



# Irrawang High School Newsletter

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## Issue 7

## September 2018

### From the Principal's Desk . . .

#### Year 12

It is a term when we start to farewell Year 12 students as they head into the final stages of their preparation for the upcoming HSC examinations. Year 12 students should have received a letter outlining important information to support them throughout this final phase. Whilst the opportunity to farewell the students will be had at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly, I would like to extend my personal congratulations to a fine group of young people on achieving this final schooling goal.



#### Student Leaders

On another note, a very exciting event at this time of year is the election of our incoming Captains and Vice Captains and Senior Student Leaders. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our new School Captains are Samantha Newell and Ryan Knowles, our Vice Captains are Rebekah Agius and Matthew Burke, our Senior School Leaders are Hannah Williams and Tara Courtney, our Support Leaders are Mitchell Low and Timothy Low and our CAPA Ambassador is Jenny Tiamu. This is a great honour for them and I am confident that they all will be outstanding ambassadors for our school.

I would like to make special mention of our outgoing School Captains Georgia Sulis and Mitchell Swan, our Vice Captains Dakota Gordon and Ismail Adebayo, our Senior School Leaders Kyah Cox and Rebecca Collins (CAPA). I am delighted to say that they have done an absolutely fantastic job over the last 12 months. On behalf of the whole school I thank them for their efforts and wish them every success for the future.

#### In closing ...

I wish all of our families a wonderful September holiday break. I am aware that there will be many opportunities for Year 12 students to work with their class teachers throughout the holidays – each teacher will advise their class accordingly. I do encourage as many students as possible to take advantage of these opportunities and thank our teaching staff for going 'above and beyond' in offering their time and expertise.

School resumes on Monday 15 October for all students and staff – there is no School Development Day at the beginning of Term 4.

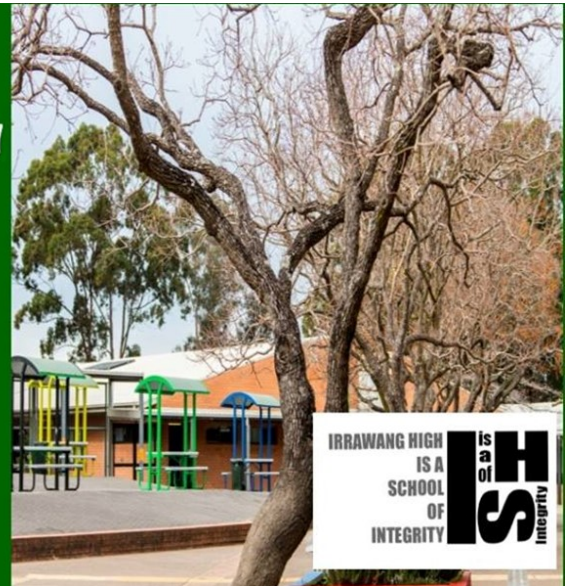
# Positive Behaviour for Learning

## Right Place, Right Time:

Attendance at school each day and for every lesson is vital for students to improve and engage in their learning. Encouraging regular school attendance of your child is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success — both in school and in life.

When students are in the right place at the right time, actively use their timetable to know where they need to go and prepare their bags in the morning with the necessary equipment for each day, they maximise their chance of productive learning to occur.

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partnership to  
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Every Thursday night is community PBL night at MarketPlace Raymond Terrace when students from nine schools are acknowledged for their achievements.

## Raymond Terrace Community PBL

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

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# Dates to Remember



## September

Friday 28

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

## October

Monday 15 to Friday 19

- **CAPA tour**

Monday 15 to Wednesday 17

- Bundanon art camp

Monday 22

- P & C meeting 5:30pm library

Thursday 25 and Friday 26

- StarLAB Mars Rover Challenge

Monday 29 to Friday 9 November

- **Year 8 VALID exam**

## November

Monday 5

- Year 7 vaccinations

Monday 5 and Friday 7 Dec

- **Year 10 minimum standards test**

Monday 5 to Friday 9

- **Year 10 exams and portfolios**

Monday 5 and Monday 12

- Year 8 Maths assessment task 4 and 5

Monday 12 to Friday 16

- **Years 7 and 9 exams**

Monday 19 to Friday 23

- **Year 8 exams**

Thursday 22

- 7E 2019 orientation day

Friday 23

- Creative Minds

Monday 26

- P & C meeting 5:30pm library

Tuesday 27

- World of Work

Wednesday 28 to Friday 30

- Year 10 transition camp



### 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

# P & C Association

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

**Date:** Monday 22 October 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.



# Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

## TERM 3 2018:

### Week 6:

**CAPA:** Ella Ruhl, Lara Forde, Asha Cox and Connor Mehonoshen

**PDHPE:** Nicholas Hopper

**Mathematics:** Declan Menzies, Harry Brown, Kiara Jewell, Callan Astin, Emily Green, Madison Ellicott, Matthew Beasley and Jaxon Morrison

