



Irrawang High School Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk . . .

Term 4 is a special part of the year where we celebrate success in many ways. Just recently we celebrated Year 11 students completing the Preliminary Certificate and we have our major presentation assembly coming up on the 12 December. The school continues to have students' academic success and their well being as a dual focus for our actions everyday.



At this time of the year the school is heavily involved in evaluating what it has done in the current year, as well as planning for the year ahead. It's an exciting time, and also a very hectic one for all of the staff. 2018 has been a terrific year for our school and we look forward immensely to the opportunities that will be presented in 2019.

Staff

Irrawang High can now welcome Grant Wyllie and Kassandra Bangle as permanent members of staff. The school has been fortunate through the DEC staffing processes to secure these two talented and dedicated staff members into the CAPA faculty.

Year 6 into 7 for 2019

The school will have lots of incoming Year 7 (2019) students visiting the school with the 6 into 7 Orientation Day scheduled for Thursday 6 December. The Year 6 students will meet new classmates for 2019 and will have a number of different taster lessons during the day. I would like to thank Ms Robinson for all her hard work as transition advisor throughout the year in her role in maintaining strong links between Irrawang HS and our partner primary schools. To our new families you have made a great choice in choosing Irrawang – a supportive and caring school which is a place of learning and opportunities.

From the Principal's Desk cont'd

Presentation Day

Yearly exams, final assessment tasks and report writing are being finalised as this newsletter is being put together. School is all about the learning, in the classroom and student involvement in so many activities and programs offered that happen outside the classroom. The Presentation Day Assembly on the 12 December is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievement by students, and to celebrate their success. It will be great to see the many students who have achieved their personal best, sometimes well beyond what they believed they could do, it is also the most special feeling for teaching staff and I dare say, for their parents as well. I hope see as many parents, families and community members as can make it to support our students on the day.

HSC Completed

Congratulations to our students who have now completed their Higher School Certificate. We look forward to catching up on 13 December to hear about their successes. I would like to acknowledge Mr Grant Wyllie for his work in organising the Year 12 Formal and for his support of this group as their Year Advisor. I would like to wish our departing Year 12 students all the best for their future and I hope they are successful in their endeavours.

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Dates to Remember



November

Mon 19 - Fri 23 Nov **Year 8 Yearly Exams**

Thur 22 Nov 7E 2019 Orientation Day
Year 10 Dance Excursion

Fri 23 Nov Support Unit V8 Supercars Excursion

Mon 26 Nov **P & C Meeting · 5:30pm · Library**

Tue 27 Nov World of Work

Wed 28 Nov Youyoong AECG Meeting · Irrawang High School · 10:00am

Wed 28 - Fri 30 Nov Year 10 Transition Camp

December

Mon 3 Dec English Excursion - Globe Theatre

Tue 4 Dec RAP Workshop

Tue 4 - Thur 6 Dec Year 7 Swim and Survive

Wed 5 Dec Crossfit Competiton - Waratah Technology Campus

Thur 6 Dec Year 7 2019 Orientation Day

Fri 7 Dec Big Day Out
Year 10 Minimum Standards Test

Mon 10 - Tue 11 Dec Great Aussie Bush Camp

Wed 12 Dec Presentation Assembly

Thur 13 Dec CAPA Evening

Thur 13 - Fri 14 Dec Year 7 Swim and Survive

Fri 14 Dec CAPA Roadshow
Medowie Public School Presentation - IHS School Hall

Wed 19 Dec Last Day of Term 4 for all students - **HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!!**
School Resumes 2019 - Tue 29 Jan - all Staff, Wed 30 Jan - Years 7, 11 & 12
Thur 31 Jan - Years 8, 9 & 10

Thur 20 - Fri 21 Dec **Staff Development Days**

Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

TERM 4 2018:

Week 1:

English: Samantha Hopper, Kiara Geddes and Brooke Ellicott

Week2:

Mathematics: Blake Fernance-Reid, Lily Morris, Lili Douglas, Ashley Smith, Justin Hough, Denzel Dickens and Andrew Biffin

Week3:

CAPA: Letisha Randall, Lily Medway, Molly Swan and Noah Abbott

Mathematics: Makayla Knight, Jasper Ward, Lachlan McIntosh, Breeze Jordan, Kaylynn Peters, Angel Wilson and Ella Campbell

Support: Alleah Davies-Adam, Jayden Murrell, Maddyson Petith and Nicholas Sheather

Week 4:

CAPA: Delaya Johns, Maddison Scott, Jackson Doughty and Georgia Almond

English: Hayley Tenbosch and Courtney Withers

Mathematics: Nick Knezevic, Christian Mitchell, Tenille Blunt, Rebekah Agius and Travis Lamborn

Week 5:

CAPA: Faith Gardiner, Haylee Wilkinson, Rebekah Agius and Yashwant Pillay

Mathematics: Ashley Horn, Jordan Henderson and Tykel Searle

P & C Association

P & C meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is on:

Date: Monday 26 November 2018

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.

