



Irrawang High School Newsletter Issue 3 · June 2021

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P&C Meetings

When: 4th Monday of every month
Where: School Library
Time: 5.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Thank you MarketPlace



Dates to Remember

2021			
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Student achievers

2021 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS

Attendance Matters

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9 days missed = 36 years lost	10 days missed = 40 years lost	11 days missed = 44 years lost	12 days missed = 48 years lost
13 days missed = 52 years lost	14 days missed = 56 years lost	15 days missed = 60 years lost	16 days missed = 64 years lost
17 days missed = 68 years lost	18 days missed = 72 years lost	19 days missed = 76 years lost	20 days missed = 80 years lost
21 days missed = 84 years lost	22 days missed = 88 years lost	23 days missed = 92 years lost	24 days missed = 96 years lost
25 days missed = 100 years lost	26 days missed = 104 years lost	27 days missed = 108 years lost	28 days missed = 112 years lost
29 days missed = 116 years lost	30 days missed = 120 years lost	31 days missed = 124 years lost	32 days missed = 128 years lost

Welcome Chef Andrew



News from Support Faculty

Literacy Bites

Former Olympian Visits IHS



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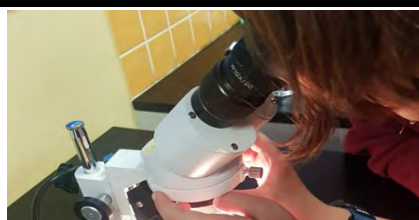
LITERACY STRATEGY AT HOME



Sport News

News from Science

News from Careers



News from CAPA

Congrats Connor!

News from English

News from the Farm

Entertainment Industry

Supporters

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.

Please see photos following of our farewell to the lovely MarketPlace Management staff! They will be missed!



Farewell to the MarketPlace Management Staff



Dates to Remember: Subject to Alteration

JULY

12 July Staff Development Day: Pupil Free Day

13 July First Day of Term 3 for ALL STUDENTS

Parent/Teacher Night

14 July Mid Year Awards

Year 11 & 12 Atomi Visit

PSSA Zone Athletics Field Events

15 July Year 10 Parent Information Evening

ADF Careers Visit

Year 10 Speed Careering

16 July PSSA Zone Athletics Track Events

19-23 July Year 10 Careers and Transition Week

HCC Regional Dance Festival

19 July WWI Living History

21 July Hunter Region Athletics Carnival

Year 10 Information Evening

22 July Stage 4 Debating

23 July Year 7 Camp Deposit Payment Due

26-30 July Education Week

26 July P & C Meeting 5:30pm in the Library

Bump In Showcase

27-28 July Showcase

28 July 7/8 Boys Regional Netball Finals

Youyoong AECG Meeting - Irrawang High School

29 July A Day in the Life Careers Event Years 10-12

Bump Out Showcase

AUGUST

3 August Years 5 & 6 GATS Enrichment Day

4 August Year 12 Biology Excursion - Museum of Human Disease - Sydney

5 August Medowie Primary Visit

6 August Bell Shakespeare Incursion: Such Sweet Sorrow Performance

11 August High School visits to all Primary Schools

Year 6 Student Visit

12 August Irrawang Primary Visit

13 August Senior Constable John Collins Crime Presentation

19 August Grahamstown Primary Visit

23 August P & C Meeting 5:30pm in the Library

HSC Visual Arts BOW Due

26-27 August 7E 2022 Interviews Wirreanda Primary School

26 August Wirreanda Primary Visit

30-31 August 7E 2022 Interviews IPS, GPS, RTPS and MPS

SEPTEMBER

1 September Youyoong AECG Meeting - Tomaree Primary School

Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

TERM 2:

Week 1:

CAPA: India Cockle, Deagan Booth, Charlotte Pratten-Holden and Emily Green

Mathematics: Wezley Stevens, Anna Gamble, Aidan Fellows, Isabella Hall and Jayden Dudgeon

TAS: Amelia Sloane, Amber Wilks, Braydon Bennett, Temika Jarvis and Justin O'Brien

Week 2:

CAPA: McKenzi Mostyn, Jayd Cotterill, Shelby Hammond and Lily Medway

Mathematics: Charlotte Taylor, Harrison Dodd, Jarrod Barbour, Kayla Morton, Keilyn Atkins, Jayd Cotterill, Tayla Curtis and Georgia Almond

TAS: Georgia Almond, Tayla Curtis, Haley Steadman and Ryan Skolyszewski

Week 3:

