

#### Irrawang High School Newsletter

Promoting excellence in academic, cultural and sporting performance

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#### **Issue 6**

#### August 2019

## 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 workshops (many will run in the next school holidays as well).



#### Best wishes!

I would like to wish our Year 12 students all the very best. As I write this newsletter they have finished their Trial HSC and are approaching their final weeks at Irrawang High. It is a stressful, anxious and exciting time for all involved, including their families! The Trial HSC is very important because it provides teachers and students with a very clear idea of what they need to focus upon in the remaining weeks of school in order to maximise their final HSC marks. It is important for every student to work through their exam papers and learn how to make further improvements. This period is unbelievably valuable to students as feedback is the key to making improvements. The next few weeks are hugely important in terms of preparation for the real thing!

#### **Subject selections**

Subject selections have commenced for students in Year 10 for elective subjects that they will study in 2020. Students have had an opportunity to be exposed to the content of the courses in taster lessons that were held earlier this term. Year 10 students have two rounds of subject selection in preparation for Year 11 (2020). 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

### From the Principal's desk cont'd

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 Weeks 3 and 4 Irrawang High School acknowledged and celebrated Education Week. This year's theme is Every Student, Every Voice, 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 High School. 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.

#### VALE - Brennan Nean

It is with great sadness that I am writing about the sudden passing of Brennan Nean (Year 10).

Death can be difficult for us to understand, especially when it is sudden. You and your child may be feeling a variety of emotions. What is most important is that we care and support each other. If students and families require additional support, please contact the school and appropriate services can be arranged. I would like to personally thank all the staff, students and community members who have rallied around and supported each other during this devastating time. That is a testament to Brennan and the type of person he was. He will be missed greatly. To the entire Nean family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

### **OPAL** cards

It is a condition of the School Student Transport
Scheme that in return for FREE or subsidised travel
Opal Cards must be tapped on and tapped off on every
bus journey. Data provided by tap on and tap off is
used to determine the level of service to our school.



If students don't tap on and off, lack of perceived patronage could result in our services being affected.

To apply for a school Opal card please visit:

https://www.opal.com.au/ordercard/?execution=e1s2

### **Education Week awards**

Huge congratulations to all award recipients from Irrawang High School who were acknowledged at the recent NSW Education Week Awards.

- Award for Excellence in Student Achievement: Samantha Newell and Ryan Knowles
- Award for Excellence in Teaching: Kate Handley and Hollie Sheriff
- Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Non-Teaching Staff Member: Chef Simon Hazley-Jones and Rod White
- Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member: Jan Noake (Plan-it Youth) and The Lions Club of Raymond Terrace
- School Achievement Award: Irrawang High School Drum Corps





#### Dates to remember - subject to alteration

September

Thurs 5 Sep ICAS Science Exam

Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting

Wirreanda PS Science & Ag visit

Fri 6 Sep 7E 2020 Interviews Wirreanda Public School

Mon 9 Sep Showcase Bump in

7E 2020 Interviews Grahamstown Public School

Tue 10 Sep 7E 2020 Interviews Raymond Terrace and Medowie Public Schools

Tue 10 - Wed 11 Sep Showcase

Wed 11 Sep 7E and 8E Maths Excursion to Eddie Woo

Thurs 12 Sep Showcase Bump out

Senior First Aid Course

Stage 2, 3, 4 Enrichment Display 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Year 10 Realism/Scripted Drama

Year 9 Journalist Visit

Be Street Smart

Fri 13 Sep Year 9 English Passion Project Excursion

**GATS Visual Arts Expo** 

Mon 16 - Thurs 19 Sep ICAS English and Maths Exams

Mon 16 - Fri 20 Sep NAIDOC Week

Year 11 Exams

Mon 16 Sep Art Exhibition - Raymond Terrace Library

Wed 18 Sep HSC Music Practical Exams

Hunter Cricket Trials
NAIDOC Cultural Day
Terry Kachel RL 7s

Thurs 19 Sep Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting

Wirreanda PS Science & Ag visit

Fri 20 Sep Year 11 Standard & Advanced English Yearly Exams

Senior Drum Corps Performance Wirreanda Public School

Mon 23 Sep P & C Meeting - 5:30pm - Library

Year 7 Local Hero Presentations

Tue 24 Sep Year 9 English Passion Project Exhibition

Tue 24 - Wed 25 Sep The Great Big Science Show

Wed 25 Sep Year 12 Practice Presentation Assembly

Thurs 26 Sep Cyber Safety Information Evening

Fri 27 Sep Year 12 Graduation Assembly

Last Day of Term 3. Students and Staff return Monday 14 October

Thurs 17 Oct - Mon 11 Nov 2019 HSC Exams - Good luck Year 12!!

