PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 2 has flown by and I feel truly privileged to have been in the position of Relieving Principal, working alongside such a fantastic group of students, parents and staff.

It has been an extremely busy term with many notable highlights. Some of which were:

- The way the community supported each other and the school throughout the storm!
- The P&C Mothers’ day stall, Masters BBQ and Nitbuster Days
- Successful students in our enrichment activities: 7E 2016, Yr 5 and 6 GATS, Yr 4 Bridge Building and The Moran Photography 3-6, which is this Friday.
- Parent Forums
- Drop in room opening for morning cuppa’s
- Crazy Hair Day to raise money for PD/H/PE initiatives
- NAIDOC celebrations, including BroSpeak and SistaSpeak dances and many, many more!

I know Mrs. Farley is looking forward to coming back next term after her well earned break and I can safely say that the staff, students and parents have kept Irrawang Public in safe hands all term.

A few reminders for our last busy week of term:

*Reports to go home early this week with 3 way conferences next term.

*If you have any home readers or library books, please return them to the school with your child before end of the term.

*Take note of the events coming up this week. It is a busy week with NAIDOC, Deputy’s BBQ and Talent Quest all being fitted in to an already full week.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support this term. I have absolutely loved the role as Relieving Principal. Please stay safe over the holidays.

Warm regards,

Stacy Mathieson
Relieving Principal
Our School Leaders Have Their Say

Well this term has gone fast and what a wonderful term it has been!

Just a reminder that the Talent quest is on Friday 26th of June. Remember one performance per student and tickets will be available at the office for a $1.00, from Monday 22nd June. We would like to congratulate the wonderful 3P for their victory in having no forms for two weeks.

Thank you to everyone who has been following their Aussie 5 and following the PBL lesson for each week. Everyone has been very settled by using their Responsibility and showing respect.

It’s great to see so many uniforms being worn throughout this term. We have noticed less multi-coloured shoes and hoodies creeping in. Keep up the great job!

By Paige and Maddison J

Assembly Roster Term 3-4 2015

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The Bookclub orders were distributed yesterday in good time for everyone to have their new book to read during the holidays.

It has been a busy term and seems to have flown by so quickly. Stage 1 students have enjoyed the books of Pamela Allen, one of Australia's best loved childrens' authors. Her characters ... including Mr McGee, Felix the cat, Mary Elizabeth and her monster ... make the books very engaging and result in lots of interesting facial expressions from the students as the story unfolds! Primary classes have had a close look at Global Warming and the effect this is having on all living things. They were to select one animal, using PowerPoint to report on how they are coping with Climate Change and the effects of Global Warming. Due to technical issues with some of the Library Think Pads this has been a frustrating exercise at times. I am very impressed with the way the students have dealt with these problems. Hopefully, all with be resolved by the start of the new term.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and keep reading everyone!

Stay safe and keep reading!

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

Unfortunately, the tournament just couldn’t happen this term. There is disappointment, but in a positive note, it gives players more time to brush up on their moves and strategies for next term's games. The holidays provide so much time to do this. So keep practising everyone!

Keep practising everyone!

Chris Berry
Chess Co-Ordinator

Canberra Excursion
We are now 9 short weeks away from the Stage 3 Canberra excursion’s final date for payment, Friday August 21st. Thank you to those families who have been paying off their accounts and a HUGE thank you to the seven families who have paid in full.

We are currently in the process of finalising the amount of student assistance available and will notify the families who applied.

Copies of the payment plan and snow equipment notes are available from the office.

Only 69 sleeps to go!
PRESCHOOL

This term preschool has been very lucky to have guest readers visit us in the library each Wednesday. Thank you Mr Gridland, Mrs Mathieson, Miss Martin and our three special students.

SAVE THE DATE
SPECIAL EVENT for families, educators and professionals

Early Childhood Intervention, Inclusion and the NDIS for children 0 to 8 years
Everything you need to know, because it’s not what it used to be!

Tuesday 20th October 2015
Starlight Room, Wests New Lambton
Explo from 4 to 6.30pm
Guest Speakers from 7 to 9pm

Free entry and no registration to attend

Dr Tim Moore
Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Children’s Research Centre

Sylvana Mahmic
Vice President of CICU (NSW Chapter) and CEO, Pathways, Pathways for children and families

Peter De Nairis
Executive Director, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

Representatives from a large range of early childhood intervention services, agencies and businesses will be hosting display tables to provide up to date information that is appropriate to supporting young children (birth to 8 years) with a disability, developmental delay or additional needs.

Guest speakers will provide information and case studies on early childhood intervention, inclusion, best practice and the NDIS.

Enquiries to the ECIT office on 4926 7847 or email ecit@health.nsw.gov.au

Edible items and food available to purchase from the club.

