



Irrawang High School Newsletter

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From the Principal's desk . . .

It seems remarkable that we are approaching the end of Term 2 and the half-way point of the school year! Half Yearly examinations, assessment tasks and reports have now been finalised and have been distributed. I would like to acknowledge and thank the teaching and administration staff for their efforts in



getting so much of this done so professionally. Our staff have attended and given feedback to parents/carers at the parent-teacher afternoon/evening. The school extended the evening through to 8:00pm. I spoke to many parents seeking feedback on this new format and the vast majority were happy with the opportunity to see teachers at times that best suited their family arrangements. Please contact the school if you have any further feedback regarding the parent teacher evening. If you missed the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school and organise a time with staff to give you a call.

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Year 12 HSC Preparation

This is a really important time for our Year 12 students. They continue to impress us in so many ways. As we approach the end of Term 2, they approach a period of time of intense study and pressure in the lead-up to their Trial HSC. A clear study plan, keeping up to date with class-work and assignments, and a balanced lifestyle are all key ingredients for a successful outcome. There will undoubtedly be a large number of staff who will spend significant amounts of time at school during the July school holidays to provide extra support to students. As always with the combined support of families and our school, we can all ensure these students achieve their Personal Best.

From the Principal's desk cont'd

Enrolments 2020

We are currently working our way through Year 7, 2020 enrolment requests for Irrawang High School. This is a long process given the amount of applications we receive from families. In 2020 we will continue to offer our enrichment class to this new cohort of students.

Building Update


We have had nearly 100 kilowatts of solar panels installed onto E Block and G Block roofs. This will not only reduce our electricity bill and reduce the school's impact on the environment; it will also enable students to gather the data about how much renewable energy we are generating and estimate how much carbon is not being put into the atmosphere. We have also moved a step closer with the installation of air conditioning into the school hall with the ducting and the air conditioning units installed. The system is functioning and already a welcomed addition to creating a more usable and comfortable learning space within the school. We are still awaiting a few minor things to sign off on the entire project.

Uniform

The colder weather has led to students wearing their winter uniform. Students are reminded regularly of the uniform requirements and of the procedures if they are out of uniform. Students should wear black long pants and a plain black top during winter. Parents, on the whole, are supportive of our efforts. Black tights are also not part of the school uniform. They can be worn with a school skirt or shorts over the top. Any long sleeved shirts worn underneath the school t-shirt should also only be in the school colours.

School Buses

Students eligible for an Opal Card for travel by public transport to and from school are reminded that it is imperative that they tap on as they get on the bus. This provides the bus company with important data regarding the use of public transport and determines routes and the frequency of buses.

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TERM	DATE	PLACE	HOST	MEETING TYPE
Term 3	7 August 4 September	Dungog HS Grahamstown PS	Dungog HS Grahamstown PS	Ordinary Ordinary
Term 4	30 October 27 November	Murrook Culture Centre Hunter River HS	Worimi LALC Hunter River HS	AGM Christmas Yarn Up

Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

Week 6:

CAPA: Christopher Milson, Sarah Farrow, Noah Abbott and Shelby Hammond

English: Cody Turner, Kiah Skaines, Deagan Booth, Tyler Saville, Maddison Woodcock and Maddison Russ

PDHPE: Lilly Dickens, Michael Moffat, Rachael Garrett, Harley Ward, Callan Astin, Cake Polruksa, Caitlin Ping, Jack Lawrence, Zahli Kerr, Jaycob Burke, Samantha Newell and Christopher Allen

Week 7:

CAPA: Amber Eldridge, Lily Medway, Jenny Tiamu, Ellie Ping and Sarah Farrow

English: Ellie Ping, Talleira Swain, Mikaela Neil, Emily Boatswain, Ryan Denholm and Joshua Heaton

PDHPE: Alisha Snow, Bailey Foley, Trent Armstrong, Olivia Blanch, Montana Olding, Deakon Westley, Tyler Saville, Emily Green, Cooper Pitt, Letisha Randall, Tara Courtney and Dale Gibson

Week 8:

CAPA: Kye Radcliffe, Brandon Hennessy, Layne Westley, Cruze Lopez, Paige Dennett, Delaya Johns and Clare Zammit

English: Mabel Bradbery, Sierra Noffke and Nicola Green

Science: Joshua Dee, Jayda Wilson, Reece Barber, Cooper Elwes, Harley McGregor-May, Sofia

Liwag, Zac Ruhl, Mabel Bradbery, Callan Astin, Lydiah Elemes, Jackson Maish, Casey Dolman, Sarah Clarke, Donald Druce, Samantha Newell, Tara Courtney and Ryan Knowles.

