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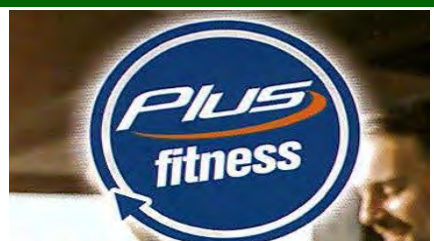
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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back!

2021 has been a most interesting and challenging year so far, 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.

School Attendance and COVID-19

Following the Learning from Home period, from Monday 25 October all students returned to face-to-face learning. 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 or a following a public health order to self-isolate will be supported to learn from home.

If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition or a following a public health order to self-isolate, 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.

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 and have returned to school and working hard over last few weeks. They should be very confident they have put themselves in a great position to deliver their personal best.

Year 12

It is that time of year 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 will receive a letter outlining important information to support them throughout this final phase.

From the Principal's Desk cont'd

The opportunity to farewell the students will be had at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly on Wednesday 8 December. At this stage, only students and staff will be able to attend. We plan to record the event so it can be shared with family and friends. I will update you ASAP if there are any changes. I would like to extend my personal congratulations to a fine group of young people on achieving this final schooling goal. You have demonstrated the highest levels of persistence and resilience as you tackled head on, the challenges that COVID-19 has thrown at you over the last two years.

Student Leaders

On another note, a very exciting event at this time of year is the handover of badges to our incoming Captains, Vice Captains and Senior Student Leaders. It gives me great pleasure to welcome our new School Captains Selman H and Mabel B, our Vice Captains Holly K and Deakon W, our Student Support Ambassador Joel C, our Ngarralbaa Student Ambassador Nic K and our CAPA Ambassador Brendan J. This is a great honour for them and I am confident that they all will be outstanding ambassadors for our school.

I would like to make special mention of our outgoing School Captains Caitlin Ping (CAPA Ambassador as well) and Riley Neil, our Vice Captains Ellie Martin and Ryan Allison, our Student Support Ambassador Brayden Wales, our Ngarralbaa Student Ambassador Haley Steadman. I am delighted to say that they have done an absolutely fantastic job over the last 12 months. They have dealt with the challenges of being a leader through difficult times and can hold their heads high. On behalf of the whole school I thank them for their efforts and wish them every success for the future.

In closing ...

We look forward to returning to business as usual as we move forward towards the end of the year. I will continue to provide regular updates via our school website and Facebook page as needed. Many thanks for your understanding and most importantly during this time that you remember to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

School Vaccinations

School Vaccinations - human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa).

The scheduled Term 4 vaccinations for Year 7 has been postponed until the start of 2022. Hunter New England Health have requested that families DO NOT contact their local GP for this vaccination as they are busy with COVID-19 vaccinations.

The second vaccination and catch up for anyone that missed the first vaccination, will be at a date to be advised as soon as we are notified.

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 2021.



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

Staff Development Days 2021:

- Friday 17 December

Please check with the school, as some schools may vary some of these dates.

How to wear a mask



1

Ensure the mask covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face



2

Make sure the ear loops are firmly in place



3

Fold the metal strip in the mask around your nose so it stays in place



4

Try not to touch your face while wearing your mask

Welcome to Term 4

It was always going to be great to have all our students back at school. They were delighted to actually catch up with their friends, to get back into school life and learning face to face.

A welcome back BBQ for each year group this week was organised by HT Wellbeing, Mr Tonks.

A reminder that any food/drinks from Cafe Irrawang must continue to be pre-ordered before school, and they will be delivered to the year groups at recess and lunch. This is a NSW Health directive.



School Leaders 2020-2021

We will sincerely miss our outgoing School Leaders as they hand over the baton to our incoming leaders. Unfortunately, over the past 18 months very few opportunities have been available to represent our school out in the community. However, when they did our leaders shone bright. We wish you all well, and can't wait to catch up on your future endeavours. Don't be strangers.

Pictured from left:

Haley Steadman Ngarralbaa Ambassador), Ellie Martin (Vice-Captain), Caitlin Ping (Captain & CAPA Ambassador), Riley Neil (Captain), Ryan Allison (Vice-Captain) and Brayden Wales (Support Unit Ambassador).



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HSC students



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RESPECT

GAGA MARRUNG



RESPONSIBILITY

BARRABA MARRUNG-GANG



PERSONAL BEST

Farewell



Class of 2021



News from English

9E are certainly passionate about learning and having fun at the same time as evidenced in Ms Jerome's English lesson recently.

Students were in groups solving various puzzles in training for the DaVinci Decathlon next year. Stay tuned!



News from TAS

Year 9 students James and Aidan were glad to get back to school so they could finish off their turned bowls in Mr Groth's Industrial Tech - Timber class. Well done gents!

Ms Henry's Ag students planted garlic about six months ago and it was harvested this week to begin the drying process.



