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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Over the last two weeks your children have been very busy. Their learning has taken them to the sporting fields, to other schools to compete in public speaking and to Sydney to experience the wonders of our capital city and the delights of Sydney’s Taronga Zoo.

Teachers have worked very hard to ensure their students had the opportunity to engage in quality learning experiences beyond the classroom door in order to learn more about their world, themselves and each other. My thanks to the many teachers and parents who have organised, coached, transported and supported our students on their learning journey. Thank you for "playing your part."

"Books Light Up The World" is this year’s Book Week theme. Please light up our hall by attending our book week parade this Wednesday at 9am. Before collecting your child to visit

the Book Fair in the library, tea and coffee will be available to parents outside the hall at the completion of the parade.

The 'Drop In Room' located next to Room 1, is open every morning from 8.30 FOR ALL PARENTS. Why not drop your children in the COLA areas at 8.30 and then make your way to the Drop In Room for a coffee and chat? Aunty Margo, Gina, Mary and Paul will have the kettle on and waiting!

Last week our 'Terrace to Table' gardening group were buzzing with excitement. Mr Edwards and Mr Manhood were equally excited by the generous donations Bunnings made to our garden. With herbs and salad vegetables freshly planted, I can't wait for Spring! Thank you to Bunnings for supporting our students and school.

Warm regards

Nancye Farley
Principal
Canberra Excursion

We are now less than 3 weeks away from the Stage 3 Canberra excursion. Thank you to those families who have been paying off their accounts and a HUGE thank you to the THIRTY EIGHT 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.

Please note that the final date for completion of payment is next Friday August 21st. Please finalise payment by this date.

Students have also received a number of notes regarding the excursion. The following notes need to be returned to school as soon as possible:
- Behaviour Contract
- Permission to watch PG Movies
- Medical Information

Medication which will be administered during the excursion MUST be delivered to the school during week 7. It must be clearly marked with the students full name, dosage and time to be administered.

Please note that asthma puffers/medication and travel sickness tablets are included and must be delivered to school as listed above.

Assembly Roster Term 3-4 2015

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**IT’S BOOKWEEK!**

I love this time in the school year ... when the pure enjoyment of reading a good book can be celebrated by everyone. It is always heartwarming to see the students’ excitement at being dressed as a favourite book character and to share their pleasure in choosing a very special book from the fair.

If you are able, please come along to the Bookweek Parade in the hall at 9am on Wednesday and contact me with any questions regarding the fair or the parade. See you there!

Stay safe, responsible learners and keep reading everyone.

Stay safe, responsible learners and keep reading!

Chris Berry  
Teacher Librarian

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**CHESS NEWS**

Our Chess tournament will take place on either 26th or 27th August. I am waiting for the other schools in our area to reply with their preferred date. So, we have less than two weeks to finalise teams and get in as much practice as possible. I hope to see you in the Library at lunchtimes, working on those special strategies and moves!

Chris Berry  
Chess Co-Ordinator

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**Debating News**

Wow! Celebrations were in order on Thursday 13th August, as Irrawang Public School competed against Wirreanda Public School in the first round of the Raymond Terrace Rotary Club Primary School Debating Competition. Our topic was “Life is better in the country than the city.” The superstar team was: 1st speaker – Izac Schofield, 2nd speaker – Caitlyn Bennett, 3rd speaker – Paige Perry and team adviser – Maddison Shephard. Izac opened in dynamic form producing an inspirational opening to the team’s debate. Caitlyn delivered a couple of strong rebuttal’s to Wirreanda’s arguments and then put forward some reasons why the country is better than the city. Our final speaker, Paige delivered some more outstanding rebuttals with fabulous examples and summarised Irrawang’s case. Wirreanda were a very strong team with confident speakers, however our strength in rebuttals convinced the adjudicator that Irrawang were the winners! Thanks also to Tia for being a wonderful emcee, and Shennai for being a wonderful timekeeper. Congratulations to 5/6J, 4E and 2R for displaying perfect Aussie 5 manners as our audience and supporters. Stay tuned for our next round to be held in the next month. Exciting times keep coming to Irrawang!
2015 BOOK WEEK PARADE & FAIR

Wednesday, 19th August 9.00am in the hall.

NOT LONG TO GO NOW !!!!

Hopefully costumes have not given too many parents and carers sleepless nights! Please remember, they do not have to be elaborate ... just something to enable the children to be involved and enjoy the fun of the day.

After the parade, all students will return to classrooms with their teachers. Tea and coffee will be available from a table outside the hall while teachers attend to rolls etc. Please wait for 15 minutes before going to classrooms to collect your child/children for the Book Fair.

Those children without parents at the parade, who have their own money for books, will have a specific time to come to the Fair during the day. The Fair is not being collected until Friday, so everyone will have the opportunity to come back again on Thursday!

If supply of popular books has run out, they can be paid for and ordered from Scholastic and delivery is usually made within a week. Credit card facilities are available at the Fair.

Thank you so much for your support of this special event in our school year.

I hope you are able to come along and enjoy the fun too!