#### 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.











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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 23 September 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:

#### **TERM 3**:

Week 1:

English: Sophie Bennett, Montana Olding, Mabel Bradbery, Kye Radcliffe and

Sarah Clarke

Mathematics: Andrew Howell, Ryan Knowles, Deagan Booth and Lydiah Elemes

Support: Levi Car

#### Week 2:

**English:** Chloe Wimmer, Libby Gentle, Luke Brewer and Madelaine Beninga **Mathematics:** Jed Edgar-Jones, Liam Salerno, Michael O'Connor and Nicola Green

Support: Connor Christian and Amy-Lee Ledwidge

#### Week 3:

CAPA: Jemma Murray, Isabelle Hopwood, Mikayla Ellis and Jacinta Agius

Mathematics: Justin O'Brien, Zachery Zammit, Madeline Wolinski and Isabela Kennedy

Support: Gabriella Dok and Xander Small

#### Week 4:

English: Abby Keeley, Ellie Ping, Emily Boatswain, Mikaela Neil, Talleira Swain,

Lincoln Sadler-Barker, Maddison Kearns and Caitlin Hartnett

Mathematics: Zahli Olding, Sahara Kirkman and Anna Stankovich-Trustum

**Support:** Tiffany Moul-e and Jackson Green

#### Week 5:

English: Liam Turner, Emily Spitzkowsky, Ellie Martin and Ryan Knowles

**Support:** Nadia Stewart and Flynn Crozier

#### Week 6:

English: Olivia Franks, Benjamin Killick and Toby Salamon

**Science:** Allyssa Allen, Rebekah Agius, Kayla Gorman-Ansell, Haylee Wilkinson, Ryan Knowles, Connor Mehonoshen, Nicholas Morgan, Mason Kenning, Bailey Murrell,

Ryan Allison and Dylan Duffy

Support: Tavis Armstrong and Sharna Bayer

YOUYOONG AECG - 2019 MEETINGS						
TERM	DATE	PLACE	HOST	MEETING TYPE		
Term 4	30 October	Murrook Culture Centre	Worimi LALC	AGM		
	27 November	Hunter River HS	Hunter River HS	Christmas Yarn Up		

#### 2019 NSW Ministers and Secretary's Awards for Excellence

Congratulations to all nine local PBL schools who collectively have been awarded the Secretary's Award for an 'Outstanding School Initiative' at an award ceremony recently at the Sydney Town Hall.

The initiative was the Raymond Terrace Community Positive Behaviour for Learning (RTCPBL) program.

Thank you to the hardworking Merri Brady the RTCPBL co-ordinator, and a special thank you to Colleen, Stewart and the whole MarketPlace Raymond Terrace management team, for their incredible, highly valued and ongoing support of the nine schools and students since the inception of RTCPBL.

Accepting the awards were Mrs Stacy Mathieson, Ms Merri Brady, Ms Fiona Lovell and Mr Barry Hunkin. Colleen and Stewart from MarketPlace and Chris Baguley, one of the original sponsors from The Greater Bank at MarketPlace were also at the ceremony.

Am sure we all look forward to those certificates taking pride of place in our schools.



### **News from CAPA**

#### 2019 Australian Percussion Eisteddfod

Twelve Drumlines from across Australia participated (this year from Queensland / Victoria / NSW / Tasmania).

IHS took part in two of the three sections of the Drumline event - we didn't enter the test piece section - but our Drum Corps and Senior Dance Ensemble entered the 'own choice' section (6 minutes of music played, with choreography)) - judged by an international panel of judges (Australia / America) and we received highly commended in this section.

