



# IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,  
 We are only 2 weeks away from school holidays!  
 In week 10, your child will receive their Semester One school reports. Due to the changing nature of schooling this Semester, the reports will look quite different. They will contain an effort grade for all Key Learning Areas and a detailed general comment.

### Looking Ahead to Term 3....

If COVID 19 restrictions continue to ease, our goals are:

- \* Parent/teacher meetings early Term 3.
- \* MGoals PLP afternoon for ATSI families early/mid Term 3.
- \* Breakfast Club starting day 1, Term 3 for students
- \* Canteen re-opening after refurbishment from day 1, Term 3.
- \* School Photos mid Term 3 - envelopes and more information to come.
- \* Scripture and NDIS returning on school grounds from early/mid Term 3.

### What will NOT be changing in Term 3....

- \* Drop off and pick up arrangements will continue to remain as they are now. This means dropping off and picking up children outside the school gates (unless you are a preschool parent - one parent only).
- \* Please talk to your children now, in readiness for Term 3 for morning drop offs. There may not be a staff member at each

gate every morning so your child will need to enter the gates and head to their designated area without a parent. Please ring the school if you have any concerns in this matter.

### Safety and Hygiene....

We will hopefully be returning to a more settled term after the holidays, but please remember to keep safe and follow hygiene practices with your children. If, at any time, your child is unwell, please keep them at home and let the school know.

### Kindy 2021....

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2021 and you haven't let the school know, please ring the front office and let us know.

### Leaving IPS? ....

If your child is not returning to IPS next year, please let the front office know as soon as possible.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Mathieson



### School Calendar 2020

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 3rd July   | EOI Aussie Bush Camp<br>Yr 5/6 deposit due |
| 7th August | EOI Sydney Excursion<br>Yr 3/4 deposit due |
| 8/10th Sep | School Photos                              |
| 23rd Sep   | Careers Day                                |



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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

# Preschool

## PJ Day



To celebrate the last week of Term 2 2020 we will be having a pyjama party at Preschool in Week 10.

Please send your child in some warm PJs and their favourite soft toy.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June (☀️ Sun)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (🌈 Rainbow)



# What's Happening in 10?

Since returning to school, 10 have been doing lots of great learning! Here are some of the activities we've been doing in class.



We enjoyed building snail shells for Science.



We made pizzas when we learnt about procedures in writing.



In Maths, we have learnt about sharing into equal groups and 3D shapes.





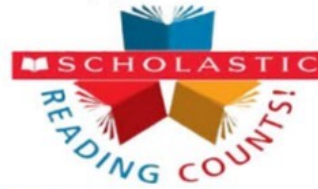
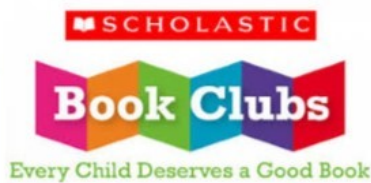


# What's Hot in Irri's Library

## Let's Get Organised - Book Club is going ONLINE! Issue 5 - coming out TERM 3

We have moved to **BOOK CLUB LOOP ONLINE**. Please access the Scholastic website and register as a member [HERE](#). Browse the catalogue [HERE](#) then place your order and Pay ONLINE. Orders will be delivered to school and given to your children to take home.

If you have any questions about this process or need help to register please contact me at school and I can arrange a time to help you :-)



### 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!  
**OVERDUE** notices went home last week. Please look for these and return ASAP :-)

If you have any questions, please ask.

## Making a Difference in the Library

Each week, students continue to make a difference in the Library. Through their reading discoveries, inquiry research tasks or down time at lunch, students are making an impact in their lives and in the lives of others.

Here are some of the discoveries we've made over the last 2 weeks!

### Izzy & Frank - Katrina Lehman

**P-2** share a story about change and how our friends can help us through the tough times xx



### Extraordinary - Penny Harrison

**P-2** share a story about being grateful for all of the little things in our lives xx



### Bushrangers

**Stage 3** are making discoveries and deciding if the bushrangers of the 1800's were heroes or villains?



### My Animal Fact File: Polar Bear



### My animal comes from

You would find my animal in the arctic region



### Animals Around the World

**Stage 2** are making discoveries about animals across the world. What do they look like, feel like, where do they live, do they have predators . . .

### My Animal Fact File Stage 2 Term 2 2020

By Liana Cameron



### My animal is A canary

The scientific name for my animal is Serinus Canaria Domestica.  
My animal is classified as a bird.



# 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

**Challenge Ourselves as Learners - Growth Mindset**

There are two different types of MINDSETS.




