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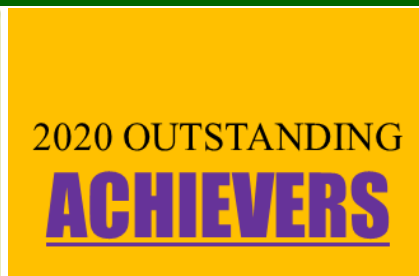
Principal's Report



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Student Achievers



Special Awards 2020

Congratulations to the following Students who were presented with their Special Awards at a Principal's Morning Tea recently.

Citizenship Awards to Acknowledge Consistent participation in School and Community Life: **Huxley Rowe, Corey Thacker, Madeline Benings**

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 Year 10: **Mabel Brodsky**
 Year 12: **Sierra Nothke**

Future Innovators: **Jayden Dudgeon and Matthew Williams**

Tahanea Ducat Memorial Award: **Ella Ruhl**

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Reuben F. Scarf Award to Most Committed Student: **Selman Hassan**

Excellence in Creative Performing Arts: **Matthew Bosley**

Vocational Education – Youth Express Engaging in Education Award: **Sebastian Henry**

Culture Medallion for All Round Excellence from a Senior Student: **Madeline Wolinski**

Dux of the Year/Student Ambassadors 2021



Clontarf Presentation



PBL Awards Term 4 2020



School Based Traineeship



Second hand uniforms needed

Attn: all Year 12 leavers.....

If you have any good uniforms that you don't need any more, would you mind bringing them back to school please, so we can assist other students.

We especially need the green polo shirts.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

15 athletes' skills

15 SKILLS ATHLETES CAN TRANSFER FROM SPORT TO THE WORKING WORLD

TEAMWORK COMMUNICATION GROWTH EMOTIONS TENACITY

5 STEPS

5 STEPS to stop the spread of respiratory illnesses

1. Cover your mouth and nose with tissues when coughing

Go to:

Supporters

Upcoming school events

From the Principal's desk



2020 has been a year like no other and one we will never forget. We started off the year with bushfires to a global pandemic, that affected the way we worked and learned from March this year. We now have shared a journey that has taught us a lot about ourselves. The end of the year is a time to reflect. I ask you to think about what new things you have learnt and what you are most proud of. These are memories we should hold onto. I have been amazed by the resilience shown by students, community and staff throughout the year. We moved into remote learning and providing distance education, learning materials simultaneously for months. It was the teamwork, the support, the connectedness that maintained our togetherness. As much as the health guidelines protected us, it was the ways in which we learnt to overcome the isolation the guidelines brought. The ways in which we stayed connected and supported each other in both our learning and well being, was fantastic to see. To the staff, students and community, you have shown an inner strength this year you can be truly proud of. I would like to thank all of you for your support throughout 2020.

Year 6 into 7 Transition

We have been warmly welcoming our new Year 7 students for 2021 over the last few weeks through our Transition programs. Starting high school is an exciting time for students and parents, and it is an experience we are here to support and enrich. Our Transition Team has been working all year to plan our arrangements for Orientation in a different context with COVID-19 restrictions. We greatly appreciate your understanding as we navigate some new options to support communication and transition to high school next year. We look forward to developing our partnership with parents and carers into the next six years with our newest members of the Irrawang High School community. More information about starting high school can be found at both our website and the Department of Education website.

School Success Model - School Improvement Plan 2021 - 2024

It is a requirement that all NSW government schools develop and publish a Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). A SIP is a working document that details the steps our school will take to improve learning outcomes and the achievement and growth of all students. As the plan is formed, we are reflecting on where we are in key areas, and how we will continue improving learning, teaching and leading. The SIP is underpinned by the School Excellence Framework and the external validation process, and it's informed by clear improvement targets related to literacy and numeracy, wellbeing, attendance, and performance in the HSC. The improvement plan also clearly reflects the department's

From the Principal's desk cont'd

strategic plan and Premier's priorities and demonstrates our school's commitment to excellence and equity as part of NSW public education. It is clearly linked to the school budget, reflecting the resources that will be used to achieve the planned improvements, and is underpinned by high impact teacher professional learning to build the capabilities of teachers and school leaders. Early in 2021 the school community will have an opportunity to contribute to the formation of the SIP that will guide and drive the continuous improvement at our school in the context of three strategic directions: 1. Student Growth and Attainment 2. Teacher Quality and 3. School Environment.. Depending on NSW Health Guidelines, this will be either face to face, or via Zoom or another virtual platform.

Dates for 2021

- Staff Development Days – January 27 and 28
- Years 7,11 and 12 commence – January 29
- Years 8, 9 and 10 return to school – February 1

I sincerely hope that everyone has a fantastic Christmas and holiday period. Once again, thank you so much for all of your patience and support during the year that was 2020.