OUR 3RD IN AUSTRALIA - came from the next event, which is a 'Drumline Battle' - where two drumlines compete against each other. It was a cut throat competition, the battle (again judged by three judges) until four drumlines remain - and we ended up in the running for 3rd and WON for NSW! Many goosebumps.... and so incredibly proud of our hardworking students ( who managed this in a short period of time) and Ms Robinson. They all SHINE so bright.

So, our CAPA superstars - you have done yourselves, your families, Ms Robinson, Irrawang High School, Raymond Terrace, NSW and Australia very very proud.

Just in case anyone had forgotten ....3RD IN AUSTRALIA!!!



### **News from PDHPE**

#### **Great success at Hunter Region athletics carnival**

Our IHS students have had a very successful meet at the Hunter Region Athletics Carnival recently with many headed off to the State Championships in September.

- Alana Bednar placed 2nd in Hunter Region Triple Jump and is off to state
- \* Ashley Smith placed 2nd in the triple jump 16's girls and is off to state
- Nathan Swan placed 1st in the 800m and is off to state
- Georgia Sloane placed 2nd in the 15 girls high jump and will be competing at state
- \* Alana Bednar came 4th in her race and achieved a fantastic personal best!
- Hudson Wells placed 1st in the 13's long jump and is off to state
- Our 15's boys Relay Team : Selman Hassan, Brodie Allison, Deakon Westley,
   Griffin Dunn, placed 1st and will also be heading to the state champs.

A huge congratulations to you all, and for representing yourselves and our school with our true PBL values.





### Seeking volunteers for Café Irrawang

Because several of our wonderful volunteers are potentially leaving for paid employment, we are desperately seeking volunteers for Cafe Irrawang to work a day or two a week, month or term.

Please ring P&C President Cassie Collins to discuss on 0428 987 028. Lunch and morning tea are provided and a whole lot of laughs.



### **News from HSIE**

Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students had a very interesting lesson recently, with Tom from Legal Aid talking about Young People and the Law. Some of the topics he covered were:

- Arrest powers
- Answering police questions
- Divisionary options under Young Offenders Act NSW 1997
- Children's court jurisdiction
- Age of criminal responsibility
- After arrest
- After charge
- Sentencing options
- Useful resources
- Where to get help

Great informative presentation Tom, and thank you from the students and their teachers Mrs Yeomans and Ms Wotton.



## **Community PBL winners**

Congratulations to our recent worthy Raymond Terrace Community PBL winners!







**Huxley Rowe** 

Kasey Tyson

May Phetklang







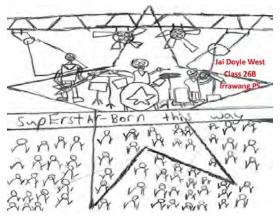
King Phetklang

**Andrew Howell** 

Madison Jones

#### Showcase is coming.. Superstar – Born this Way

Showcase is a major event of the Lakeside
Learning Community. It runs over two evenings
involving students from Irrawang High, Wirreanda,
Medowie, Grahamstown and Irrawang Public
Schools. It is a showcase of student's talents in all
areas of the performing arts. Students perform to
an audience of approximately 1000 guests and are
provided with an opportunity to perform with
professional lighting and sound. Showcase was



developed as part of the school's transition program to allow high school and primary school students to work together in a professional performing arts environment.

#### **News from English**

English students have been extremely engaged in the exciting academic and cocurricular opportunities that have taken place recently. After a popular hook event to Scotty's Cinema to view "The Lion King," Year 7 students have been thoroughly engaged in their study of "The Hero's Journey." Students have arranged flashcards of the different stages of the hero's journey, hero and anti-hero architypes and created a Hero's Journey Cycle poster.



Year 8 have finished filming their productions of "Macbeth" for their Shakespeare festival and started their "Once Upon A Time" unit. They put in an incredible effort, learning lines, creating costumes and props for their film, including a cauldron. To launch our new Year 10 "Voices of War" unit, students from Years 7 to 10 enjoyed a great day in Sydney to the State Theatre to see "3 Weeks in Spring". According to Mrs Barry students are to be congratulated on upholding our PBL values. Each student was given a poppy as they left the theatre - each poppy had the name of an Australian soldier who had died at Gallipoli.





