Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break, spending quality time with loved ones. We have a huge term ahead of us with endless learning opportunities for every child, every day.

A special hug goes out to all the mums, grans, nans, step mums, carers and all the wonderful ladies in our children’s lives. Happy Mother’s Day for this Sunday.

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN
All parents and students of Years 3 and 5 are reminded that NAPLAN tests will be held from Tuesday May 10th - Thursday May 12th (with Friday May 13th a “catch up” day). Please mark these days in your personal calendars so no other appointments are made which might clash.

Don’t Be Late...School Can’t Wait!
Our morning session from 8.55am - 11.40am is our key learning time for Literacy and Numeracy. When students are late of a morning, they miss important daily routines and key Literacy and Numeracy learning concepts.

At times, we understand lateness may be unavoidable due to doctors or specialist appointment etc. When this happens, the following options are available:
* A parent/caregiver to escort the student to the office and sign them in.
* A phone call at the time of arrival from a parent/caregiver to say why they are late (Ph: 49872403 or 49872600)
* A note from the parent/caregiver to come in with the student to explain why they are late and the time they are signing in.

Sports Shirts
Two things I remember fondly from my primary school days are the fabulous teachers I had and the fun competition in sport and carnivals. As we already have the fabulous teachers, I thought it was time to build on our sporting houses. After consulting with the P&C, we have their full support in the re-implementation of coloured shirts for school sport at Irrawang Public School.

Our purpose is to re invigorate healthy competition, sportsmanship, participation and team work through wearing house colours for school sport, beginning Friday Week 3. House war cries and weekly point scoring will also be brought in this term.

Kind Regards,
Stacy Mathieson
Principal
ZONE Cross Country - Friday 6th May!

A reminder to those students representing IPS at the Zone Cross Country to get your permission notes in (for those who have not yet done so) and that students are to be signed in and out on the day at the venue. The teacher looking after the students will have a roll to be signed.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Term 2 begins and we are almost half way through 2016 already. That’s a bit scary!

To fit into our very busy timetable at Irrawang, Library lessons have undergone some rescheduling this term. The new class Library schedule is as follows:

Monday (even weeks): 3/6J
Tuesday: 1T, 1M, 3/4G, 2-6B and 4/5E
Thursday: 2T, K-6C, 5/6F and 5/6P

Bookclub brochures were distributed on Wednesday this week, with a return date of next Tuesday, 10th May. As always, thank you for your support of our Library through Scholastic Bookclub.

Here are this week’s “Caught You Reading” photographs. 1T students really enjoyed revisiting our wonderful selection of books during their first Library lesson for this term. Well done 1T!

In Week 5 this term, we are planning a sale of books that have been removed from our collection. Some of these items are slightly damaged; some are well past their use-by-date; some are simply no longer relevant to today’s curriculum ... BUT they are all good quality books that can still provide enjoyment to children for many hours to come. They will cost 10 cents each and I am hoping we will be swamped with eager customers!!! It would be great if students could bring along a carry bag for their purchases.

Happy reading everyone!

Chris Berry
Teacher Librarian

Chess News

Chess boards are set up for matches each Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday lunchtime. Students of any age keen to play Chess can come to the Library on any/all of those days to practice their skills and have match play.

Chris Berry
Chess Co-Ordinator
Irrawang Public School Community are safe, responsible learners who show respect in all settings

Welcome PBL members

(IPS Staff, School Community, Students, Parents)

wow!!!

Once again…

Where did those holidays go?????

Welcome back to another exciting term at Irrawang Public School,

‘The Quality School’

Where everyone plays their part by being safe, responsible, learners who show respect in all settings, at all times.

This term we are trialling a new Playground Award System….

‘Frequent High 5’er Points Passport’

How this will work…….

When teachers are on duty they have the option to give out a maximum of 5 stickers to those children who have displayed IPS’s expectations:

SAFETY: Playing in a safe and friendly manner

RESPONSIBILITY: Being responsible for their actions

LEARNING: Accepting decisions and showing sportsmanship

RESPECT: Showing respect and displaying encouragement

Everytime the children get 5 stickers in a row they get their passport stamped and receive an award.

I’m a High 5’er

Over the next few weeks, IPS Staff will be introducing and teaching our new school ‘Universal Matrix’.

What is IPS’s ‘Matrix’?

It is a chart that shows IPS’s expectations and what they look like.

Being ‘Universal’ means…

Everywhere, at all times, to everyone.

We Play Our Part
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 1, week 10).

The correct answer was Rachael Martin our stage 2 & 3 Assistant Principal.

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

WHO AM I—Family

We are a family of three who have been together for nine years. We have two kittens & two rats. Both our children attend IPS. As a family we like to play games, watch T.V, draw & play at the park. I have been involved with some of the programs at Thou-Walla, painting and the drop in room

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 Friday week 3 (13th May).

The winner is the first correct answer drawn out of the box which will be published in the newsletter Week 4 (20th May).

Good luck!

Melissa Beasley
Community Liaison Officer

Guessing Competition Answer.

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

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

Answer: ............................................................................................................
ROSelyn 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?

- **P**
  - 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.
  - $169.00 + 2 Points

- **NO STOPPING**
  - $304.00 + 2 Points

- **BUS ZONE**
  - $304.00 + 2 Points

- **CANNOT STOP HERE**
  - You cannot drop your child off here.
  - Medical or other emergency stopping only is permitted.

- **CANNOT STOP HERE unless driving a bus**
  - Children cannot be dropped here unless they are arriving by bus.

Spotlight on a volunteer

Breakfast Club

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers that provide breakfast at our school for IPS children. This breakfast fuels our children for a great day of learning. Our wonderful Breakfast club volunteers work on a roster to ensure the smooth operation of this service. As a special end of term treat the BBQ is fired up and the children are given yummy bacon and eggs.

Thank you to all the breakfast club volunteers!

Stewart House has grown since 1931 with one charter - to care for children from all parts of NSW and the ACT that are in need. Central to our growth is the requirement that these children are part of the public education system in either state. Stewart House enjoys unprecedented support from the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health and the NSW Teachers Federation.

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Stewart House Donation Envelopes have gone home today and must be returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 17th May 2016.
New upcoming changes within the Department of Education which will affect Finance and Student Management at Irrawang Public School as from 14th June 2016.

Watch for more information to go home over coming weeks!
Here’s a recipe that tastes great, and is full of nutrition.
An Omelette can be enjoyed for any meal of the day.
Get creative adding some of your own favourite ingredients.
We would love to hear back from any of those people trying out some yummy, healthy recipes.

Mr Edwards, Mr Bray and Mrs Milner are looking forward to hearing from you.
Irrawang Public School
Safety  Responsibility  Learning  Respect

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
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**************************