



# IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

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## School Calendar 2020



16th Sep Aussie Hi 5 Club  
12.30-2.15



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a whirlwind term! Even with many COVID restrictions in place, we have still been flat out with our fabulous teaching and learning programs running every single day.

With holidays approaching in a few weeks, I am just putting out some reminders.

### Reminder about contacting school staff processes:

If you have any queries/comments/questions/issues regarding your child, please follow the steps below:

\* Contact your child's class teacher first. This may be through DoJo/Seesaw or by ringing the front office to ask them to leave a message for the teacher you would like a call back from.

\* If, after discussions with your child's class teacher, you feel things are not resolved, please call the front office to make an appointment to talk with the Assistant Principal of that stage. These are:

Preschool: Mrs Mathieson

K-2: Mrs Edgerton

Stage 2: Mr Edwards

Stage 3: Mr MacDonald

\* If, after discussions with your child's Stage Assistant Principal, you feel things are not resolved, please call the front office to make an appointment to talk with me.

### Reminder about unwell children:

If your child is unwell, please keep them home. If your child is presenting with any of the COVID symptoms, we advise they get tested. If they get tested, you will need to show the school the negative result (screenshot is fine) and be symptom-free before returning to school. If you don't get

your child tested, they will still need to be symptom-free before returning to school.

### Reminder about those families not returning to Irrawang next year:

If your child is leaving IPS, please complete the orange note that went out to students in Week 7. I will be working on 2021 classes and staffing very soon and having accurate numbers is essential.

### Leave:

I will be on two weeks' leave for weeks 9 and 10 this term. Mr Edwards will be relieving the principal and Miss Twyford will be relieving Assistant Principal Stage 3 for this time.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Mathieson



## PRESCHOOL FEES



Term 3 receipts have been sent out and can be paid at anytime.

Payments can be made online at [www.irrawangp.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.irrawangp.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

**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

## Visiting Speech Pathologist 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 Megan Fryer

I am a fourth year speech pathology student from Newcastle University who works with preschool children at Irrawang Public School Preschool.

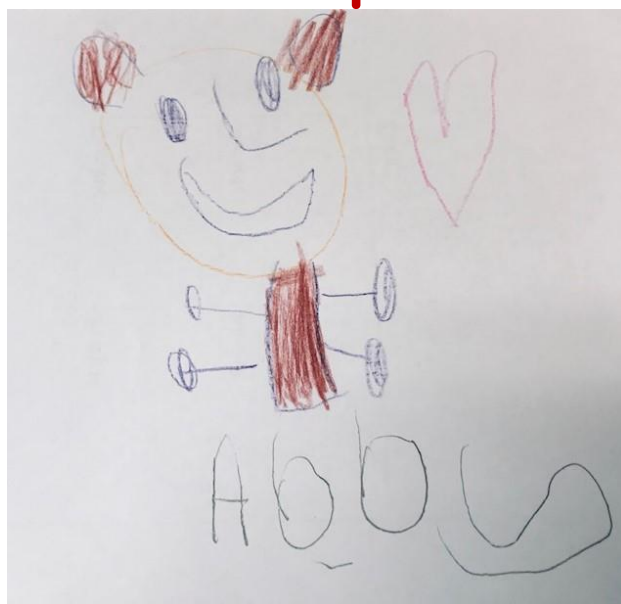
I am currently studying a Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Hons)

### All about Megan

1. **When is your birthday?**  
8<sup>th</sup> of October
2. **What is your favourite colour?**  
Blue
3. **Favourite Food?**  
Meat and three veg
4. **What is your favourite book to read?**  
The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton
5. **Where would you like to go on a holiday to?**  
Greece
6. **Do you have any pets at home?**  
Yes, I have a dog, two cats and four horses

**Irrawang Public School  
Preschool are hosting a  
Teddy Bears Picnic**

**Please bring your favourite teddy  
bear or toy to join us for an  
outdoor picnic.**



**Sun Djuukan Group**

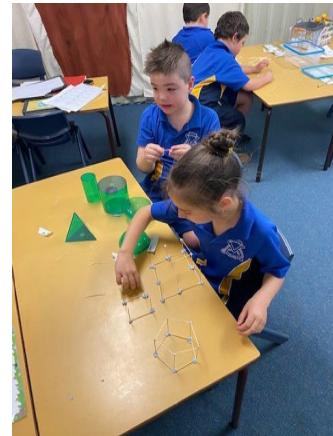
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**



