



Irrawang High School Newsletter

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Applications close 29 June
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From the Principal's Desk . . .

By the time this newsletter is published we will be getting close to the end of Term 1. It's hard to believe because it seems like we only just began the school year. Term 1 has been filled with an enormous amount of learning in the classroom and extra-curricular activity in so many faculties. Thank you to those parents who assist us in getting students to and from venues. Congratulations to those successful teams as well as those students who have been selected to represent the Hunter region.



We've already hosted several major events such as the Year 7 Welcome BBQ, Year 6 information night, multiple excursions and held a whole school Swimming Carnival for the first time in many years. This

year's swimming carnival had a great feel about it with fancy dress and house patrons and students doing war cry's including members of our drum corps contributing to each house in their own unique and talented way. Thank you to Mr Hosking for his leadership of sport and some fantastic initiatives he has initiated to contribute to the wellbeing of all our students.

Year 7 continue to transition to high school successfully and are now part of the landscape. I believe that this process has been smooth due to the tireless work of Transition Coordinator, Ms Robinson who works throughout the year with our partner primary schools to place students in classes that best reflect the level of support they need to learn and flourish.

There are always so many amazing things happening at our school that it's hard to know what to include here, so hopefully the pages ahead will give you a sense of what our amazing kids achieve and the fabulous opportunities the staff continue to offer. Most importantly, the school has continued to be a very stable learning environment and the quality of what happens in classrooms each day is of a very high standard. Our teachers and support staff continue to work hard to develop their skills for the benefit of your child. This is particularly so in relation to their ability to incorporate new technologies into the classroom, adoption of curriculum initiatives that engage learners and programs that build connections and relationships at school and into the community.

In Year 9 this year we have started to deliver iSTEM as an elective and look forward to seeing some innovative and creative projects that are utilising a 21st century learning perspective.

SRE

Renee Allison is our School Chaplin and she is a registered provider through the Baptist Union of NSW and is employed by the Raymond Terrace Christian Educations Association (RTCEA) who acts on the authority of the combined churches of Raymond Terrace to facilitate SRE at Irawang HS.

This year we continue to work with our local RTCEA to offer Special Religious Education in our school. By the time you read this, students in Year 7 and 8 will have received a letter explaining the organisation of the program. As per Department of Education policy parents have the choice regarding their child's attendance at SRE but, it is an opt out requirement. If you do not wish your child to attend, you must return the bottom of the note to the front office indicating this. Students who opt out will remain with their class.

Inappropriate Use of Social Media

As a new school year begins, it is also an important time to be reminded that all students and staff have the right to be safe, to be treated fairly and with dignity in an environment free from violence, disruption, intimidation, harassment, victimisation and discrimination. To these ends, the school's duty of care extends to instances of inappropriate use of social media by students when communicating with and about each other.

From time to time, we will have drawn to our attention communication via social media between students which can be described as threatening, harassing, intended to victimise or an invasion of privacy. Cyber bullying is a term now used to describe that form of harassment which uses text or images posted on personal websites or sent by a social media application, mobile phone or email. Department and school policies and procedures relating to student wellbeing define hostile and abusive messaging conveyed by such means as aggressive behaviour. Consequently, a suspension may be imposed for cyber bullying. Depending on the nature of the material posted or transmitted students who engage in cyber bullying or use social media in other inappropriate ways may also be committing a criminal offence. It is important for students to understand that they should never send messages or post materials that are intended to threaten, harass or victimise. We would appreciate being informed as soon as possible about instances of cyber bullying. Ensuring the inappropriate messages or posts are retained, or a copy made, is very useful in instances requiring us to take disciplinary action in response to cyber bullying and inappropriate social media use by students. The Australian Media and Communication Authority website is a useful resource for parents and carers wishing to help keep a child safe online. A variety of useful information and resources can be found in the "Stay Protected" section of the "Citizen" component of the website: <http://www.acma.gov.au/Citizen>

Some safety messages – please help!

From time to time it's important to remind everyone about some things that need constant attention. We ask every parent for your understanding and support in relation to the following:

- Full school uniform includes the correct footwear. No parent should allow their son or daughter to come to school without safe footwear for practical lessons.
- Deodorant sprays are a health hazard to some of our students and staff. Please understand that some people suffer from Asthma and other related respiratory conditions and spray deodorants can cause a serious risk to them. Please don't allow your children to bring these to school. Also, if your child does suffer from Asthma we ask that you provide the school with your child's Asthma Action Plan. Pro-formas are available from the school.
- Please be aware that the school day starts at 8:50am. Students are expected to be at school when the warning bell rings at 8:47am, ready to start roll call at 8:50am.

