



Irrawang High School Newsletter

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News from DP, Mr Colley . . .

2019 has gone before us in a flash and Term 4 again is a very busy term within and beyond our school. Students are currently undertaking their final assessment tasks and yearly examinations. If students happen to miss an assessment task or examination due to unforeseen circumstances, they will need to follow the school illness/misadventure process. They can obtain these forms from a Deputy Principal. I encourage all students to use these assessment opportunities to grow their learning and be a building block for next year.



To conclude the year, there is still a meaningful curriculum for students to interact with delivered by their teachers. Quality teaching and learning will still be our focus as we round out a productive 2019 school year.

As we plan and prepare for 2020, our Year 6 into Year 7 transition program is in full swing supporting the Year 7 cohort to acclimatise themselves to our school values and practices. To add value to their transition into high school next year, recently staff and Year 9 students have participated in Peer Support Training. This program will be led by the students, to support the students. An exciting development to ensure each of our Year 7 students coming to Irrawang HS is known, valued and cared for.

Recently our school received the fabulous news with the permanent appointment of Miss Jennifer Harding in Industrial Arts. Miss Josephine Scarcella has also been a terrific addition to our staff in Term 4, appointed by Merit Selection in Science. Congratulations to Miss Harding and Miss Scarcella.

News from DP, Mr Colley cont'd

Year 10 students have had a particularly busy few weeks with Group Interviews and Portfolio presentations. Next week the World of Work school to transition program starts, and is spread over three days at the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club who is one of the sponsors along with the Real Futures Foundation.

Our CAPA students performed at the MarketPlace Christmas Spectacular last weekend, and as always represented our school PBL values incredibly well.

Once again our school community is digging deep to help the farmers in the Murrurundi area through Rural Aid. Any donations of personal care items are greatly appreciated for our Giving Tree.

Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

Term 4:

Week 1:

English: Sarah Clarke and Lillie Hunter

TAS: Ann-Marie Cummings, Ella Ruhl, Emelia Gibson, Emily Whiddon, Frederick Watts, Lachlan Johnson, Lloyd Harris, Maddison Woodcock, Madeline Wolinski and Thomas Higgison

Week 2:

English: Korie Connor, Miya Boyes, Nicholas Hilzinger-Geise and Arrowyn Carter

Mathematics: Brydie Treharne, Charlotte Peters and Wayu Phio-Ondee

Week 3:

English: Shay-Lee Ditton, Brayden Edwards, Nathan Morrissey, Jordan Cousin, Abby

Keeley, Jessica Fellows-Wilsch, Amber Eldridge and Kaily Frith

Mathematics: Katie Treharne, Ashby Lindsay and Monique Randall

Week 4:

English: Denzel Dickens, Aaron Price and Angelina-Jade Cousin

Mathematics: Claire Harris, Shaelee New, Elyssa Holden, Caleb Small, Abbey Stunell, Lily Morris, Sierra Noffke and Liam Ryan

Week 5:

English: Benjamin Killick, Amber Ferguson, Claire Harris and Liam Ryan

Thank you MarketPlace Raymond Terrace!

Huge thanks as always to all the MarketPlace businesses for their continuing support of our Community PBL and outstanding students and schools during 2019.



NSW Government Schools · Term Dates 2019

Term 1	Tuesday 29 January - Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October - Friday 20 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.

P & C Association

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

Date: Monday 25 November 2019

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.

Dates to Remember - subject to alteration

November

Mon 11 - Fri 15 Nov	Years 7 and 9 exams
Mon 18 Nov - Fri 22 Nov	Year 8 exams
Mon 18 Nov	White Ribbon PBL assembly
Mon 18, Fri 22 & Mon 25 Nov	Year 10 World of Work
Tues 19 Nov	English creative writing workshops
Thurs 21 Nov	7E 2020 Orientation Day Ngarralbaa Aboriginal education meeting
Mon 25 Nov	Year 9 English headspace wellbeing talk
Tue 26 Nov	Tri Cup Event Tomaree High School
Wed 27 Nov	S.A.L.T Women in trade Youyoong AECG Meeting - Hunter River High School - Christmas Yarn up

December

Mon 2 Dec	Year 10 UON campus visit
Wed 4 Dec	Hunter River rugby league challenge
Thurs 5 Dec	Year 7 swim smart program Ngarralbaa Aboriginal education meeting Year 7 2020 orientation day
Fri 6 Dec	Year 7 Swim smart program
Mon 9 Dec	Year 8 Maths Luna Park excursion
Tue 10 Dec	Crossfit - Callaghan College Presentation day rehearsal
Wed 11 Dec	Presentation assembly
Thurs 12 - Fri 13 Dec	Year 7 swim smart program
Thurs 12 Dec	CAPA performance night
Fri 13 Dec	CAPA roadshow Medowie Primary School
Mon 16 Dec	Year 8 Charlestown excursion
Tue 17 Dec	HSC results released
Wed 18 Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 for all students - Merry Christmas Everyone!! Staff return: Tuesday 28 January - Staff Development Day Students return: Years 7, 11 and 12 - Wednesday 29 January Years 8, 9 and 10 - Thursday 30 January



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Hunter Region Cricket Carnival

Words and photos by Cliff Sampson

Last Wednesday 23rd October the Irrawang Academy took part in the inaugural Hunter Region Clontarf Cricket Carnival which consisted of academy teams from Singleton, Toronto, Hunter River and last but not least, carnival hosts Newcastle High.

