



Irrawang High School Newsletter

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Issue 3

April 2019

From the desk of DP Mr Colley . . .

Term 1 has come to an end after a very busy, but rewarding 11 weeks. As I looked through some school - based data this week, I am proud to see that an enormous amount of students has attended school more than 95% of the time this term, as well as the amount of commendation letters that was sent out to families. This information indicates that the students' commitment to their education and their engagement to what we offer at Irrawang High School continues to grow.



It is pleasing to hear and see our Positive Behaviour for Learning values being displayed at school and in the community by our students. Our school has received many outstanding reports of Irrawang High School students' citizenship and respectful nature within the community. We are committed to continuing to work with our partner primary schools and our community in ensuring our students have the very best and inclusive education possible.

I would like to thank all staff for their commitment in providing enriching opportunities in the classroom but also many learning experiences beyond the classroom. These opportunities for students continue to build their skills and confidence to be successful in this fast-paced society we live in.

I wish all of our families a very happy and safe holiday. A reminder that Term 2 begins back on Tuesday 30 April for all students.

Dates to remember - subject to change

APRIL

Fri 12 Apr	Year 11 Art Excursion Year 12 Food Tech - Food Product Development Last Day of Term 1 School Resumes Monday 29 April for all Staff - Staff Development Day Students Resume Tuesday 30 April
Tue 16 Apr	HSC Music 1 Aural Workshop

TERM 2

Mon 29 Apr	Staff Development Day
Tue 30 Apr	Term 2 Resumes for all Students

MAY

Thurs 2 May	Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting Year 10 Vaccinations
Fri 3 May	Zone Cross Country Tocal Field Day
Mon 6 May	Year 10 Certificate 1 Financial Literacy
Tue 7 May	Zone Cross Country Backup Stage 6 Parent Information Evening 5:30pm
Wed 8-Thurs 9 May	Year 4 Bridge Building
Thurs 9 May	Students at Risk Visit
Fri 10 May	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork - Stockton Year 7 Museum of Identity
Mon 13 May	Junior AECG Meeting Year 10 Certificate 1 Financial Literacy
Tue 14-Fri 24 May	Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN
Thurs 16 May	Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting
Fri 17 May	7E 2020 Extension Test Year 10 Geography Fieldwork - Stockton Backup Date
Mon 20-Wed 23 May	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams
Wed 23 May	Grahamstown Primary School Science and Ag Visit
Fri 24 May	HSC Music Day - Newcastle Conservatorium of Music Zone Athletics Carnival Year 9 Industrial Technology - Timber Practical Test
Mon 27-Fri 31 May	Work Experience
Mon 27 May	Junior AECG Meeting P & C AGM 5:30pm - Library
Wed 29 May	Year 5 GATS Interviews
Thurs 30 May	Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting · Star Struck Major Movement Rehearsal Wirreanda Primary School Science and Ag Visit · Year 5 GATS Interviews

Parent information evening

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

SUPPORTING SENIOR STUDENTS

INCLUDING

- ✓ Surviving the HSC
- ✓ Homework, Assessments & Study
- ✓ Study planning & resources
- ✓ Senior mentoring
- ✓ Navigating NESA website
- ✓ University Entry process
- ✓ Post school pathways

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WHEN

Tuesday

7th May, 2019

5:30pm

WHERE

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School
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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 the AGM on:

Date: Monday 27 May 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.

Student achiever of the week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

Week3:

PDHPE: Nikala Evans, Brendan Johns and Ashley Smith

Week4:

PDHPE: Tyler Zbogar, Kieran Courtney and Cassandra Farrow

Week 5:

PDHPE: Wayu Phio-Ondee, Jayden Dudgeon and Brianna Knight

Week 6:

PDHPE: Huxley Rowe, Chloe Baker and Samantha Newell

Week 7:

PDHPE: Sara Knowles, Jay Randall and Amber Eldridge

Week 8:

PDHPE; Nicholas Morgan, Emily Green and Brooke Ellicott

Week 9:

English: Emily Boatswain and Jessica Bertram

PDHPE: Ryan Heiss, Paige Dennett and Dale Gibson

TAS: Cooper York and Jessica Fellows-Wilsch

Week 10:

English: Lilly Dickens, Ryan Heiss, Sean Lucas, Sarah Styles and Brooke Ellicott

IHS ANZAC Day service

As always, both senior and junior SRC students conducted a moving and well organised ANZAC Day assembly at school on Thursday 11 April.