Dates to Remember

2018

TERM 1 - 29 January 2018 - 13 April 2018

| MARCH | |
|-------|---|
| 26 | P & C Meeting · 5:30pm · Library HSC Visual Arts Writing Excursion |
| 26-29 | Year 8 Tech Mandatory Research Task |
| 27 | Year 11 English Studies - Achieving Through English Part B Year 11 Advanced/Standard English - Reading to Write Year 10 Plan-it Youth Hamilton TAFE |
| 28 | Year 11 Roadwhyz Years 10, 11 & 12 Elevate |
| 29 | Athletics Carnival |
| 30 | Easter Friday |

TERM 1 - 29 January 2018 - 13 April 2018

| APRIL | |
|-------|--|
| 2 | Easter Monday |
| 3-4 | Year 12 Performance Exams |
| 5-6 | Defence Industry Careers Event |
| 5-12 | Year 12 Half Yearly Exams |
| 9 | Year 7 Maths Assessment Tasks |
| 9-13 | Year 8 Industrial Tech · Timber Assignment |

| APRIL | |
|-------|--|
| 10 | Years 8, 9 & 10 Maths Assessment Tasks |
| 12 | Year 11 English Extension - Text, Culture and Values |
| 13 | ANZAC Day Ceremony <i>Last Day of Term 1 - Happy Holidays Everyone!!</i> School resumes - Monday 30 April - Staff Only Tuesday 1 May - All Students |

TERM 2 - 30 April 2018 - 6 July 2018

| APRIL | |
|-------|---|
| 30 | First Day of Term 2 for all Staff · Staff Development Day |
| MAY | |
| 1 | First Day of Term 2 for all Students |
| 2 | Star Struck Drama Rehearsal |
| 3 | Zone Cross Country |
| 4 | Total Field Day |
| 10 | Zone Cross Country Back up |
| 11 | Year 10 Financial Literacy |
| 15-17 | NAPLAN |
| 18 | Year 10 Financial Literacy NAPLAN Catch up - 7E 2019 Entrance Exam |

Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements (apologies for some names were missing from last Newsletter):

TERM 1 2018:

Week 1:

HSIE: Taylor Burgess

Week 2:

HSIE: Jordan Rowe

Science: Luke Brewer and Ethan Rae

Week 3:

HSIE: Brittany Henderson

Support: Jayden Murrell and Kyle Dwyer

Week 4:

HSIE: Brandon Harry

Mathematics: Emily Whittington, Harley McGregor-May, Montana Olding and Caitlin Hartnett

Support: Cody Richards and Gabby Dok

Week 5:

CAPA: Jemma Murray, Ruqayya Adebayo, Lloyd Harris, Haylee Wilkinson

English: Izac Schofield and Amber Bradford

HSIE: Jessica Walker

Mathematics: Piper Noffke, Kane Hunt, Montana Olding and Zahli Kerr

PDHPE: Grace Connell, Lachlan Johnson and Mia Poulter

Support: Otto van de Wijngaart, Jayden Murrell, Jack Walsh and Katelyn Ballangary

Week 6:

CAPA: Jemma Murray, Ruqayya Adebayo, Lloyd Harris and Haylee Wilkinson

English: Izac Schofield and Amber Bradford

HSIE: Jessica Walker

PDHPE: Isabella Kelly and Bowen Mason

Support Class: Jackson Green and Tavis Armstrong

Week 7:

CAPA: Delaya Johns, Emily Engert, Matthew Burke and Antwone Ryan

English: Kacey Rae and Brittany Henderson

HSIE: Caitlin Hartnett

Support: Joel Cunningham, Flynn Crozier and Tyson Henderson

IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

| | |
|---|--|
| Principal: | Mr Paul Baxter |
| Deputy Principal Years 7, 9 & 11: | Mr Trent Colley |
| Deputy Principal Years 8, 10 & 12: | Mrs Liana Gill |
| Year Advisors: | |
| Year 7: | Mr Peter Furey Ms Cassandra Bangle |
| Year 8: | Mr Damien Hurley Ms Sarah Heffernan |
| Year 9: | Ms Ashley Burgess |
| Year 10: | Mr David Graham Ms Kate Connor |
| Year 11: | Mrs Rachelle Burns |
| Year 12: | Mr Grant Wyllie |

For more info on English Assessments, please go to our News page on our website and click on News from the English Faculty:
www.irrawang-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

P & C Meetings

P & C meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is on:

Date: Monday 26 March 2018

Time: 5:30pm

Where: School Library

- This is a chance to meet other parents and learn what is going on at your child's school.

- Become involved in your child's school community.

Youyoong 2018 

Term 2:

Wed 16 May · Anna Bay Public School · 10:00am

Wed 20 June · Medowie Public School · 4:00pm

Term 3:

Wed 8 Aug · Tea Gardens Public School · 10:00am

Wed 5 Sep · Shoal Bay Public School · 4:00pm

Term 4:

Wed 31 Oct · Murrook Cultural Centre · 10:00am

AGM

Wed 28 Nov · Irrawang High School · 10:00am

Connecting to Country:

Term 2:
Wed 30 May - Fri 1 June

Term 3:
Wed 15 - Fri 17 Aug

Term 4:
Wed 7 - Fri 9 Nov

Staff Profile · Ms Sharelle Sewell

Ms Sewell commenced her teaching career 25 years ago at Cumberland High School in Sydney following her graduation from the University of Sydney. A few moves primarily in private education followed to MLC Burwood, Newcastle Grammar and Bishop Tyrell before her arrival at IHS at the beginning of Term 1. Ms Sewell has taught Hospitality for 15 years (previously known as Industry Studies) and loves the interaction she has with the students.

As a student herself at a public co-ed school, Ms Sewell is thoroughly enjoying the challenge of being back in the Public Education system. Her extended family of six children, netball and dancing are Ms Sewell's passion outside of school.

