



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community



Term 2, Week 6, JUNE 8 2020

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now over halfway through Term 2!

It has been an absolute whirlwind of a term and with your support, we have made it.

We have had the return to full time face to face for two weeks now and still, every day, the students have their smiling faces and giggles on them when we say good morning.

A few things to note:

- * Please ensure your child is aware of which exits they need to leave from at the end of the day.
- * Please ensure a hat, school jumper, all food and a drink bottle are sent in each day with your child.
- * A raincoat on rainy days is a great idea too!
- * **Please remember the Roslyn Street and Cambridge Street gates are locked from 9.10 am. Geer Street is the only entry point for your child after this time.**
- * We have unfortunately seen some potentially dangerous driving from those dropping off and collecting students. Please be aware that it is a 40 km/h zone and that many students accessing these exits.

It would be devastating for all should there be an accident occur.

Upgrades and refurbishments:

- * Canteen is currently undergoing refurbishments.
- * Looking into extensions and additions to more covered areas around the school.

- * Aesthetic upgrades to gardens, Thou Walla and Preschool.
- * With lots more to come!

Kind Regards
Mrs Mathieson




School Calendar 2020 TERM 2



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**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**

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.

Preschool Staff 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 Alexandra Hay

I am the preschool educator (SLSO) at Irrawang Public School Preschool.

I hold a Certificate III in Early Childhood and Care, currently studying a Bachelor of Education (Primary). I have 5 years of experience in teaching and have spent the last 4 years at Irrawang Public School.

All about Miss Hay

1. **When is your birthday?** 19th December
2. **What is your favourite colour?** Blue
3. **Favourite Food?** Home-made salad
4. **What is your favourite book to read?** I love reading Aaron Blabey books to my preschool friends.
5. **Where would you like to go on a holiday to?** Santorini, in Greece
6. **Do you have any pets at home?** I have two cavaliers, Tilly and Harley and a border collie named Taz.

Why 5M is the Best Class

Chat! Chat! Chat! Listen to that! It's the sound of everyone talking about the best class, 5M!

It is most certainly clear that 5M is the best class! Why I hear you ask? Obviously having awesome teachers, amazing classmates and always winning dojo prizes for the class can show how easy it is for us to be the best! Also, whilst everyone is talking we get to enjoy our breaks because we sit quietly and listen for instructions!

It is obvious 5M is the best class ever!!!!



Think about it! Have you ever been talking in lines and then wait... What? Lunch is over! I know 5M has NOT because we are always LISTENING!!! And after playing we get rewarded and trust me it's great! We have won multiple times and some of our

rewards were ice cream and played games! Tell me that's not amazing! Obviously 5M is the best class ever!

Just consider! In 5M everyone is friends. We're always getting along, so no one has problems, which means that our classroom is the happiest place on earth (better than Disneyland). It is clear 5M is the best class ever!

Just think about it! We also have great teachers and because we always behave we get our work done faster which means more exciting learning and more rewards. Not to mention, when we behave it makes our teachers happy which makes us students happy too! CLEARLY 5M IS THE BEST CLASS EVER!

Now that it is clear that we know how to listen, always get along and we are just amazing kids, you can't disagree we are the best class ever!

By Ella Smith

What's Hot in Irri's Library

National Simultaneous Storytime



Last Wednesday all of the students celebrated National Simultaneous Story time reading 'Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas'.

Now in its 20th successful year, NSS is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum.

Students listened to smooth jazz music while colouring in their own chicken divas. We were even lucky enough to have a hat of our very own Whitney Chicken Diva crocheted for Irri's Library by Mrs Burton!

Look out for our video on our school's Facebook Page!



Results are In

As part of NSS Irri's Library hosted a colouring in competition. A big thank you goes to our mystery Judge, Whitney Chicken Diva (Mrs Holdom)!

Excitingly there was not 1 winner but 4!!

Congratulations to Ella Mawby, Aaliyah Newbury, Ahrna O'neill and Skye Neil



Borrowing & Returning

Irri's Library is OPEN for HOME BORROWING!



Bring your library bag on your library day to take something home and discover something new!

Book Club ONLINE DUE

Thursday 11th JUNE



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.



PBL NEWS Week 6

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

This week we will focus on students learning to

Staying on Task

- Work hard
- Have a go
- Choose active listening.
- Work quietly
- Take my time to complete quality work.
- Co-operate with others.
- Challenge myself as a learner.



