Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend, spending quality time with loved ones.

A quick reminder to all parents/carers, please ensure your children wear their sun safe school hat at all times, even in the mornings. If your child doesn’t have a hat, they can be purchased from the front office or alternatively, they need to be sitting under a covered area. For Kinder-Y2, this covered area is on the silver seats and for Yrs3-6, it is under the COLA. To keep behaviour consistent, our rules need to remain consistent, regardless of the weather or time of day.

In addition, staff are not on supervision duty before 8.25am, so for the safety of all, please do not arrive, or drop your child off, before this time.

Starting this week, our newly named Drop in Room ‘Guudji Yligu’, will be open 4 mornings a week from 8.30am to 9.30am. All parents/carers are welcome to ‘drop in’ for a cuppa and a chat. A special thanks to Mrs Bolte, Mr. Jones and Mr. Edgerton for volunteering their time to open the room.

At this stage, the only morning ‘Guudji Yligu’ is NOT open, are Tuesday’s. Coffee/Tea will be hot, room will be warm and conversation will be friendly. Hope to see you all there.

“Individually, we are one drop. Together we are an ocean”.
-Rynosuke Satoro

Warm regards,

Stacy Mathieson
Relieving Principal
Our School Leaders Have Their Say

- We have seen an improvement in jumpers. More people are wearing blue jumpers without hoods. It is great to see their bright coloured designer jumpers being left at home for the weekend!

- We have seen some people not wearing helmets when riding their bikes to school. So just a reminder that for safety please wear a helmet to school.

- Great to see so many school hats instead of caps and beanies!

- Have a good week everyone and use your gold face behaviours.

By Caitlyn Bennett and Tahlia Buckmaster

Assembly Roster Term 2-4 2015

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What a fantastic semester we have had in 2T! It has been full of hard work, trying our best, learning, and of course…lots of fun! We participate in Karate Reading in 2T and above you can see four of our superstars who achieved their black belts! Jak, Lola, Hajin and Ashlea achieved all their belts and completed the Year 2 Karate Reading program. They are now reading very hard and progressing through the Year 3 levels! We also have lots of Karate Readers getting new belts every week and love cheering each other on! We love dressing up and wearing our new coloured belts with pride!

We love Maths in 2T and above you can see us hard at work learning lots of different mathematical concepts throughout the semester. K-2 participates in the TEN program (Targeting Early Numeracy) and above you can see our TEN facilitator, Mr. Egan, very excited by our learning! Ms. Twyford calls us her human calculators!

This is just a small sample of the learning that happens in 2T. We have a class blog that shares our learning journey with our families and friends. We regularly comment on our learning experiences and love when other people encourage us and leave us positive feedback. If you are interested in seeing some of the other fantastic things that happen in 2T, please visit our blog at www.mstwyford.weebly.com - We’d love to hear from you!

Crazy Hair and Team Colours Fundraiser
With State of Origin upon us, we are holding a crazy hair and team colour fundraiser on

TUESDAY 16th June.

Come dressed in blue or maroon and/or with crazy hair.

Alternatively you can wear something that shows any team you support and how creative you can be with your crazy hair styles.

Any hair spraying/colouring/styling MUST be done at home. A sun safe hat, covered toe shoes and clothes that cover shoulders also need to be worn.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated if you attend out of uniform or with crazy hair.

All money raised will go directly back to the students through PD/H/PE whole school initiatives.

Thankyou
PDHPE committee.
We have had a lot of people working on our sandpit over the past few weeks and it is finally coming together.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved and a very special thank you to Mitch (Eli's Dad - ☀ group) who has been amazing.
It was great to return from long service leave to see the Library had been in such good hands while I was away. A big thank you for keeping the wheels turning to Mrs Hall, Rachel Montgomery and Margaret Burton. What a fabulous team!

Scholastic Bookclub brochures went home yesterday. I am placing the orders next Thursday, 11th June, so they will be back in time for holiday reading. Don't miss out!

Since returning, I have spoken to classes of my trip to Thailand and Myanmar and shown some photographs of everyday life there. Students were very interested to learn about the very different cultures that exist in these countries. To follow up on these conversations, I have two recommendations for Website of the Week ....

- http://www.timeforkids.com/destination/thailand
  http://kids.britannica.com/comptons/article-9276008/Myanmar

Simply Googling Children in Thailand or Myanmar gives some great images too.

Stay safe and keep reading!

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

We are waiting to hear from another school about their availability for the Chess tournament this term. I will advise the date as soon as I am informed.

Mr Bertram has told me about the establishment of the Raymond Terrace Chess Club. What a great initiative! Everyone of any age and ability is welcome to participate.
Meetings will be held weekly at Thou-Walla and should be starting towards the end of July.

Keep practising everyone!

Chris Berry
Chess Co-Ordinator

We are now 12 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 six 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 83 sleeps to go!
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings

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

I was typing this while watching the ‘Gold Telethon’.

What brave little people and what respectful big people they are!!

This made me think about how lucky we are at Irrawang Public School!

At our school we all come together to provide a safe, respectful learning environment, whether it be in the classrooms, on the playground, in the preschool, through Thou Walla, at home or at our new ‘Drop In Room’ room.

My thoughts went somewhere else as I was watching someone being face splat with shaving cream!

I must get on, as I have a responsibility to complete this newsletter.

So now you know, the PBL focus for weeks 7 & 8 is all about ‘RESPONSIBILITY’.

We all need to listen to and follow instructions and be responsible for the actions we take, as we are all still learners.

So, we as a staff, are observing children dobbing for the sake of dobbing! Our, your, children will be learning to ‘MYOB’(Mind Your Own Business)in their classroom during week 8.

IPS Staff, with your help, will be teaching our, your children, when it is the right time to speak up and report.

We all have to be responsible for our actions.
There is no winner of our guessing competition in the “Who am I” feature of the Newsletter week 6.
The correct answer was “5 Things you don’t know about me” feature of the Newsletter.
The correct answer was Mr Edwards.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

WHO AM I—Family

We are a family of 5 with a pet cat and have been together for 11 yrs. We have 3 children, 2 at Irrawang Public School and 1 at Irrawang Public Preschool. As a family we like to play sports, go to the movies, go on family holidays and for drives in dads cool car. We are involved in soccer and have been involved with cheer leading and dance. I would love to be involved at the School but due to work commitments we are not able. 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 (16/6/15).

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: ..........................................................
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***************