We welcomed our special guests: Mr Vic Jones, Bill Garrett and Doug Cole representing the Raymond Terrace RSL Sub-Branch, Warren Handley and Isabel Handley representing Newcastle Legacy, Corporal Elizabeth Brown, a RAAF representative and Aaron Noffke, Jessica Bell, Steve Price and Leanne Matthews all ADF parents. Three of our students also participated in the assembly as Defence Cadets.

Special mention to Year 7 student Nick Watts who did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies.

The service was followed by a morning tea held for the dignitaries and the SRC students who participated in the service.

Many people were involved in today's ceremony and a big thank you to you all on your contributions.

The students are to be commended on their perfect behaviour, displaying our school PBL expectations at all times and duly commented on by our guests.

The school was also presented with three books - "Always There", "Kokoda", and "D-Day New Guinea".



ANZAC Day community services

Medowie

Members of the Irrawang High School Drum Corps will lead the march at the Medowie Dawn Service. Could drummers meet outside the Bull 'n' Bush Hotel at 5:15am please for the march to Medowie Lions Park.

Raymond Terrace

Could drummers please meet near the PCYC in Sturgeon St at 10:00am. The march will step-off at 10:40 and proceed up Sturgeon Street; left into William Street; left into Port Stephens Street and arriving at ANZAC Park by 10:55am.



Congratulations Mrs Todd

Huge congratulations to Mrs Sonia Todd our school Business Manager on receiving a prestigious Regional North Excellence award recently

The award, presented by our Principal Mr Baxter and Mr Tim McCallum, Executive Director School Performance on behalf of the Port Stephens Principal Network, recognises the significant contribution Mrs Todd has made to our school reflecting our Department's values.

Well done Mrs Todd on consistently displaying our school PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.



Athletics carnival

Congratulations to all competitors who entered fun and serious races last week at the Athletics Carnival. Well done students in Moy, the winning house. Bramley placed second, Osborne third and Dawson fourth.

Age Champions:

- 12 years girls - Lilly Dickens
- 12 years boys - Hayden Clarke
- 13 years girls - Brienna Walker
- 13 years boys - Hudson Wells
- 14 years girls - Leelah Marks
- 14 years boys - Tyler Clarke
- 15 years girls - Georgia Sloane
- 15 years boys - Brodie Allison
- 16 years girls - Ashley Smith
- 16 years boys - Jaydan Withers
- 17+ years girls - Alana Bednar
- 17 + years boys - Matthew Beasley



Athletics carnival highlights



Cross country age champions

Congratulations to the following students on being age champions in last week's cross country:

- 12 years girls - Coral Durbin
- 13 years girls - Olivia Webster
- 14 years girls - Madelaine Beninga
- 15 years girls - Shannon Bohan
- 16 years girls - Tiahlee Rutherford
- 17+ years girls - Alana Bednar
- 12 years boys - Toby Ruhl
- 13 years boys - Joshua Bohan
- 14 years boys - Will Phillips
- 15 years boys - Selman Hassan
- 16 years boys - Nathan Swan
- 17+ years boys - Jayden Murrell



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Chess competition

Mr Furey and his IHS chess team welcomed students from Taree Christian College recently for the first round of the NSW Junior Chess League Secondary School competition.

Four games were played and we had one win (Alyssa Year 7), two losses and a stalemate. The remaining team members were Izac (Year 10), Jeremy and Brayden, both Year 8.

Congrats to both teams.



Fire fighter Ella Ruhl

It's been a big week for Ella Ruhl. Not only did she turn 16, but after completing the Bushfire Fighter Assessment, yesterday she was accepted as a bush firefighter with the Williamtown/Salt Ash Rural Fire Brigade.

Twice weekly meetings over the past four months and learning safety procedures, how to use the equipment and completing 20 online modules, has enabled Ella to be officially called out to fight fires (with certain restrictions).

Ella is following in her dad's footsteps and it won't be long until her two younger brothers follow.