**Support Class:** Sharna Bayer

### Week 7:

**CAPA:** Christopher Milson, Declan Menzies and Jayden Focic

**English:** Harrison Towers and Caitlin Panuccio

**HSIE:** Lili Douglas, Katie Abbott, Keilyn Atkins, Kolby Mason, Olivia Dee, Mia Poulter, Riley Burr, Krittiyaporn Polruksa, Chloe Burns, Caitlin Ping, Zachary Hunter, Tyler Saville, Emily Green, Chelsy Lindsay, Georgia Almond, Claire Harris, Liam Sherriff, Carissa Sherriff, Kasey Tyson, Sarah Styles, Ezekiel Knorr, Grace Connell, Sarina Foot and Adrian Hirst

**Mathematics:** Elijah Schofield, Malachi Boyes, Emily Maytom, Joshua Salerno, Nicholas Morgan, Aaron Longworth, Breannah Barlow, Chastity Horder and Brody Elkovich

**PDHPE:** Shakira Jobson, Leila Inglis-Monk, Luke Allanson, Corinne Poljak and Nicholas Hartin

**Science:** Miya Boyes, Shannon Bohan, Riley Neil, Jaxon Morrison, Mikayla Ellis, Brandon Harry, Faith Gardiner, Rebekah Agius and Tara Courtney

### Week 8:

**CAPA:** Brandon Hennessy, Jasper Ward, Chloe Jenner and Tiffany Williams

### Week 9:

**English:** Tyler Zbogar and Maddison Russ

**Mathematics:** Jack Mostyn, Cooper York, Holly Broadfoot, Madison Hadley and Christina D'Arcy

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The Irrawang High School Community would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 12 good luck for their upcoming HSC exams!!



# Congratulations Ms Hines

Science teacher Ms Hines was recognised recently at a milestone celebration during National Blood Donor Week for her 200th blood contribution, although she has surpassed that now and has just made her 225th donation. She donates mainly plasma every fortnight although makes the occasional blood donation when required.

Other donors also met a young boy who needs around 100 blood donations a week.

This is an awesome achievement Ms Hines and we sincerely congratulate you.



# News from the Support Classes

Students in the Support Classes are always busy and using the many skills taught to them by the dedicated staff. During August all money raised from their weekly car wash was donated to the BUY A BALE campaign.

Students were also busy making cards, bookmarks and magnets for Father's Day and had a successful stall at MarketPlace Raymond Terrace.

Social skills including teamwork, money handling and interpersonal skills are always a high priority for the students.



## VISITORS TO IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

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

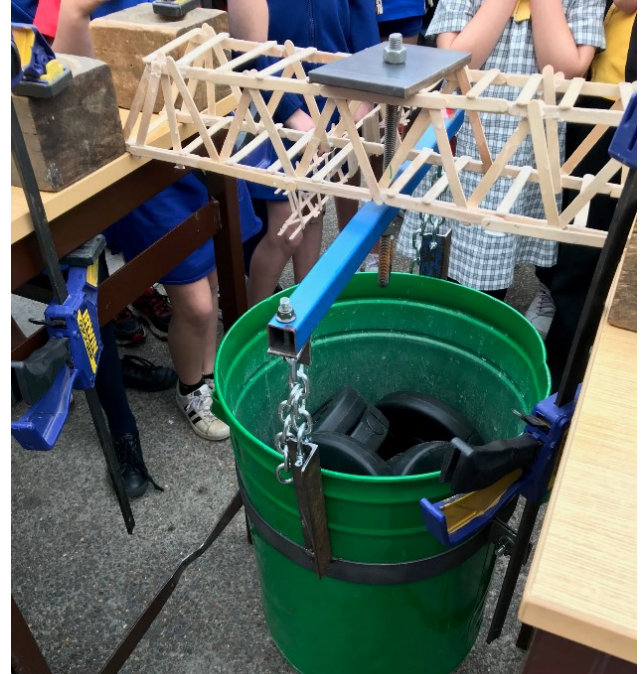
**NB:** Teaching staff are not always available, therefore it would be appreciated if appointments were made beforehand.



