Last week we saw ‘Gold Faces’ everywhere! Good Face behaviours are evident when students follow the “Aussie 5”, display the right attitude in the playground & in the classroom, help others, listen to others and feel positive & happy at school. Congratulations to all students who were recognised last week for having Gold Face behaviour.

If you visited the school last Friday you may have been confused by the number of vets, plumbers, bakers, truck drivers, professional cricketers, bankers, librarians, florists, doctors and firemen that were filling our classrooms. Careers Day was an outstanding success for students and parents. My sincere thanks to Mrs Stacy Mathieson, Mrs Gina Ascott-Evans and Ms Melissa Beasley for organising such a wonderful experience for our students. My thanks also to the many, many parents and local businesses for giving so generously of their time. Our students were ‘a buzz’ with excitement and eager to ask questions in order to find out about the many options they had for their future careers.

Thanks to Mrs Karlene Johnson, there have been over 107 students involved in school banking since 2012. This year there are 99 students who regularly bank every Thursday. Mrs Johnson generously gives of her time every week to collect and bank the deposits on behalf of your children. If you would like more information on how your child can become a super saver by joining the school banking scheme, then please contact the school office.

This week we finish Term 1 with school photographs on Tuesday and Thursday and the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday. Full school uniform is to be worn for photographs but on Wednesday I look forward to seeing many bright, colourful, creative, ‘delicious’ hats on display. Come along and join us in the hall at 12.30pm and don’t forget to wear your hat!

On behalf of staff I’d like to thank our parents and carers for their support this term and wish everyone a safe and happy Easter. School resumes for students on Tuesday 21 April with another term of great teaching and inspired learning ahead.

With warm regards

Nancye Farley
Principal
Our School Leaders Have Their Say

Last week all eight of our school leaders got up on a very cold and dark morning at 4:30am to go to Sydney to Young Leaders Day in Sydney Entertainment Centre. The early morning was worth it!

We got to Sydney at 9:00am, found our seats and were ready to listen to some excellent speeches. Some of the presenters were Mike Martin, Mike Baird, Rachael Leahcar, Bindi Irwin and the makers of the movie Paper Planes. They each had some great advice on how to be an effective school leader and that you’re never too young to make a difference.

After we had lunch Miss Martin said she was going to buy us a chocolate ice-cream because we were “Aussie 5” super stars all day.

Back at school we have noticed lots of students trying really hard to be in the right place at the right time at the end of the second bell, ready to listen.

Don’t forget school photos this week! You need to make sure you have clean clothes, tidy hair and shiny white teeth!

Also, remember that the Easter Hat Parade is on at the school hall after lunch on Wednesday.

Have a safe and happy holiday, see you in Term Two!

Eden
Irrawang Public School held our Careers Fun Day on Thursday 26th March.

The purpose of the day was to raise the students' awareness of the many possibilities regarding careers of the future.

Research suggests that young children are already making limiting career choices, based on ad hoc information that they may gain from community, media sources etc. By giving young children access to positive role models, exposing gender stereotyping and systematically exploring new ideas to open up the world of work, children will be better prepared to make self-fulfilling career choices.

On the day, we had 29 parents, past students and members of the community coming to discuss their careers. This also included members from the NSW Ambulance, Police Force, Fire Brigade and the Australian Defence Force to inspire our students.
Scholastic Book Club orders will be delivered tomorrow ... just in time to be read during the holidays! Lots of students were able to purchase great books, often Premiers Reading Challenge titles, at very reasonable prices from this latest issue ... some as little as $1.00 and $2.00. Please consider rewarding your child from these book catalogues. Choosing their "own" book makes it all the more meaningful for a child, and I know I am biased, but I cannot think of a much better present than a book.

Children will be able to borrow extra books this week for holiday reading at home. Please "Play Your Part" and make sure the Infants students bring some sort of bag to Library this week to protect these books. Can I encourage you also to suggest lots of reading time in the holidays ... especially when they seem to be at a loose end and bored with everything else!

My Website of the Week is http://splash.abc.net.au. I know I've posted this one before, but they just keep on introducing such wonderful new activities I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of it! Test your mathematics skills with their new game Gobbling Goblins; subscribe to get the newsletter yourself and win your own tablet and 7 more for our school; visit the Queensland Museum to see Australia's largest dinosaur bone. It's a great interactive site! Start exploring it during the holidays!

Stay safe and keep reading!

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

I have volunteered Irrawang Public to host a Chess Day for schools in our division. Mr Wright, the area co-ordinator, will be in touch next term to start the organisation of this day. Mr Bertram has advised that we have enough players to form three teams, possibly four.

What great news! Keep practising everyone!

Chris Berry
Chess Co-Ordinator
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings

Our PBL for week 10 will focus on being in ‘The right place at the right time’. Throughout our day at school or in the community, we are expected to be in the right place at the right time. If we are in the right place at the right time, we are making the correct choice. If we forget to be in the right place at the right time, it is much more likely that we will make a poor decision. Sometimes, people get so upset that they run away or leave the area that is being supervised because of their emotions. Supervising personnel need to be able to see you at all times, even if you have made a mistake. Why? Because your safety is the most important thing! There are 2 Aussie 5 rules that help remind us of making good choices, ‘I can follow instructions’ and ‘I can control what I do and say’.

As the holidays are quickly approaching it is timely that in week 10 we focus on our expectations – Safety, Responsibility, Learning and Respect. We all need to have our “Aussie 5’s” with us everywhere, everytime and to everyone. Developing an understanding of what it means to respect community rules, being responsible for one’s actions and words, and learning to accept consequences/praise will help keep us safe during the holiday period.

On that note, on behalf of the PBL Team, we wish you a safe and happy Easter holiday.

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 Emelia Gibson, the winner of our guessing competition in the “Who am I” feature of the Newsletter. The correct answer was Emma Bowden / Bowden-Willis family.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

5 Things you don’t know about me - Staff

1. I was a nursing sister.
2. I have 3 daughters.
3. I have 5 grandchildren.
4. I love to scrapbook.
5. I love to go fishing.

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 1 (21st April), Term 2. The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 2.

Good luck!

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

Guessing Competition Answer.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Class: __________________________

Answer: _____________________________________________________________
Vacation Care At Raymond Terrace

Operating from Raymond Terrace Before And After School Care, Cnr William & Irrawang Street, Raymond Terrace.

- Operates during school holidays
- 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday
- Friendly High Quality Educators
  - NCAC Accredited
- Excursions and workshops each holidays
- Games, crafts, cooking and fun with friends
- Costs from as little as $27.65 a day

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**WEEK 1**

**WEEK 2**
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***************