Irrawang High School values your feedback

We are again conducting the Parent/Carer "Tell Them from Me" survey. This survey provides us with valuable information to help us better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. The survey also helps the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey takes about 10 minutes and is entirely voluntary however, we really appreciate your feedback.

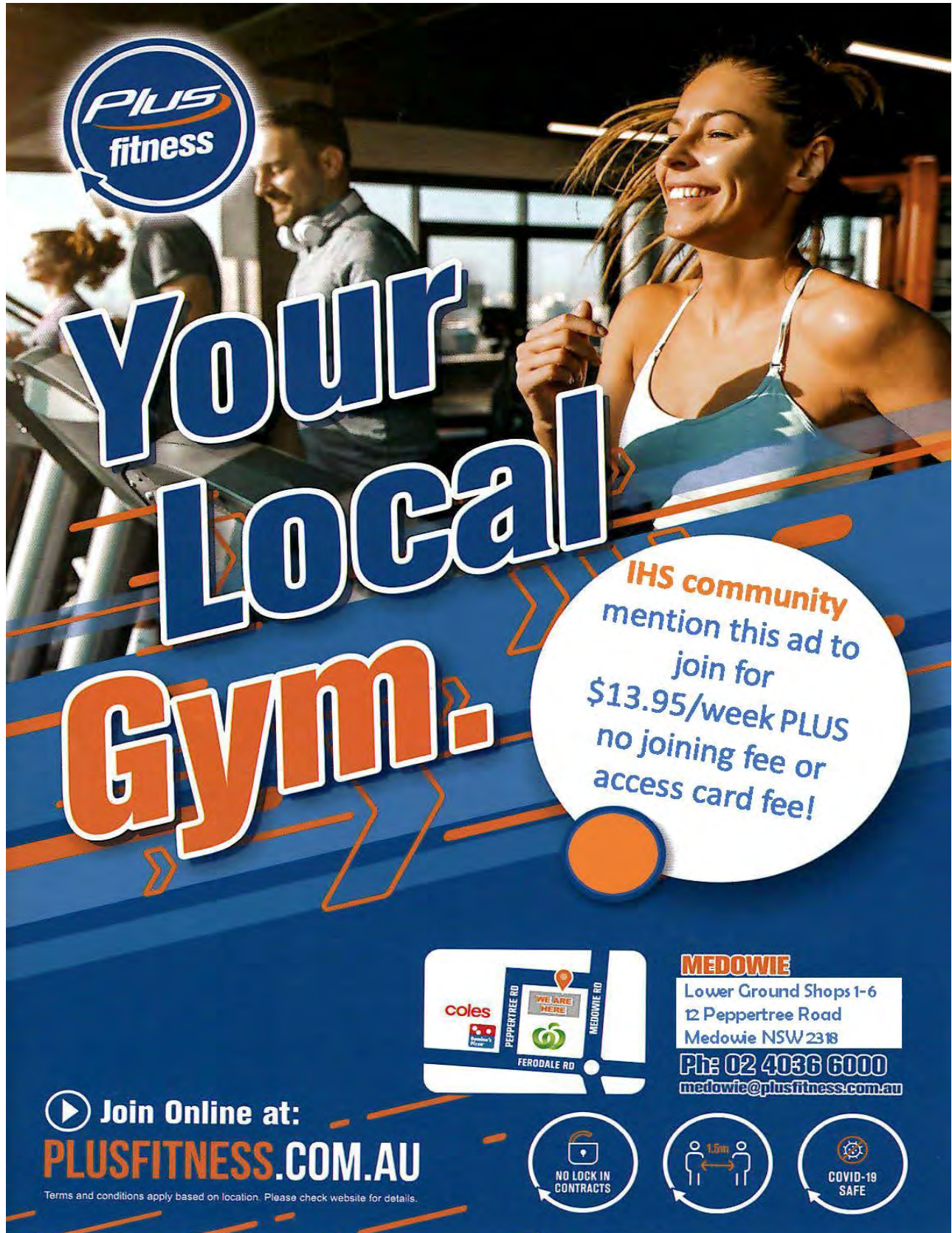
Please contact the school on 4987 4687 if you would like a copy of the link to complete the survey.



Plus Fitness

Plus Fitness 24/7 Medowie is a brand new facility (behind Woolies). They have made a very generous offer specifically for the Irrawang High community - gym membership for \$13.95/week until the end of 2021 and no joining fee or access card fee.

To redeem or enquire about this offer and for student memberships, please call 4036 6000 during staffed hours. Let's support this business as they support us!



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Medowie NSW 2318
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COVID-19 SAFE

IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

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

Signature Parent/Caregiver: **Date:**

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

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.

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

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The Real Futures Foundation is a non-profit organisation which has an established track record of helping to inspire and motivate students in Port Stephens to either stay in school and increase their educational engagement and attainment, or choose a positive pathway that enables successful transition to employment, further education or training.

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