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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Three cheers for Mrs Stacy Mathieson – newly appointed principal of IPS!

As of Wednesday of last week, Mrs Mathieson has been confirmed as Principal of IPS from 2016.

Mrs Mathieson has been at our school since Semester 2 of last year. Over that time she has been a leader who inspires others. Mrs Mathieson was not only strategic but FEARLESS in leading the school community to recovery after the April storms. Mrs Mathieson is a visionary leader who has passion and compassion for our students and community. I could not think of a more deserving person to lead our school community to recovery after the April storms. Mrs Mathieson is a visionary leader who has passion and compassion for our students and community. I could not think of a more deserving person to lead our school in 2016 and beyond. On behalf of the whole school community I wish Mrs Mathieson all the best in her role as Principal. I know I leave Irrawang, albeit sadly, in safe capable hands!

Our celebrations continue with Mrs Jodie Edgerton now confirmed as our 14th teacher. Mrs Edgerton was successful at merit selection and will start her career as a permanent teacher with the Department of Education as from day 1 next year. Once again congratulations Mrs Edgerton and lucky Irrawang to have you!

Over my years at IPS I have had many highlights in which I have taken great pride in our students and our school. One such highlight was last week listening to Year 5 students present their speeches for student leadership in 2016.

18 confident, articulate, engaging students captured the entire school’s attention with the quality of their speeches. I can confidently claim that irrespective of the outcome, Irrawang will be led by 18 Aussie 5 superstars next year. I wish all nominees all the best and look forward to announcing the 2016 Captains, Vice Captains and Councillors at Presentation Day on Wednesday 2nd December.

Warm regards

Nancye Farley
Principal
Our School Leaders Have Their Say

We have had the privilege of two wonderful graffiti artists who have come in and painted three stunning slogans about attendance. The new slogans are;... *Be here be smart play your part, It’s not ok to be away and don’t be late school can’t wait.* Thank you to Shane and Brad for painting the slogans, but most of all thank you Miss Twyford for organising this initiative, it wouldn’t have been possible without you.

Remember to drink lots of water as we are getting closer to summer and the heat is getting to around the 40 degree range. Also remember to watch out for snakes lurking in bushes and be careful where you stick your hands.

The year 6 students have been working really hard to be able to perform the year 6 dance to the best of their ability. Thank you to Miss Guiffre for choreographing the dance and thanks to the year 5 boys who have stepped up.

Just remember to always listen to the star leaders on duty, as they are helping run the games for you.

Paige & Maddison

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**Carols under the Christmas Tree**

First Friday in December, 6.45pm onwards
48 Sturgeon St, Raymond Terrace

Sponsored by the Combined Churches of Raymond Terrace

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**Assembly Roster Term 4 2015**

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Welcome PBL members  
(Ips Staff, School Community, Students, Parents)

‘SPORTSMANSHIP’

What is ‘Sportsmanship’?

'Sportmanship' is an aspiration or ethos that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors/peers.

Why be a GOOD SPORT?

In order to be Safe, Responsible Learners who show Respect, we need to know why being a Good Sport is important.

We all need to enjoy playing/working as a team, where we play fair and try our best. We all need to respect officials and let little things go so that everyone gets a go. If we all do these then ‘Everyone’s a Winner’ everywhere, everytime!

"Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way." - Jim Courier

A quote from one of Tennis’ Greats
5 Things you don’t know about me- Staff

Congratulations to Jack Edgerton, the winner of our guessing competition in the “5 things you don’t know about me- staff” feature of the Newsletter week 6.
The correct answer for was Mrs Alison Milner.
Thank you to Amy-Lee Ledwidge 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.
We have four children. Two of our children attend Irrawang Public, one attends Irrawang High School and my youngest attends Irrawang Public Preschool.
As a family we like to play games, watch movies, do role-playing, and play with our cousins and our dog.
My children are involved in with fun days at the Rural Fire Brigade.
I am and have been involved with Pre-School and Transition to School Program. Next year I am looking forward to helping out at the Canteen.
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 9 (1/12/15).
The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 10.

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 helped out in many areas of Irrawang Public........