A warm IHS welcome, Ms Sewell!



Staff Profile · Mr Josh Woodland

After spending three years teaching at Narromine High School, Mr Josh Woodland has joined our Maths Faculty as a trained Maths teacher, and has quickly gained a strong rapport with our students.

He has rapidly adapted to the school culture and was even spotted doing an expert Macarena with our Flashmob a few weeks ago.

Mr Woodland has found our staff to be welcoming, friendly and helpful and is looking forward to a long and happy teaching career at IHS.

In his spare time, Mr Woodland's passion is car racing and weight lifting.

Welcome Mr Woodland!



Staff Profile · Mrs Jo Cotton

Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO), Mrs Jo Cotton has had an association with our school since 2007 when the first of her three children started in Year 7. Since then she has been a canteen volunteer and an active and current member of the P&C.

Mrs Cotton was a driver of Special Needs students to our school and wanting to become more involved, she volunteered for 12 months with those students on the school farm. This involvement led to Mrs Cotton studying a Certificate III in Special Education at TAFE and obtaining a permanent position in the Support Classes.

Mrs Cotton's family business, Abundance Auto Recycling has been a long term supporter of our school. The whole family participate in Speedway, travelling all over NSW racing in three divisions: Street Stocker Sedans, Four Cylinder Sedans and Junior Sedans. There have been two major crashes to date, the last only a few weeks ago when Mrs Cotton suffered extensive bruising and a rib fracture.

Apart from car racing, the Cotton family love fishing and camping.



IHS Fishing Club



TAS teacher and our resident fishing guru Mr Groth, has announced the commencement of the IHS Fishing Club. Fishing competitions will run through the year for staff and students in three categories:

During Term Competition

The weekend following week 4 and 8 of each term. Competition will commence at 3:10pm on the Friday and end at 5:00pm on the Sunday.

School Holiday Competition

This competition will run the entire length of the school holidays.

Competition will start 3:00pm on the last day of term and run until 5:00pm on the day prior to school going back. When pupil free days occur, the pupil free day is counted as the day school goes back.

Whole Year Competition

Prizes will be awarded.

Recording your catch

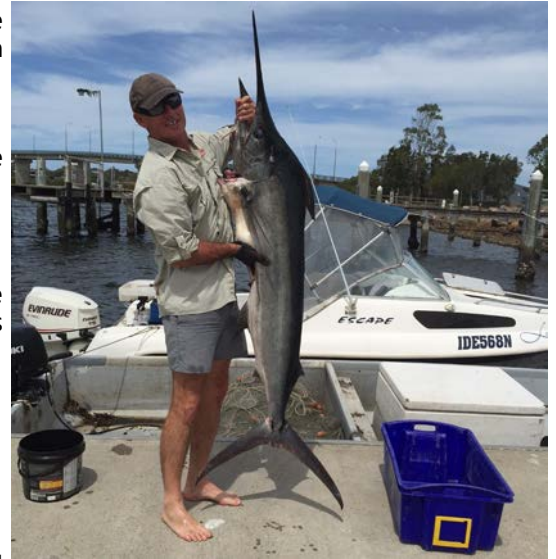
- The competition will be run on the basis of photographs of your catch.
- Individual fish will need to be photographed on a proper Fish Measuring Mat.
- There will be a meeting at school prior to each competition. At the meeting, a coloured Symbol will be given out to all competitors, this must also be included in each photograph as evidence that the photograph was taken during competition time. These symbols must be returned following each competition outing.

Submit photos of:

- Your biggest fish for each species.
- Your entire catch.

(Note – Fishing bag limits and size limits must be adhered to, any breach of this will result in disqualification)

Photographs to be sent via text message to Mr Groth (Mobile 0417 263 541).



Farewell Tracey

After eight years, we sadly say farewell to Clinical Nurse Consultant Tracey Finn from the Hunter New England Health, Youth Health Team and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Tracey provided services to students such as: assessments and referrals to appropriate agencies and support in accessing those agencies; education, and other issues including drug and alcohol, physical, mental and social health and well-being.

However, we have two new Clinical Nurses commencing next week who will offer exactly the same services. The position at our school is funded jointly by Hunter New England Health and Irrawang High School.



Did you know?

All school related payments ie excursions, fees etc can be made online at:

[Make a payment here](#)



News from the PDHPE Faculty . . .

Boys Open Football

The boys open football team played Francis Greenway HS at Passadena sporting complex in Beresfield recently. The team was well prepared by Coach, Mr Hurley and went on to convincingly win the game 7 - 0. Jack Fleming scored a hatrick of goals with Jaidon Wawrick, Ty Dickson, Roan Panther and Ryan Knowles all scoring a goal. Thanks also to Coach Assistant, Mr Hopper.



Cross Country

The annual Cross Country Carnival was held at school recently in a slightly different format. Ten laps were completed by 16+ year olds, with eight laps completed by students under 15. Fortunately the weather conditions were bearable although there was plenty of water on hand. A great time was had by all.