Defence Transition

RAAF Williamtown will be holding a 2018 Christmas Treat and all personnel of RAAF Williamtown are invited (Military, APS, Defence Contractors and civilians) to attend at Revolution Sports Park, 55 The Avenue, Maryville on Friday, 30 November from 12 midday – 3:00pm.

All tickets are \$25.00 each (socks are an additional charge) and there are up to 500 tickets available! Ticket price includes 3 hours of jumping, lunch (children only), show bag and the opportunity to visit Santa. Additional food and drinks are available from the venue for self-purchase. Spectators do not require a ticket. Tickets are available at the following link <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/74386> and will be on sale until 16 November 2018. Each person who wishes to jump will require a wristband.

For more information, or to purchase your ticket, please visit <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/74386/raaf-williamtown-christmas-treat.aspx>

Plan-it Youth Mentoring

The second Plan-it Youth Mentoring Program for 2018 concluded on the 23 October 2018 for three Year 10 students, with a celebration and presentation of certificates.



Plan-it Youth is a mentoring program for students who are considering leaving school and do not have a clear pathway to employment, training or other education. Each mentor and student pair initially and aim to identify areas of work that may interest the student, and then explore the education, training and employment implications. Typically, a team of mentors come to the school at a designated time for one or two terms. In the early stages of the program, mentors and students are matched: the matching process is called “Jitters Day.” Mentors and their mentees spend approximately one hour together each week.

Mentors share their life experiences, skills and knowledge to help a young person plan for their future. Effective mentoring is a relationship that focuses on the needs of the mentee, fosters caring and supportive relationships, encourages all mentees to develop to their fullest potential, and is a strategy to develop active community partnerships. The students were well supported by their mentors, families and friends.

Mrs G de Wit
Defence Transition Mentor

News from TAS

The TAS department includes the areas of Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Computing and Agriculture. With such a wide variety of subject areas there is always something happening in this Faculty.

The one subject that brings together all these specialty areas is Technology Mandatory, a compulsory subject which runs in Years 7 and 8. It encompasses all the traditional areas mentioned, as well as new developments in the area of Digital Technology. This year we have been trialling new modules in accordance with the compulsory introduction of the new Syllabus in 2019. This year students in Years 7 and 8 have been gaining experience not only in Timber, Metal, Food, Textiles, Agriculture etc., but additionally in Coding, Computer Aided Graphics, Laser Cutting & 3D Printing. Exciting times indeed!

In the Industrial Arts area there has been a great deal of development in both the subjects being offered and the physical environment that the students work in. These developments have all been to cater for the interest and needs of our current and future students.

A Technical Drawing room has been converted into a collaborative learning space, allowing students to more easily do group work, with full access to computers, in a project based learning environment in line with the school's future focused learning direction.

We have developed a specialty iSTEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) classroom for group projects and challenges. The iSTEM room has been set up in what was the timber room and chosen for its close proximity to the computer lab.

The iSTEM room has proven a great asset under the guidance of Mr Graham, some of the projects/challenges undertaken included:

- Bottle Rockets and Planes for the Velocity Challenge; Mars Rover; CAD/CAM and Motion project on Alternate Power Sources.



News from TAS cont'd

Equipment in the iSTEM room includes:

- 2 x 3D Printers; 1 x Laser Cutter; Vacuum Former; Bottle Rocket Launcher; Power Anchor.

Timber continues to be a popular subject, with the loss of one of our traditional rooms to iSTEM there was a need for another workspace, it was a great opportunity to develop a new space with a blank canvas. The new Senior Timber Room has some of the latest and greatest equipment available and would be the envy of any high school.

