Welcome back to Term 4 and another exciting term of learning, growing and succeeding ahead.

A special welcome to Mrs Rebecca Griffey, formally known as Mrs Hunter, who made a stunning bride in the holidays. On behalf of the Irrawang school community I’d like to wish Mrs Griffey, her husband and family a very happy future together.

"Don’t be late, school can’t wait!"

This term we are having a strong focus on teaching our students the importance of arriving at school on time, before the 8.55 bell. Encouraging our students to take responsibility for their morning routines in order to get to school/work on time is a lifelong skill. You can assist your children by ensuring there are consistent routines in place around bed time and morning preparations. This term we can all ‘play our party’ by starting each day at school, on time and ready to learn.

At the end of last term we farewelled Mr Brian Tomlins as he moves into retirement. Mr Tomlins has spent the last 4 years of an outstanding 38 year career in teaching at Irrawang. During his time in Public Education Mr Tomlins has nurtured and inspired thousands of students. His talents in music have been infectious across every school in which he has taught, with hundreds of students developing a love for music and the Performing Arts. Our own Aussie High Five Band is a prime example of the pride students take in their creative abilities under the direction of Mr Tomlins. We wish Mr Tomlins a long, happy and healthy retirement.

In farewelling Mr Tomlins we welcome Mr Cameron who will be replacing Mr Tomlins this term.

With my own retirement at the end of this year quickly approaching, this term will be one of reviewing and evaluating our school plan to ensure the whole school community has a deep understanding and commitment to our three strategic directions:

1. Irrawang Public School students are safe, responsible learners who show respect
2. Irrawang Public School staff are safe, responsible learners who show respect
3. Irrawang Public School parents and community are safe, responsible learners who show respect

Under the leadership of Mrs Mathieson and Mr Cridland, the school’s internal review is nearing completion. Using the information gathered from this process, we will be able to reflect on our school plan to give clear direction for 2016.

At the end of last term the member for Port Stephens, Kate Washington, recognised Irrawang P S and the other public schools in Raymond Terrace and Medowie in Parliament. After attending Showcase at Irrawang High School, Kate Washington proclaimed that - “Showcase is not only a terrific show but it is also community building, creating connections across local primary schools to their feeder high school and instilling pride and confidence in our future generations. I congratulate all the students, families and staff involved. It was an impressive show, with many proclaiming it to be the best ever – an accolade that I cannot disagree with.”

Thank you Kate and well done Irrawang!

Warm regards
Nancye Farley
Principal
GALA NIGHT 2015:

Gala Night last Friday evening was the best ever!
Our students danced and sang the night away. Thank you to all staff and parents who worked behind the scenes in preparing for the evening.
Irrawang, we do have talent and lots of it!

Assembly Roster Term 4 2015

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term 4</th>
<th>Class</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Week 2</td>
<td>4E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 4</td>
<td>5-6J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 6</td>
<td>3P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 8</td>
<td>3-4I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 10</td>
<td>YEAR 6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION STATEMENT

6 August 2015

IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE SPECTACULAR

Kate Washington (Port Stephens): “Last week, I was privileged to attend Irrawang High School’s Showcase Spectacular for 2015. Showcase is an annual event held over two nights that sees schools from the Lakeside Learning Community come together for shows jam-packed with talent. I was delighted to attend the second night’s show at which I saw hundreds of students from Irrawang Public School, Medowie Public School and Irrawang High School dancing, singing, blowing trumpets, peeping on recorders and blasting us on the drums. At the previous night’s show, students from Wirreanda Public School and Grahamstown Public School joined forces with the talented team from Irrawang High School.

I congratulate each of the principals from the participating schools: Mr Col Elliott from Irrawang High School, Mr Glen Whitten from Medowie Public School, Ms Philippa Young from Wirreanda Public School, Mrs Nancye Farley from Irrawang Public School and Mrs Sue Kane from Grahamstown Public School. Not only is Showcase a terrific show but also it is community building, creating connections across local primary schools to their feeder high school and instilling pride and confidence in our future generations. I congratulate all the students, families and staff involved. It was an impressive show, with many proclaiming it to be the best ever—an accolade that I cannot disagree with.”
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings.

PBL members
(IPS Staff, School Community, Students, Parents)
Welcome back.

Hope everyone has had a relaxing and restful break because once again…..

**We are in for another busy term!**

Therefore we start term 4 by reviewing the Aussie 5 and the Behaviour Consistency Chart. Reviewing and re-teaching the ‘Behaviour Consistency Chart’ the children are consolidating their understanding of certain behaviours and consequences – whether it be in the classroom, playground or community, or whether it be in their learning or actions they may display at times.

Definition: Consequence – A result of one’s behaviour.

Eg: Following instructions – **Gold Face- Aussie $, Star chart, Deputy BBQ, Caught you being good, dojos etc.**

Refusing to follow instructions – **Blue Face – need to think about behaviour.**
Repeatly refusing to follow instructions – **Purple Face – white/red form.**
Consistently refusing to follow instructions – **Red Face – Red Form.**

As part of our school community, your help is vital. By consolidating the Aussie 5, we are all helping to establish consistency, not only within the whole school community, but also our outside community which includes home, general public and businesses that help support our school.