**FIXED MINDSET (closed)**

"I **can't** do this"

"I'm **not** going to try"

"This is **too hard**"

"I **give up**"



**GROWTH MINDSET (open)**

"I can't do this....**YET**"

"I'm going to **keep trying**"

"This may take some **time and effort.**"

"I'll use some of the **strategies** we've learned."

People with a Growth Mindset know they can get better by working hard. They keep trying even when things are tough and they say things such as, 'I can't do this...yet' or 'Mistakes help me learn.'

# LEARNING

[gigagivers.com](http://gigagivers.com)

This week Wundwi will be looking for students that are staying **ON TASK** and **CHALLENGING THEMSELVES AS A LEARNER.**







## School Jumpers:



If your child/children do not have a jumper for winter, don't let them go cold, we have various second hand sizes available at the office for a gold coin donation.



Please send a gold coin donation/s in an envelope with your child/children's names, sizes and class on it. Your child can bring it to the office and we will attempt to give them a second hand jumper to fit.

Size's available: 6, 8, 10, 12, (sizes 14 & 16 are limited). Limited track pants available in size 8 only.

Please Label you child's clothing and property!!



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



## PRESCHOOL FEES



Term 1 fees are now **overdue**.

Please pay these fees **ASAP**.

Payments can be made online at

[www.irrawang-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://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



# vacation care.

Growing our community

### July school holidays

Week 1 — 6th to 10th July 2020

Week 2 — 13th to 17th July 2020

#### Art party

abstract art • charcoal creations • paint bombs • salt painting • tie dying  
Cooking: easels



MON 6

#### Wellbeing day

bath bombs • bath salts • avocado masks • nail art • hair fun • yoga  
Cooking: Fruit kebabs



MON 13

#### Go for gold

water balloon catch • skateboard • basketball • winning medal • golf ball painting • olympic torch



TUE 7

#### Beauty and the beast

face masks • bookmarks • candle waxing • chip cups • enchanted flower  
Dress up: Favourite disney character  
Cooking: Tea cakes



TUE 14

#### Winter wonderland

icicles • snow globes • winter tree • winter wolf • penguin friends • snow time



WED 8

#### Bugs world

beetle mania • buggy retreat • butterfly painting • dragon flies • jumping frogs • sun catcher



WED 15

#### Brighten up

Circle art • jumping colours • mnm science • pool noodle fun • rainbow spaghetti • tote bag  
Dress up: favourite colour



THU 9

#### All about the senses

ice play • make your own geodes • ocean and sand art canvas • potions • slime • textured hot air balloon



THU 16

#### Get creative

puffy paint • balloon bowls • dinosaur fossils • water colour art • nature prints  
Cooking: No bake cookie dough



FRI 10

#### Musical wonder

clickers • guitar cake • jar drums • jar lid guitar • musical shaker • straw windpipe



FRI 17



# 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>

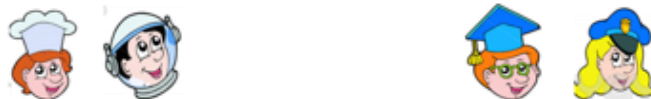


## CAREERS DAY 2020

**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 1<sup>st</sup> July.

tips + resources  
for your family's health  
+ well being

# KEEPING ACTIVE AT HOME

## Staying active inside & Managing Children's screen time can be challenging.



Combine the two, and use screen time to get active!

Try yoga, dancing and action songs.



## Hop, Skip, Jump, Run, Gallop, side slide & leap in an **Obstacle course**

You need:

- Masking tape, garden hose, ribbons, wool or other items to mark a course

How to play:

1. Use materials to mark a course inside or outside the house.
2. Hop, skip, jump, run, gallop, side-slide & leap around the course.

## Fundamental Movement skills are the A, B, C's of being active

Children need to learn the 13 fundamental movement skills through practice.

The skills include:

- Side sliding
- Skipping
- Running
- Leaping
- Hopping
- Jumping
- Catching a ball
- Hitting a ball with a bat
- 'Dribbling' a stationary ball
- Underarm and overarm throwing
- Kicking a ball
- Galloping



Adults joining in with children can increase the fun & learning!

## Underarm & Overarm throwing in **skittles**

You need:

- Empty, washed, plastic bottles or cardboard cartons
- A small, soft ball or a pair of rolled up socks

How to play:

1. Build a tower with your recycled materials.
2. Underarm or overarm throw the ball at the tower
3. Rebuild and play again!

To make more challenging: Move players further away from the tower.



'Koolchee' was played by Aboriginal people of the Lake Eyre area in South Australia

Koolchee is similar to skittles, and is traditionally played by two teams.

Find Koolchee instructions at <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/dubs/training/elearning/tig/Koolchee>



**Good for kids**  
good for life



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District