Congrats to the age group winners:

| Age | Boys | Girls |
|-----|------------------------|-------------------|
| 17+ | Kyle Dwyer | Samantha Newell |
| 16 | Dane Bateman-Blackwood | Alana Bednar |
| 15 | Nathan Swan | Leila Inglis-Monk |
| 14 | Ethan Foster | Shannon Bohan |
| 13 | Rhys Stewart | Maddie Beninga |
| 12 | Jake Olsen | Emily Whittington |



News from the PDHPE Faculty cont'd . . .

Under 15s Rugby League Gala Day

Our IHS Under 15 boys played in the annual Callaghan Cup Rugby League Gala Day at Maryland against teams from all over the Hunter region recently.

Results were:

Pool Games:

Lambton HS – Irrawang HS – 3-1

IHS – Kotara HS – 3-1

Dungog HS – Irrawang HS – 4-1

Semi Finals of Division 2:

West Wallsend – Irrawang HS – 3-2

Players player was Zac Chambers with Connor Mehonoshen accepting the Coaches award.

Congratulations gentlemen!



Table Tennis

We had a sound win recently over Maitland HS in the quarter finals of the Hunter Region Table Tennis CHS Knockout, progressing to semi finals. Coach, Mr Hosking who has a tennis background, trialled many enthusiastic students before deciding on the final four.

Results:

Singles:

1. Bailey McDermott-Schumacher lost 2 sets to 1 (11-7, 5-11, 9-11)
2. Jackson Doughty won 2 sets to 0 (11-8, 11-9)
3. Riley Neil won 2 sets to 0 (11-5, 12-10)
4. Tim Blanch won 2 sets to 1 (11-8, 7-11, 11-9)

Doubles:

5. Bailey/Jackson won 2 sets to 1 (11-8, 8-11, 12-10)
6. Bailey/Riley lost 2 sets to 0 (6-11, 9-11)
7. Jackson/Tim won 2 sets to 0 (11-8, 11-7)

Final result: Irrawang HS defeated Maitland HS 5-2.

CONGRATULATIONS gentlemen!!



News from the English Faculty . . .

Year 7 English

Students in Year 7 English have been working on a unit called "Stand Up, Speak Out" which is focused on bullying related issues that will help them to build resilience, empathy, tolerance, and understanding in their everyday lives.

One of the activities in the unit was for students to choose a traditional stereotype of a person or group in society and visually represent them. Students created posters or programs eg PowerPoint choosing a wide range of groups such as surfers, hippies, mean girls, students with a disability and the elderly, to complete the task and present to the class. This task was to show students that stereotyping of people and judging people based on their appearance often leads to discrimination and intolerance.

The English classes have enjoyed the activities in the unit and are producing some quality work. They are currently working on persuasive speeches about an issue for their coming assessment task.

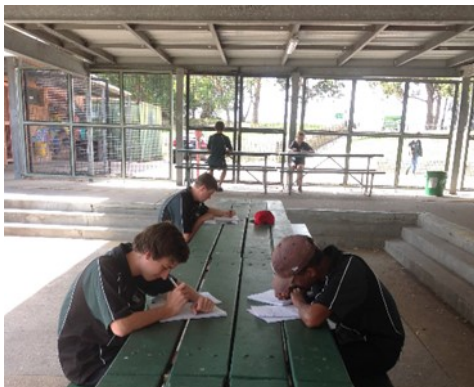


Year 11 21st Century Learning Workshop

In Week 6, all Preliminary, Advanced and Standard students participated in a website-building workshop facilitated by Mr Holliday (pictured right). This workshop aimed to prepare them for their upcoming assessment and develop their skills in delivering multimodal presentations. We can't wait to see the websites students create and present in Week 9.

Year 9 Creative Writing

9E1 have been developing their creative writing skills out in the sunshine. During Week 7 all students were given an individual image to use as stimulus for developing short evocative poems. We look forward to publishing some of their amazing work in the next edition.



English News cont'd . . .

Extra-Curricular Opportunities in English

Don't forget we have a number of groups running this Term and are always looking for more interested students to join the fun:

| | Meeting Details | Organising Teacher/s |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Young Author's Club | Monday Recess, Room 1.9 | Miss Sheriff and Ms Mamin |
| Anime Club | Thursday Lunch, Room 2.6 Week A – Junior, Week B - Senior | Mr Holliday |
| Debating | Wednesday Recess, Room 1.9 | Mrs Wallace |

