Dear Parents/Carers,

I can’t believe it is already March! Time flies when you are busy learning.

I saw this picture a little while ago and thought of it when I was writing this message. I would like to take a minute to thank everyone for making Irrawang Public School such a positive, welcoming place for this new principal. I love your kind words and happy greetings every day and look forward to seeing what lies ahead in this exciting journey.

There are some great events coming up that allow an opportunity for staff and school community to gather together and celebrate with our children. The PBL Community Forum is this Wednesday 9th March at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Harmony Day is on Thursday 17th March at school and our Easter Hat Parade is in the final stages of organisation and all will be informed soon. I wonder if we get a special visitor again this year?

As a school community, staff, parents/carers and our students need to work together to ensure that IPS is a TEAM! I am going to write a challenge each fortnight and would love to hear about anyone who has accepted and completed the challenge.

I challenge every staff member, parent/carer and student to say two positive things about IPS to two people who are not linked with us in any way. You can be as creative as you wish.

I will also accept each fortnightly challenge.

Looking forward to hearing of some positive experiences soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs Mathieson
Principal

Don’t be late! School can’t wait!

School Calendar
2016
TERM 1

Mon 7th Mar - PBL Assembly
Mon 7th Mar - Clean up Aust Day
Wed 9th Mar - PBL Forum
Thur 10th Mar - Careers through ““ -Reading & Science
Fri 11th Mar - Harmony Day
Fri 11th Mar - Gathang
Mon 14th - PBL Assembly
Wed 16th Mar - P&C AGM 4pm

IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL
An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

Term 1, Week 6, 4 March 2016

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SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING RESPECT
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Our Clean-Up Day has been postponed until Monday week 7. Please send some gloves with your child if you'd prefer them worn. Students will only be picking up paper type rubbish from within the school grounds.

Thank you

Mr Jones

ASSEMBLY RSTER TERM 1-4 2016

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Classes have settled in well this term to the revised lesson schedule.

Preschool and Early Stage 1 students are learning all about correct practice and procedures in the Library, while Stage 1 are concentrating on texts with a mathematical focus. This week, Jackie French's book "Too Many Pears" also introduced alliteration ... where the author uses several words that start with the same sound to make the writing more interesting.

Stage 2 are improving their understanding of atlases and map reading skills, as well as enjoying the range of new fiction texts on the shelves. Convicts in Van Diemen's Land are being researched by Stage 3, with students also consolidating their knowledge of the 5W's of website evaluation when selecting information online.

Thank you everyone for your patience with Bookclub orders. Scholastic apologised for the lost shipment, and supplied full replacement at no extra cost.

Thank you to the students from all our Year 5 classes who applied for the position of 2016 Library monitor. They will be announced this coming week.

Preschool students are our stars in the "Caught You Reading" in the Library segment this week. These two were so lost in their book ... it was lovely to see!

Don't forget to come and see your photo on the Library wall, and collect your special bookmark!

Happy reading everyone

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

BIKE SAFETY

Just a reminder that for safety reasons, scooters and skateboards are not to be brought into the school.

Students are allowed to ride their bike to school as long as it is in safe working order. Bicycles must have working brakes and a lock and chain. The school can not be responsible for bikes. Helmets MUST be worn properly at all times. No helmet-no ride. This includes them being properly done up. It is recommended that students under 10 be accompanied by an adult if riding to school. Students 12 and under are allowed to ride on the footpath as are accompanying adults. Road and pedestrian safety is very important and needs to be discussed with your children regularly.

Mr Jones
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings

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

Quiz

Question 1: ‘Do you know IPS’s Aussie 5s?’ ‘You do. That’s great!’ They are very easy to remember and understand don’t you think!

There is one though, that ‘umbrellas’ (ie: covers) all of our expectations. (Will come back to this!)

Question 2: ‘Do you know IPS’s Expectations?’ ‘Yes! Fantastic!!’

And they are SAFETY, RESPONSIBILITY, LEARNING & RESPECT

And we have very nice coloured pencils that display our school’s expectations at Geer St.

Final question (Are you ready???? That is not the question!):

Which AUSSIE 5 ‘Umbrellas’ all of our school’s expectations?

During weeks 6 & 7 teachers will be teaching the children to stay where they choose to play, even if it is something different (safety, responsibility and learning). Also teachers will be teaching the children on how to make someone feel good, whether it be in the playground, classroom, library, computer room, preschool, Thou Walla or in the Community (respect).

..........Signing Off..........

Have I forgotten something????

Oh yes! The answer to the final quiz question!!

AND THE ANSWER IS.........

‘I can control what I do and say’
WHO AM I—Family

There is no winner of our guessing competition in the “Who am I” feature of the Newsletter (Term 1, week 4).

The correct answer was Paul Jones.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

4 Things you don’t know about me- Staff

1. My first permanent teaching position was to Broken Hill
2. I have 3 children. 2 attend IPS.
3. I am 1 of 4 children.
4. I grew up in Sydney.
5. I have a dog named Arnie.

Who is this staff member?

Please write your answer on the tear off slip at the bottom of the page (or write on a slip of paper including your name & class). Place in the foyer at the office by the morning of Friday 11th March (week 7).

The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter 4th March (Week 8).

Good luck!

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

Guessing Competition Answer.

Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Class: …………………………………
Answer: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Irrawang Public School – Canteen Helpers 2016

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 & published in the next newsletter.