CONGRATULATIONS ELLA!



Year 8 excursion to Sydney Jewish Museum

The Year 8 excursion to the Sydney Jewish Museum, recently, held special significance for one of our accompanying teachers. Our students listened to the story of John Gruschka, a volunteer of many years at the Museum, who told his family's story through the Holocaust. John gave our students some understanding of how the events building up to WW2 felt for him as a young teenager who became a refugee.

With an imminent Nazi invasion John, luckily, accepted an invitation from a newly discovered distant relative in the UK. In England, John completed his studies as a chemical engineer in textile manufacture, got married, and followed a career path that took him first to Israel, where he and his new family lived for 10 years. He eventually settled in Australia with his young family and has lived in Maitland for over 50 years, where he has spent most of his life.

After his fascinating talk, John's daughter Ms Gruschka, who is a long time teacher at IHS, introduced John to Sheridan Noble, our Aboriginal Education Worker. John was delighted to meet Sheridan and received a beautifully worked boomerang from her. Sheridan had written on the boomerang - Njirun dhilangbang Wakulda wakulda. We are all great, many. As one let us go together.

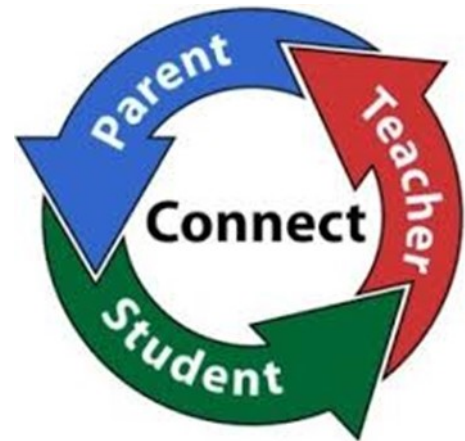


Parent/teacher meeting – whole school

The IHS parent/carer/teacher meeting will be held on **Wednesday July 3** from 4:00 - 8:00pm. The date has been changed from April.

This is a great opportunity to discuss school reports and the progress of your student.

The parent portal will be open closer to the time to book your interview!



For parents of Year 7 students and new families to the school, please contact Mrs Clifford who will provide you with a user name and password for the parent portal.

If parents of Years 8 to 12 students have mislaid their login details, please contact Mrs Clifford in the front office who will re-issue them.

If there is difficulty in accessing a computer to book a time, it can be done with your child's teacher.

News from Science

This term, Year 8 Science has worked on their first assessment task which required students to research an Australian Ecosystem of their choice and create a Powerpoint presentation about it.

A lot of students approached this task with enthusiasm and produced some high quality work. Well done to all students who did their personal best in completing this assessment task. Your efforts will be rewarded.



Ms J Vanderveen

Year 8 Science Coordinator

News from Science cont'd

Year 7 students had an interesting science practical lesson last week, as they calculated the distance a car travelled down a smooth ramp and then trialed the car travelling down the ramp to see how different-textured surfaces slowed the car down.

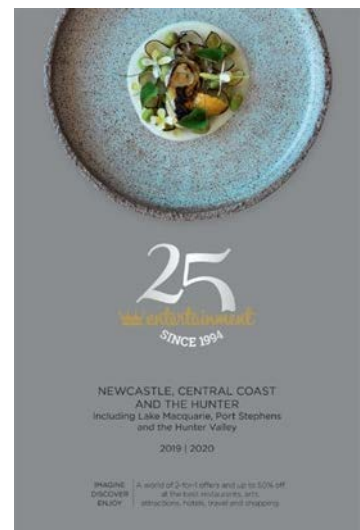


Entertainment books

It's that time of the year again when Year 12 students are actively selling the 2019/2020 Newcastle, Central Coast and the Hunter Entertainment Books either as a hard copy book or as a digital app. The books are still only \$65, representing excellent value.

For each book sold, a Year 12 student qualifies for a discount on their formal ticket. If they sell more than one book, they each personally get \$12 per book off their ticket.

Books are available from the front office or you can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/347u71



The Irrawang High School community would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday!! Enjoy!!
Term 2 starts Tuesday 30 April for all students.