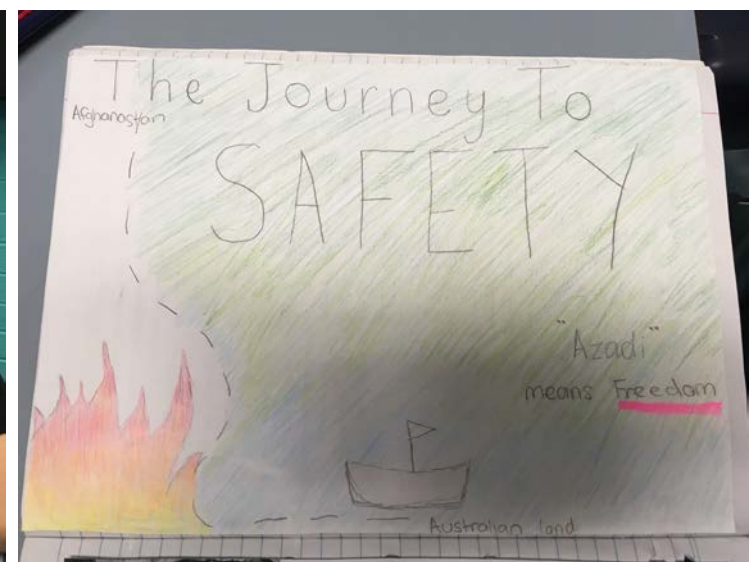
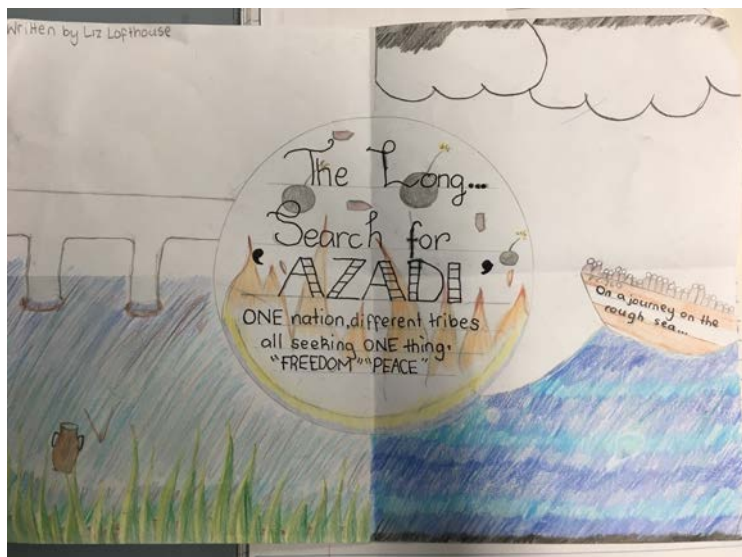
Student Reminders

- All students must come equipped to class every lesson. All students must have a book, blue/black pen, red pen and ruler for this subject area.
- All students were issued a Film Note in Week 1 and these are now overdue for return. If you have not yet submitted your note and need a new one, please see your teacher ASAP.

Year 8 Picture Book Designs

8E1 have been applying their high order thinking skills and creativity by redesigning the front cover of the picture book, "Ziba Came on a Boat."

During the term, students have been studying a variety of journeys into a new world. They produced some fantastic alternative covers that brought new ideas to the text and were also able to cleverly justify why they chose to redesign certain elements.



ATSI News

Year 8 student, Nathaniel West-Doyle brought the office to a standstill recently when he proudly played the didgeridoo, made by his father (with a little help from Nathaniel).

The polyurethane didgeridoo made for Nathaniel's brother has a wonderful sound although, Nathaniel learnt to play on the wooden version.

Nathaniel who is Kamilaroi Tribe learnt the art of circular breathing when he was about eight and has been practising ever since. He is full of praise for his dad who as well as making the instrument, also painted it with the goanna, Nathaniel's totem.

Thanks Nathaniel – you made our day!



Irrawang Learning Alliance

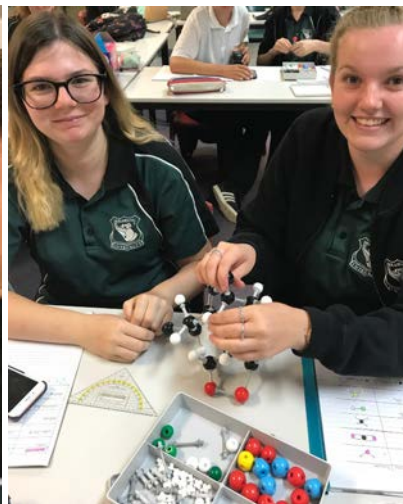
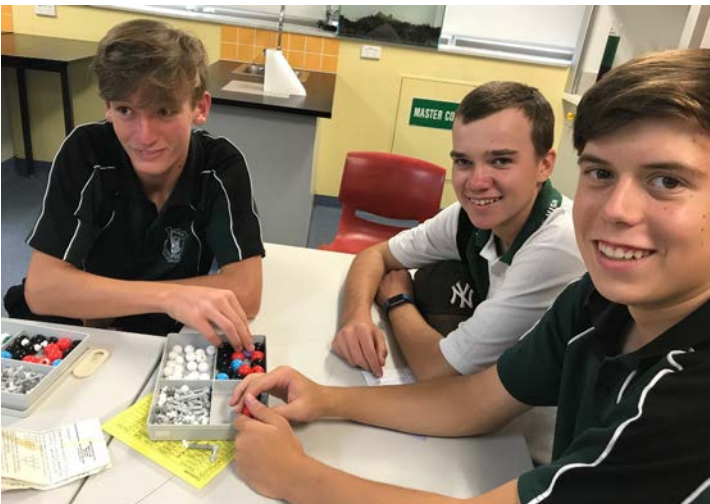
Students from the Irrawang Learning Alliance, along with Mrs Lilley, Ms Pearce and Mr Elias were busy at work recently in their vege patch on the school farm. They have been preparing the area well for some time and some of the seedlings including cabbage, silverbeet, carrots, pak choy and lettuce are just poking their heads through the soil. The more established plants including kale, eggplant and capsicum are thriving under such great care. Sunflower seeds have also been planted.

