



Irrawang High School Newsletter

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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 Student Ambassadors. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our new School Captains are Sierra Noffke and Nicholas Hopper, our Vice Captains are Abbey Everingham and Luke Allanson, our ATSI Ambassador Shaytarna Ping-Buckshiram, CAPA Ambassador Matthew Beasley and Support Ambassadors Thomas Cox and Sharna Bayer. This is a great honour for them and I am confident that they all will be outstanding leaders and ambassadors for our school.

I would like to make special mention of our outgoing School Captains Samantha Newell and Ryan Knowles, our Vice Captains Rebekah Agius and Matthew Burke, our Senior School Leaders Hannah Williams and Tara Courtney, CAPA Ambassador Jenny Tiamu and Student Support Ambassadors Mitch Low and Tim Low. 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.

From the Principal's desk cont'd

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.

Dates to Remember - subject to alteration

Fri 27 Sep	Year 12 Graduation Assembly Last Day of Term 3. Students and Staff return Monday 14 October
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October

Tue 8 Oct	CAPA tour full rehearsal
Wed 9 - Fri 18 Oct	Annual CAPA tour
Mon 14 Oct	First day of Term 4 for all staff and students
Thurs 17 Oct - Mon 11 Nov	HSC EXAMS - GOOD LUCK YEAR 12!
Mon 21 - Thurs 24 Oct	Mars rover challenge
Mon 21 Oct	Vaccinations - Year 7 second visit & Year 10 catch up
Wed 23 Oct	Year 12 English study day - Texts and Human Experience
Thurs 24 Oct	Big Sisters excursion Ngarralbaa Aboriginal education meeting
Fri 25 Oct	COWS public speaking
Thurs 31 Oct	Students at Risk visit

NOVEMBER

Thurs 17 Oct - Mon 11 Nov	HSC EXAMS
Mon 4 Nov - Thurs 7 Nov	Year 10 exams
Mon 4 Nov	WWI Living History visit
Thurs 7 Nov	Ngarralbaa Aboriginal education meeting
Thurs 7 - Fri 8 Nov	Year 10 Portfolios
Mon 11 Nov	Remembrance Day service
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
Thurs 21 Nov	7E 2020 Orientation Day Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education meeting
Tue 26 Nov	Tri Cup Event Tomaree High School

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 28 October 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 7:

English: Mia Russell, Breony Davies, Jayme Bertram, Deagan Booth, Jaxson Goward and Olivia Dee

Mathematics: Brodi Mather, Harley McGregor-May, Jaylei Wither-Graham, Pichayaporn (Nadia) Laorsri, Jacqueline Paroissien, Nikita Short, Elyssa Holden and Luke Allanson

Week 8:

Mathematics: Alice Hedges, Natasha Wise, Isaac Keeley, Ryan Hepworth, Noah Thomas and Cooper Elwes

Week 9:

English: Krittanat Polruksa, Caleb Small and Malachi Boyes

Week 10:

Mathematics: Lydiah Elemes, Sophia Lawrence, Bailey Crockett-Hogan, Joshua Mather, Connor Mehonoshen, Grace Solly and Logan Robson

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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.

Good news story

The chance of twin foals being born alive and then surviving more than two weeks is one in 10,000.

Meet Snip and Drop. How cute are these babies!!



INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER.

* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear laybys. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store.
No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.
Offer ends midnight (AEST) 10/10/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

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 held 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.

Director of Educational Leadership for the Port Stephens Network of Schools, Mrs Trish Bowen presented the awards to the nine Principals at MarketPlace recently.



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.

Congratulations to our new school leaders!

Principal Mr Baxter had great pleasure recently in announcing our new School Leaders for 2019/2020 at a special morning tea. We look forward to them all representing themselves, their families and our school with pride, and consistently displaying our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.

A huge congratulations to you all. The new Leaders will officially be presented with their new badges by the current Leaders at their special Year 12 Presentation Day Assembly on the last day of term.

CAPTAINS

Nicholas Hopper

Sierra Noffke

VICE CAPTAINS

Luke Allanson

Abbey Everingham

SUPPORT LEADERS

Sharna Bayer

Thomas Cox

CAPA AMBASSADOR

Matthew Beasley

NGARRALBAA AMBASSADOR

Shaytarna Ping-Buckshiram



Pictured from front row left:

Luke, Sierra, Abbey and Matt

Back row from left: Thomas, Sharna, Mr Baxter, Shaytarna and Nick

Student profile – Ebony McGrorey-Clarke

Year 12 student Ebony McGrorey-Clarke won't have any time on her hands after she finishes her school life at the end of this month. On October 1, Ebony is commencing her apprenticeship with the hatted Restaurant Mason in Newcastle.

Ebony had her Year 11 work placement at the restaurant, and because of her outstanding work ethic and personality, they immediately offered her casual work and an apprenticeship after she left school. Working in the catering side of Restaurant Mason as well as in the kitchen, has only increased Ebony's love and understanding of food. She heaps praise on her Year 12 Hospitality teacher, Ms Sewell who has encouraged her every step of the way to pursue a career in hospitality.

Ebony is very keen to give back, and last year was brave enough to shave her head for Beanies for Brain Cancer, raising \$600. For this, Ebony received a Raymond Terrace Community PBL Award.

We wish you all the very best of success Ebony, and look forward to following your career.



Legacy week for SRC students

Our community-spirited and wonderful SRC students are out and about in Raymond Terrace, recently collecting for Legacy during Legacy week.

Legacy week is the annual national appeal to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased veterans.

The funds raised from Legacy week help Legacy continue to assist approximately 60,000 beneficiaries, with 96% of them being elderly widows throughout Australia, with essential services such as counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support.