This carnival was held at the Newcastle Indoor Sports Centre and the decision to hold it indoors was well received by all and an excellent way to introduce a lot of our boys to their first experience with the great game of cricket.

I really enjoyed watching all the different natural style of cricketing skills shown by our boys - some really good, others not so affluent and a few downright hilarious - but each and every one of them had a lot of fun getting in and having a go with their brothers from around the region.

After a quick lunch it was time for a recovery session, soak and swim at the Merewether Ocean Baths to cool off. If you haven't been there be sure to add it to your itinerary next time you're in Newcastle. It's definitely a must do activity, the boys will love it!

The Irrawang boys are already looking forward to the rest of the term getting into the nets to practice and develop their skills in preparation for a more competitive carnival next year and maybe even bring home the shield.



News from PDHPE

“Exercise is one of the few things that all researchers agree has additional health elements. But does it matter where you do your exercise? Does a gym work-out have the same health benefits as a boot camp in an outdoor area? The truth is, any exercise is better than no exercise, doctor and researcher Sandro Demaio told ABC Life.

“But, there is some interesting evidence that running on a treadmill does not give the same mental health benefits as running outside, and it may not give you the same happy hormone boost as running outside,” Dr Demaio said.

“That makes sense because you’re not just running to improve your heart health and get the blood moving around the body and improve your fitness. You’re also outside seeing things, smelling things and getting fresh air. All those things will have an effect.”

“When the training is outdoors and in nature the focus will change from any attentional fatigue to external objects.”

<https://www.abc.net.au/life/is-it-better-to-do-your-exercise-outdoors/11420432>

Mr P Hosking

Head Teacher PDHPE

Swim and survive program

Living where we do and almost surrounded by water, it is essential that our youngsters know how to look after themselves in the water.

Selected Year 9 students are now training as instructors to be a part of the Swim and Survive program which is run through Royal Life Saving. Whilst this is not a learn to swim program, the students will teach Year 7 students later in the year essential skills in water safety, personal survival and water confidence.



Thank you Eddie!

Big shout out to our General Assistant Eddie Gerigk who wears another hat - that of Deputy Captain at Abermain Fire and Rescue.

Eddie left in a hurry recently to attend the fires in Forster township before the Strike Team were sent to property protection in a nearby industrial estate. The team were then deployed to Forster Fire Station for rapid response to go where needed. The team arrived home at 6:00 am before being called out to Kurri Kurri industrial estate at 10:00 am for a fire which was ongoing for two days.

Thank you Eddie and thank you to all our emergency services heroes.



News from English

The Passion Project Exhibition was an inspiring way to end Term 3 with students from across Year 9 proudly presenting their creative and quality pieces of work ranging from Minecraft worlds, culinary creations, short stories and poetry anthologies. Congratulations to Year 9 students for all of your hard work and thank you again to our wonderful teachers, families and guests who made this such a successful and memorable occasion.



Most recently, Year 7 have impressed us with their passion and dedication to their Humans of Irrawang Project which has seen students interview a range of people whom they admire from our community. Local heroes include firefighters, sporting coaches, family members, teachers, friends and members of the RAAF. The presentations have been outstanding and can be viewed at the Humans of Irrawang Premiere on the 3 December. We have so many deserving people of the Hero of Irrawang Award!



News from English cont'd



Year 8 are embarking on an exciting adventure with the “Oh, the Places You'll Go!” unit. Students are researching a range of countries and preparing a stall for the “Around the world trip in a day” incursion on the 4 December. Students will appreciate a range of cultures from throughout the globe, sample international foods and play traditional games.

Year 12 English courses have been off to a great start with students engaged in the common module, “Texts and Human Experiences.” English Studies have been working on their portfolio creating a visual representation of the human experiences and their own Humans of Irrawang post based on their investigation of the stories from Humans of New York. Great work Year 12!



It is always a pleasure to hear about the incredible achievements of our students such as Montana Olding and Angelina-Jade Cousin's success in the nation-wide Write 4 Fun competition.

Congratulations ladies! If you would like to know more about your child's progress or any of the upcoming opportunities available in English, please get in contact with us.

Miss Hollie Sheriff

Relieving Head Teacher English

Irrawang High School giving tree

Our school community is very well known for being extremely generous when it comes to raising money and good for those in need. Last year we donated over \$8000 in cash and 50 boxes of goods to Rural Aid for their Buy a Bale campaign.