Well done everyone, looking forward to regular updates.



News from the Science Faculty . . .

Year 10 Science 1 were recently having a practical lesson on Molecular Modelling. Students were making a model with small balls that represent the elements which make molecules.



Tomorrow Man

Our Year 11 boys were the fortunate beneficiaries recently of the Tomorrow Man Program. The program disrupts the stereotype of masculinity - where did the rules originate, who made them? Redefining what it means to be a man and providing a relevant emotional skill set that can be applied in the real world for the men of today and tomorrow.

Comments from the young men as they reluctantly left the room about some of the things they learnt included: *"It was an eye opener," "How to look at life without stereotypes" and "How to speak freely without being afraid."*

Many want to attend this program next year and all were very positive and would highly recommend the program to the 2019 Year 11s.

Thanks to Kayne, the amazing presenter who engaged our young men so well and to Gotcha 4 Life who made the presentation possible.



Welcome to our Austrian Exchange Student

Willkommen Svea

Svea Paukert, our Year 10 Austrian exchange student has been in Australia for over a month now and loving her Aussie adventure. As an only child, Svea is thoroughly enjoying her busy life with the Aylett family in Raymond Terrace, and her five "new" siblings.

Host mum, Rochelle says that Svea has involved herself with family activities, just about to ramp up with the footy season approaching. Svea is also enjoying her Karate every Thursday afternoon.

Having studied English for five years at school, Svea's grasp of the English language is very good, although she is still thinking in German most of the time. Svea's school in Graz, the second largest city in Austria after Vienna, is about the same size as IHS with around 800 students however, there are a few differences; no uniform and the class stay together the whole day.

The hot weather we have experienced over the past few months has been a real challenge for Svea and she has coped by spending most of her time in the air conditioning. She has also enjoyed her time at our beautiful local beaches finding them very different from the pebbly European ones.

As she is heading home on July 1, Svea will experience only a little of our winter, very different from her normal winter in Graz where temperatures can reach minus 17. Sincerely hope you make the most of every minute while you are a temporary Aussie Svea and look forward to seeing you when you return to see us all.



Mozzie Action

As we all know the mosquitos are very bad everywhere at the moment, with the recent weather creating a 'perfect storm' for a mozzie outbreak.

Because aerosol cans are banned at school, please ensure your child brings a roll on or pump action repellent with them and encourage them to wear repellent to school.



News from the Maths Faculty . . .

Ms Burgess's Year 9 Maths 1 class were having a "flipped" lesson recently. This gives students the opportunity to watch the video again online, work at their own pace and catch up and revise before completing a work book.

Year 9 students were also participating in the Numeracy Intervention Program with Mrs Garner. Today's lesson - the properties of two dimensional shapes. The Numeracy Intervention Program teaches skills for problem solving and numerical expressions to selected Year 7, 8 and 9 students on a weekly basis in small groups of up to six.



International Women's Day Breakfast

Our school leaders and several staff were privileged to attend the Port Stephens International Women's Day recently organised by Kate Washington MP Member for Port Stephens and Meryl Swanson MP Member for Paterson.

Over 100 guests were present at the inaugural event held at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens. The young female leaders from Irawang High and Hunter River spoke on a panel lead by Kate and Meryl about their future goals and role models, and they were outstanding representatives of their schools. Very proud!

Great to catch up with the beautiful Colleen Mulholland-Ruiz, the current Port Stephens Citizen of the Year – and a wonderful role model for our students.



School Based Apprenticeship

As a third generation family member working in sheet metal, Year 10 student Dylan Petith is enjoying his School Based Apprenticeship in Fabrication (Light) in the family business, Port Stephens Sheet Metal based at Lemon Tree Passage. Dylan is in the first of a four year apprenticeship, studying at TAFE one day a week and spending one day a week at work.

With Port Stephens Sheet Metal a supplier to a wide range of both commercial and domestic applications from the hospitality sector, rail and electricity utilities, mining, transport, plumbing, marine and building industry, Dylan is gaining extensive and valuable knowledge in many aspects of the sheet metal trade.

At school, Dylan is a man of many talents – particularly in the sporting arena, participating in any sport that's going. He also recently completed the 2018 Kosci Klumb with his sister raising much needed funds for Cerebral Palsy.

After completing his apprenticeship, Dylan has his sights set on the NSW Police Force. We wish you every success Dylan and good luck with completing your School Based Apprenticeship!



Pictured from left: IHS Careers Advisor Mr Tonks, Dylan and Jamie Petith

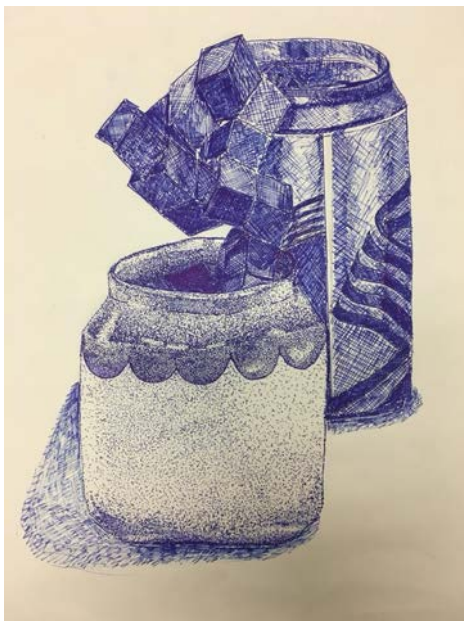
News from CAPA . . .