News from TAS

New 3D Printers

Exciting times as Technology expands in our TAS department. We were lucky enough to receive two new 3D printers and 10 boxes of filament as part of the ME Program's STEM Grants Initiative. The ME Program is all about equipping the individual student with skills and expertise that will prepare them for a 21st Century career. The Grant is applied for annually and has been responsible for many new pieces of equipment, for example Mars Rover, StarLab, to name a few, which have enabled us to expand our horizons and offer students innovative and interesting learning experiences. Mr. Graham spearheads the STEM subjects at our school and does a lot of the work in the application process, for this we owe him great thanks.

It is great to see Businesses and Initiatives that value Education and the use of technology by our future-focused students.

The Irrawang High TAS faculty would like to thank the continued support from RDA Hunter, the ME Program and our newest industry partners Thre3DP and Quarry Mining & Construction Equipment.



Sarah Kane (representing the RDA Hunter), Mrs Gill (Deputy Principal), Mr Graham (STEM teacher) and Mr Groth (Head Teacher TAS) were all smiles as the 3D Printers were unpacked and set up.

News from TAS cont'd

Subject Fees

Subjects in the TAS area require fees to be paid. The fees are used to provide materials for the students, which are used in the construction of projects which the students take home, for ingredients for cooking, as well as other consumable materials used to make the projects (eg welding rods, lacquer, glues etc).

We make an effort to choose projects which the students are keen to make, which are useful and which teach the students the required content. In doing this there is a cost involved. While we have tried to keep costs to a minimum, it is essential that ALL students pay their fees to help cover the cost of the required material used. ***The General School Contribution does not cover any of the materials used in this area.***

There are a number of options to allow for all situations:

- Online payments can be made through the Parent Portal.
- Fees can be paid in full at the front office. A receipt will be issued; please keep this.
- Part payments can be made at regular intervals, once again at the front office.
- You can make application for the school to pay the fees through the Student Assistance Scheme. If you think you may qualify for this option, information and application forms are available at the front office.

To allow us to purchase materials in advance so that students can progress uninterrupted in their learning we ask that one of the above options is acted upon as soon as it is possible.

Mr M Groth

Head Teacher TAS

Some education affirmations

- Today and every day, my thirst for learning is alive and well in me!
- I can learn anything! I can know anything! I can be anything!
- This semester is MY learning experience and I take from it what is useful to me.
- I love the challenge of finals! I am acing all my finals this semester.
- I am a student and being a student is ALL about the possible!
- I am a great student and getting better each and every day!
- Learning new things is a challenge and I love challenges!
- I am prepared for my tests. I love taking tests. Tests are a breeze for me.
- I thrive and I succeed at school! Learning is my gateway to an abundant future.

News from Clontarf

Recently a group of nine Clontarf Academy members from Irrawang High School departed for the Central Coast to join boys from the Hunter River and Newcastle High Academies. We stopped off for a guided tour of the Norah Head Lighthouse before playing some beach footy and having lunch and a swim nearby. After lunch we went and set up camp in the North Entrance Surf Club. The boys unrolled their swags for the first time and then had some more fun outside enjoying the facility that was donated to us for the night. We went out to the Entrance PCYC for a cyberbullying talk with the local Police and watched the local kids using the famous skatepark next to the PCYC. Following this we went back to the Surf Club for homemade burgers and dinner together.

The next morning we all got up early, packed up and had breakfast on the beach, fresh breakfast rolls from the local bakery. The boys were keen to get to the Raw Challenge at Doyalson and get muddy. Upon arrival at the Raw Challenge we had a group safety briefing and got stuck into the course. The boys bonded really well and worked as a team to get everyone through each of the challenges during the two hour course. Lots of fun was had, personal challenges were achieved and plenty of mud and laughter was thrown around. A BBQ lunch followed and clean showers before hitting the road back to School.



When we got back the boys all pitched in to clean the bus and pack the gear back into the Academy room. John and Luke would like to thank all the boys for coming along and representing themselves, the school and Clontarf really well. I am sure the boys that attended will spread the word about the fun we had and we hope more of our Academy members put their hands up for other upcoming events by getting themselves to school and having positive attitudes towards school life.

John Wade

Director Clontarf Foundation

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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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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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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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