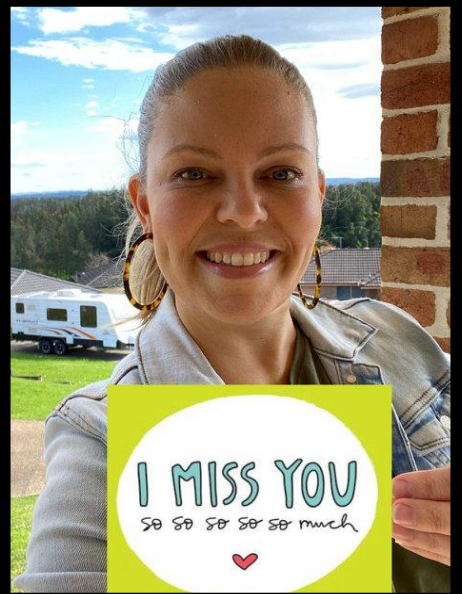
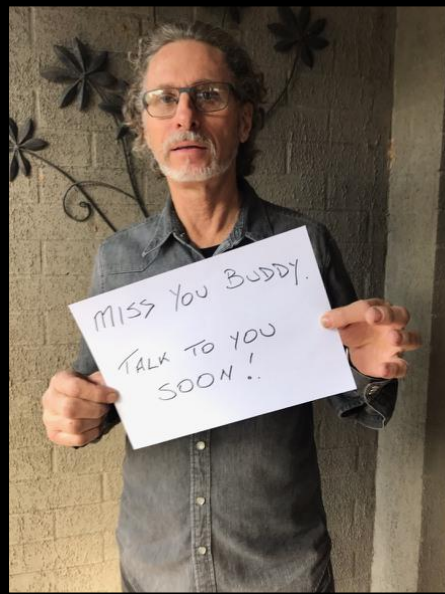
LEARNING

gigagliners.com



This week Wunduwu will be looking for students that are staying ON TASK to help their LEARNING.





Counting down the days until
we can see you again...

From all the Kids Hope Mentors
at Raymond Terrace Community Church

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.

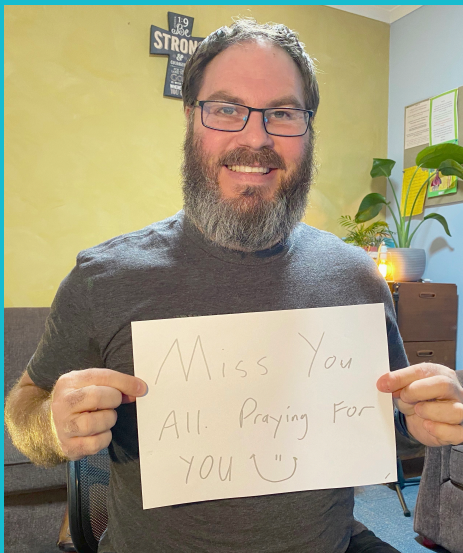
In the meantime, The people who provide our curriculum (CEP Connect) have organised to have our lesson ONLINE!!! you can get to the online material by searching:

www.cepconnect.com.au/learningathome

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

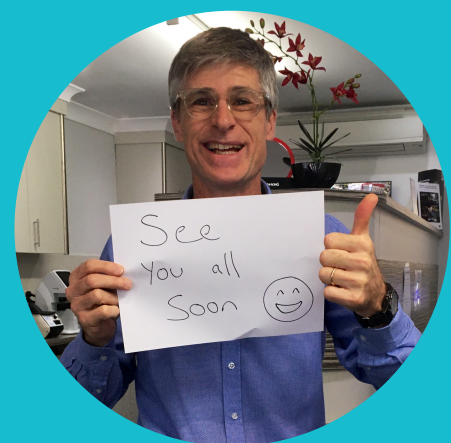


Mrs Belinda Kirkegard
Years K-2



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.

Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year 4 students

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

The changes include:

1. A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
2. A new test date - Wednesday **16 September 2020**.
To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores. There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit

(<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>)



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.

