look forward to seeing all of our Aussie 5 Superstars back at school on Monday.



Stacy Mathieson
Principal



School Calendar 2020 TERM 2




May 27 National Simultaneous Storytime



- Parents and volunteers will not be allowed on site (unless as an exception as mentioned in the document in this newsletter).
- **No** Scripture (see Mr Blatch's page for remote access to scripture).
- **No** NDIS and other therapists.
- **No** Groups run at Thou Walla, including breakfast club (Gina will still be running remote groups from the Thou Walla Facebook page).
- **No** Canteen as it is currently under refurbishment (children need to bring all food).
- **No** Bubblers (children to bring drink bottles).
- Children will be sent home if unwell or presenting with symptoms of being unwell.

Please be mindful that Roslyn Street and Cambridge Street gates will be locked each morning at 9.10am. If you arrive after this time, your child will need to be sent to the office for a late slip through Geer Street.

Lots of information to take in and think about.



**Parents/Caregivers
ARE NOT
to enter except
Preschool
(1 parent only).
Cambridge & Roslyn St.
gates will be locked
from 9:10 AM
until 2:55 PM.
Please phone office on
4987 2403 or
4987 2600 and
wait for further
assistance at Geer
Street Gate.
Thank you**

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SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

RESPECT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is information directly from the Department of Education along with specific information for our school in yellow.



A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

This guide is for parents and carers

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.

Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food -

For Irrawang Public School: No canteen or breakfast club will be available and bubblers are not to be used. Students must bring all food and a drink bottle.

- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.

At Irrawang Public School: If your details are up to date, you will receive a text message when your child is absent. Simply reply to that text message to explain your child's absence. If you are unable to send a text, call the school or write a note to send in with your child's name, class, date/s of absence and reason for absence.

Reporting and assessment

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

For Irrawang Public School: These reports will be sent home before the end of Term 2.

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive.

For Irrawang Public School: There will be parent/teacher conferences at a later date in Term 3.

School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What students can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.

School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

For Irrawang Public School: Please see additional information on the final page of this document.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

For Irrawang Public School: Morning and afternoon routines will be outlined in detail below.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually. Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.

Morning Routine and Gates at Irrawang Public School:

Students may enter through Roslyn Street, Cambridge Street or Geer Street entrances.

Gates to Roslyn Street and Cambridge Street will be locked each morning at 9.10am. If a child arrives later than 9.10am, they must enter via Geer Street gates. Geer Street gates will be closed but unlocked all day. The parent/carer of the late arrival is not permitted on site, they need to call the school office and inform them of your child's arrival.

Parents/carers are only permitted on site in the morning if:

- They are dropping off and signing in a preschool child. (One parent only and be aware that two exits will be locked at 9.10am)

Throughout the day at Irrawang Public School:

If your child is sick and a parent/carer needs to collect them, the parent/carer is to call the front office when they arrive at the Geer Street gates and a staff member will walk your child to Geer Street gate.

Afternoon Routine and Gates at Irrawang Public School:

Students may leave through Roslyn Street, Cambridge Street or Geer Street gates.

Gates to Roslyn Street and Cambridge Street will be locked until a teacher is able to get to the gates. This may be just prior to 3pm. If parents/carers need to collect their child before the end of the day, ring the school office who will then escort the student to Geer Street gates ONLY. Staff will monitor all students leaving the school gates each afternoon.

Parents/carers are only permitted on site in the afternoon if:

- They are picking up and signing out a preschool child. (One parent only and be aware that two exits will be locked until close to 3pm). If a parent/carer is required to collect a preschool child throughout the day or prior to 2.55pm, they can ONLY use Geer Street gates.

Additional information for Irrawang Public School:

At this point in time, the following will not be occurring at Irrawang Public School:

- Parents and volunteers on site (unless as an exception mentioned in this document)
- Scripture
- NDIS and other therapists
- Groups run at Thou Walla (including breakfast club) – These will still be occurring online.
- Canteen – as it is currently under refurbishment

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May 2020

New Library Timetable – Term 2

Library Day	Classes
Monday	2/6B, 5/6F, 2B, 6P
Tuesday	3B, 3/6J, K/6G, 4I, 3/4T
Wednesday	Preschool, 1/2I, 5M
Thursday	1O, 1D, 2/3C, KE, KR, KL

Make sure you bring your library bag on these days so you can take a book home to share.

What's Hot in Irri's Library

Our Learning



The team in Irri's Library has had many students visit over the past few weeks as part of the Essential Workers Classes. It has been wonderful to see them working on their Library Tasks for Term 2 along with their regular daily tasks.

