



Irrawang High School Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk . . . Year 12 preparations for the HSC

It has been very pleasing to see the number of Year 12 students who are making use of the many opportunities to improve their results in preparation for the HSC, including: School holiday and workshops (many will run in the next school holidays as well).

Showcase – My town is coming alive! I was again lucky enough to attend SHOWCASE! Huge congratulations on two fantastic evenings of entertainment, a true showcase of student's talent and staff's dedication and commitment in providing this opportunity for all the students of the Lakeside Learning community. The accolades I received on both nights from our special guests and parents about the performances, the professionalism, the organisation – they were all truly impressed about how good each night was. The depth of talent, the variety of performances and evident enthusiasm and passion that our students displayed, was outstanding and inspiring. Well done to Adele Robinson, the CAPA team and other staff involved.



Subject Selections

Subject selections has commenced for students in Year 10 for elective subjects that they will study in 2019. Year 10 students have two rounds of subject selection in preparation for Year 11 (2019). The first round determines the subject line pattern. This essentially is what subject runs at the same time as another. A student cannot study two subjects that are being taught at the same time. By having students indicate their preference we aim to structure the subject lines in such a way that the majority of students are able to select the majority of the subjects that they would like to study for their HSC. Parents or students who missed the subject information evening can find the information presented including the Subject Information booklets by contacting the school.

Education Week Ceremony and Celebrations

In Week 3 & 4 Irrawang HS acknowledged and celebrated Education Week. This year's theme is Today's schools creating tomorrow's world, a celebration of the school's commitment to ensuring better learning, stronger communities and provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge the important role public schools play in fostering the partnership in learning between students, staff, parents and the community. It was a fabulous way to celebrate our successes here at Irrawang HS. A number of staff, students and community members were recognised with Education Week awards for their efforts in making this school a place of better learning and a stronger school community. You will find a list of our worthy award recipients within the newsletter.

P & C Association

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

Date: Monday 24 September 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.

Raymond Terrace Community Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Students from all nine local PBL schools continue to be recognised for their community achievements every Thursday evening at Marketplace Raymond Terrace.

Huge thanks as always to all the MarketPlace businesses for their continuing support of our outstanding students and schools.



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

Youyoong 2018



Term 3:

Wed 5 Sep - Shoal Bay Public School 4pm

Term 4:

Wed 31 Oct - Murrook Cultural Centre 10am
AGM

Wed 28 Nov - Irrawang High School 10am

Connecting to Country:

Term 4:

Wed 7 - Fri 9 Nov

Dates to Remember



September

**Monday 3 to
Friday 14**

- **VALID Year 10 exam**

Monday 3

- **HSC Visual Arts body of work**

Tuesday 4, 11, 18, 25

- Deadly Streaming Years 7 and 8
- Ngarraalbaa Aboriginal education program

Wednesday 5

- Year 12 legal study day

Wednesday 5, 12, 19, 26

- ATSI Youth Express Years 9 and 10

Thursday 6

- Wirreanda Primary lab and ag plot visit
- Gathang language program

Thursday 6, Friday 7, Monday 10,
Tuesday 11

- 7E 2019 interviews

Friday 7

- **HSC Drama practical exam**

Wednesday 12

- Activate inclusion sports day Belmont High

Thursday 13

- CAPA stage 6 evening
- Stage 2 - 6 enrichment display
- English challenge 1 - writing a book in a day
- Public speaking and creative writing workshop

Friday 14

- **Year 10 Minimum Standards test**

Monday 17 to Tuesday 25

- **Year 11 exams**

Monday 17

- Annual art exhibition Raymond Terrace library

Wednesday 19

- Yakka Day ATSI students

Thursday 20

- Gathang language program

Thursday 20 and Friday 21

- IHS brings 21st century to IPS/GPS

Monday 24

- P & C meeting 5:30pm library

Wednesday 26

- Maths overnight Sydney excursion
- Year 12 presentation day practice

Friday 28

- Year 12 presentation
- Last day of term 3 - school resumes for staff and students Monday 15 October

Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

TERM 3 2018:

Week 1:

CAPA: Tristan Laws, Laurell Newman, Christina D'Arcy and Connor Turnbull

English: Danielle Smith and Delaya Johns

Mathematics: Alyssa Allen and Lucas Watts

PDHPE: Bonnie Cook (Rebb), Mitchell Clarke, Lilliannah Westrup, Tykel Searle and Selman Hassan

Week 2:

CAPA: Brent Bernardo, Rachael Garrett, Lilly Cashen and Jordan Henderson

English: Riley Burr and Isabelle Collins

Mathematics: Annaliese Everingham, Haylee Wilkinson, Kaylynn Peters, Tyler Saville, Madison Ellicott, Emily Green, Chloe Walker-Pitolua, Sophie Rockley and Amber Scott

Week 3:

English: Rebecca Fenwick, Caitlan Delaney, Dakota Gordon, Chloe Jenner, Johanne Montano, Thomas Mildren, Mitchell Swan, Chanel Riley, Jessica Walker, Rachael Teale and Brent Bernardo

Mathematics: Sara Walton, Elouise Crossan, Aria Newman, Olivia Blanch, Macy-Sky Ralphs, Travis Lamborn and Haley Steadman

PDHPE: Annaliese Everingham, Sean Lucas and Cohan Pressley

Science: Eden McAusland, Montana Olding, Harrison Beasley, Liam Ryan, Georgia Mason and Nellie Carruthers

Week 4:

CAPA: Letisha Randall, Chloe Burns, Charlotte Kuszelyk and Alexander Hall

HSIE: Trent Armstrong, Chastity Horder, Jarrod Knorr, Amber Muir, Emily Green, Grace Connell, Amanda Cherry, Hanako Versluis, Emelia Gibson, Caitlyn Grant, Caitlin Harnett, Jemma Murray, Jack Sulis and Myriam Najamy

Mathematics: Amelia Walters, Piper Noffke, Luke Zammit, Brydie Treharne, Caleb Parker, Emily Engert, Jayden Withers, Grace Connell, Luke Allanson and Kasey Tyson

Science: Zac Ruhl, Sophie Bennett, Mahala Fisher and Madeline Wolinski

Week 5:

CAPA: Jasmine Hardinge, Mackenzie Shephard, Rhiley Latimer and Ellie Martin

HSIE: Harry Brown, Zachery Zammit, Colby Page, Lachlan McIntosh, Grace Connell, Ruby Edgar-Jones, Stacey Moore and Tara Courtney

Mathematics: Braydon Bennett, Ricki-Lee Murray, Selman Hassan, Chloe Baker and Jessica Palfreyman

Science: Caitlyn Grant, Deagan Booth, Jackson Elliott, Brianna Fielding, Rebekah Agius and Ryan Knowles

Irrawang High School Buy a Bale Campaign

Irrawang High School is Pitching in to help our Hunter Valley farmers

For the month of August our school has been right behind the Rural Aid Buy a Bale campaign to help drought stricken farmers in the Hunter Valley. Rural Aid Counsellor Gary Bentley addressed our school about the seriousness of the situation with the big dry, and the financial and mental health issues the farmers faced.

The first week students had an out of uniform day with the theme "Life on the Farm", followed by a sausage sizzle with all food provided by Woolworths North at MarketPlace, a Parma for a Farmer burger from Café Irrawang the following week and a cake stall on the last Friday. Students have been asked for a gold coin donation for these activities or they can bring in a bag of bottles/cans to recycle, or recycle them at home and bring in the redeemable vouchers.

However, all school families have been encouraged to bring in non-perishables/gift cards for the whole month, to be distributed by Rural Aid. And the response has been overwhelming.

The fundraising effort culminates in a P&C trivia night to be held at the Muree Golf Club on September 14. This has been a fantastic effort by the whole school and wider community and is sincerely appreciated. Our school may be a small cog in the Buy a Bale campaign but every little bit helps. THANK YOU!