Week 9:

English: Tajah Booth, Pearl Scudds, Georgia Almond, Zachary Hunter, Grace Solly, Willow Mitchell, Alana Humble, Selman Hassan and Ruqayya Adebayo

PDHPE: Benjamin Killick, Sally-Ann Cawthorne, Sara Walton, Joshua Salerno, Eleanor Tranter, Georgia Sloane, Levi Lane, Mia Gillespie, Brianna Fielding and Chase Thoburn

Week 10:

English: Michael Moffat, Hayley Gentle, Ashley Smith, Halle Preston, Emerson Hector, Andrew Howell and Abijade Bee

Dates to remember

JULY 2019

Fri 5 July	Year 11 Art Interview Assessment Last Day of Term 2 - School resumes Monday 22 July for all staff - Staff Development Day Students return Tuesday 23 July - Happy Holidays Everyone!!
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TERM 3

Mon 22 Jul	School resumes for all staff - Staff Development Day English volunteers Meeting 12:00 - 1:00pm
Tue 23 Jul	School resumes for all students Elevate - Years 11 & 12
Wed 24 Jul	Art Exhibition Evening Trial HSC Drama - Practical
Thurs 25 Jul	Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening Trial HSC Dance - Practical
Mon 29 - Tue 30 Jul	Newcastle Science & Engineering Challenge
Wed 31 Jul	Disability Dance Workshop Hunter Athletics

August

Thurs 1 Aug	Hunter Athletics Trial HSC Music - Practical
Fri 2 Aug	Australian Percussion Eisteddfod
Mon 5 - Fri 9 Aug	Education Week
Mon 5 Aug	Showcase Bump In Subject Selection Evening - Year 7 into 8 and Year 8 into 9
Tue 6 Aug	Tentative Orienteering Activity
Tue 6 - Wed 7 Aug	Showcase
Thurs 8 Aug	Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting Showcase Bump Out
Fri 9 Aug	CAPA MarketPlace Display Year 11 Food Technology Nutrition Task
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Aug	NAIDOC Week Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement
Tue 13 Aug	3 Weeks in Spring Musical Excursion - English Years 5 & 6 GATS Enrichment Day
Wed 14 Aug	NAIDOC Cultural Day
Thurs 15 Aug	HSC Industrial Tech Projects Due Medowie Public School Science & Ag Visit
Fri 16 Aug	Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards
Mon 19 - Fri 30 Aug	Trial HSC Exams

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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 26 August 2019