Across the school, Irri gives SHOUT OUTS to . . .

Infants - Jax and Nayte

Stage 2 - Heath, Bella, Chelsea, Eli, Nicholas K, Jett, Liana, Matilda, Ella, Kodah, Izabella, Jesse, Rochelle, Hayden, Ivy, Kobi, Aaliya and Nicholas R

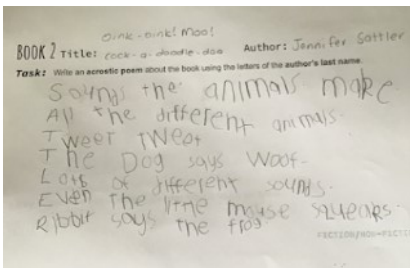
Stage 3 - Morgan, Grace, Fletcher, Hayley, Ashley, Riley, Koby, Marcus, Dylan, Sage, Jaylen, Jasmine, Murphy, Aleaha, Jordana, Charlotte and Emily



For working fabulously at completing set tasks in Library



Let's Show Off Our Student Learning . . . so far . . .



Jax



Emily



Nayte

Early life

His real name: Andrew George Scott and he went by Captain Moonlite for a nickname

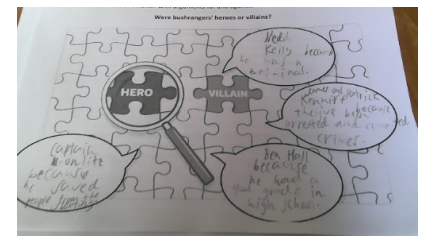
Place and date of birth: he was born on January eighth 1845 and was born in Tyrone, north of Ireland

His dad's name was Thomas Scott and his wife's name was Bessie.



Charlotte

Riley



Marcus

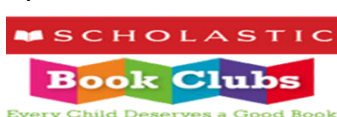
Term 1 Returning

If you have books still on loan from Term 1, please return to the Library on your next allocated day. Borrowing will resume for home once all students are back to school on a regular basis.

Book Club ONLINE DUE

Thursday 21st May

Until all students are back at school, we have moved to **BOOK CLUB LOOP ONLINE**. Please access the Scholastic website [HERE](#). Register as a member. Browse the catalogue [HERE](#) then place your order and Pay ONLINE. Orders will be delivered to school (if you choose) and I will contact you for pick up.



NATIONAL
SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday 27 May 2020
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WHITNEY and BRITNEY
CHICKEN
DIVAS
Lucinda Gifford

#1millionkidsreading



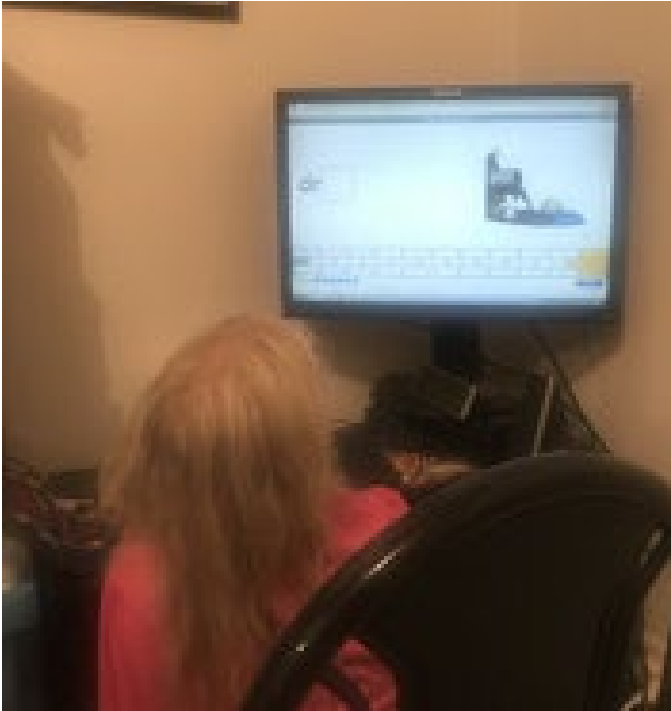
Next Week Irrawang PS will be taking part in
National Simultaneous Storytime
to promote the importance of reading, literacy and libraries.

We will be joining over
380,000 children in more than 2000 locations across
Australia to read
Lucinda Gifford's, *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas*.