CHANGING THE STORY

Young Aboriginal Men's Wellbeing Mental Health & Fatherhood

FREE WEBINAR 11 JUNE | 1-2pm

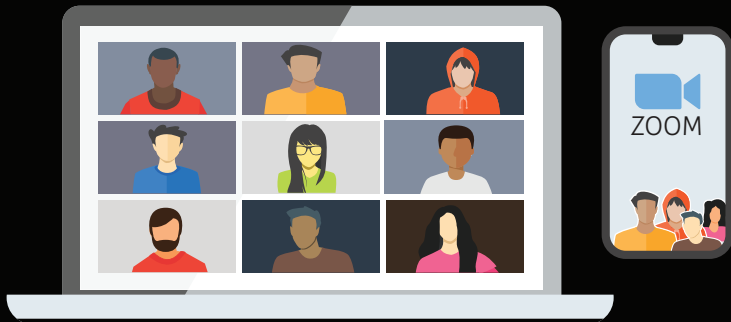


PHOTO: Edward Foote, Filming for sms4dads, Kirinar Aboriginal Hostel

HOSTED BY

Craig (Bourkie) Hammond & A/Prof Richard Fletcher

Join us for a conversation and action plan to support and encourage young Aboriginal dads in their role as fathers

Hear what young dads have to say

Learn how to connect & deliver better services to young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander men

Explore the importance of intergenerational strengths, cortisol levels & being on country

The story that needs changing is the usual depressing list of bad things that are happening to, or being done by, young Aboriginal men. To make the shift to a strengths-based approach to these young men we wish to harness the enormous potential of the transition to becoming a father. Find out more & register today.

"There's definitely a uniqueness about being an Aboriginal dad because we actually still practice a lot of our culture, or what culture we have left that has been passed down through generations."

REGISTER TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK

www.changingthestorywebinar.eventbrite.com.au

Email Ashleigh.May@newcastle.edu.au

Phone Richard Fletcher 0429 152 405

In November last year, 130 Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal men & women met in The Wollotuka Institute at The University of Newcastle to hear from young men & hear about how we might listen to & engage with them.

Find out what respected academics & leading researchers Mark Wenitong, Mick Adams & Ray Kelly had to say & join this follow-on interactive forum with those working in community to give young dads a voice and a place to stand.

A WORD FROM DADS

"When I first found out my partner was pregnant, it just really, it was like a wakeup call, made me realise that I can't go around getting in trouble or drinking around like I used to."

"Yeah, it's good to have someone relying on you all the time; you're a bit more responsible and you're a bit ... yeah, a bit more grown up I suppose."

MISSION AUSTRALIA | together we stand

This activity is a partnership between University of Newcastle and Mission Australia. Communities for Children (Inala to Ipswich), funded by the Australian Government



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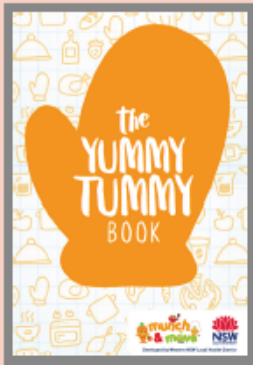
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RESOURCES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES TO EAT WELL

FOOD BANK

Food Bank provide essential food and household items to local charities across Australia. Food Bank link with local charities within our area to provide these items directly to families in need. **Contact Food Bank on (02) 9756 3099 or email office@foodbanknsw.org.au** to find out which charities they support in your area.



YUMMY TUMMY BOOK

The Yummy Tummy Book is full of great recipes and meal plans for early childhood services, considering cost, time, access and nutrition requirements. If your service is looking to update your menu, click on the book for some new ideas!

<https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/downloads/file/campaignsprograms/TheYummyTummyBook.pdf>

GROWING FOOD: HEALTHY EATING LEARNING EXPERIENCES

The cooler weather of Autumn and the recent rainfall across many parts of our region might provide the right conditions for revitalising your service's pots and garden beds. Gardening (and the results!) make a great basis for healthy eating learning experiences.

Plants to sow in Autumn



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| Broccoli | Carrots |
| Cabbage | Onions |
| Chives | Silverbeet |
| Beetroot | Radish |



Water Saving Tips

1. Use mulch to reduce evaporation
2. Use a pot and only plant 1 plant per pot.
3. Sprout seeds indoors (see below)

SPROUTING SEEDS - A HEALTHY EATING LEARNING EXPERIENCE

What to do:

1. Half fill a clear jar with paper towel
2. Gently moisten the paper towel with water
3. Push seeds into the paper towel around the sides of the jar (pea or bean seeds work well)
4. Put in a warm place and watch the seeds grow!



<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/seed-jar-science-experiment-kids/>