



# IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

Term 3, Week 10, September 25 2020



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## School Calendar 2020



School recommences for staff and students Monday October 12

There is no staff development day

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## REILVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Firstly, I want to acknowledge the hard work our leader Stacy Mathieson does. I have just finished two weeks trying my hardest to keep up with the never-ending jobs behind the scenes. I take my hat off to our leading lady and we should all feel very grateful to have her leading our school community.  
Well...We have made it through another jam packed term with a smile still on our faces. Thank you to everyone in our community for your support in the ever changing guidelines we all abide by. I hope the holidays can provide some much needed respite and family time for all of our staff, students and parents/carers.

Please stay safe and we will see all of our Aussie 5 superstars on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October.

### Looking Ahead to Term 4.....

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

- \* Stage 3 excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Information for this has been sent to students attending.
- \* Sending out reports in our normal template
- \* Breakfast Club starting day 1, Term 4 for students
- \* Kindy Interviews
- \* Presentation Day
- \* Scripture and NDIS returning on school grounds Term 4.

### What will NOT be changing in Term 4....

- \* 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 4 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  
Mr Edwards



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



**SAFETY**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**LEARNING**

**RESPECT**

# Please label your child's belongings

We find it very difficult to locate the owners of lost property with no name or some form of identity. Please label all belongings with first and last name



## ATTENTION PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

We have a large number of unclaimed school jumpers that can't be identified, they have been washed and will be available from the office. If your child has lost a jumper send them to the office and one will be given to them.

## CLOTHING POOL

Our clothing pool is very much depleted as items lent haven't been returned. If you have small sized school shirts, shorts, pants and skorts that no longer fit your child, we would greatly appreciate it if you could send them into the office.



## Water bottles



Please endeavour to get your children a water bottle with their name clearly labelled on it, over these holidays.

From Term 4 on, there will be no plastic/paper cups Provided at school. Bubblers are not to be used during Covid -19.



# 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 Cassandra Kisielewicz

I am the preschool educator (teacher) every Thursday at Irrawang Public School Preschool.

I hold a Bachelor of Teaching, Early Childhood and Primary.

I have 2 years of experience in teaching. This is my first year at Irrawang Public School.

### All about Mrs K

1. When is your birthday? 16<sup>th</sup> March
2. What is your favourite colour? All colours, but if I had to pick just one, purple
3. Favourite Food? Pasta
4. What is your favourite book to read? Harry Potter, over and over again!
5. Where would you like to go on a holiday to? Disney world, Florida
6. Do you have any pets at home? A dog, Rusty. He is 11



# ENROL now for Preschool 2021

Are you looking to enrol your child in Preschool for 2021  
Or have you already enrolled?

- ✚ The preschool has been established and 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.



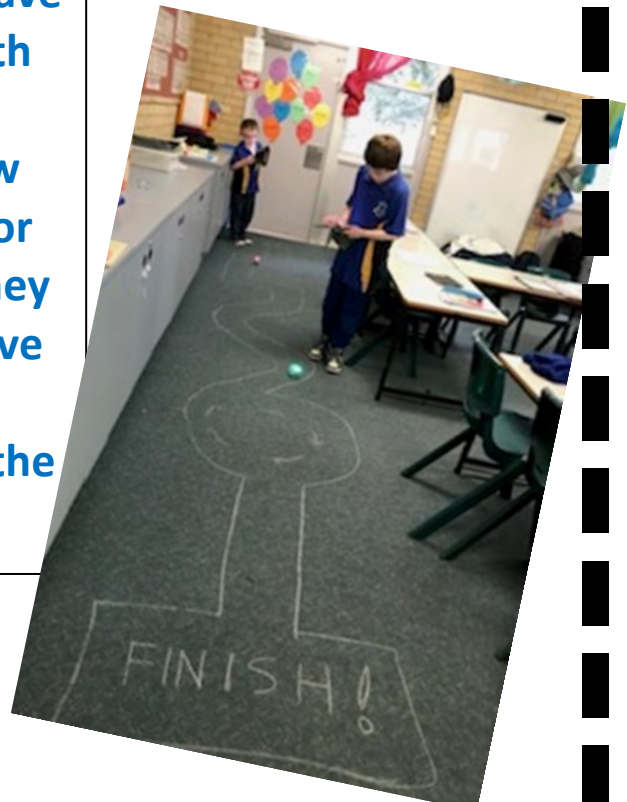
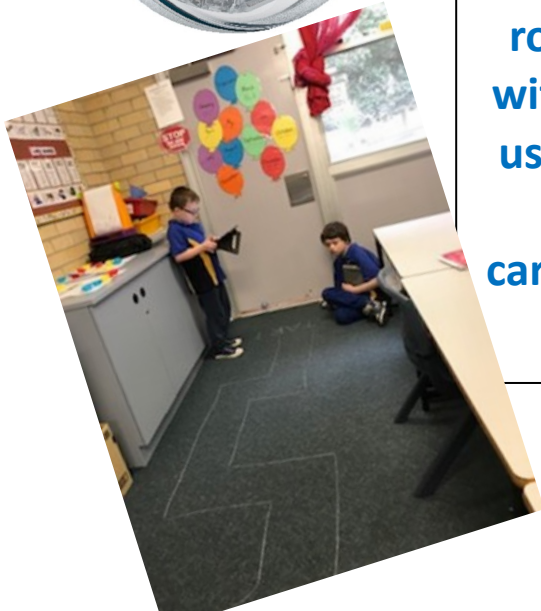
# Fun times K-6 G