Participation of any service/agency/business/guest speaker in the event does not indicate ECIT’s support or endorsement.
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings

Hi PBL members!
(IPS Staff, School Community, Students, Parents)

WOW!
How time flies when you are engaged in being safe and responsible, learning and showing respect everywhere, everytime to everyone!

Another term nearly done and dusted, (even though it did start wet and wild-The Storm!!) and a term which was action packed for our students and our teachers – NAPLAN and Reports.

At week nine’s PBL meeting, student representatives were invited to talk about what it is like to be a ‘Student PBL Representative’. Some of their responses were:
• Giving out ‘Gold Faces’ for showing respect in all settings.
• Reminding the ‘Aussie 5’.
• Presenting an award at Monday’s assembly.

They also gave some suggestions for improvement, such as:
• Activities/games with a PBL focus. Also students designing and making PBL games.
• Lessons on respecting school equipment.
• Student reps helping visiting teachers by showing classroom PBL boards/areas and explaining what they are all about.
  A very productive experience for all, as it will give a focus for some future lessons.

Our data has shown there has been an increase in physical and at times violent behaviour. This is due to students playing rough and forgetting to use their ‘High 5 Helpers’ when something happens!

It may be just an accident!

So during weeks 9 & 10 we have been, and will be, focusing on solving problems by not using our hands and feet, and saying words we may regret later.

As a PBL Community WE all

‘Can Control what we DO and SAY’

Have a save and happy warm winter 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.
WHO AM I—Family

Congratulations to Patrick Bradbury, the winner of our guessing competition in the “Who am I” feature of the Newsletter. The correct answer was Ms Cherie Selway or the Selway Family.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

5 Things you don’t know about me- Staff

1. I worked at Lonestar Steakhouse and Saloon when I was at University.
2. I love to dance and attended The Hunter School of Performing Arts for some of my High School years.
3. My first car was a VW Beetle that had a soft top roof. Oh how I loved that car!
4. My husband and I have 5 children, 1 dog, 1 cat and a new kitten.
5. When I was in High School, I played the part of the Fairy in the production of a Midsumers’ Night Dream at King Edward Park.

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, Term 3 (14/6/15). 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: ..............................................................................................................
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 AUSSIE 5
‘The Heart of Parenting’
Exploring the link between emotional well-being, parenting and childhood development.....

Over the last few years there has been increasing awareness of the importance of secure and safe relationships and the development of ‘emotional intelligence’, as the key to children’s healthy development.

At this group, we will explore the following:
- What is emotional intelligence and why does it matter?
- Learning to read children’s signals... what are they trying to tell us when they “misbehave” or “act out” or even “withdraw”?
- But what about discipline - how does that fit with these ideas?
- How can I help my child (and myself) manage strong emotions?
- How does what’s going on for me affect my child’s behaviour?
- And how do I fill my own cup when life is so busy?

When: Tuesdays, 28th July to 18th August, 2015
Time: 10am - 12pm
Where: Thou-Walla Schools as Community Centre
246 Gear Street, Raymond Terrace

Free children’s group available on premises.
Morning tea provided

To make a booking, or for further information, please call Gina on 4987 4666

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Irrawong Public School Aboriginal Art Project

Dear Families,

Please join us each Wednesday afternoon during school term, for some Aboriginal Painting in our Aboriginal Room.

When: Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm
Where: Aboriginal Room

Bring the younger children. Child-care available.

For more information, please see Gina, Mary, Bourke or Chris Berry.

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Being an inspiring dad
-an amazing job
For all dads who want to do better.

Max from Family Support Newcastle and Thou-Walla Schools as Community Centre invites you to a 4 Hour Workshop

Topics usually covered:
- How to be a memorable Dad.
- Looking after yourself.
- Being the kind of Dad you like to be.

When: Wednesday the 2nd of September
Time: 10-2pm
Where: Thou-Walla Schools as Community Centre
Irrawong Public School
246 Gear Street, Raymond Terrace

FREE CHILDREN’S GROUP AVAILABLE ON PREMISES
To make a booking or for further inquiries, please call us on 4987 4666

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1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program

Easy-to-learn Parenting solutions that work
For parents with children 2-12 years
Free Child Care Provided

1-2-3 Magic is a leading resource for parenting solutions that are easy to learn and are proven to work.

Topics covered include:
- Children are not evil adults.
- Too much talk, too much emotion.
- Brain development: hug-deal.
- Readers in families.
- Remaining flexible as a parent.
- An end to the arguing and yelling.
- “It saved our lives.”

“The course is being run by a parent shop.”
“Licensed parenters.”
www.123magic.com.au

Bookings essential

To express your interest, please contact:
Gina Ascott Evans
Gina.Ascott-Evans@ctn.nsw.edu.au
Ph: 4987 4666

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
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**************