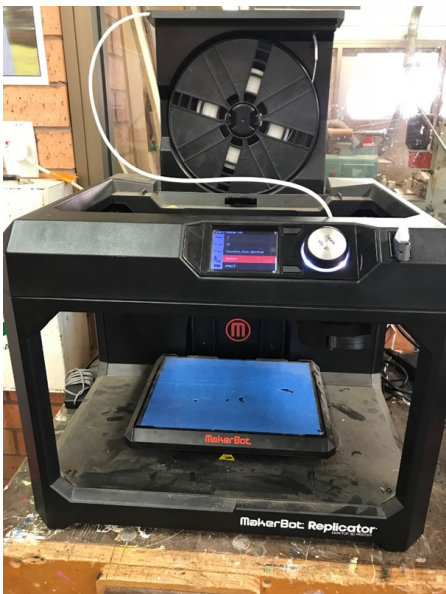
Our Metal department has been condensed into one room so all equipment is readily available to students in one area.

The whole block has had a face lift with new ceilings and painting throughout, giving us a modern, up to date and invigorating environment in which learning can take place with this vastly diverse subject area.

With so much to talk about in TAS we will have to leave the areas of Home Economics, Agriculture and Computing till another newsletter.

The TAS faculty under Head teacher Mr Groth is moving with the times, catering for traditional areas and expanding into the latest technology. Mr Groth would like to express thanks to his staff for the many extra hours they have put in so that this development could come to fruition.

Mr M Groth
Head Teacher TAS



News from Science

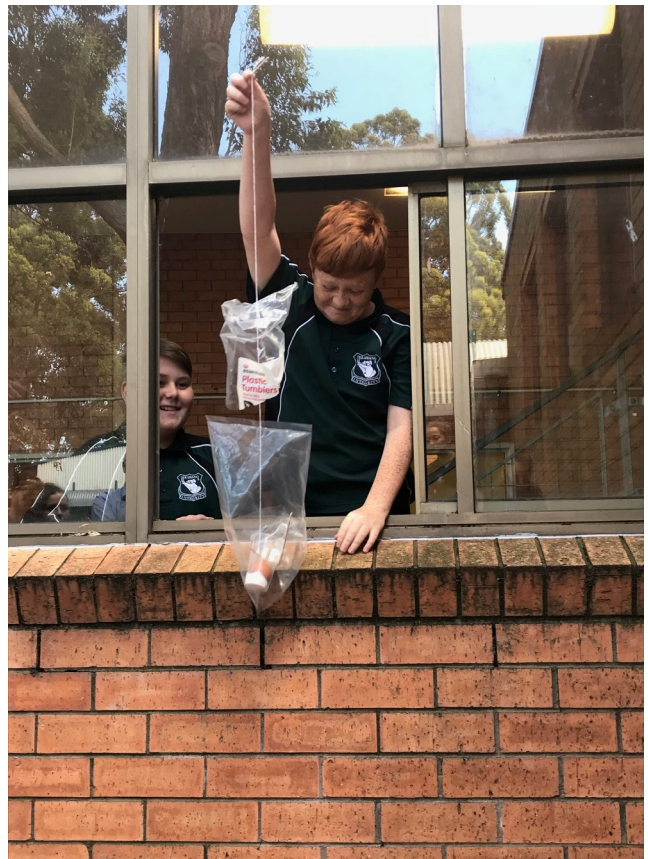
Congratulations to all Year 8 students who completed their online VALID exam. Your behaviour and effort were a credit to you all.

The Year 8 VALID test is an interactive, online, multimedia diagnostic assessment based on the Year 7 and 8 components of the Science K-10 Syllabus. This test provides valuable feedback to staff on students' skills and understanding of the content studied in Years 7 and 8.

This Term marks the beginning of the Great Egg Off in Year 7. All Year 7 classes will be working on designing and building a container and parachute to protect an egg from shattering when dropped from a height of 2 meters. The top two student designs from each class will compete in the final Egg Off.

Mr D Pearson

Relieving Head Teacher Science



Congratulations Andy!

Year 11 student Andy Biffin is an unassuming, quiet achiever when it comes to his success in the boxing world.

Andy has been interested in boxing from a very young age and currently trains three nights a week at the Maitland City Boxing Gym at Club Maitland. He has had around 10 Exhibition fights and many other fights under his belt.

His coach Baz McDonald commented, "Andy is totally committed to giving 110% at training, and when he is not at the gym, he is doing road training and weights."



Last year, Andy won the Australian Novice title and recently he won his match against a 23yo from Sydney in the Hunter Valley Light Welter Weight comp.

Andy travels around NSW with his coach, engaging in matched fights and last year he was fortunate to attend a two week training camp in the Philippines, where he was thrilled to meet professional boxer and now politician, Manny Pacquiao.

Andy obviously has a very bright future in the sport of boxing and we wish him every success.

Remembrance Day

Our school leaders and members of the SRC held a special Remembrance Day assembly on November 9, to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War.