#### **News from English cont'd**

Miss Mamin's 9ENG1 class has produced magazines and newspapers of exceptional quality as part of the "Writer's Toolbox" unit. Within them students had to write range of articles and puzzles suited to teenagers. Year 9 have begun their passion projects ranging from designing a theme park to poetry. Year 7 student, Cody Thacker presented his two computer games, "Spartacus" and "The Dragon Keeper" to Miss Newell's 9ENG3 and Mr Holliday's 9ENG2 class to launch their project on developing digital worlds in the genres of action and gothic horror. Cody has spent hours programming and making the games for his History and English projects. The students asked lots of questions and were mesmerised by his dedication and talent.







With the Trial HSC fast approaching, Year 12 Standard and Advanced teachers ran booster lessons during the holidays and organised an invaluable presentation by Emily Bosco, from Into English that provided Year 11 and Year 12 students with a comprehensive overview of Module C, The Craft of Writing.

We wish Year 12 all the best in their Trial HSC Exams!

Miss Sheriff
Relieving Head Teacher English







### Tell them from me parent/carer survey

The parent/carer survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and Irrawang High School

The 15-minute anonymous survey, is held once a year in Term 3 and is run at the same time as the teacher survey and the second optional student survey. The survey is available in multiple languages and is conducted entirely online on computers, tablets, ipads or smartphones during the specific survey window, which is from August 28 until October 25.

Parents with more than one child at the school may choose to complete the survey more than once, if they feel that their children's experiences differ.

If there are any parents/carers who have difficulty in accessing a device to participate in the survey, please contact the school on 49874687 and we can assist.



IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL  ABSENTEE NOTE (to be returned to Roll Call Teacher first day back after absence)						
STUDENT'S NAME:			<u>Group</u> :			
Reason for Absence:	☐ Sick	□ Leave	□ Other			
			<u>Date</u> :			

### **Year 12 Hospitality**

Sadly, the Year 12 Hospitality students had their last prac today however, they could cook anything they wanted.

From lamingtons to chocolate cream pie, marinated chicken skewers, enchiladas, beef nachos, an incredible chocolate layered cake, pork dumplings, surf and turf with fresh prawns and chicken caesar salad.

All students were full of praise for their teacher Ms Sewell. "When I give back my uniform it's going to hit me that I won't be back, and that will make me sad as I've had a really good time in this class," Nathan commented.

Blake said, "When I started in this class I really wasn't any good at all at cooking, but now my skills are somewhat acceptable and I am happy to cook at home."

"After a rocky start, Ms Sewell is now our favourite teacher and it will be really hard to leave. Under her guidance we can take away many cooking and life skills, and we appreciate her efforts as we have grown so close with her," said Jasmin, Mikayla and Jayde.

Ebony said, "Ms Sewell has helped me so much and guided me towards my apprenticeship, which I start in October. I am so incredibly appreciative of everything she has done for me."

Jade commented, "I have gotten to know some of my classmates a lot better in this class over the past two years and I am happy with all the cooking skills I have learnt."





### **News from Clontarf**

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# NSW Hunter Region Employment Forum

Words and photos by Cliff Sampson

The NSW Hunter Region held its inaugural Senior Employment Forum in Newcastle in early August.

The Forums are extremely important for our boys because it initiates face to face contact and information sharing between employer and jobseeker within our Clontarf Partnerships and Academy programs.

The day was a huge success with the Irrawang boys coming away from the day with a clearer insight into their future plans in relation to finding out what they want and need to do before the end of their school journey.

After a very successful Forum we all headed off to finish the day off with a series of paintball battles with different scenarios building teamwork and problem solving skills on the run.

A lot of fun was had by all and the boys are already looking forward to next year's Forum and catching up with their new mates from around the Hunter and North West regions.

















### **News from Clontarf cont'd**

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## Irrawang's first Ross Kelly Cup Rugby League Carnival

Words and photos by Cliff Sampson

On Thursday 15th August, the Irrawang Academy joined forces with the Newcastle Academy to form the Newcastle/Irrawang Turtles and take a team down to the big smoke for the annual Ross Kelly Cup rugby league carnival held at the prestigious St Ignatius College, Riverview in Sydney.