This virtual event is scheduled for
Wednesday 27th May,
but our students will have the opportunity to celebrate in
their library lessons **ALL** week.

1/2I Happy Home Learning

Online



1/2I are having a wonderful time doing their learning from home. We have worked hard at completing our work booklets and are enjoying using all the online programs that help us with our learning.

We can't wait to be back at school with all our teachers and friends.

Offline





Positive Behaviour for Learning at Home

SAFETY

Act Safely, Be Alert!

- Stay supervised
- Wash hands for 20 seconds
- Be cyber safe
- Follow instruction from parents/carers
- Eat healthy food & drink water

RESPONSIBILITY

Making Good Decisions!

- Be prepared - have a timetable and materials ready
- Keep your learning space tidy
- Complete your set tasks without comment
- Pack away activities when finished



LEARNING

Personal Best!

- Stay on task
- Begin learning on time
- Have a go at your set tasks
- Be patient with others - wait for help
- Be an independent learner

RESPECT

Think Twice, Say It Nice!

- Take turns speaking and listening
- Treat personal and school property with care
- Speak respectfully to everyone
- Cooperate with others
- Help those around you

PBL IS FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME!!
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING IS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LIFE!!

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**

**Read the new
PBL at Home
Matrix**

Scripture Update

Scripture (SRE) is currently in recess during the Covid-19 Pandemic

A message from your teachers.

Hi everybody. The Teachers of SRE or Scripture (Mrs Kirkegard, Mr Blatch and Mr Chapman) are missing everyone and look forward to the time that we are able to be in class with you again.

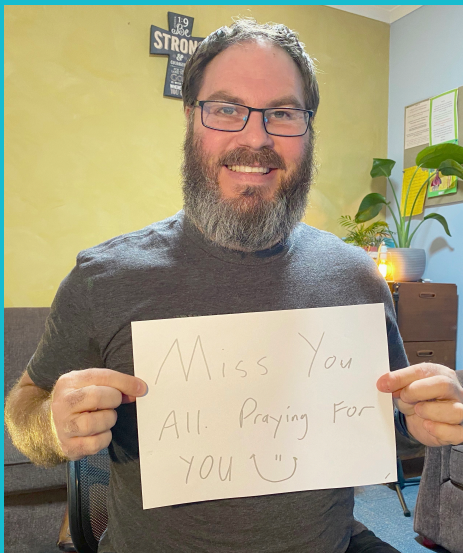
In the meantime, The people who provide our curriculum (CEP Connect) have organised to have our lesson ONLINE!!! you can get to the online material by searching:

www.cepconnect.com.au/learningathome

We are praying for the Staff, Students and Parents during this extraordinary season of life.

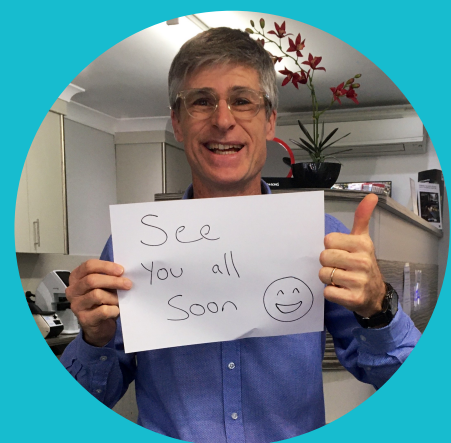


Mrs Belinda Kirkegard
Years K-2



Mr Blatch,
Years 3-4

SRE Coordinator
and Pastor,
Raymond Terrace
Community Church



Mr Rick Chapman
Years 5-6

1

SET ASIDE 20 MINS

Grab a computer, iPad or mobile phone with your Mum/Dad/Carers permission

2

GO TO THE SRE WEBSITE

All the instructions and lessons are provided each week

3

TALK ABOUT IT WITH YOUR FAMILY

SRE is designed to talk about Jesus, Faith and Hope with others.

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

Thank you to some of our previous Presenters



**Library Assistant
Mathew Reed from
Raymond Terrace
Library (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-Admin Supervisor
Tina Lanesbury from TNT**



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

Good for Kids good for life

EASY HEALTHY LUNCH IDEAS

Learning from home can be a great time to try out some new lunch ideas. You could try:

- Chicken and vegetable rice paper rolls
- Pasta salad
- Zucchini slice
- Corn fritters
- Vegetable fried rice



Get the kids involved to help cook, or make these as part of dinner one night and portion out lunches for the week.

They are all easy to pack in the lunchbox too.

All recipes available at: <http://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/recipes/>



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