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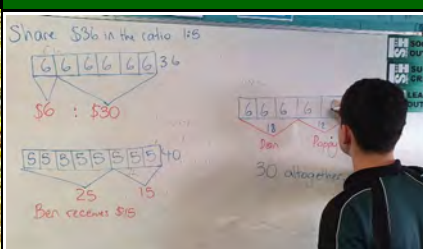
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Upcoming School Events

School closed for holidays from Monday 6 July to Monday 20 July inclusive.
School resumes for Term 3 for all students on Tuesday 21 July.

From the Principal's Desk

Term 2 2020 has been a most interesting and challenging term, lots of changes to routine and limitations to help keep us safe through the COVID-19 remote learning experience. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of the staff (teaching and non-teaching) and students, as well as our parents and carers. Thanks to all of you for your resilience and for supporting each other, as a school community through the willingness to work together we have managed to successfully come through this time more connected from our shared experiences. We have been thankful to return to more normal routines and be back at school. Please have a safe, well deserved holiday break!

School Attendance and COVID-19

Following the Learning from Home period at the end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2, all students returned to face-to-face learning from Monday, 25 May. All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell
- Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they were able to attend school.

These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school. Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing. If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school, you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

Semester 1 Student Reports and Parent Teacher Contact

Due to COVID-19 we have modified our reports to allow for the at home learning period. Years 7-10 reports will be issued in Week 1 of Term 3. Once you have received the report and wish to discuss your child's report with their teachers, please contact the school. The front office will collect some details about the best time to call and staff will be in contact to discuss your child's progress.

Term 3

Term 3 will commence for all students on Tuesday 21 July. Monday is a timetabled Staff Development Day (SDD) for all staff. The SDD will be focused around 'School Excellence in Action' and the Department's new school planning model. The professional learning that will be undertaken by school staff will aim to support our school to develop the 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan.

Have a safe holiday

Yours sincerely

Paul Baxter Principal

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| Term 1 | Tuesday 28 January - Thursday 9 April |
| Term 2 | Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July |
| Term 3 | Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September |
| Term 4 | Monday 12 October - Friday 18 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 our AGM, followed by a general meeting on:

Date: Monday 27 July 2020

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 2:

Week 8:

English: Zachery Zammit and Kaitlyn Taylor

Science: Jasper Ward, Madeline Schiemer, Meghan Vogt, Lilly Gorham, Damien Petersen and Jaycob Burke

Week 9:

CAPA: Ellie Ping, Grace Solly, Shakyia Apthorpe and Sophie Bennett

English: Emily Boatswain, Ruby Ryan, Jordan Hannah-Salerno, Sarah Clarke, Zahli Kerr and Madeline Wolinski

Science: Trent Armstrong, Indyanna Horne, Lucas Selway, Shannon Bohan and Kasey Tyson

TAS: Ella Ruhl, Charlotte Pratten-Holden and Kiah Skaines

Milo for Breakfast Club

Big THANK YOU to everyone from within our school community for dropping off tins of Milo for Breakfast Club.



Milo queens

Year 10 students, Mabel and Sophie (pictured above right) - aka 'The Milo Queens', have been helping at Breakfast Club every Monday during school term for THREE YEARS! They both arrive at 7:15 am with Sophie bringing a tin of Milo EVERY week and Mabel every SECOND week.

Atomi

Attention Year 11 and 12 students

Irrawang High School is excited to announce a new partnership with Atomi, one of Australia's leading online teaching and learning platform for schools.

Atomi produces thousands of syllabus specific videos and resources aimed at increasing the academic performance of students across Australia.

IHS will provide unlimited access for all Year 11 and 12 students and staff members with the aim of improving learning in and outside of the classroom.



There are many benefits to using Atomi including . . .

- Unlimited access - each student will receive complete access to 1000's of premium curriculum aligned videos designed for success
- Increased support - Atomi is available to students 24/7 on all devices. This means students will receive support beyond the classroom at times when teachers are not accessible.

We are constantly looking for new ways to improve the academic success of our IHS students and provide a holistic educational experience.

Can students please see Mrs Connor for login details, if they haven't already.

Literacy Planet - Word Mania

Great news for our Year 7 and 8 English students . . . you have performed so well in the Word Mania Competition that you have made it into the Final Round, which runs for three days starting on June 24.

Our IHS students are competing with other top performing schools from around the world for the major prizes and Final Certificates.

A really fantastic achievement everyone!



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4



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a face mask to
protect others**

5



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

Congratulations Caitlin!

She's done it again! Caitlin has topped her Distance Learning Community and Family Services class again - this time with 100%.

Distance learning has many challenges and takes motivation and dedication. Attributes Caity has in spades.

Well done Caity!



Year 10 'Taster' lessons

Year 10 students have all been given a series of 'Taster' lessons recently, with teachers from each faculty giving them the opportunity to explore their subject choices for Year 11 in 2021.

Patterns of study were discussed in a one on one basis with a teacher from the Careers and Transition team.



News from the Maths faculty

Many students have enjoyed working on Maths Modelling during the time of home learning this term.

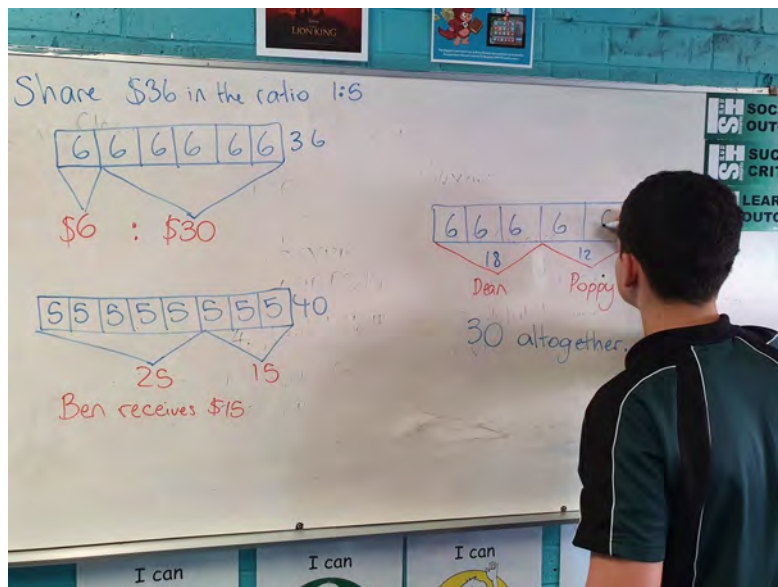
Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 showed success in solving word problems using modelling techniques commonly known as Singapore Maths.

At the moment, Year 9 (5.2 and 5.1) are using modelling to solve questions of Rates and Ratios.

Year 11 have voted for a mix of Flipped Learning and direct teaching in their Standard Maths course. At the beginning of each topic, students are able to choose which classroom to attend.

Also, senior students are participating in “HSC Fridays” when students attempt past HSC questions. These tasks are marked and returned to encourage improvement in examination techniques.

Year 7 Numeracy Intervention are improving in operating with whole numbers and enjoying success in activities aimed at helping students’ confidence in solving problems.



Are you able to solve this challenge problem?

The ratio of Hayley’s savings to Tiffany’s savings was 7:3. When Hayley gave Tiffany \$20, they both had the same amount.

How much did the girls have altogether?

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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:

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☐ Leave

☐ Other

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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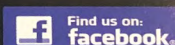
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