The boys combined really well to win our first couple of games and you could see the confidence building after each win. This resulted in us winning our next game and finishing on top of our pool to progress to the quarter finals only to be pipped at the post by the boys from Dubbo's Delroy Academy in a very close hard fought game.

One of our boys from Irrawang Academy Brodie Allison was selected to go on to represent the Clontarf NSW team that beat Holy Cross Ryde to finish off a very successful day.

The trip wasn't only about the footy - the boys also got to tick off a few activities they have never done before such as touch footy and lunch at Manly Beach, dinner at the Big Top in Luna Park, meeting NRL stars Brendan Naden (Panthers) and Clontarf alumni Chris Smith (Bulldogs), watching a live NRL game (Manly V Wests at Brookvale Oval) and getting behind the wheel at Go Karts Go.

Back in Newcastle the boys were really appreciative of these opportunities and are already keen to work hard in all areas for the chance to play in next year's carnival.















#### Thank you Kip McGrath Raymond Terrace

Another huge thanks to Ken and Christine Hawkins from Kip McGrath Raymond Terrace, for again providing a 10 week scholarship to one of our students.

Their generosity over six years with one scholarship offered every term, is nothing short of amazing and our school community is very very appreciative.



This term, James has been the grateful beneficiary of the scholarship and he is helped every week by Juli.



### PBL community day - Boomerang Park



PBL - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

- Prizes to be WON
- Guest Speakers
- Fun Lessons in the Skate Park and on the Buses
- Raymond Terrace Lions Club Sausage Sizzle

#### **ATTENDING**

Port Stephens Hunter Police District MarketPlace Raymond Terrace Raymond Terrace Bowling Club Port Stephens Council Hunter Valley Buses

# PBL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

launches into the community

Friday 20th September 2019 at Boomerang Park 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Come and join in the fun and meet the PBL Community Members



Children under the age of 14 need to be accompanied by an adult









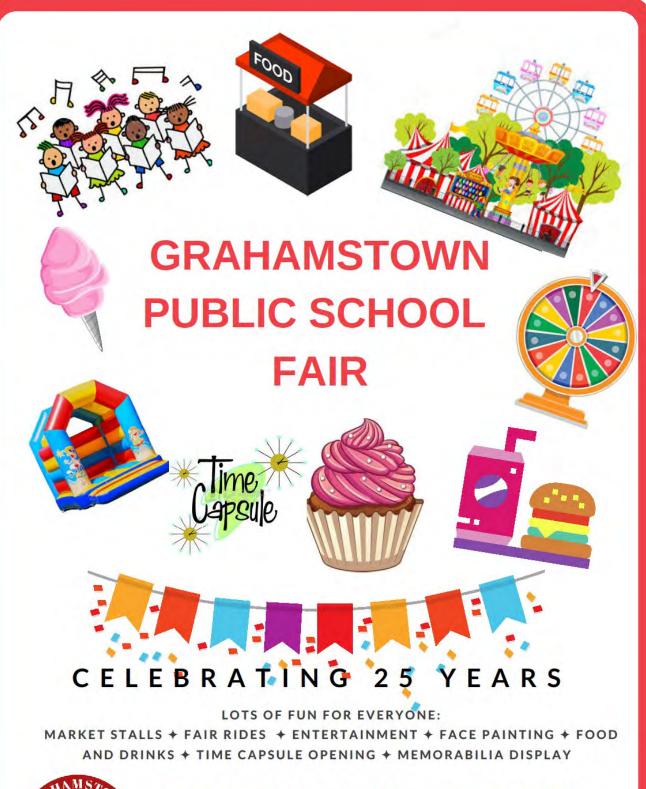












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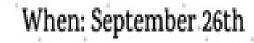
8.30AM-2.30PM

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# Invitation to Parents/Carers in the Lakeside and Hunter River Learning Communities

Help your child deal with issues in online safety, such as cyberbullying, cyber safety, sexting, gaming and unwanted contact

Irrawang High School invites parents/carers to a presentation by Snr Constable John Collins on how to understand the risks, and tackle these big issues.



Where: Irrawang High School Hall

Time: 6-7pm

Please RSVP to your school by Sept 23rd



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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-todate, 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.