We welcomed special guests, Dr Heather Sharpe, Mr Vic Jones, President Raymond Terrace RSL Sub-Branch and Mr Warren Handley from Legacy.



News from CAPA



Irrawang High School
Via Email: adele.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au

12th November 2018

Dear Adele, Meagan and Lue

**MARKETPLACE RAYMOND TERRACE
SANTA ARRIVAL 2018
&
RAYMOND TERRACE CHRISTMAS SHOW N SHINE**

Irrawang High School CAPA Faculty are the heart and sole of the Santa Arrival Parade each year, and in 2018 we feel that you have outshone yourselves once again. The organising, the presentation, the talent and possibly the greatest attribute of all, the behaviour and attitude of all involved is outstanding.

What a fantastic day!! Thank you so much for being an integral part of this very special Community Event in Raymond Terrace.

It was such a great thrill to see so many people attend the Centre and the Sportsground to not only see Santa arrive in the RAAF Bushmaster, but also interact with our local services and have some fun with the free entertainment as well as the Show N Shine.

But as always, the highlight of the event is the Drum Corp and Dance Ensemble leading the Parade and welcoming Santa to Raymond Terrace. Whilst we have all seen them perform in the past, they continually amaze us all with the enthusiasm and attitude that they bring to each and every performance, where ever they may be. A special thanks Adele for organising the on stage talent during the Remembrance Ceremony. Fantastic talent and a fantastic addition to our Event, which truly made the day memorable for all of the right reasons.

The total amount raised on the day for Legacy Newcastle (including a \$5,000 donation from the MarketPlace Owners) was \$7,500, and Legacy have advised that the final number will be in the vicinity of \$12,700 from their sales as well as the bucket donations etc on the day. This is a fantastic result !

We certainly received fantastic feedback on the event and in particular the students of Irrawang High School.

As always, we welcome any feedback that you may have on the running of the event and anything that you feel we could do differently to improve on any future events.

Again, thank you for being part of this fantastic Community Event in 2018.

Yours sincerely

MARKETPLACE RAYMOND TERRACE


Colleen Mulholland-Ruiz
CENTRE MANAGER / MARKETING MANAGER



Stewart Murrell
GENERAL MANAGER

News from CAPA cont'd

Highlights from the Santa Arrival Parade

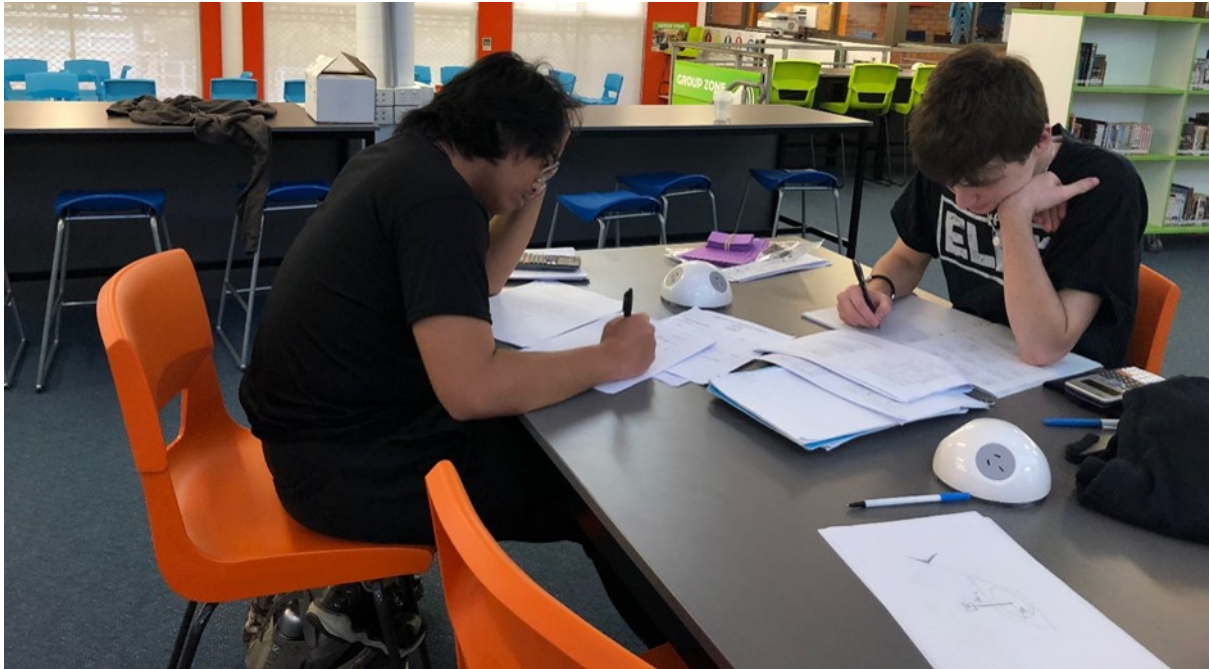


News from Maths

In Mathematics, we are excited to move with the future, and keep up with the latest theories of best practice to give each student their best chance for success.