TAS: Latayah Swain, Shae Mulley, Alisha Snow, William Phillips, Chantelle McMeeking and Holly Black

Week 4:

English: Jarrod Knorr and Oliver Lamb

Ngarralbaa: Tylor Nean, Keaundre Ryan, Alex Ashton, Zarlee Wilson, Ethan Robson, Malek King, Emily Green and Izac Schofield

TAS: Wezley Stevens, Shianna Linton, Jaimen Webster, Ryan Heiss, Koby Hughes,

Mitchell Rowan and Kai Farrell

Week 5:

English: Talia Clifford, Jessica Dingle, Thomas Higgison and Riley Breiner

Languages: Rose Bradbery and Aaron Wheeler

Ngarralbaa: Tony Hind, Dallas Hall, Tristan Robinson and Cheyanne Allison

Week 6:

CAPA: Eve Walters, Frederick Watts, Madeline Schiemer and Macy-Sky Ralphs

English: Samuel Rainbow, William Watts, Chloe Burns and Emily Green

Languages: Clayton Brewer

Mathematics: Braydan Bidner-Nolan, Emersyn Towers, Henry Reginelli, Rylee Busbridge, Christian Thompson, Taylor Walters, Libby Gentle and Kodee Nelson

TAS: Madison Ellicott, Jaylen Fisher, Brodie Mitchell, Hugh Glassey, Hayley Maslen, Chloe McNaught, Lincoln Fleming, Cameron Borg and Sebastian Mowle

Student Achiever of the Week

Week 7:

English: Sabian Carstairs and Olivia Dee

Languages: Tanner Kelly

TAS: Bella Coleman, Jemma McGrorey-Clarke and India Cockle


Week 8:

Science: Christina Cheng, Lilly Gorham, Lachlan Halliday, Tyler Zbogor, Arrowyn Carter, Capri Muddle, Tanner Kelly, Ruby Ryan, Dylan Weir, Georgia Sloane, Laurell Newman and Ryan Denholm

TAS: Annaliese Everingham, Temika Jarvis, Tye Turnbull, Callie Smith, Ruby Ryan and Chelsea Slapp

Week 9:

Languages: Bronte Bohan

YOUYOONG AECG MEETINGS 2021				
Term	Date	Place	Meeting Type	Time
TERM 3	28 July 1 September	Irrawang HS Tomaree PS	Ordinary Ordinary	TBA TBA
TERM 4	20 October 24 November	Murrook Culture Centre Christmas Yarn Up Dungog HS	AGM	TBA TBA

Irrawang Learning Alliance Garden

The staff are so lucky to be supplied with beautiful fresh herbs and vegetables from the Irrawang Learning Alliance garden.

This week we enjoyed basil, coriander, snow peas, silverbeet, rocket and chilli. Worm Wizz is also sold.

All profits will still be given to Australia For Cambodia.

Pictured are Tyga, Mrs Lilley and Ms Henry who was purchasing a bag of snow peas.



Attendance Matters

Being on time and regular attendance at Irrawang High School is essential to assist 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.

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Attendance Matters at Irrawang High School!

Congratulations to the nearly 300 students who attended a pizza party this week to celebrate their 95% attendance or more this term.

This is a significant improvement in last term and we hope to keep improving for the rest of the year.



Welcome to Chef Andrew

A warm IHS welcome to new Café Irrawang Chef, Andrew Kear. Andrew who has been a chef for 25 years, has made the move with his young family from Sydney bringing with him a wealth of experience, having worked in many Sydney restaurants including: Bennelong at the Sydney Opera House, The Pier at Rose Bay, Truffle Group catering and the Hidden Gem also in Sydney.

Andrew is excited to be at Irrawang High and looks forward to meeting all students and staff.



A sample of one day recently at recess and lunch:

- Pumpkin quinoa salad with herbed chicken
- Moroccan chicken salad with sweet potato, cous cous, rocket and pomegranate
- Ham, cheese and shallot frittata
- Chicken gravy rolls
- American cheeseburgers
- Chicken Portuguese burgers
- Loaded hotdogs
- Pulled pork with slaw & onion ring burgers
- Vegetable pesto pasta
- Asian Hokkien noodles with chicken
- Meat lover pizza
- Beef lasagne
- Roasted Pumpkin soup with roll

All have been freshly made by Chef Andrew with some 'occasional items' (Healthy Canteen Guidelines).