This year we are seeking donations of nappies and personal care items for men and women such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sanitary items, moisturisers, sun block-out etc.

Our farmers in the Murrurundi area will be truly appreciative of all these every-day items that we take for granted, but would be considered a luxury in the bush.



Donations will be collected up until December 10, with all greatly appreciated.



Vice Captains Luke and Abbey with personal care items

Remembrance Day

Along with Sierra and Jessica, the guest speaker at our Remembrance Day assembly this morning was Dr Heather Sharp. As a former English and History teacher and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Newcastle School of Education, Dr Sharp shared stories about three Australian soldiers with great knowledge and passion. All were ordinary men who did extraordinary things and died in France on the Western Front, sadly within 100 days of the war ending.

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month we will hold a minutes silence for us all to reflect on the end of the First World War and remember the diggers who fought to give us the freedom we have today.



MarketPlace Christmas Spectacular and Show n Shine

This was another AMAZING event attracting crowds of over 20,000 throughout the day. It was a fabulous day for young and old and entertainment for everyone.

As always, our IHS Drum Corps led the largest parade ever and our CAPA stars danced and sang on stage to an appreciative audience. This event gives our local youngsters the opportunity to perform in front of large crowds with professional sound.

The Raymond Terrace Community PBL stand was popular as were the beautiful handmade cards from students in the IHS Support Classes.

The Lions and Rotary Clubs of Raymond Terrace were each the beneficiaries of a cheque from MarketPlace for \$3100 which in turn will help assist local families or infrastructure.

Colleen, Stewart, Joe and their hardworking MarketPlace team have been working tirelessly on this event for the past 12 months for the benefit and enjoyment of our community.....THANK YOU from us all!!!



Senior mentor program

The Senior Mentor Program is up and running this term, with students divided into six groups and a teacher mentor for each group. Fitness Friday has kicked off with students electing to participate in Basketball, Touch Footy, Skipping, Cross Country/ Powerwalk or Resistance (2 groups).

Each Monday after roll call, students with their mentors, will plan and prioritise for the week ahead. On other days there will be independent study, assessment planning, summary writing, HSC past papers etc.



We look forward to students actively participating in the program with our passionate teachers who will help you achieve a vision, and provide practical help with goal setting, time management and organisational skills, PLUS lots more.

Year 10 group interviews

Year 10 group interviews were held with Brooke, Blake and Kaitlin from Port Stephens Council.

With many larger businesses holding interviews in this way, the skills given to the students are invaluable. Communication, teamwork, initiative, leadership and body language are among the many skills that the interviewers are looking for. Students were given scenarios to work on together and then present to the group.

Thank you to Port Stephens Council particularly the HR Dept, for sharing your time and knowledge to benefit our students.



Year 10 portfolio interviews

Huge thank you to the community volunteers who gave up their day to sit on a three person panel to interview each Year 10 student about their assessments, career aspirations and more.

Representatives from Prospect Recruitment, Port Stephens Council, Cr Giacomo Arnott, the Lions Club of Raymond Terrace, Plan-it Youth and other generous community members were on the 12 panels, along with a teacher and a Year 9 student.

Students presented as if they were going to a real job interview and are marked accordingly. The comments back from all on the panels were overwhelmingly positive.

Well done Year 10!



Soldiers Point Marina Scholarships

The Soldiers Point Marina and The Real Futures Foundation scholarship recipients from Irrawang HS and Tomaree HS were presented with their prizes recently at the multi award marina. The program is designed to assist students with funds to be used to further their education and, or purchase tools of trade for their chosen career path.

The Real Futures Foundation is a charity that has a sole purpose of assisting the youth of Port Stephens transition from education to employment. The Foundation recognise that some students need more help than others to achieve a successful transition and our programs are tailored to the needs of individual students.

Congratulations to Samantha Newell, Amy Dimins, Olivia Bisley and Christina D'Arcy who were successful applicants. Sam received a new laptop with Amy, Olivia and Christina each receiving \$500 from Marina Manager, Darrell Barnett.

The applications for this worthwhile and valuable scholarship will open again in March with applications closing at the end of June 2020.



MARKETPLACE 21ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

MEET AND GREET

from MarkéeP, Cookie Monster and Elmo
between 9.30am to 1.30pm



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ABSENTEE NOTE

(to be returned to Roll Call Teacher first day back after absence)

STUDENT'S NAME: **Roll Group:**

Year: **Date of Absence/s:**

Reason for Absence: ☐ Sick ☐ Leave ☐ Other

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Signature Parent/Caregiver: **Date:**

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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.

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.

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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.

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The Real Futures Foundation is a non-profit organisation which has an established track record of helping to inspire and motivate students in Port Stephens to either stay in school and increase their educational engagement and attainment, or choose a positive pathway that enables successful transition to employment, further education or training.

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