HSC

Recently, Year 12 sat their HSC for Mathematics. We are looking forward to the results, knowing that a number of students worked extremely hard in the lead up to their exams. There was a record number of students sitting the highest course and it was inspiring to see their passion for Mathematics.



Junior Assessment Week

Week 5 of Term 4 was assessment week for junior students. Many students accessed the support of their teachers throughout their break times, including morning, recess and lunch lessons, as well as snack and study where there are always at least two maths teachers each week. Students received a booklet with revision of the assessable topics two weeks before the exam to help with their preparation. We are very proud of the efforts of our dedicated staff and students during the assessment period.

Year 11 Flipped Learning and Excursion

Students completed Year 11 at the end of Term 3, and have begun their HSC this term. A number of students have been involved in an innovative method for learning called “Flipped Learning.” Flipped Learning provides students the opportunity to take responsibility for their own learning, manage their time, fit their study and progress around part time jobs and extra-curricular activities. Students are provided with videos and examples of all content, and access to laptops. There are two teachers on the class,

News from Maths cont'd

and students have access to the future focused classroom, with whiteboard desks and spaces for cooperative learning. While this new style of learning has definitely challenged some students, they have learned a great range of skills to prepare them for the real world and we see it as a huge success.

To celebrate the resilience and explore “real-learning” opportunities, Year 11 attended an excursion to Sydney where they completed a “great race” around circular quay and stayed at the Youth Hostel in Sydney. We took the opportunity to read timetables, solve challenges and visit famous historical places. Dinner was at China Town, and we finished off the excursion with a trip to the stock exchange. Those students who were involved were outstanding, with exceptional respect and a positive attitude.



News from Maths cont'd

Accelerated and Enrichment Students

A number of students are currently participating in acceleration and enrichment classes. Students performing at the highest of levels are invited to work in their own time with a specialist teacher and at their own pace to achieve to their potential. In 2019, eight Year 8 students will be invited to participate in the enrichment and acceleration classes.

Numeracy Program

One hundred and sixteen Year 8 students are currently participating in an intensive numeracy program, which involves small group activities using hands-on approaches to engage and improve mathematics. Students range in abilities and classes and are very appreciative of the help. This program has been running for six years and highly successful in improving both skills and attitude towards mathematics. These results have been long lasting, and students who have recently participated in their HSC would have benefitted from these lessons in previous years. A big thank you to Mrs Garner for designing and organising the program and always having the students' best interests at heart.



Year 7 Future Focused Teachers

In 2019, Miss White and Mr Pi will be delivering lessons based on the school's new "Future Focused" model. This includes teaching from a holistic approach and involving multiple subject areas to deliver engaging lessons that encourage skills for students to have a successful future. We will keep you posted!

Ms S Bailey

Head Teacher Mathematics

Year 10 Portfolios

Year 10 had their Portfolio presentations recently and were interviewed about their body of work by a panel of three: a teacher, a Year 9 student and a community member, who provide written feedback to each student. Students had the option of attending in full school uniform or appropriate interview attire. This is a much anticipated annual event and treated as a serious job interview.

Huge thanks to all the community members who attended representing Port Stephens Council, Raymond Terrace Lions, Plan-it Youth, IHS P&C and Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Thank you also to the teachers and Year 9 students who gained valuable insight into what is expected of them next year.



Cerebral Palsy Alliance Awareness Day

Our recent out of uniform and crazy hair day was a huge success. WE RAISED OVER \$700! A BIG thank you to our school community.

Rachael and Kate from Cerebral Palsy Alliance attended our assembly and gave an insight on all things Cerebral Palsy and what the Cerebral Palsy Alliance offer to their patients.

We also met the beautiful Ally Cook, the younger sister of Year 8 student Bonnie Cook and the inspiration behind Bonnie wanting to hold today's fundraiser. Huge thanks to all involved.



IHS Supporters

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.

If your child is experiencing these frustrations and they need an extra hand in English or Maths, then call Christine to see how we can help.

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NSW Government Schools Term Dates 2018

Term 4	Monday 15 October - Friday 21 December
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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.

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.



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