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

Athletics Zone:

Congratulations to all of Irrawang's athletes for their efforts in last week's Zone athletics carnivals. Josh Price ran 5th in the Senior Boy's 800m. Connor Turnbull came 3rd in the 12 year old boys 100m final. Eleanor Towers ran 4th in the 10 year old girl's final. Both Connor and Eleanor came 11th over all in the 200m. Also well done to Bridget Pressley for making her 100m final. Well done again for your efforts in your races and overall behaviour on the day. Great job!

Mr Jones
Public Speaking Finalists
During Week 4, two students from each stage represented Irrawang Public School at the Zone Public Speaking Finals. Our students represented our school with high quality speeches and their very best Aussie 5!

Student Representatives
Early Stage 1: Elke Lysaght and Makenzie Edgerton
Stage 1: Meghan Vogt and Holly Black
Stage 2: Jack Edgerton and Jaii Vogt
Stage 3: Jack Burke and Tia Hocroft

A very big congratulations to all of these students!

Congratulations Meghan!
Public Speaking

Meghan Vogt was a successful participant in the Zone Public Speaking Finals. On Thursday 13th August, Meghan attended Grahamstown Public School and competed against nine other stage 1 students from local schools.

Meghan talked about her Great Grandfather and was happily surprised to see him in the audience. She engaged the audience with her confidence and love of her GG and left audience members in tears.

We are very proud of Meghan and her efforts!

Well done!
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings

PBL members

(IPS Staff, School Community, Students, Parents)

G’day Mate!

How many times have you heard that greeting!!!!!
Is it because they don’t know your name or would they like you to be a friend and join in?
So this brings us to the PBL lesson…..’Being a Great Mate’.

‘What is a Mate!’
As I see it, a ‘Mate’ is a person who is a friend. But then…..

‘What is a friend!’
As I see it, a ‘Friend’ is a person who helps, supports, encourage, assist and asks you to join in.
Is there a difference?

NO!

“It’s all about being trustworthy, responsible and respectful towards mates, friends, partners and family and being part of a massive crowd with one thing in common”.

Our Children, 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

Congratulations to Ruby Edgar-Jones, the winner of our guessing competition in the “5 Things you don’t know about me" feature of the Newsletter. The correct answer was Ms Twyford. Thank you to Ashlea Hennessy, Emelia Gibson and Makenzi Lyons for entering. Better Luck next time.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

WHO AM I — Family

We are a family of 5 with 1 dog, 1 Galah, 2 chickens, 3 Lorikeets, 4 cats and 8 Budgies. We have been together for 9 years and have 3 children who vary in age. We have a 3 yr. old who attends Thou-Walla Play group, a 7 yr. old who attends IPS and a 19 yr. old who has finished High School. As a family we like to play at the park, walk along the beach and swim, watch DVD’s, visit Oakdale Farm & Fauna and go away in our caravan. We like to get involved at the School with PBL and P&C. 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 7 (25/8/15). The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 8. Good luck!

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

Guessing Competition Answer.

Name: ..............................................................................................................................

Class: ....................................................

Answer: ..............................................................................................................................
Volunteers needed!

We are excited to be starting a Home Reading Club out of Room 6 for K-2 students. This is for anyone who wants an extra chance to practise their reading or who did not get to read their home reader at home.

To make this a success, Mrs Swanson is looking for some parent or community helpers to listen to students read their book.

The Home Reading Club will be open from 8:25am on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, and helpers are invited to come when they can.

A short information session and training will be held on Friday, 28th August for all interested volunteers at 8:30am.

I look forward to seeing lots of helpers on the 28th!

Spotlight on a volunteer

This week we shine the light on a volunteer that has helped with the Preschool upgrades...

Mitch White

Mitch has kindly donated his time this year to dig out the Preschool sandpit, concrete the new bike track and clean the fish tank! If the Preschool ever needs anything done Mitch is more than happy to help. Mitch's son Eli attends our Preschool and he and his partner Jess, along with their daughter Ivy are regulars at Thou-Walla where Mitch has helped out too!

Thanks Mitch we appreciate all your hard work!

Aussie Hi 5ers.

Miss Vautin’s Kinder Transition Program.
Irrawang Public School – Canteen Helpers 2015

Irrawang School Canteen relies on the help of volunteer parents, just like you to operate. Some benefits of working in the canteen include:

* Kids love seeing their parents help in the canteen
* Meet new people
* Get to know teachers and staff at the school
* Learn new skills – you do not need any experience
* Unlimited tea, coffee or hot chocolate
* Fun friendly environment
* Free lunch to the value of $5
* A chance to get away from the housework for a few hours

Canteen opens from 8.30am until 12.25pm. We require volunteers from 8.20am until around 12.45pm
If you can help, please fill out the form below and return it to the canteen or office. Roster for 2015 will be finalised early in the new year.

________________________________________________________
Name: ___________________________________
Child’s Name: _____________________________
Phone : __________________________________
Preferred days:
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Weekly Fortnightly Monthly

Thank you for your commitment and support towards having a great canteen for all the students.

Michelle Godwin
Canteen Supervisor
Healthy Harold is coming ......

to Irrawang from Friday 11th September til Thursday the 17th September. All classes from Pre-school to Year 6 will be allocated a class time. Life Education is a valuable resource to help children of all ages make healthy life choices. Notes will be going out soon.

School Swimming Scheme will be from Monday 26th October til Friday 6th November (Term 3) for children in Year 2 to Year 6.
Please keep in mind and start saving.
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. Thanyou**************