



# Irrawang High School Newsletter · Issue 2 · April 2021

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## Principal's report



## Attendance Matters



## Thank you MarketPlace



## Snack n Study



## News from Clontarf



## Bell Times



## Year 10 Food Tech



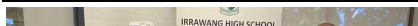
## Canteen Volunteers Needed



## Year 7 Science



## Lions Club Donates Calculators Supporters



### **Students achieving their Personal Best**

There is an enormous amount packed into this term, as well as our first semester reports. For all students, we have an expectation that study routines have stepped up as we approach the examination period, and we ask parents for support in emphasising with your children the importance of doing this. Revision of work covered during the day, completion of designated homework, assignments and assessment tasks, and a regular pattern of reading are all part of this process. Remember Snack n Study is available on a Monday and Tuesday (Week A) afternoon from 3:10 until 5:00pm in the library and a number of staff are there to support.

### **A focus on attendance in 2021**

In 2021 we will be aiming to improve student attendance rates. The first step in improved student outcomes is to have students in class every lesson. Students who have an attendance rate of 90% miss the equivalent of one month's worth of learning each year. This equates to 100 hours of lost instruction and support. It is what we will be referring to as Educationally at Risk. Students when not at school miss lesson work, information about extra opportunities, handouts for assessment tasks and so much more. Attendance and being at school, is the first step in achieving your personal best. We will be aiming to provide regular attendance updates with our usual attendance letters and SMS communication. If you need any support in regards to attendance please contact the school and ask to speak with the Year Advisor initially. We will work with families and carers to have students at school every day.

### **Congratulations!**

Our student leaders represented our school with great dignity and respect at the ANZAC Day service at Raymond Terrace. The school held an ANZAC ceremony at school last week with members of the RSL and RAAF in attendance. It is important that our school is involved and students aware of the significance of such events which were held with some restrictions still in place because of COVID 19. The school has received a lot of very positive accolades for the student's conduct during these events. It's always a great

balanced life whilst juggling school, work, sport and social commitments. Students have been attending 'Elevate' study sessions once a term which teaches them many useful skills in preparation for the HSC. At Irrawang High School, we have in place teachers who will assist the students as Senior Study mentors in the library in the morning, to help Year 12 students maximise their time and results at school as well as in life beyond school. They will focus on getting students set up for the day and to start planning ahead for assignments or exams that might be creeping up. They will also cover a range of topics including: creating a suitable study space, time management strategies, backwards mapping an assessment task, how to study for specific tasks, reducing stress/anxiety and how to study for exams.

## Attendance Matters . . .

Every Friday morning on assembly, Ms French will draw out winners from each year group who have 100% attendance this week. This starts from Friday until Thursday and each week starts afresh. All winners receive vouchers for Cafe Irrawang.



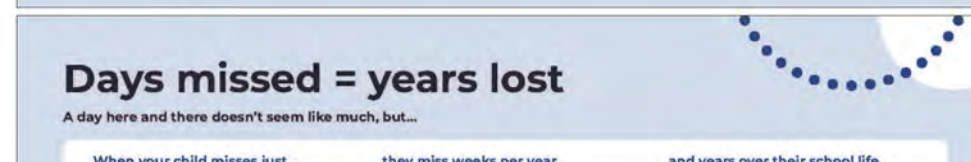


students to maximise their potential.

Regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

School starts at 8:47am every day. If students are here before 8:30am a free toastie and drink is available.





## Term Dates 2021

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

## Staff Development Days 2021:

- Monday 19 April
- Monday 12 July
- Friday 17 December

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

**Another fantastic new covered seating area for our students**



Snack n Study is held every Monday in the library from 3.15-5pm and every second Tuesday in Week A. Permission forms are available from Mrs Firth in the maths staffroom.

Afternoon tea is provided.



YOUYOONG AECG MEETINGS 2021				
Term	Date	Place	Meeting Type	Time
TERM 2	5 May	Grahamstown PS - TBA	Ordinary	TBA
	9 June	St Bridget's Primary School - TBA	Last meeting before NAIDOC	TBA
TERM 3	28 July	Irrawang HS	Ordinary	TBA
	1 September	Tomaree PS	Ordinary	TBA
TERM 4	20 October	Murrook Culture Centre	AGM	TBA
	24 November	Christmas Yarn Up Dungog HS		TBA





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	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri		Wednesday 1 & 2
<b>Period 0</b>	8:00	<b>Period 0</b>	8:00
<b>Warning Bell</b>	8:47	<b>Warning Bell</b>	8:47
<b>Roll Call</b>	8:50	<b>Roll Call</b>	8:50
<b>Assembly</b>	9:00	<b>PBL Lesson</b>	9:00
<b>Period 1</b>	9:10	<b>Assembly</b>	9:10
<b>Period 2</b>	10:10	<b>Period 1</b>	9:20
<b>Recess</b>	11:10	<b>Recess</b>	10:20
<b>Period 3</b>	11:40	<b>Year Meetings</b>	10:50
<b>Period 4</b>	12:40	<b>Period 2</b>	11:00
<b>Lunch</b>	1:40	<b>Period 3</b>	12:00
<b>Warning Bell</b>	2:08	<b>Lunch</b>	1:00
<b>Period 5</b>	2:10	<b>Warning Bell</b>	1:28
<b>School Finishes</b>	3:10	<b>Period 4</b>	1:30
		<b>School Finishes</b>	2:30
		<b>Staff/Faculty Meetings</b>	2:40

## VISITORS TO IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

Visitors should not enter school playgrounds without the issue of a visitors pass from the front office.



making mini scones or mini cupcakes.

The standard of the grazing boards was outstanding - good enough to eat :). Ms Sewell is understandably proud of your efforts and pride in your work.



## Café Irrawang Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help our chefs at Cafe Irrawang between 10:00am and 2:00pm. You are able to have a lovely morning tea and lunch and help in a happy environment. There will be no cash handling.



Well done students, exceptional work!





Thank you so much Lions and MarketPlace, these calculators will come in handy and are very much appreciated.

*Pictured below from left: Lion Kathy Bellamy, Colleen Mulholland-Ruiz from MarketPlace, Lion Neil Goldthorpe and Justin Tonks, IHS Head Teacher Well-Being.*



**Have you changed your personal details?**



Reason for Absence:

☐ Sick

☐ Leave

☐ Other

Signature Parent/Caregiver: ..... Date: .....

**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: .....

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

**TOOGEE MARTIAL ARTS**  
**RAYMOND TERRACE DOJANG**  
**TAEKWONDO MON & WED**  
**5.30 - 7.00PM**  
**KICKBOXING TUE & THU**  
**7.30 - 8.30PM**

**ENROL NOW!**

ACTIVE KIDS

QR Code, Instagram, Facebook icons, SMS 0418686241, TMA logo, and a photo of a Taekwondo sparring match.

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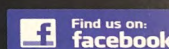
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non-profit organisation which has an established track record of helping to inspire and motivate students in Port Stephens to either stay in school and increase their educational engagement and attainment, or choose a positive pathway that enables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


Scotty's

CINEMAS

RAYMOND TERRACE

The DECK

YOUTH VENUE






3:30 - 6:30

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

12 - 18 Y/O'S

IT'S ALL FREE!

SAFE SPACE!