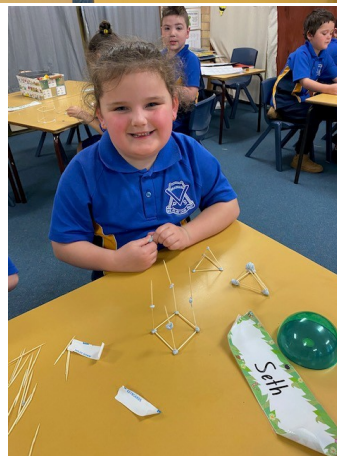
**Rainbow Dhurumiri Group**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

# Learning In KL



Last week KL learnt all about 3D shapes and their features. We discussed the difference between 2D and 3D shapes and identified 3D shapes in the environment. We then built our own 3D shapes using toothpicks and blu-tak!



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

### Irri's Book Week **VIRTUAL** Celebration Day

Save the Date—Wednesday 21st October



*What's Happening at school?*

- ⇒ Book Week parade in classrooms (link to view at home will be provided)
- ⇒ Activities about the books shortlisted for book week in classrooms
- ⇒ Book Fair set up in the library for students to purchase from (families not allowed on site but an order form will be sent home for pre-purchases)

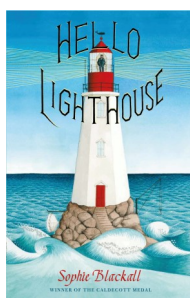
## What's New on Our Shelves !



We have been getting some fabulous new texts and they are all covered and on display ready for you to borrow!

## Have you been in a Lighthouse or run away from a fox?

In Library we have shared the texts **One Runaway Rabbit** and **Hello Lighthouse**. Students were given the task to re-create the great chase using the Bee Bots and even redesigned their own lighthouses. Amongst all of the laughter and chatter, there are some really creative and inquiring minds!



**Overdue notices have gone home - This is the 4th notice home.**

**THANK YOU** to those who have located their books and have returned them promptly!

As per school policy, no return requires payment of the book directly to the office.

**Prices are on the Overdue Slip.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Lynch.

SCHOLASTIC

**Book Clubs**

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

**Issue 6 ORDERS are DUE September 10th**

# PBL NEWS

**IPS Staff, School Community,**

**Students and Parents**

**Are**

**Safe, Responsible Learners who show Respect**

This week in PBL, our students are focusing on

**Being a team player!**

# LEARNING

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

## 'You've Earned Your Stripes'

All adults will be on the lookout for students being Safe, Responsible Learners who show Respect.

This week we will focus on students **Learning to be a team player with everyone, everywhere, every time!!!**

Wunduwi is on the look out for:

1. **Show pride in your team!** Make house points on the playground and at sport.
2. **Include others**, in your activities and Respect their opinion.
3. **Take turns**, and share resources.
4. **Encourage others**, celebrate their successes!

I need YOU to earn your stripes by working as a team with everyone, everywhere!



# Great Teamwork Girls!!

Analeez and Alyssa have been busy helping Mr Begley hang some new Wunduwu signs.

It is awesome to see these two students playing their part.



## Reading at home rocks!

In my first newsletter in Week 4, I shared some information about the importance of reading. Many expert educators will talk at length about the importance of reading to develop skills in speaking and listening, reading and writing, which are three critically important areas of learning. This week I wanted to share with you some thoughts from Mem Fox, the acclaimed Australian author of novels such as Wilfred Gordan McDonald Partridge, Koala Lou and Possum Magic, to name a few. Mem Fox has long advocated for the importance of daily reading for children. Whether your child is reading to themselves, enjoying a good book is so important. So ask your child what they borrowed from the library and get into reading!

