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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

What an exciting time to be a student at Irrawang Public School!

With a full calendar of quality teaching and inspired learning, Term 3 has begun at an exhilarating pace!

Under the leadership of relieving principal Mrs Mathieson, last term was an outstanding success. Mrs Mathieson led and managed our school with distinction. Under her leadership Irrawang PS recovered quickly from the devastating storms that affected not only our school, but many of our homes and personal lives. Under Mrs Mathieson’s leadership our school maintained its strong focus on improving student outcomes and ensured our whole school community united in supporting each other and our school. My sincere thanks to Mrs Mathieson for her leadership last term, her commitment to education and her passion for Irrawang PS.

Last term was quite an adventure for my husband and I. Travelling across Europe for 7 weeks fulfilled a life-long ambition of ours. Having the opportunity to visit countries such as France, Scotland and England was a wonderful opportunity to learn first hand about the people, customs and traditions of others. Our world is a beautiful place and my husband and I felt very privileged to be able to see and do all that we did. Arriving home however, reinforced that age old saying “there’s no place like home!” Last Tuesday morning the smile on my face couldn’t have been bigger knowing I was about to share my adventures with the 317 students I was eager to see. It’s wonderful to be back at Irrawang and wonderful to see so many students excited about the term ahead.

Congratulations to Mr Cridland and Ms Twyford as they both welcome new arrivals to their families. Mrs Twyford’s plans for a quiet start to the holidays were disrupted by the welcomed arrival of grandson Xavier William. Mr Cridland is claiming his daughter Zali Rose, born at the end of the holidays, is the most perfect baby ever to be born ( I hope you’re enjoying those sleepless nights Mr Cridland!) On behalf of staff, students and parents I send our warmest wishes to both families.

Accompanying this newsletter is the calendar for Term 3. With Education Week, parent/teacher interviews, Stage 2 off to the Zoo & Stage 3 our capital city, the commencement of the Aussie High 5 Club and Gala Night to name just a few highlights, our term is full of exciting opportunities for students and parents. I look forward to seeing you at school and sharing these educational opportunities with you and your children.

Kind regards

Nancye Farley
Principal
Canberra Excursion

We are now less than 6 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 twelve families who have paid in full.

student assistance is currently in the process of being finalised and we will notify the families who applied.

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

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Assembly Roster Term 3-4 2015

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Term 3 is a special one in the Library. Bookweek is celebrated in Week 6 and the Children’s Book Council of Australia announces the best books of the past year. All students will be exploring the shortlisted books during the coming weeks, discussing the features of the texts and the many ways the illustrators support the author’s focus. Students will list their favourites and then see if their choice matched the experts when the very best book in each category is announced in time for Bookweek.

If you are looking for something suitable for your child/children to watch on television during these cool wintery afternoons, the ABC is screening a “mockumentary” comedy series on ABC3 from this coming Monday, 20th July at 4.30pm. The setting for “Little Lunch” is snack time in the primary school playground and the stories are based on the books written by Danny Katz and illustrated by Mitch Vane. This series tackles the big issues in the playground and uses humour to explore the themes that govern the lives of children: fear, anxiety, friendship, loyalty, trust and abandonment. It is supported by Screen Australia and Film Victoria, and will be distributed worldwide. I have not seen any previews as yet, but I’m hopeful that it will be a wonderful series.

Another interesting event I’ve found is the annual “Peak into the Past” day at Tocal Homestead, Paterson, on Sunday, 26th July. This is an old-fashioned family day out at a wonderful heritage farm, with soldiers to demonstrate musket firing, a blacksmith working in his shop, sheep shearers, rope and broom makers and cart rides with Harry the Clydesdale. There are lots of other activities, craft and heritage items to see and refreshments available. Bring a scarecrow for the Scarecrow competition and vote for the best one. Entry is $10 adults, $8 concession, children are free.

Bookclub brochures will be distributed this week, with orders needing to be in to me or the Office by Wednesday 29th July. Thanks everyone.

Stay safe, responsible learners and keep reading!

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

Mr Bertram is in the Library at lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. He is always ready to pass on his wonderful knowledge of this fabulous game … especially to the younger students who are just starting out. Come to the Library on those days and start a Chess journey that you can travel all your life!

Chris Berry
Chess Co-Ordinator

The NED Show
The NED Show is a character education program that centres around three important messages that have life-long relevance:

Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best

The NED show will be a FREE performance for all students on Wednesday 22nd July at 9.30am. During the assembly, students will learn about NED’s three messages while enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

Yo yo’s and accessories are available for purchase from the front office for the remainder of the week. Prices are:

NED Yo $8
Boomerang $15
EXCELerator $20
10 replacement strings $5
Yo-Yo Holster $5
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings

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

Once again welcome back! Hope everyone had a relaxing and restful break and are looking forward to a term that is not only busy, but also very exciting.

As always, we start each term (weeks 1-2) focusing on reviewing and consolidating the Aussie 5 and the Behaviour Consistency Chart. By reviewing and teaching the ‘Behaviour Consistency Chart’ the children learn about their behaviour and consequences – whether it be in the classroom, playground or community, or whether it be learning or actions they may display at times.

Definition: Consequence – A result of one’s behaviour.

Eg: Following instructions – Gold Face- Aussie $, Star chart, Deputy BBQ, Caught you being good, dojos etc.

- Refusing to follow instructions – Blue Face – need to think about behaviour.
- Repeatedly refusing to follow instructions – Purple Face – white/red form.
- Consistently refusing to follow instructions – Red Face – Red Form.

By consolidating the Aussie 5, we are establishing a consistency, not only within the whole school community, but also our outside community which includes home, general public and businesses that help support our school.

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.
5 Things you don’t know about me- Staff

There is no winner of our guessing competition in the “5 Things you don’t know about me” feature of the Newsletter (Term 2, Week 10). The correct answer was Mrs Jodie Edgerton.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

WHO AM I—Family

We are a family of 5 with no pets. We have been together for 13 yrs. My husband and I were born overseas and I love cooking.
2 of our children attend Irrawang Public School. Our third child attends Raymond Terrace Public School.
As a family we like to go shopping, swimming, visit parks and go on long car trips for holidays to visit family who live in outer state.
We have been involved in various programs that have been run at Thou-Walla for at least 3 years. Arvo club, Playgroups, parenting programs to name a few. I have always enjoyed helping Gina and my children’s teachers whenever possible. I have helped in the NADOC Day and Harmony Day celebrations, attended parent Forums and helped cook for them.
I love this School and Thou-Walla Family Centre.

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 3 (28/7/15).
The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 4.

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.