Education Week 2018



The 2018 Education Week Award ceremony was hosted by Irrawang High School this year. Congratulations to the following award recipients from our school:

- Georgia Sulis and Mitchell Swan - Excellence in Student Achievement;
- Kate Connor and Peter Hosking - Excellence in Teaching;
- Jo Cotton and James Elias - Outstanding Contribution by Non-Teaching Staff;
- Cassie Collins - Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member and
- Renee Allison from the Irrawang HS Breakfast Club - School Achievement Award.

Education Week celebrations continued at MarketPlace with PBL schools performing there throughout the week.

Congratulations to the Year 11 Hospitality students who did a wonderful job of catering for the pre-show VIP party at Showcase and for the Education Week Award ceremony.



Showcase 2018

Showcase 2018 “My town is coming alive” was another huge and spectacular success and celebrated the talents of the performing arts students from the five Lakeside Learning Community over two nights.

Huge thanks to Ms Adele Robinson and her amazing CAPA crew for their organisational skills.



News from CAPA

Congratulations to our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Dance Ensembles who proudly represented IHS in the Hunter Schools Dance Festival recently. Their outstanding teamwork, ongoing commitment to rehearsals and passion for performing were evident on stage.

Junior dance ensemble



News from CAPA (continued)

Intermediate dance ensemble



News from CAPA (continued)

Senior dance ensemble



Star Struck

A huge congratulations to all performers for your dedication, team work and performance quality.

CONGRATULATIONS also to our inspiring and passionate Year 12 CAPA students who performed in their final Star Struck.



HSC major works

HSC students presented their major works for Industrial Technology Timber and Furnishings and Metal and Engineering. These students have worked hard and their pieces look fantastic. Good luck to you all!



Friday 19 October from 3:00pm
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PRESENTS

50th
Anniversary Fete



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Fun Fete

..... Sept 22nd

JUMPING CASTLES Rides Face Painting
Tea & Coffee ICE CREAM VAN GAMES
BBQ & Drinks Showbags Pony Rides
Market Stalls EMERGENCY VEHICLES Cakes,
Book & Plant Sale Donuts & hot Popcorn

Karuah Public School Grounds - 18 Bundabah Street
10am-3pm

Pre-sale Ride All Day Wristbands \$20, on the day \$25

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=412701>

Giant School Stall under the COLA with YUMMY CAKES



Congratulations Huxley

Congratulations to Huxley Rowe, the Raymond Terrace Kip McGrath scholarship recipient this term.

Our great friends Ken and Christine Hawkins who own the centre, have been generously providing this opportunity for our students every term for nearly eight years.

Pictured with Huxley is his tutor Jamie.



NAIDOC day - “Because of her we can”

Students swapped traditional lessons for cultural ones to celebrate the 2nd day of our NAIDOC week. Basket weaving, painting and murals, traditional games (buroinjin), bush resources including damper, traditional and contemporary dance, language and an Elders lesson were enjoyed by all, especially the free lunchtime sausage sizzle.

Great work to our junior AECG President and School Vice-Captain Dakota (with help from Jack) and Vice President Ruby. Students Brianna, Maddi, Antwone, Brody, Harley, Haley, Jenny, Milahni, Christine, Liam, Kacey, Ngaralbaa Aboriginal Education Team and staff who worked tirelessly to support this week. A big shout out to our amazing community who shared their stories and knowledge. Thank you to Aunty Lorraine, Aunty Jackie, Aunty Jocelyn, Kerry, Koa, Rachael, Paul, Jye, Karen from Awabakal, Gavin, Graeme, Casey and Corbin from Nyugumba. And also, a special thank you to all the beautiful women in our communities who contribute to all of our students lives.



NAIDOC day (continued)



Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement

Year 11 Hospitality students have been out and about enjoying their work placements in various local cafes and restaurants over recent weeks.

Huge thanks to all the businesses who gave our students a taste of life out in the real world.



Gifted and talented students visit

Gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6 from our partner primary schools participated in many activities at IHS recently.

Mummifying fruit, making wire figurines, weaving on clay pots and various PE activities kept them busy, happy and engaged.



