Grandparents Day held last Friday was one of the most successful events ever! Grandparents, grand friends and parents joined their children to acknowledge and celebrate the role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. Watching grandparents and students sing together, read together, play together and smile for the camera together, was a warming experience for everyone. Without the commitment, hard work and organisation from Mrs Mathieson and her team, last Friday would not have been the success it was. To Mrs Mathieson, a heart-felt “thank you” from everyone in attendance last Friday.

Grandparents Day 2015 will stay in our memories for many years to come.

The ‘Learn to Swim’ swimming scheme commenced this week with 120 students enrolled in the program. With summer quickly approaching, playing in or around water can be a fun activity for the whole family. Whether you are at the beach, a pool, or even at home in the bathtub, children should always be under arms-length supervision around water. The ‘Learn to Swim’ swimming scheme teaches your children about water safety and how to be strong confident swimmers, but doesn’t replace the importance of parents actively supervising their children when near water. Even children who know how to swim need to be supervised. Have fun this summer and stay safe!

Warm regards

Nancye Farley
Principal
This week in PBL we have been talking about how to “cool down in the heat”. Students have been discussing in their classes different strategies to calm their bodies when they are hot and angry. This is so we can control what we do and say to others, and make sure we aren’t hurting anybody, even their feelings.

It has been great to see so many school uniforms at the moment. Please make sure you are wearing a school hat. If you need a new one, they are $5 from the front office.

We hope all the students at swimming school have an awesome time this week. We know they will take their Aussie 5 with them.

Eden and Tahlia
Library News

A very big thank you to Mrs Hall, Rachel Montgomery and Margaret Burton for "minding" the Library while I was on long service leave recently. I had no doubts about everything continuing as normal!

Term 4 is a wonderful time ... including our swimming school and carnival, Presentation Days, and farewelling our Year 6 students as they take the big step to high school next year. In the Library, it means stocktake time ... a very important part of the Library Year, when we are directed by the Department of Education to check and account for the school’s Library resources. That is why it is my responsibility to continually remind students that books must be returned. So many are still long overdue. I know there are quite valid reasons for the books being late e.g. packed away while between houses or accidentally left at Nanna’s last holidays. Unfortunately, I am bound to make every effort to retrieve those books, or request replacement payment. This week, those students with overdues will be bringing home a note requesting payment for those books. I am hoping that this will encourage one last major effort to locate them! Thank you for your support in being a responsible Irrawang school member in this matter.

Homework & Chess Club begins this Thursday, 29th October and ends on Thursday, week 8, 26th November. Please give permission forms directly to me, or leave them in the Office.

Stay safe, responsible learners and keep reading everyone!

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

Chess News

I was very disappointed to announce the cancellation of the Chess tournament for this term. Unfortunately, everyone else involved had to send their apologies for being unable to attend for one reason or another. However, Chess Club starts this Thursday, when Mr Bertram and I will be observing matches to decide the recipients of this year’s Chess awards at Presentation Day later in the term. Don’t forget to get your permission forms in !!!

Chris Berry
Chess Co-Ordinator
Mrs Griffey's students have been working very hard to think of interesting ways to start their sentences. She was very excited when they wrote these!

Whack! Harry tried to hit me with the umbrella on the face and the stomach.

"Yes, I will do it. I will go down the pole," said dad.

write on!

Boom! My draw fell down and it broke.
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.

Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings

Welcome PBL members
(IPS Staff, School Community, Students, Parents)
'Think Twice, Say it Nice'

We all use words like “Thank You”, “Please” and we all know what words such as “Respect”, “Kindness”, “Courage” and “Caring” mean. However, knowing and using these words is a lot easier than following what they mean and using them in day to day life. Sometimes we can come across as disrespectful when we don’t mean to be, like when we are having a joke with our friends. Respect should be shown everywhere, everytime to everyone.

Definition: Consequence - A result of one’s behaviour.
Respect - Means accepting that other people are different but just as important as you feel you are.

Eg:
Treating others as you would like to treated - Gold Face - Deputy BBQ, Aussie Dollars, Star Cards, Dojos, Caught you being good, etc
Laughing at others ability - Blue Face - need to think about behaviour.
Poor sportsmanship - Purple Face - white/red form.
Making threats to others - Red Face - Red Form.

Before you speak:

T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?
5 Things you don’t know about me - Staff

The correct answer for “5 Things you don’t know about me” feature of the Newsletter was Ms Cowan.

Thank you to Abbi Cruickshank and Kaylee Waters for entering. Better Luck next time.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

WHO AM I—Family

We are a family of 6 with a pet dog, bird, chickens & fish.
Four of my children attend Irrawang Public and one attends Raymond Terrace Public
As a family we like to be together by having picnics and attending community events.
My children are involved in chess, debating and showcase.
I am and have been involved with class reading and writing as well as helping at Thou-Walla.
Who am I?

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 5 (3/11/15).

The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 6.

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 every week in the school canteen...

Belinda Stevens

Belinda kindly donates her time every Tuesday to work in the school canteen and helps out with the P&C whenever she is needed for events like Fathers day stall, disco and nit busters. Belinda has been volunteering at our school since her children Leo and Kathlyn, followed by Wezley started and has kept it up for 4 years now! Belinda says she loves volunteering because she loves to see the joy not only on her own childrens faces but all of the children at our school.

Thanks Belinda we appreciate all your hard work!

Melissa Beasley & Megan Lysaght

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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](http://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

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**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.
DON'T BE LATE, SCHOOL CAN'T WAIT!

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,
Hi everyone,

Just a friendly reminder to all parents, carers, grandparents etc, that if you are going to be on the school grounds at lunchtime for any reason and require lunch that you MUST order your lunch in the morning the same as the students with a cut off of 9.30am.

Last week we had a fantastic response to grand friends day but unfortunately the canteen had around 30 requests for lunches to be made at lunchtime. While we did our best to accommodate and provide something, we were unable to offer much choice, especially being late on a Friday when we try to use up all of our products before the weekend. This also meant longer queues for the students wanting their ice blocks etc due to us preparing food. We only ever heat hot food that has been ordered and paid for in the morning. We don’t cook additional hot food to be bought over the counter at lunchtime.

We are more than happy to provide lunch to anyone visiting the school, however just ask that it is done in the morning.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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***************