Thank you for your continual support by reinforcing the Aussie 5 at home.

---

**SCHOOL BANKING**
School banking is every **THURSDAY.**

Please remember to hand your bank books to your teacher and they will be taken to the office. If you don’t receive your bank book back by Friday please check at the office.
Congratulations to Katie Baira, the winner of our guessing competition in the “Who am I” feature of the Newsletter week 10.

The correct answer was the Lyons Family.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

5 Things you don’t know about me- Staff

I have 2 daughters and 1 son
I have worked at more than 12 Schools
I can play the guitar
I live close to the beach
I hold the club record for the highest goal scorer.

Who is this staff member?
Please write your answer on the tear off slip at the bottom of the page. Place in the foyer at the office by the morning of Tuesday week 3(20/10/15).
The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week4.

Good luck!

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

Guessing Competition Answer.

Name: ...........................................................................................................

Class: ..............................................................

Answer: ...........................................................................................................
Spotlight on a volunteer

This week we shine the light on a volunteer that helps out in the library…

Rachel Montgomery

Rachel has kindly donated her time to the library for many years. Rachel began volunteering when her daughter Pyper was attending Irrawang and she has kept it up even though Pyper is now in high school. Rachel said she enjoys volunteering as it is social, a great atmosphere and it is fun. Thanks Rachel we appreciate all your hard work!

Melissa Beasley & Megan Lysaght

School Fun-Run

We will be holding an adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on 30.10.15 within the school grounds.

The Adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase: New equipment for the school.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the Adidas School Fun-Run event day at the school on 30.10.15 to help cheer on the students.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Adam Edwards

UNIFORMS:

If you have any pre-loved uniforms that your children have grown out of or are venturing onto high school. Could you please donate them to the school for our emergency store where they will be GRATEFULLY Accepted. You can leave them at the office. Many thanks for your help.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!
Have you seen our new attendance board in the hall? Each class is competing to get to the end of the field with the best attendance. This term we are focusing on being punctual to school. Prizes are up for grabs for the classes with the most punctual students. We are asking parents to ‘play your part’ and have your children at school on time everyday.

School starts at 8:55, DON'T BE LATE, SCHOOL CAN'T WAIT!

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER
School Swimming Scheme will be from week 4 Monday 26th October until Friday 6th November (Term 4) for children in Year 2 to Year 6. Please keep in mind and start saving. These lessons could save lives!!!!!
Irrawang Public School – Canteen Helpers 2015/2016

Irrawang School Canteen relies on the help of volunteer parents, just like you to operate. Some benefits of working in the canteen include:

* Kids love seeing their parents help in the canteen
* Meet new people
* Get to know teachers and staff at the school
* Learn new skills – you do not need any experience
* Unlimited tea, coffee or hot chocolate
* Fun friendly environment
* Free lunch to the value of $5
* A chance to get away from the housework for a few hours

Canteen opens from 8.30am until 12.25pm. We require volunteers from 8.20am until around 12.45pm
If you can help, please fill out the form below and return it to the canteen or office. Roster for 2015 will be finalised early in the new year.

Name: ___________________________________
Childs Name: _____________________________
Phone : __________________________________
Preferred days:
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Weekly Fortnightly Monthly

Thank you for your commitment and support towards having a great canteen for all the students.

Michelle Godwin
Canteen Supervisor
HAS YOUR CHILD ENROLLED FOR SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

WILL YOUR CHILD BE STARTING KINDERGARTEN OR PRESCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

ENROL NOW FOR THE BEST START TO YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION!!!

ENQUIRE NOW!

Please ask at the office or phone 02 4987 2403

CAUTION:
Please remember that if you are putting photos from school events on your personal Facebook page that other children should not be in the photos unless you have permission from their parents or carers.
Irrawang Public School: Absentee Note

Student Name: ______________________________________ Class:____________________

Date/s of absence/s ___________________________________________________________

Reason for leave: (Please circle)

*Sick  *Urgent Family Business  *Other:___________________________

Signature:__________________________ Date:____________________

Relationship to student:____________________________________

****************Please return with your child to class teacher. Thankyou***************
RIVERSIDE MULTICULTURAL FIESTA
17th October 2015 – 9am to 3:30pm
Riverside Park Raymond Terrace

Celebrating Cultural Diversity in Port Stephens

Come dressed in national costume! Performances, displays, dance, music.
Junior Talent quest 7 – 17 years at 2pm register on the day by 1pm

Featuring performances by
African musicians, Indigenous dancers, Balinese fire dancer
Jye Uren – Contemporary Aboriginal Dance,
Pumpkin Juice Celtic Fiddlers, Cessnock Pipe Band
Mei Walker Tibetan Dance, Soul Fire Circus
Raduga Folk music trio, Spanish Dance, Berias
Hunter Shimmy Sisters, Alume drumming

Workshops
Qi Gong, African Drumming, Circus skills, Indigenous Painting

Kids Activities
Ability Links, Thou Walls

Check our Facebook Page for updates Riverside Multi Cultural Fiesta Port Stephens
Website www.riversidemcfps.wix.com/market-fiesta For the programme of events for the day
Event organisers Liz 0422 144 441 Adam 0432 187 010

Supported by Port Stephens Council Cultural Projects Fund