News from English

Collaboration and project based learning are key learning strategies in the new Year 8 English unit, "Once Upon A Time...Whose idea is it anyway?" launched this term.

Students are working in teams on a mini project, "The Truth behind the Fairy Tales" where they have selected a story to investigate and present in a creative way.

They are learning about the collaboration skills required for effective teamwork. Students have set group roles, responsibilities and have appointed a leader to keep them on track.

We wish the teams well and look forward to the presentation and displays of their final products.



Hunter Central Coast NSW Public Speaking Competition

Selman Hassan and Ruqayya Adebayo proudly participated in The Hunter/Central Coast NSW Public Speaking Competition recently at Newcastle High School.

Selman spoke on the subject of bullying and Ruqayyo spoke passionately about the domestic violence towards women in society. Both students also presented confident impromptu speeches on the topic "The Right Side," where they only had 5 minutes to prepare for their unseen topic.

Well done students!



VISITORS TO IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

Visitors should not enter school playgrounds without the issue of a visitors pass from the front office.

NB: Teaching staff are not always available, therefore it would be appreciated if appointments were made beforehand.

NSW Government Schools Term Dates 2018

Term 3	Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October - Friday 21 December

School Development Days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year. Please check with the school, as schools may vary some of these dates.

News from PDHPE

Head Teacher Sport Mr Hosking, had a surprise for his Year 12 PDHPE students today – the Amazing Race - in readiness for the HSC Trial.

With students split into small teams, the idea was to complete a set of physical activities with each activity named as a country.

After correctly answering specific PDHPE questions from Mr Hosking, the students had their “passports” stamped and moved onto the next activity however; incorrect answers sent them back to redo the last activity, with the final one to sing the National Anthem.

An interesting lesson, with the idea to keep the students physically and mentally active, think under duress, problem solve and work as a team.



Congratulations Chris

Big congrats to Chris Kent who was selected to represent the Hunter CHS 4s Lawn Bowls at the NSW CHS champs in Warilla recently.

The Hunter team were runners up in the whole comp.

Well done Chris!

OzTag

Teams from all over Newcastle and the Hunter participated in the OzTag comp recently.

Year 9/10 girls lost 2, won 2. Third in their pool overall.

Year 9/10 boys lost 3, won 1. They just fell short to qualify for the semi finals.

Year 7/8 boys team B lost 2, won 2. They were competitive and had a great time!

Year 7/8 boys team A won all 4 games in pool A. They came first in their pool. They won in the quarter finals and came up against Hunter Sports in the semi finals. Unfortunately they lost as Hunter Sports proved to be very tough and went on to win the grand final.

The best thing about today was that we were there as true competitors. Our presence was felt. A big thank you to the parents that helped with the girls team and the parents who came along to support the teams.

A big thank to Mr Hurley for his preparation in leading up to the competition. All student's who were involved displayed all core school PBL expectations. Mr Hughes and Mrs Heffernan were very proud to be associated with Irrawang High School.



IHS Supporters

Does your child need an extra hand with English or Maths?

Sometimes children fall behind at school. They may have moved from another state, changed classes, or something else has happened in their life beyond your control. For whatever reason they then begin to struggle with their work at school, with their homework and with their exams. This can be frustrating for both them and you as a parent.

Kip McGrath specialises in helping children catch up to where they need to be in English and Maths. The resources we use are specifically designed to do this job. And the reason we only use qualified teachers, is that they have the tools and skills to accelerate your child's learning, so that any gaps are closed as quickly as possible.

We complement what is done at school to help your child. Your school gives your child an essential foundation in education across a wide range of subjects and developmental activities. Our job is to give your child an extra hand when they need to catch up ... for whatever reason. So together we can help your child reach their full potential.

If your child is experiencing these frustrations and they need an extra hand in English or Maths, then call Christine to see how we can help.

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2. Once completed online, this will generate a report to the school so we can approve the application
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Have you changed your personal details?

In order to keep our records up-to-date, if your student has any change in their personal details eg doctor, medical condition, emergency contact, telephone no., address etc, please inform the school ASAP.

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