Shirley Bishop

I have been volunteering at IPS since my children started at Irrawang back in 2007. Over the years I have been involved with –

- Taking photos or helping to put together the packs for the children at the Transition to Schools program.
- Taking photos at the Grandparents day
- Story times presenter at Thou-Walla Playgroups
- Speech program
- Gardening
- Sewing Library bags for the Transition to Schools Program
- Sewing costumes for Star Struck with the TAFE Sewing group
- Events such as NAIDOC and Harmony day

I began volunteering because I wanted to make a connection with children and staff, make friends and for something to do to fill my days. Volunteering means I am never bored or without someone to talk to. Watching children grow & prosper due in part to my involvement is very rewarding. It makes me feel good!!!

Thanks Shirley we appreciate all your hard work!

Melissa Beasley & Megan Lysaght

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,
Cyberbullying is the repeated use of the internet, mobile phones and other technologies to bully, intimidate and humiliate others. It differs from other bullying because it often continues outside of school and school hours. It can be 24/7 and sometimes you may not know who is behind it.

What does cyberbullying look like?
Cyberbullying might occur over the internet, in instant messaging (IM), social networking sites, blogs or through online gaming. It can also occur over the phone, by SMS or MMS, or voice and video calls.

Why do people cyberbully?
There are a number of reasons why people might cyberbully others, including:
- think it’s amusing
- don’t like the person
- don’t consider it to be a big deal, “it’s just words”
- don’t believe there are any consequences
- think they can be anonymous

None of these reasons, or any others, can justify cyberbullying.

What are the effects of cyberbullying?
Things that happen on the internet or mobile phones can have offline consequences. Some of the effects of cyberbullying may be:
- anger
- embarrassment
- fear
- poor performance at school
- loss of confidence and self-esteem
- revenge cyberbullying or retaliation
- self-harm, even suicide

Cyberbullying hurts people. It can ruin lives. There could even be legal consequences for harassing or threatening someone online.

What can you do about cyberbullying?
Don’t start it! Cyberbullying is never acceptable. Think before you post something mean, or send someone a hurtful message.
Don’t be a part of it! As a bystander, you can do something to stop cyberbullying. If someone tries to get you involved in cyberbullying, say NO.
Don’t let it get out of control! You need to tell someone if you are being cyberbullied so that they can help you to make it stop.

Stand up! Be an active bystander and tell a trusted adult if you see cyberbullying occuring.

How can you stay in control?
- learn how to block and report unwanted communications
- find out your school’s policy on cyberbullying
- research what policies your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and any online sites and applications you are using have on cyberbullying
- tell someone!

How can you help your friends?
- support the person who is being bullied - you never know when you might need help too
- encourage them to speak to a trusted adult
- don’t forward or pass on any cyberbullying materials such as links to humiliating videos or gossip texts
- create a positive culture in your school and community which doesn’t tolerate bullying in any form

Most importantly, know where you can go for help! Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable. You can also contact:
- Reach Out: www.reachout.com.au
- Bullying, No Way: www.bullyingnoway.com.au
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com
- The website, application or phone carrier that you were using at the time

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au
DEFENCE FAMILY INVITE

I am the Defence School Transition Aide at Grahamstown Public School and I would like to extend an invitation to any Defence family at Irrawang Public School to an end of year function, as an opportunity to meet other defence families in the local area:

Defence Family End of Year Function
at Lakeside Bowl, Raymond Terrace
on Friday 27th November 2015
from 3:30 - 5:30pm

Afternoon Tea will be provided, however, it will cost $5.00 per game per person
Children must be accompanied by an adult

Please RSVP by Wednesday 25th November by email to: deborah.odonoghue1@nsw.edu.au thank you.

We look forward to meeting you if you are able to join us!
Deborah O’Donoghue (DSTA, Grahamstown Public School)
Glenda de Wit (DTM, Irrawang High School)
Jason Pilcher (DTM, Medowie Christian School)

XMAS Holiday Tennis Camps Raymond

Terrace

When: Kindergarten to Year 2 Mon 4th and Tues 5th Jan
Year 3 and Above Wed 6th and Thurs 7th Jan
ALL DAYS 9AM TILL 3PM

Where: Raymond Terrace Courts (Kangaroo St, Raymond Terrace)

Cost: $60pp Each day

Booking: James 0402 844 875 or
james@bouncetennisfitnessacademy.com.au

BBQ Lunch Included

All students must bring their own hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks. Any medication required must be declared by a parent/guardian Please arrive 10 mins prior to session start time on Day 1.
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.

IRRRAWANG AUSSIE 5
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***************