News from the Support Faculty

Students in the Support Faculty visited Port Stephens Council recently and discussed how to improve activities for adolescents in the Port Stephens area.

A big thank you to the council staff Emily and Kaz and also for their lovely morning tea.



IHS ECO Team

Our ECO team have been busy around the school tidying up the grounds and gardens. Well don't everyone for demonstrating our school PBL values.




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.

Literacy Bites at Irrawang High School




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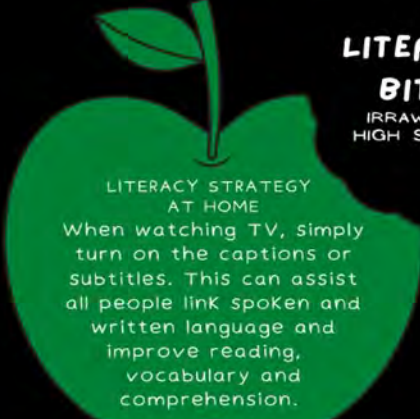
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VISUAL LITERACY

Encourage family members to look for all the clues when they are trying to read something.

Look at the PICTURES & HEADINGS

Try and predict what the sign, article, or message is going to be about.



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LITERACY STRATEGY AT HOME

When watching TV, simply turn on the captions or subtitles. This can assist all people link spoken and written language and improve reading, vocabulary and comprehension.



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LITERACY GAMES FOR THE CAR

A-Z number plates

Use the letters of number plates of other cars as they pass by.

When you see an A - say all NOUNS (naming words, things) starting with that letter and then try VERBS (action or doing words).

LITERACY STRATEGY AT HOME

Former Olympian Visits IHS

Year 9 Physical Activity and Sports Studies students were surprised this morning with a visit from former Olympian and Commonwealth Games Gold medalist, Matthew Gray.

Matt shared with the class his experience in becoming successful in the sport of Archery, and gave some insight into the mental strength that is required to strive towards achieving even the biggest of goals. The key advice students took away from Matt's visit is "Find something you are passionate about and use that passion to strive to be the best you can be."



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:

- Monday 12 July
- Friday 17 December

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

News from Sport

Irrawang High School students Huxley Rowe, Crystal and Oscar represented IHS in the CHS Triples Lawn Bowls Regional Finals at Bulahdelah recently. There were 10 schools competing. They reached the finals and narrowly lost to Glendale High School.

Crystal and Huxley have also been selected to represent the Hunter Lawn Bowls team at State level this week. We wish them good luck!

Their teacher Mr Hurley commented, *"It was an awesome day and I was very proud. The students represented our school with fantastic pride and integrity!"*



News from Science

Students in Years 5 and 6 from Grahamstown Public School visited the Irrawang High School Science labs recently.

Head Teacher Science, Mr Pearson and Science teacher, Ms Scarcella thoroughly engaged the students with hands on practical tasks completing rotations, including magnetic separations, electrostatic energy, chemical reactions, microscopes and heating water using the Bunsen burner.

Science is definitely a favourite for these students and we can't wait to see them back at IHS in the near future!



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ABSENTEE NOTE

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Year:

Date of Absence/s:

Reason for Absence: ☐ Sick

☐ Leave

☐ Other

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Signature Parent/Caregiver:

Date:

News from Careers

What an awesome two days at the Southern Cross Austereo building in Newcastle, organised by The Smith Family for our students.

A huge thank you to General Manager Kristen Budd and her team, for going out of their way for the two days to provide a snapshot of all aspects of radio world, and the potential careers.

Also a big thank you to Margaret from the Smith Family for choosing our IHS students to participate in this valuable experience.

Lovely surprise to catch up with former student and IHS School Captain Danielle Jones who was coincidentally in Mr Tonks' year group in 2009. Danielle is now head of promotions for Triple M.



News from CAPA

Outstanding performances by our CAPA stars who were on show recently at the King Street Heritage Festival in Raymond Terrace.

Congratulations to our Drum Corps - Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Also to our Senior Dance Ensemble, who all performed at their first public performance this year with pride, passion and professionalism at this wonderful community event



News from CAPA cont'd

Outstanding IHS CAPA STARS at Star Struck 2021! You all certainly gave it your best and WE are so proud! Senior Drum Corps as part of the opening of the show 'Rise Up' was just one example of the talent IHS featured in the show.



Congratulations Connor

A huge congratulations is in order for Year 7 student Connor Lowdell who has been selected to play in the Under 13's Hunter Wildfires, a Hunter Representative team for Rugby Union.