## Fantastic Phonemes



Our phonemes groups are currently consolidating their knowledge of 'ng' sound, particularly -eng, -ong, -ang, -ung and -ing words as well as 'qu' to make the /kw/ sound. With hard work and persistence these sounds are being integrated into what we know to support speaking and listening, reading and writing. Well done Phonemes group!

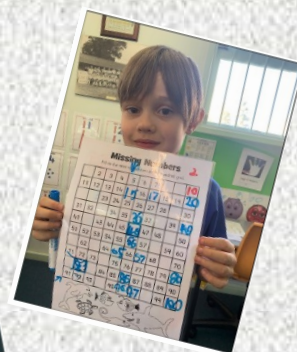
## Stage 1 Writing Groups



We have continued working on our Monster themed writing learning to write persuasive texts. We wrote letters to Mrs Lynch in the library to convince her to bring her pet monster to school. To write a convincing letter we have been stating our opinion and then giving a reason with evidence from the book we have been reading. In the last few weeks, we have read 'Pog' by Lyn Lee and 'Monster Chef' by Nick Bland. Stage 1 has made some incredibly convincing arguments! I am a little concerned about when this pet monster might turn up!

## Stage 1 Numeracy Ninjas

Stage 1 Ninjas have been working to consolidate a range of skills from the number strand. Below are some pics of the group counting by tens of the decade. This is showing their amazing knowledge of the patterns of numbers. Summer has been able to identify new patterns in the hundreds chart and explain the patterns that occur diagonally across the page, discussing the patterns in the tens and one's columns. Well done Ninjas!



Kind Regards  
Mrs Neilands  
Instructional Leader

## Mem Fox's 10 READ-ALOUD COMMANDMENTS



- 1 **READ EVERY DAY**  
Spend at least ten wilfully happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
- 2 **READ 3 BOOKS A DAY**  
Read at least three stories a day; it may be the same story three times.
- 3 **READ WITH EXCITEMENT**  
Read with animation. Don't be dull, flat or boring. Hang loose and be loud. Have fun and laugh.
- 4 **READ WITH ENJOYMENT**  
Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
- 5 **READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN**  
Read the stories the kids love, over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book.
- 6 **TALK, SING, BOUNCE**  
Let children hear lots of language. Talk to them constantly, sing and say nursery rhymes.
- 7 **LOOK FOR RHYTHM**  
Look for short books with rhyme, rhythm or repetition for young children.
- 8 **READ AND PLAY**  
Play games with the things you see on the page, i.e. let kids finish rhymes, find the letters of their name.
- 9 **READ FOR FUN**  
Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
- 10 **READ BECAUSE YOU LOVE IT**  
Read because you love being with your child, not just because it's the right thing to do.



# CAPA Painting for term 3



Students who chose painting for their CAPA this term, have done an amazing abstract canvas painting. They learnt so many different techniques in their wonderful paintings. Well done little artists!!!



# Canteen News

## Food for thought Café

Well it's hard to believe that the end of Term 3 is around the corner.

With that the canteen will be starting to run down stock from next week. I will keep *flexischools* updated but if your child orders over the counter and we don't have what they want an alternative will be offered.

### PARENT REMINDERS

*flexischools* cut off time for lunch orders is 8.55am on the required day.

I understand how hectic morning routines so if cut off is missed alternate arrangements will need to be made.

If you do miss ordering unfortunately I cannot take orders over the phone or process orders through *flexischools* for you. If you are unable to make arrangements the office ladies can make sure a lunch is provided for your child and an account will be sent home but it will not be a pick of the menu lunch order

Take care

Tracey



# New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new 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**

### FAKEAWAYS.

**Cooking at home is not only healthier, it will save you money.**



**Try these fakeaway recipes:**

- [Chicken burrito bowls](#)
- [Lentil burgers](#)
- [Easy pizza](#)



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

 **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

## **Nutrition Snippet**

### SPRING INTO ACTION!

**Buying fruit and veg in season is cheaper on the wallet and the quality and taste is better!**



**Try these recipes:**

- [Fresh fruit and yoghurt](#)
- [Hidden vegie tomato sauce](#)
- [Mushroom risotto bake](#)

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