Last week K-6G made biscuits with lolly faces on them. It was fun and very yummy!



Ethan and Tyler have been playing with the spheros. Mrs Cockle drew roads on the floor with chalk and they used I pads to drive their spheros carefully around the roads.



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

## CHANGE OF DATE



Irri's Book Week Celebration Day has changed to **Tuesday 20th October Week 2**

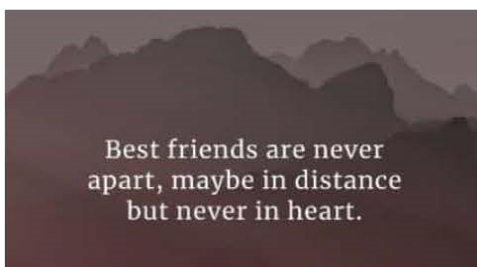
### What's Happening at school?

*Due to Stage 3 being away for our celebration day we didn't want them to miss out, so we will be celebrating a day earlier!*

- ⇒ **Book Week parade** in classrooms **START GETTING YOUR COSTUMES ORGANISED**
  - ⇒ **Activities** about the books shortlisted for book week in classrooms
- ⇒ **Book Fair** set up in the library for student **CASH purchases** (as families are not allowed on site, an order form will be sent home for pre-purchases)



## What we have been Reading in Library!



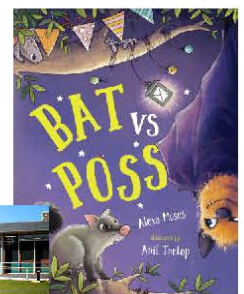
In Library we have shared the texts, **The Secrets of Magnolia Moon** and **Bat Vs Poss**. These books have highlighted to our students the beauty of friendship. They are stories of care, resilience, compromise and understanding and have really touched the lives of many students in so many ways.

Together we learnt how to share kind messages to our friends using coding and selected strategies we could use if we were ever in conflict with our friends.



## Holidays are nearly Here!

Take some time during the holidays to visit our local Library. Discover a new genre, borrow music, DVD's or get lost in your favourite book.



**When you are spring cleaning, have another look for any OVERDUE BOOKS and return them when school goes back.**



**From Irri's Library to all of our families, have fun and stay safe these 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

**Act responsibly at school,  
home and in the community**

### ACT SAFELY, BE ALERT!

- Right place, right time - your teacher or parent should always know where you are
- keep hands and feet to self - EVERYWHERE
- Move sensibly and safely - if the ground underneath you is hard, walking feet are required.
- Report problems - if something is dangerous or unsafe, report to a trusted adult.

# RESPONSIBILITY

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This week Wundui will be looking for students that are **ACTING RESPONSIBLY** by following our expectations both inside and outside of school.



## Update from the Intervention Team

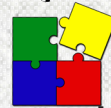
It has been a busy term for our intervention team. Currently we are running Phonemic Awareness program in Kindergarten, Fantastic Phonemes for Stage 1, Kinder and Stage 1 Numeracy Ninjas to support development of the number strand in Mathematics, Stage 1 Writing Group support, Tier 3 reading intervention, in class support across all classes K-4 and online intervention in Stage 3 ... so many fantastic things have been happening to support our students.

Our highly skilled intervention team not only run incredible programs for students requiring additional support but manages whole school data collection and analysis to inform future directions for teaching and learning. So there is always a lot happening in our lab as well as in classrooms.

As Term 3 draws to a close it is now time to finalise some programs and run assessment while looking at our data to consider which programs will run next term, what they will look like and who will be involved. So another big week for our team.