Congratulations Alex!

Huge congratulations to Alex Hall (pictured below left) on successfully auditioning for the Star Struck 2018 Orchestra as a Pianist/Synthesiser!

This is an incredible achievement that will result in an amazing experience for such a talented young man.

YEAR 10 VISUAL ARTS students have been working hard this term exploring Still Life artworks that have a contemporary twist. We have been blown away by the talent of this class and their dedication to all activities, especially the challenging pen technique of stippling.



Year 7 Drum Corps

Auditions are over - and lots of excitement and passion in our Performing ensembles. CONGRATULATIONS one and all! Due to talent and demand; introducing another new initiative in 2018 - a Year 7 DRUM CORPS.

With thanks to the student leaders from Years 8 to 11.



News from CAPA cont'd . . .

Senior Drum Corps

So much talent in a unique style of ensemble that is recognised far beyond our local school community and region, due to ongoing commitment and dedication on a weekly basis in rehearsals!



News from TAS . . .

New Technology - Laser Cutter

Irrawang High School has a fine reputation for having the latest in equipment and technology and our newest purchase, a Laser Cutter/Engraver adds weight to this fact.

The Laser Cutter can be used in all faculties but, will most likely have more extensive usage in the TAS and Art departments on such materials as timber, metal, plastic, rubber, glass, pottery, ceramics and the list goes on.

STEM students will be able to manufacture their items much easier for robotics and . . . engineering projects.

STEM teacher, Mr Graham (pictured below left) demonstrated the Laser with a piece of timber - the process from computer to the finished product was around three minutes. Impressive!

Hospitality

Hard not to stop in at the school kitchens recently, with the delicious smells of a Thai Beef Salad and Blueberry and Banana Pancakes with Honeycomb Compound Butter on the menu for Year 12 Hospitality students. YUM!



Met Helen. Helen was born blind. She is named after the inspirational author, Helen Keller.

Thanks to the kindness of strangers, Helen has been given the chance to live a long and happy life - and all because someone saw the blind calf, and knew she was valuable for who she was, not how much money she could make (or how much 'effort' she might be!). Like her namesake, little Helen isn't allowing any perceived



disability get in the way of her enjoying a happy and full life. Her carer describes her as, "the sweetest little girl. She's so calm and gentle. She also likes to smell our faces and loves cuddles."

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Breakfast Club

IHS Breakfast Club now open 5 days a week!

The Breakfast Club at Irrawang High School has for many years operated on a Tuesday morning from 8:00am - 8:30am and staffed by volunteers. As we have seen a rise in positive behaviour we have decided to now open the Breakfast Club every school day.

A good breakfast can not only change a child's morning, it can make a big difference to their future, but unfortunately 1 in 7 Australian children arrive at school each day without having had breakfast (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2013). The average student loses more than 2 hours a day of learning time when they come to school hungry. If they were to arrive at school hungry once a week, a student would lose more than a whole term over the course of a year (Foodbank Australia, 2015).

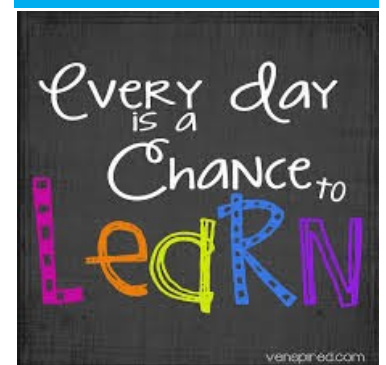
School Chaplain, Mrs Renee Allison is coordinating the program and is looking for volunteers to help out. If you can help on a day a week/fortnight/month, could you please contact her on 4987 4687. Mrs Allison's children, Ryan and Chloe have been volunteering at Breakfast Club for many years - THANK YOU. Every Monday morning Head Teacher Science, Mr Larkman is always happy to lend a hand.



Going, Going . . .GONE

Year 7 student, Rhys Stewart has done an amazing thing to support his friend whose dad passed away with cancer. He has raised nearly \$900 by shaving his head with all funds going to the Leukaemia Foundation. The Foundation pioneers research into blood cancers and provides vital care and support for patients and their families.

Well done to this very community spirited young man (who is an incredible athlete to boot)!

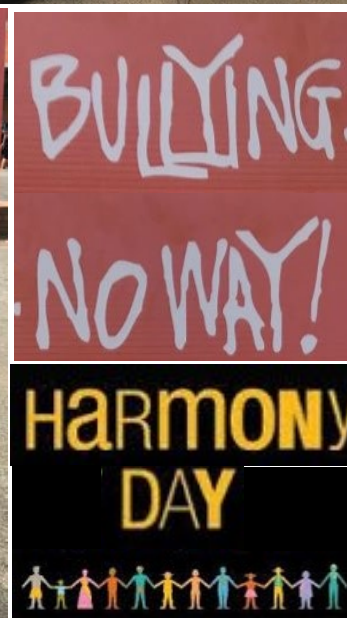


Harmony Day

Irrawang High School along with other Australian schools and the whole nation stand united to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against BULLYING AND VIOLENCE.