Well done students!



First aid training

Year 11 SLR, PDHPE & Hospitality students completed their first aid & CPR training by the Royal Life Saving Society of NSW. It was a full day course and enjoyed by all.



Soldiers Point Marina excursion

Some of our visual arts students had a fantastic excursion to Soldiers Point Marina recently to see some really spectacular sculptures. In particular the students were privileged to meet Gillie and Marc, creators of two sculptures at the marina... 'Table of Love' and 'We go Together.'

'Gillie and Marc have been called "the most successful and prolific creators of public art in New York's History," by the New York Times. Creating some of the world's most innovative public sculptures, Gillie and Marc are re-defining what public art should be, spreading messages of love, equality, and conservation around the world. Their highly coveted sculptures and paintings can be seen in art galleries and public sites in over 250 cities. They're Archibald Prize Finalists and have won the Chianciano Biennale in Italy, together with winning 2 years in a row People's Choice Award in Sydney's Sculpture by the Sea, among other notable awards and accolades.'

Gillie and Marc were at the marina to unveil the marina's latest sculpture 'We go Together', featuring the world famous and life size 'dogman' and 'rabbit woman' on a red Vespa.

A huge thank you to Soldiers Point Marina management for the invitation, the lovely morning tea and the opportunity to see some of the most stunning sculptures dotted around their award winning marina.

Such respectful, polite, behaviour from our students . . so proud!



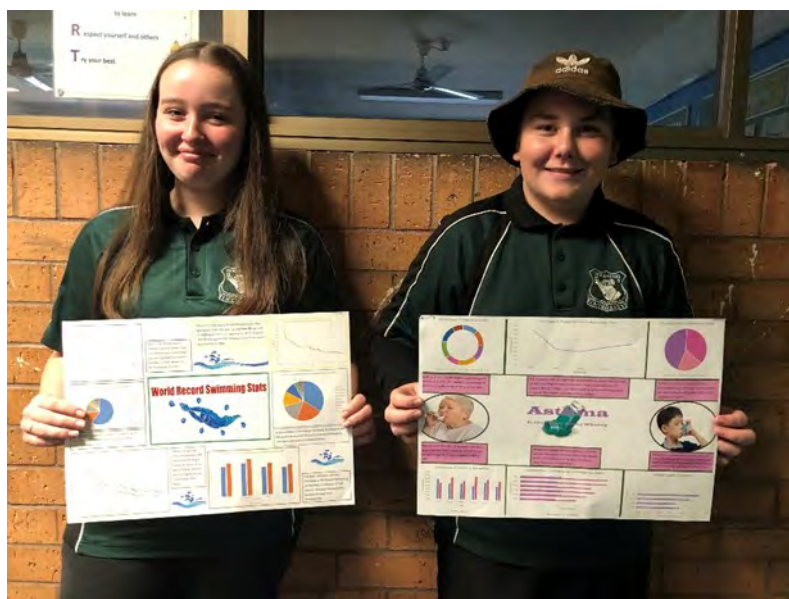
From the Mathematics faculty

This term students in Years 7-10 had the opportunity to apply their understanding of mathematics in more practical and creative ways. Year 7 students have been learning about Fractions and Probability, and their assessment task this term required them to create their own board game based around these concepts. Many students astounded us with their originality and creativity.



Year 8 students have been developing their ICT skills, particularly in Excel.

Students spent the first five weeks this term learning about Data Collection and Statistics and class activities were based on the SBS documentary 'War on Waste.'



Students were given the opportunity to collect data on their own area of interest such as Olympic Sports, Endangered Animals and Health of Young People. They used their findings to produce an infographic which is a collection of engaging graphs and images that clearly communicates information in an easy-to-read format.

Year 12 Mathematics, Extension and Standard students have been busy studying for their upcoming HSC Examinations. Teachers in the Mathematics faculty want to wish them all the very best of luck. Year 12 students should be reminded to chat to their teachers about the booster lessons that will be available to them in the term 3 school holidays.

Mrs A Slattery

Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics

CAPA fundraiser at MarketPlace Raymond Terrace

The Irrawang HS CAPA tour students were the very lucky beneficiaries of an awesome fundraiser at MarketPlace recently, with \$1500 raised towards their tour. MarketPlace matched each \$20 spent by customers on a single docket between the hours of 5:30 - 6:30pm. Another example of the incredible community partnership between MarketPlace and Irrawang High School!

That lucky day was also our IHS PBL 'night' at MarketPlace, with Principal Mr Baxter addressing the large crowd in Gathang, the language of Worimi.



Launch of PBL into skateparks and Hunter Valley Buses

It was a very successful launch of the Dept of Education Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program in the wider Raymond Terrace area last Friday.

After a Welcome to Country by Leigh Ridgeway, an introduction to PBL in nine local schools by Merri Brady, and in the local community by Colleen Mulholland-Ruiz from MarketPlace Raymond Terrace, Cr Giacomo Arnott from Port Stephens Council officially unveiled the new council PBL signage in Boomerang Park. Another sign is located at Lakeside Skatepark.

Those in attendance, particularly the young students, School Principals and MP for Port Stephens Kate Washington, also checked out the new PBL signs now in place in all Hunter Valley buses, with the Lions Club of Raymond Terrace providing a free sausage sizzle for everyone.

PBL lessons in each school, will now include expectations of good behaviour in council parks and in all buses.

'Gotchas' as well as many other prizes including vouchers from MarketPlace and the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club were given to students today for displaying excellent PBL behaviour in and around the skatepark. Our local friendly police officers were also on hand to hand out prizes.

A big thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of this launch. Another wonderful example of local school/community partnerships.



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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.

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