Time: 5:30pm

Where: School Library

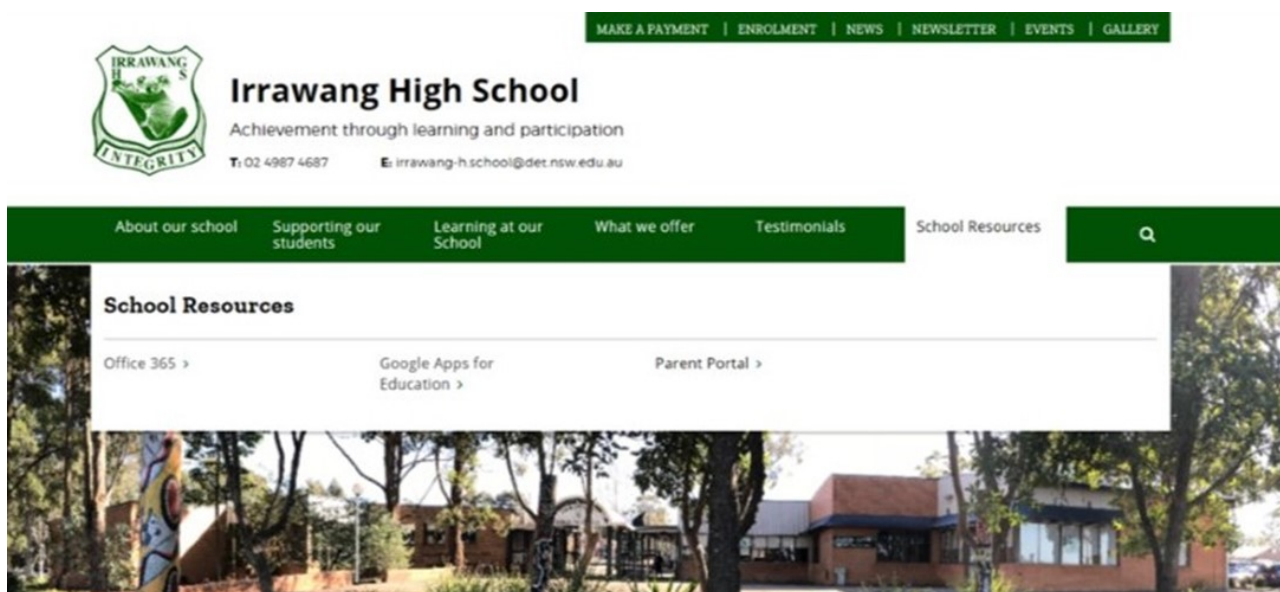
- This is a chance to meet other parents and learn what is going on at your child's school.
- Become involved in your child's school community.

Road safety survey

Irrawang High School P&C would appreciate comments from the school community about road safety issues outside our school.

We need your help to ensure the safety of our students . . . please take the time to complete this short survey which we will take to council.

<https://forms.gle/g1fJVPZ1LkE6hW6N6>



#attendancematters

On Week A (every second week) a student from every year group with 90% or more attendance over two weeks, will go into the draw for a \$5 voucher for Café Irrawang. These will be given out on assembly.

Week 9 winners pictured right with Mr Barrett are: Acacia, Cameron, Skylar, Charlotte, Ella and Jayden.

Well done students!



News from TAS

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Year 11 Hospitality participated in their first function for the year by hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for staff late last month. Planning began two weeks before the event with recipe selection, role identification and food preparation.

Students learnt valuable industry skills including effective teamwork, customer service, multi-tasking and communication skills.

A deliciously enjoyable time was had by all and over \$600 was raised with all proceeds being donated to the Cancer Council.

Ms S Sewell
TAS Faculty



The Real Futures Foundation sponsors a week of Breakfast Club

Huge thanks to the Real Futures Foundation for their sponsorship of our Breakfast Club this week. The sponsorship funds the milo, milk and toasted sandwich ingredients for the week and we are sincerely grateful.



Also thanks to the families who have dropped off tins of Milo in the past few weeks for our students - at this time of the year a hot nourishing breakfast is especially important.

Our volunteers who come every day at 7am and roll up their sleeves to butter bread, toast the cheese and spaghetti sandwiches and prepare the hot milky milos to ensure our students start the day well, also deserve a special thanks.

News from Maths

Year 12 excursion

Year 12 had a brilliant excursion to the VIV'D festival last week. After putting our bags down at the Central YHA, we had a trip to Hyde Park and followed trigonometry clues, answering maths questions for extra points. The following day, a trip to the ASX to check out the stocks was the final part of our trip, with a race to catch the train by the deadline.

What are we learning?

- Year 7 - Many students have begun Numeracy groups this term. There have been lots of enthusiastic students in the groups! In class, they are working on multiplication and division skills. You can help at home by quizzing your children on their tables.
- Year 8 - working on Rates and Ratios. Check out the great website called Math Playground where there are numerous activities on "Thinking Blocks" to help your students visualise ratios.
- Year 9 - A big pat on the back for their hard work in Numeracy groups last term! Their application and diligence in the NAPLAN test, despite hurdles, was outstanding. They are currently working on Algebra.
- Year 10 - Students have just finished the topic of graphing - an important topic for all levels of Mathematics in the senior years. All topics that remain until the end of the year are essential for success in the senior years.

Ms S Bailey

Head Teacher Mathematics



Year 10 work experience

Our Year 10 students have recently been out experiencing life in the business world. Work experience is a very valuable time to learn communication skills, team work, problem solving, motivation and time management; all essential skills to have in the workplace and highly valued by employers.

