Welcome to Irrawang Mrs Lucy Dallas - previously known as Ms Lucy Knuth. On behalf of staff, students and parents; congratulations on your recent marriage and we wish you many many years of health, happiness and wedded bliss.

This week is SAS Staff Recognition Week - "Our jobs, Your children, Their Future" being the 2015 theme. Every year recognition week is organised to acknowledge the vital role that SAS staff play in schools across NSW.

Our dedicated SAS team of administrative officers, SLSOs, general assistant Mr Kirk and community liaison officer Melissa Beasley, are the backbone of our school and play an enormous role in the smooth running of day to day activities. On your behalf I’d like to say a loud and heat felt "thank you" to each and everyone of our dedicated SAS staff for caring and supporting your children.

Last week parents of Years 3 & 5 students received their 2015 NAPLAN results. If you would like to discuss these results with your child's teacher then please contact the school to make an appointment. Teachers are only too happy to discuss these results in the context of day to day learning, and work with you in setting achievable targets and priorities for your child for the rest of the year.

A reminder to all parents that we are expecting some partial road closures this week as safety lights and signs are installed outside the school. Please allow extra travel time for drop off and collection this week.

With Stage 3 in Canberra, I'm expecting many 'likes' on our Facebook page this week. Along with the 5 very excited staff members, Monday morning saw many happy and excited student faces as they boarded the bus. Parents were looking tired (a 6 am departure is an early start when trying to organise an 11/12 year old) and a mixture of trepidation, relief, sadness, joy and anticipation! The week ahead will be an exciting learning journey for your children and a unique opportunity to share their wonderful Aussie 5 manners in our capital city.

Warm regards

Nancye Farley
Principal
Canberra Excursion

Monday we have our Stage 3 students depart on their Canberra excursion. Good luck Stage three and hope you all have great time.

Assembly Roster Term 3-4 2015

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LIBRARY NEWS

It was disappointing for our chess players to learn that the tournament could not take place this term. School calendars were simply too busy and we were unable to find a day to suit everyone. However, plans are already underway for next term! So fingers crossed that we will get to host a tournament then. In the meantime, keep practising everyone.

Chris Berry
Chess Co-Ordinator

BOOKWEEK 2015
What a fabulous time we had!
Thank you everyone...students, teachers and Parents...for making it such a special event
In our school year.
DJ Green gained his black belt, one of the youngest to receive that honour by Bob King. It would be great if you could find a little space in your newsletter to reward DJ of his performance in the martial arts of koryu uchinadi kenpo jutsu.
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings.

**PBL members**

(IPS Staff, School Community, Students, Parents)

**Being a Safe Citizen**

How do we become a Safe Citizen?

By being responsible and taking responsibility to keep us safe!

So what is responsibility?

Responsibility involves being a dependable and reliable person that is committed to following through their obligations.

“It includes taking care of self and others, fulfilling our obligations, contributing to our communities, alleviating suffering, and building a better world.”-Thomas Lickona

So our PBL focus is making sure our children are learning to act responsibly and to take personal responsibility for their action. We can all help in this learning by being role models and demonstrating what responsibility looks like.

**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 Makenzi Lyons, the winner of our guessing competition in the “Who am I” feature of the Newsletter week 6. The correct answer was the Pankhurst-Smith Family. Thank you Jordan Patten for entering. Better Luck next time.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

5 Things you don’t know about me- Staff

1. I have 1 son and 1 daughter
2. I have a dog named Milo
3. I love to swim at the beach
4. I walk 3 times a week
5. I love to take photographs

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 9 (8/9/15). 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: .......................................................... ..........................................................
Spotlight on a volunteer
Heidi Winter

This week we shine the light on a volunteer that has been a volunteer at Irrawang since her daughter started School here back in 2002. Heidi has volunteered in the Canteen, Thou-Walla and with many P&C and School functions such as the Mother and Father’s day stalls, Pie drives & NADOC Day. Heidi Loves helping out at the School where ever and whenever she can and looks forward to Friday assemblies. Thanks Heidi we appreciate all your hard work!
Megan Lysaght & Melissa Beasley.

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.

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER

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.

The Greater Raymond Terrace Fun Run

- Walk, run or push at the 2nd annual Raymond Terrace Fun Run which will start at the VBarnett Field, Kangaroo St Raymond Terrace on Sunday September 6th.
- The 8km starts at 9am, the 4km at 10am and the 2km at 11am.
- Register online at www.raymondterracefunrun.com.au
- The day will be supporting the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation with merchandise for this worthy cause available online and on the day in limited quantities.
- There will also be a giant slide, jumping castle and market stalls to support the foundation.
- For enquiries, including market stall requests, call Deidre on 0418 962 185.
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: ___________________________________
Childs 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
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
Is your child a fussy eater?

Please join us in this FREE workshop about fussy eating.
A great opportunity to learn how to prepare meals for the whole family.

When: Friday 11th Sept 2015
Where: Thou-Walla Centre, Irawong Public School
Time: 10.00-12.00 noon
RSVP: Contact Anne: anne.hills@newcastle.edu.au
Phone: 49215503 by 9th September

Child minding service provided. We will be preparing food together so please advise of any special dietary requirements.

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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:
dads, or men who have a role in raising children, 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
Irawong Public School
Geer Street, Raymond Terrace

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

The Idea and Family Relationship Project is funded by the Australian Government and managed by Family Support Newcastle.

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Port Stephens Library
Spring Holiday Activities

Places for all activities are limited so booking is essential. For further details and bookings contact Raymond Terrace Library on 4980 0111 or Tomaree Library & Community Centre on 4982 0670
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***************