After playing basketball and soccer, Connor made the decision to swap to Union, after attending a "Come and Try" day and loved it. Connor has now been playing Union for three years with his club the Maitland Blacks.



He was selected to play last year in the Hunter New England team however that was cancelled because of COVID-19.

Australian Wallabies legend David Campese presented Connor with his jersey last week. David is an Australian rugby union player (1982-1996), who was capped by the Wallabies 101 times.

Last weekend, Connor's Hunter Wildfires team played the country championships at Salamander Bay, coming third in the comp for their age group.

Connor's family are understandably proud of him, devoting so much of his time to his rugby career.....

- Monday & Wednesday – Maitland Blacks
- Tuesday and Friday – Hunter Wildfires
- Tuesday and Thursday early mornings – IHS Clontarf
- Saturday - playing

Connor is also set to play for the Hunter Wildfires in the State Championship in Dubbo for the June long weekend.

What a commitment – well done Connor!

News from English

The English Faculty has been involved in some fabulous learning activities this term.

Year 7 started their learning journey focusing on Other Places Other Times where each student grabbed their English passport and made many literary stopovers to some interesting Asian countries.

Year 8 classes are enjoying All the World's a Stage as they get to enjoy a practical application of drama together with an introduction to Shakespeare.

Year 9 are exploring Truth in Texts with a focus on media, advertising and documentaries. Think Gruen Transfer meets Bowling for Columbine.

Year 10's unit Voices of War saw 10M engage in a practical lesson discussing Visual Representations of War (see photos). Students were given a piece of a photograph puzzle and then asked a series of prediction questions as they progressed through to finally reveal the photographs true origins. The students realised the importance of having the 'complete' picture before being able to fully understand stories and the news.



Year 12 Advanced English are off to Sydney to see a live performance of The Tempest on Friday as part of their module: Textual Conversations.

We encourage parents and carers to contact their child's English teacher if they have any questions about their child's learning in English on 49874687.

Mrs Sarah Barry

Rel HT English

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.

News from the Farm

Ms Henry's Year 11 Primary Industry students were given a demonstration on how to ear tag sheep. As we are getting ready to sell the Wethers, it is a requirement for sheep to have a National Livestock Identification System.

A requirement of animal management is to check signs in animals to ensure their annual animal husbandry programs are current, with individual animal assessments.



Our IHS farm family is expanding, with the addition of Guinea Fowl that will be used to further develop the student's awareness and practical experiences with a variety of different poultry.

Jessica the 7 week old Limousin has also joined the farm family. Jessica was dragged out of recent flood waters by a young lady called Jessica (hence Jessica's name) when she was only a few days old. Fortunately she thrived and is a welcome addition to the school farm.



Entertainment Industry Event

Ms Newell's Entertainment Industry students did an exceptional job by providing such an entertaining evening at 'Iridescent' at school recently. Light shows dotted around the quad, performances, a sausage sizzle, popcorn and lots of other activities were enjoyed by the crowd on this lovely autumn evening.

A very big congratulations to everyone involved - well planned, organised and executed.

Nearly \$1500 was raised by Entertainment Industry students and Year 12 for the Leukaemia Foundation – their nominated charity this year.



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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

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IHS Supporters



Jets Junior Bowls Academy

Gain experience from the best of the best with World Champion Natasha Scott, Australian Rep Matt Baus & former State Reps Jason Stokes and Lennon Scott.

All kids are kitted out ready to take to the green

Scholarships up for grabs



AEROBOWLS



THE RECTORY
TEA HOUSE & FUNCTION CENTRE

Book your next party, high tea or private event with our Events Manager, together create a memorable personal celebration

Open on weekends for casual Cafe' dining, sit among the peaceful gardens and spoil yourself or friends with delicious coffee and hearty food. The Rectory is the perfect setting for your next event

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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.



PAID ADVERTISING

Irrawang's newsletter contains paid advertisements, which assist with the cost of publication. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement of any product or service by the NSW Department of Education or Irrawang High School.

The advertisement for MarketPlace... features a photograph of a young girl in a white dress sitting on a wooden dock by a body of water. A small sailboat is visible in the water. The text "MarketPlace..." is in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by "SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY" in a similar font. At the bottom, there is a logo for MarketPlace Raymond Terrace, the website "www.marketplacerraymondterrace.com.au", the address "35 - 39 William Street, Raymond Terrace | Phone 4987 7686", social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, and the phrase "love this place" in a cursive script.