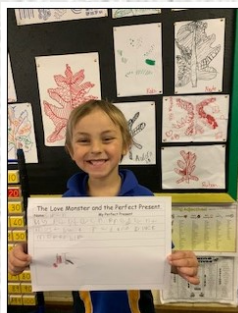
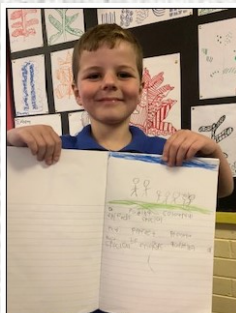
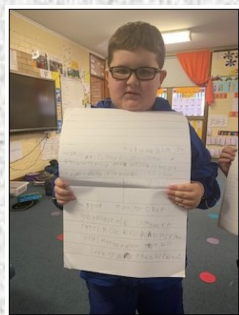
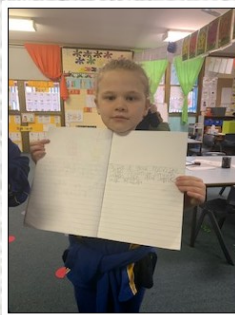
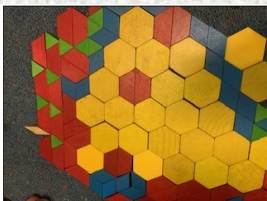
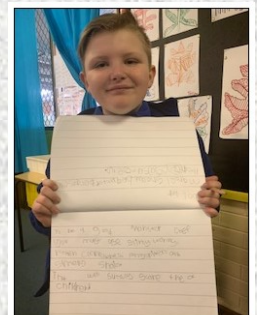
From everyone on the intervention team, enjoy the school holidays and spending time with your children. See you all in Term 4!

### Highlights from Term 3



Learning Lab

Below are some highlights from our intervention team, in picture 😊 smile hardworking friends 😊



Kind regards

Mrs Cruikshank, Mrs Isedale, Miss Lysaught, Mrs Coles, Mrs Griffey, Mrs Cowan and Mrs Neilands



# IPS Schoolyard Safari



This term, KE have been going on an adventure with Mr Manhood around our school to learn about our environment and make connections to our environment. We love going on our safari and have learnt so many new things!

We...

... investigated and made predictions!



... found living things in our school and talked about them!



... learnt about the plants in our school and tried some bush tucker!



# New School Banking rewards now available!

Treetop Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!



**Treetop Stationery Set**



**Treetop handball**



**Magic Mist Drink Bottle**



**Tomato Seed Kit**

For every deposit made at school students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually completed 10 **deposits/ 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**

## **Nutrition Snippet**

### FOOD WASTE.

**Aussies throw away over \$2 billion of fresh food every year!**



**Time to get food smart and start reducing your food waste.**

Why not throw your mushy tomatoes into a pasta sauce, your floppy zucchini into a fritter and soft carrots into fried rice.

For these recipes and more visit:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



## **Nutrition Snippet**

### SNACK ATTACK.

**Kids on average eat 4 snacks a day. Don't let biscuits and chips be 'go to snacks'.**



**Try these healthy snacks instead:**

- Apple & date bliss balls
- Poppletana
- Tomato & cheese damper



For more healthy snack swaps visit:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



2 DAYS ONLY - 8TH & 9TH OCTOBER



ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

**20% OFF**  
**SCHOOLWEAR**  
& EVERYTHING ELSE!



**SHOP IN-STORE & ONLINE**

On the day of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store. Thank you for your support. Lowes will be enforcing social distancing, Marshalls wearing hi-vis vests will be on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

**DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS.**

\*Offer ends midnight (AEST) 9/10/2020. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear laybys. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Savings off original prices.

## Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre



Online Registrations for the 2020 / 2021 season are now open  
(Go to [raymondterraceathletics.com.au](http://raymondterraceathletics.com.au) and follow the prompt)

Uniforms will be available this  
Saturday at the Centre from  
**10am to 1pm**

Registrations fully paid by October 3 will receive a discount

We accept Active Kids vouchers as part of registration fees

*Competition begins Saturday*

*October 10<sup>th</sup>*

Enquiries: Deidre 0418 962 185

# LET'S PLAY BALL!



NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT  
SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

**WINTER  
COMPETITION**

May to August

**OVER 30S FULLY  
LOADED SOFTBALL**

Friday Nights

**SUMMER  
COMPETITION**

Juniors & Seniors  
Season commences  
October 2020

**ALL AGES &  
ABILITIES WELCOME**



All games at Stevenson Park,  
Mayfield West

**REACH OUT TO US:**

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[ndsa.org.au](http://ndsa.org.au)