_________________________________________________________________
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
Irrawang Public School Community Celebration on Thursday 17th of March 2016

‘Our diversity is our strength’

We will be celebrating Harmony Day by having an Assembly and Food Celebration. The morning will include an hour of cooking/preparation in the classrooms, followed by a Special Assembly at 10.30am and Food Tasting Celebration at 11.30am.

Families are welcome to join us at assembly and for food tasting/lunch with their child. Children will still need to bring a packed lunch.

Children and their families are encouraged to wear something orange in celebration of the day. If you would like to help out on the day, please let the school office know on 4987 2403.

More information to follow.

Introducing Mr Paul Baxter Principal, Irrawang High School

I believe that, as a school community, we should have students’ academic success and their well-being as a dual focus for our actions every day. I have started the year as the new Principal with high expectations of our staff and students in both those areas. I expect students to work hard and work to their potential, demonstrate respect to the staff and fellow students and to become the best person that they can possibly become.

Irrawang High School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) School that values respect and responsibility in creating a caring learning environment and expects students to achieve their personal best.

The school offers all students the opportunity to achieve excellence in academic, social, sporting and community endeavours. I am committed to building greater engagement with the wider school community, including our partner schools of Narrandera and Narrandera's PS.

There are many reasons why you should send your child to Irrawang High School...

- A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum
- Junior School - Middle School transition, Stage 5-6
- Innovative, engaging technology programs
- Senior School - fully staffed Learning & Support Centre
- Improved proportion of students achieving Band 5 or 6 results
- New dedicated Senior Study Rooms
- Comprehensive Gifted & Talented (G&T) program
- An outstanding Creative and Performing Arts program
- Foyer specialist class catering for students with a variety of disabilities levels
- Recognised for its strong student leadership programs

- 21st century technology - smart boards in every classroom
- Many lunchtime activities - including sports, homewares, board games
- Involvement in extracurricular activities
- Robust school to work & Vocational Education Training programs
- Weekly Breakfast Club - free breakfast to all students
- Daily breakfast program (breakfast + study) - afternoon tea included
- Monthly P&C Meetings - 4th Monday of the month

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Dad’s Group

a look at fathering... a most important job.

Max from Family Support Newcastle, invites dads, and men who have a role in raising children, to

A 4 Hour group:

- Healthy & Resilient Relationships
- Looking after yourself and your child
- The joys and struggles of being a dad
- Dealing with strong emotions
- Boundaries & discipline, Love languages. Making plans for the year.

When: March 23rd
Time: 10-2pm
Where: Thou-Walla Schools as Community Centre
Irrawang Public School
Geer Street, Raymond Terrace

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

Thou-Walla

The Men and Family Relationship Project is funded by the Australian Government and supported by Family Support Newcastle.

The Raymond Terrace Community
PBL Forum

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Come find out about PBL and how a school based framework can be used in the community.

When: 9th March 2016
Where: Raymond Terrace Bowling Club
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Forum items:
1. Safety, Trust and Anonymity
2. Acting responsably
3. Respect

Please RSVP to:
Morn Jameson at:
merri.jameson@det.nsw.edu.au

or
At Irrawang Public School
P: 4987 2403
Fax: 4987 4063

Find us on Facebook:
Raymond Terrace Community Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
ROSALYN ST. CAR PARK AWARENESS

Just a reminder that the Roslyn St car park is a designated quick drop off and pick up zone for children arriving via Special Transport vehicles. To maintain safety for our students, this area is restricted to vehicles with school parking permits. This year’s permits are PINK and can be obtained via an application process. If you believe that you require a permit, please speak to the office staff.

Please be aware that the gates to this car park will be closed and locked after the last Special Transport vehicle has departed. If you have a permit, it is requested that you park outside the school on days where you will be requiring an extended amount of time in the afternoon, such as for parent/teacher meetings.

The pedestrian gates will be locked by 3:10pm. Pedestrians needing to leave the school after the gates have been locked will be able to do so via the Cambridge St and Geer St entrances.

We thank you for your patience and consideration in this matter.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES:

WHAT DO THESE SIGNS MEAN?

- **Parking ($169.00 + 2 Points)**
  - You can stop here for 2 minutes only.
  - You can drop your child off here, but you must either stay in the car or within 3 metres of the car.
  - Mobility sticker permit holders may stop for up to 5 mins.

- **No Stopping ($304.00 + 2 Points)**
  - You cannot stop here or drop your child off here.
  - Medical or other emergency parking only is permitted.

- **Bus Zone ($304.00 + 2 Points)**
  - You cannot stop here unless driving a bus.
  - Children cannot be dropped here unless they are arriving by bus.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.

For more information contact Port Stephens Council’s Road Safety Officer

**Telephone 4980 0201**

A road safety initiative of Port Stephens Council
HAPPY EASTER

Bunnings Group Ltd is giving you the chance to win $50 worth of products or branded merchandise in our colouring competition. There will be 3 winners at each store.

All you have to do is colour in the Easter egg above & hand it in to your local warehouse by 4pm Monday 20th March 2016. The winners will be notified on Tuesday 21st March by phone.

Rules:
- Competition is open to ages 3 and under 12 years old.
- One entry per person.
- The judge’s decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into.
- Employees, their families & friends are not eligible to enter.
- Picture of this notice will only be used to contact the winners.

Name:

Age:

Telephone:

Local Store:
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**************************