# GATS Enrichment Day

Our annual GATS Enrichment Day was a fantastic afternoon with many families from our partner primary schools with their children participating in the activities.

As usual the bridge building competition is a big hit as is the bottle rocket hands on activity and Tournament of the Minds.



# SRC collecting for Legacy

Our SRC students were in and around MarketPlace Raymond Terrace and the main street recently selling Legacy goods for the annual Legacy Week. Always happy to be involved in our community.





# News from English

Dedicated students were given the opportunity to participate in an all day challenge - Write a Book in a Day.

We also had some wonderful Year 12 Advanced English students who assisted students on the day... Georgia Casumaro, Keira Carey, Kyah Cox, Jessie Dennett, James Foster and especially, Adrian Hirst who worked with his group until the end - 8am to 5:30pm! Who knew he is such a talented artist as well!

Year 12 were practicing and applying their own creative writing skills that will be assessed in Section II - The Imaginative Writing Task of the Area of Study paper in the upcoming HSC.

THANK YOU YEAR 12!



# News from HSIE

Huge congrats to these students who did really well in the recent Australian Geography Competition. However three students performed exceptionally well.

Nathan Sultana gained a Distinction, Hanako Versluis a High Distinction and Madelaine Beninga was placed in the TOP 1% in AUSTRALIA.

Needless to say their Geography teacher Mrs Connor and the whole school are very proud of them, recognising their achievements in front of the whole school recently. Well done everyone.





# School Administrative & Support Staff Recognition Week

At the beginning of September we acknowledged and thanked our hard working School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS).

SASS staff play an important role in our school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

SASS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings, and care for students when they are unwell. They ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions. THANK YOU!



## Congratulations Georgia & Ismail

### Winners are Grinners!

Congratulations to Georgia Sulis and Ismail Adebayo for being successful in gaining a Real Futures Soldiers Point Marina Scholarship.

The scholarship will allow them to purchase equipment/resources they may not have been able to afford normally. Both students are looking at purchasing laptops.

Big thanks to Soldiers Point Marina!





# News from Sport

At Irrawang High School there are very few weeks when we don't have a representative sporting team proudly heading out to a sporting event around the Hunter..... and beyond. They consistently represent our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.

There are many many sports available to our students, and the tireless and dedicated sports teachers who constantly give up their breaks to coach and mentor the students, are to be commended.



## 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.

## NSW Government Schools Term Dates 2018

<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
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<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 15 October - Friday 21 December
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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.



# Buy a Bale Campaign

## Irrawang High School pitched in

Our fundraising campaign for BUY A BALE has officially come to an end. For the month of August we had many events at our school, including an out of uniform day, a huge cake stall, a Parma for a Farmer burger from Café Irrawang and a sausage sizzle with everything including staffing from MarketPlace Woolies. In addition, our school community bought in around 30 big boxes of non perishables which was collected by BUY A BALE co-founder Tracey Alder for distribution to our Hunter Valley farmers.

The final event was a Trivia Night run by the P&C – a huge sell out success. Special thanks to P&C members, Leisl Kennedy and Belinda Beasley who knocked on doors for raffle prizes and organised an outstanding evening with many components. A fabulous night was had by all.

So, the final tally for the whole campaign was a brilliant \$8272.35!





# Thank you to the trivia night sponsors

A huge thank you to all the wonderful and generous sponsors that helped to make our P&C BUY A BALE Trivia Night such a success.

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# School Captains 2018/2019 announced

It was with much anticipation that Principal Mr Baxter announced our 2018/2019 School Leaders at a special celebratory morning tea. Their Year Advisor, Mrs Burns was also on hand for the big news.

- Captains: Samantha Newell and Ryan Knowles
- Vice Captains: Rebekah Agius and Matthew Burke
- Student Leaders: Hannah Williams and Tara Courtney
- Student Support Unit Leaders: Mitchell Low and Timothy Low

Our whole school community wishes you all the very best for the year ahead.

This year's School Leaders were also there for the unofficial changing of the guard and to join in the celebrations and offer sage words of advice to the new leaders for the upcoming year.

Congratulations to you all!



## News from Irrawang Learning Alliance

A friendly cow came to look at the action in the Irrawang Learning Alliance vege garden, which was mulched by Kyan and Jordan ready for the school holidays.





# Year 12 Celebration Day

What a day! Prepaid staff car parking kicked off their Celebration Day, followed by dancing in the quad and a big dunking for staff. Students were very well behaved, happy and at all times displayed our school PBL expectations.

WELL DONE YEAR 12!





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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.

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