This annual day provides us with an opportunity to strengthen our consistent messages that bullying, including cyber bullying and violence at school are not OK . . . ever.

At Irrawang High we traditionally acknowledge this day with HARMONY DAY, two events that go hand in hand to demonstrate and encourage kindness, respect and inclusiveness.



Kip McGrath Scholarship

Our friends at Kip McGrath Raymond Terrace have been incredible supporters of our school and students for over six years.

Each term they provide a 10 week scholarship to four deserving students who may not normally have the opportunity of private tuition, in the area of numeracy. Jaylei Wither-Graham is the fortunate recipient of the first scholarship this year and was nominated by teachers in the Maths faculty.

Our sincere thanks to Christine and Ken Hawkins for their valued and ongoing support.

Pictured with Jaylei is her teacher, Juli



GATS Enrichment Day

Selected students from our partner primary schools and Raymond Terrace Public School enjoyed many new activities at our GATS Enrichment Day recently.

The Sphero Maze Challenge really was a challenge for many but learning to code and make their way to the end of the maze was an interesting activity. Sphero Soccer and Drone flying were also on the agenda.

Lovely to see the students interact and engage with students from the other schools with all comments very positive:

Halimah from Grahamstown PS, *"The maze was fun, even though it was hard to control."*

Silas from Raymond Terrace PS, *"It was a good experience for team work and team building."*

Emily from Irrawang PS, *"It was very interesting, I have never done it before."*

Shakya from Raymond Terrace PS, *"We have worked with Spheros and coding before but, this was really fun learning how to block code."*

Thanks Mr Hopper and Mr Graham for introducing these students to so many new experiences and for our student leaders who carefully guided the GATS stars around the activities.



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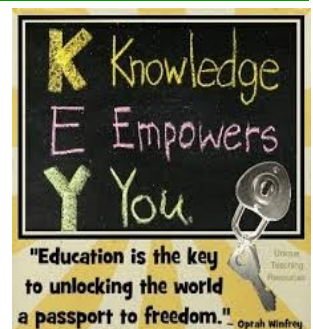
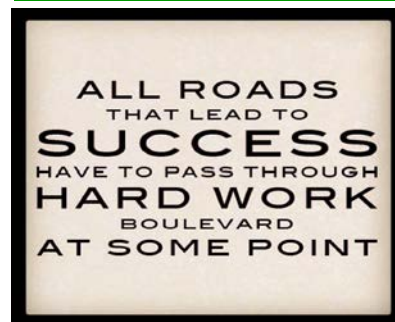
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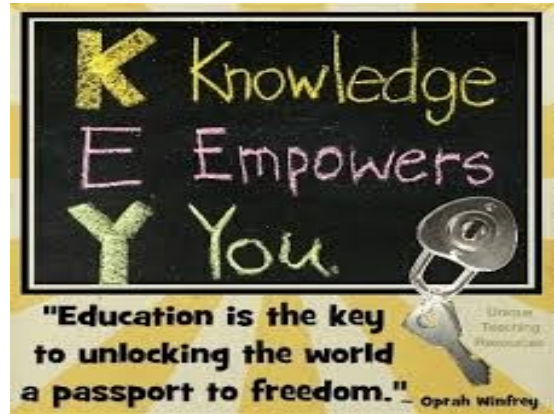
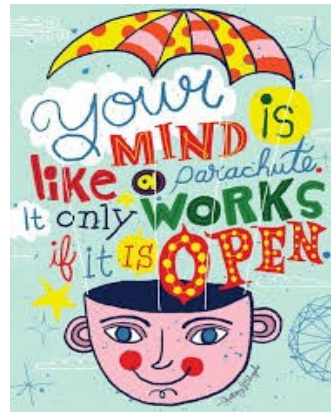
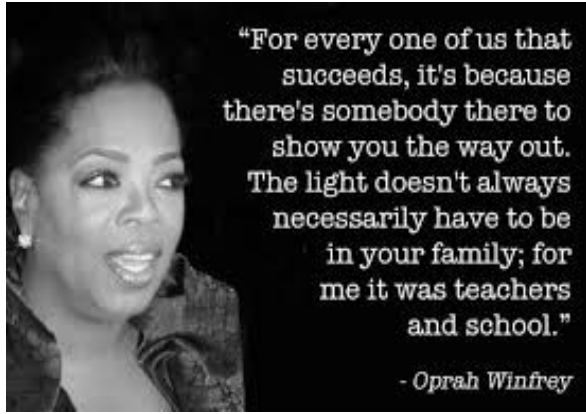


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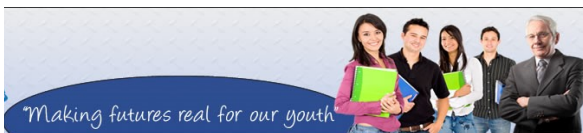
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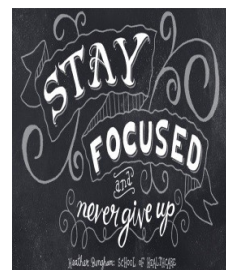
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