Student achiever of the week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

TERM 4

Week 8:

CAPA: Paris Borg, Katelyn Harris, Skylar Aldred, Meghan Vogt, Jacob Crossan

Mathematics: Rehaan Uddin, Nathan Smart, Joshua Salerno, Sophia Lawrence, Damien Petersen

Science: Heath Ellicott, Riley Marmont, Nickolas Patten, Nate Blundell, Tyler Saville

TAS: Bree Walker-Pitolua, Makayla Irwin, Zahli Olding, Jordan Cousin, Isabella

Hopwood, Kiara Jewell

Ngarralbaa: Luke Johnson, Lily Dickens, Ben Slattery-Saunders, Elijah Schofield, Jennifer Major

Week 9:

English: Mikaela Haworth, Lara Forde, Tyler Clarke, Emily Maytom

Science: Leonardo Stevens

Week 10:

English: Alexander Hopwood, Jack Hill, Eve Walters, Georgia Almond

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 2020.



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Reason for Absence: <input type="checkbox"/> Sick <input type="checkbox"/> Leave <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signature Parent/Caregiver:	

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2020 Dux Awards

Congratulations to these students on achieving Dux of their year groups this year. An outstanding effort from you all. Hopefully the situation will return to normal next year and families can be present.



Year 7 Rehaan Uddin



Year 8 Ellie Winter-Wilbow



Year 9 Lilly Gorham



Year 10 Selman Hassan & Georgia Sloane



Year 11 Ellie Martin & Caitlin Ping

2021 student ambassadors

Meet the newly announced Student Ambassadors for 2021. Twenty five Year 10 students who have demonstrated ongoing leadership skills, were thrilled and surprised to receive their new Student Ambassador badges at the Year 10 & 12 Awards ceremony. The students have been identified



by staff as outstanding leaders in various ways at school: Bus Ambassadors, Breakfast Club volunteers, Peer Support and members of the SRC. Congratulations to you all!

IHS Clontarf Academy

The Irawang Clontarf Academy held their 2nd Annual Awards recently. The afternoon was to highlight and celebrate the boy's phenomenal achievements in 2020.

The major award winners for 2020 were:

Academy Member of the Year:

Nick Knezevic

Academic of the Year:

Dillon Gray

Most Improved:

Locky Johnson

Top Attendance Award:

Tyson Henderson

Top Trainer Award:

Keaundre Ryan and Phoenix Dumas

Well done gentlemen!



Raymond Terrace Community PBL

Congratulations to all our Raymond Terrace Community Positive Behaviour for Learning winners this year. All award recipients have represented Irrawang High School incredibly well, far exceeding our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.

Tyga Brochtrup



Emilia Gibson



Elouise Crossan



Grace Solly



Monique Randall



Hannah McFadyen



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.

School based traineeship (SBAT)

Huge congratulations to Year 10 student Lilly Skinner, after signing the paperwork to commence a School Based Traineeship (SBAT) in childcare at St Nicholas early Education in Raymond Terrace.

Lilly will complete the SBAT over two years - one day a week for 100 days - and will gain a full Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. She will complete the online training at school in her free periods through the International Child Care College RTO ID 90081 with MGET Australia, the apprenticeship network provider.

Congratulations Lilly - a wonderful achievement.

Pictured below from left: Hannah Hunter from St Nicholas, Helen Tapper from ICCC, Lilly, Mrs Skinner, Frances Jaeger from MEGT



NSW Government Schools · Term Dates 2021

Term 1	Wednesday 27 January - Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June
Term 3	Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September
Term 4	Tuesday 5 October - Friday 17 December

The Department of Education has changed the scheduling of Staff Development Days for Term 1 2021 to the first two days of term ie Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January. Years 7, 11 and 12 start Friday 29 January. Years 8, 9 and 10 start Monday February 1.

Second hand uniforms

If any Year 12 leavers have any green polo shirts that are no longer needed, we would love to have them, so we can assist other students.

Sincere thank you to Year 9 student Travis for bringing in some of his older (and a brand new one) school polo shirts for the school to assist other students.

Business Manager Mrs Sonia Todd was very happy to receive them.



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TEAMWORK

Athletes understand how to work effectively as part of a team



COMMUNICATION

Sport provides athletes with important communication skills



GROWTH

Athletes are always looking for opportunities to grow and develop



EMOTIONS

Athletes understand how to manage their emotions effectively



TENACITY

Athletes learn how to work hard and demonstrate this on and off the field



COPING

Athletes have the resources available to deal effectively with setbacks



RESILIENCE

Athletes have developed key skills to be resilient



LEADERSHIP

Athletes understand what it takes to be a great leader



LEARNING

Athletes have a strong sense of continuous learning



DETERMINATION

Athletes have high levels of determination



PRESSURE

Athletes have learnt how to work effectively under pressure



CONCENTRATION

Athletes can maintain concentration levels



COMMITMENT

Athletes understand the importance of being committed to a team



GOAL SETTING

Athletes understand how to set process, outcome and performance goals



MOTIVATION

Athletes understand how to maintain high levels of self-motivation



5 STEPS

to stop the spread
of respiratory
illnesses

1



Cover your mouth and nose with tissues when coughing, sneezing, blowing and/or wiping your nose

2



Dispose of
tissues in the
nearest waste
bin after use

3



If no tissues are
available, cough or
sneeze into your inner
elbow rather than
your hand

4



You may be
asked to put on
a face mask to
protect others

5



Wash your hands
with soap and
water or alcohol
based handrub after
coughing or sneezing
into hands or tissues

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NOTE: DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT 4 NEW STUDENTS FOR OUR TAEKWONDO PROGRAM THIS TERM

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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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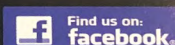
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