Sincere thanks to all businesses to supported our students for their work placement.



Café Irrawang

Irrawang High School is school is now officially operating a Great Choice Healthy School Canteen.

Chefs Sarah and Simon have always produced incredibly healthy and delicious food every day, leaving students and staff lining up to check out the daily specials.

Gourmet slow cooked rump, mushroom and onion pies, gourmet chicken and leek pies, loaded spuds, pork belly rolls, nachos, burritos, chicken wings, focaccias, quesadillas, custard and berry turnovers, potato and leek soup, various pastas + lots more.

FREE fruit is available every day for our students.



2019 Archibull

Students are excited that our 2019 Archibull has arrived.

This year we are excited to get into the creative process, finding out that our industry of focus is the wool industry. Exciting times ahead!

Mr G Wyllie, CAPA Faculty



Donations of Milo – sincerely appreciated

In Terms 2 and 3, our students have and will enjoy a hot Milo along with their toasted sandwich at Breakfast Club.

With over 500 cups enjoyed by students each week, any donations of tins of Milo would be sincerely appreciated.



The fascinating Eddie Woo

We were thrilled to welcome maths “rockstar” Eddie Woo ([Wootube](#)) to our school recently, to address staff from 14 Port Stephens schools about his journey so far, and also to engage them with several mathematical scenarios.

Eddie is arguably Australia’s best teacher but definitely Australia’s most famous maths teacher.

Last year, Bill Gates announced that Eddie was one of 10 finalists in the 2018 Global Teacher Prize.

As well as retaining his job as a maths teacher at Cherrybrook Technology High School in Sydney, Eddie also has a role as a 'master teacher' with the New South Wales Department of Education. As leader of innovation for maths teaching, he travels across the state, mentoring students and other teachers.

Pictured below from left: Principal Mr Baxter, Deputy Principal Mrs Gill, Eddie Woo and Deputy Principal Mr Colley.



ECO team

Ms Handley's school ECO team are taking great pride in their school environment and learning many teamwork and organisational skills at the same time.

Gathering the sticks everywhere in the school grounds has a two pronged approach; they are tidying up the school grounds and then selling the sticks to staff for the winter fires. All funds will then help towards their rewards days.

Well done team!



Student learning support officers

The Student Learning Support Officers are highly valued members of staff at Irrawang High School.

They support the teaching and learning and are integral to the smooth running of the classroom.



News from Clontarf

Clontarf Singleton rugby league 9's carnival

Last Thursday the Irrawang Academy got its first taste of Clontarf style rugby league at the Rugby League 9's Carnival hosted by the Singleton Academy.

The purpose of this particular camp was to strengthen relationships and further engage the boys in their schooling and the Clontarf Program, with nine academies from across the Hunter Northwest Region such as Moree, Narrabri, Inverell, Quirindi, Tamworth, Singleton Hunter River, Irrawang and Newcastle. Playing in the carnival this camp was a great opportunity for our boys to interact and forge new relationships and the ability to connect with other Clontarf members to make their journey through school a more enjoyable exciting experience.

The Irrawang team played four games won 1 and lost 3; even though results didn't go our way the boys really enjoyed the experience and showed great Clontarf spirit in all their games and are really looking forward to the next carnival/camp in Term 3.

All academy members took part in a "super training" session, going out for dinner and a private screening at the cinema of the new movie M.I.B (Men In Black).

The boys' behaviour is also to be commended and they should be proud of the way they held themselves throughout this camp.



Bell Shakespeare visits Irrawang High School

What a privilege to have Bell Shakespeare visit our school recently to perform Words, Words, Words.

Bell is Australia's national theatre company specialising in Shakespeare and the classics, with their education program delivered to more than 80,000 students and teachers face to face each year.

Our students were enthralled the moment the play about Macbeth, Juliet and Fool started. Well done students on displaying all our PBL values for the entire performance.

It was wonderful to see how many students had actually seen a live Shakespeare play prior to today and even more had seen another live theatre production.

Thank you English staff for organising another incredible opportunity for our students.



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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.

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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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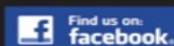
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In order to keep our records up-to-date, if your student has any change

in their personal details eg doctor, medical condition, emergency contact, telephone no., address etc, please inform the school ASAP.

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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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