Important Dates

**TERM 4: TUES 6 OCT - FRI 18 DEC**

- **Fri 23-26 Oct**
  - CAPA Outback (NSW/SA) Tour
  - P & C Meeting - 6:30pm MICA
  - Yr 9 Maths Exam - Hall

- **Tues 27 - Thur 29 Oct**
  - Yr 10 Exams - Hall

- **Fri 30 Oct**
  - Yr 10 Portfolios

- **Mon 2 Nov**
  - Vaccinations

- **Mon 2 - Wed 4 Nov**
  - Yr 9 Exams

- **Thur 5 Nov**
  - 7E 2016 Orientation

- **Mon 9 Nov**
  - Lemon Car Project

- **Mon 9 - Tues 17 Nov**
  - VALID Science 8 Testing

- **Mon 16 Nov**
  - World of Work

- **Thur 19 Nov**
  - Yr 8 Hist Vikings Show

- **Mon 23 Nov**
  - P & C Meeting - 6:30pm MICA

- **Mon 23 - Tues 24 Nov**
  - World of Work

- **Wed 25 Nov**
  - Yr 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

*School Development Days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year. Check with the school, as schools may vary some of these dates.

---

### Principal’s comments:

**Vale Faye Wheaton 1951-2015**

It is with deep sadness I inform you that FAYE WHEATON passed away on the 14 October 2015 after some time of ill health. Faye had been employed at Irrawang High School as a School Administration Support Officer (SASS) from 1988 until her retirement at the end of 2011.

Those who knew Faye cherish the memories of a very compassionate, hardworking, conscientious and modest person who was often the first point of contact between the school and the community.

The school extends its sympathy to her husband Roger, children Rachael, Mark and their families.

### Congratulations to:

- **Kristi Devetak**
  - appointed Head Teacher Special Ed Kotara High School.

- **Sarah Bailey**
  - appointed Maths Head Teacher replacing Mr Dan Garner.

- **Meagan Witchard**
  - appointed as a permanent Dance/Drama teacher.

- **Christine Wilson**
  - We wish to acknowledge a most valuable member of staff, Christine Wilson who officially retired on 12/7/2015 from the Department of Education. Her career in education covered a range of experiences including teaching Design and Technology, Food Technology, Textiles and Design, Hospitality Kitchen Operations/Commercial Cookery. She was also qualified to teach Family

---

### Inside this issue:

HSC Exams - Monday 12 October - Wednesday 4 November
**Good luck Year 12!!!**

---

### P & C Meetings

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

**Date:** Monday 26 October 2015

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Where:** MICA Room

- This is a chance to meet other parents and learn what is going on at your child’s school.
- Become involved in your school community.
- Have your say in your child’s/children’s education.
- Principal in attendance.

---

**Mount Hall Road
RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324
P: 49874687  F: 49831027**

Principal: Mr C Elliott

www.irrawang-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

irrawang-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Congratulations to our school leaders for 2015/2016

Our school leaders for 2015/2016 were announced last term. Big congratulations to Captains - Joshua Ferguson and Amy Weston; Vice Captains - Jack Caban and Sarah Swainson and Senior Student Leader - Jazmine Hughes.

Pictured L-R: Jazmine, Sarah, Amy, Principal Mr Elliott, Joshua and Jack

Snack and Study-Homework Centre

Snack and Study (Homework Centre) is held every Monday afternoon from 3:30 - 5:30pm in the school library. Teachers and staff are on hand to help with homework, projects and school assignments. Afternoon tea is also provided. So let’s make the most of this wonderful opportunity and support the Snack and Study Centre every Monday. If you would like to come along, please get a form from the front office or see Miss Morris.
Permanent Appointment for Ms Meagan Witchard

By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Big congratulations to Ms Meagan Witchard who was recently appointed as permanent teacher Creative and Performing Arts – Dance and Drama. A trained dancer, Ms Witchard has been at Irrawang High on a temporary contract for three years with outstanding results. Since her arrival, elective numbers in dance and drama have increased dramatically.

Ms Witchard often starts work early and leaves late on a regular basis to work with the dance and drama ensembles which have successfully represented the school at various festivals around the Hunter. Ms Witchard hopes to continue to build the profile of dance and drama at Irrawang High School by providing opportunities for the students to think and act creatively.

Retirement of Mr Bruce Bews

By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Having originally trained as an Optometrist, Mr Bews decided to become a teacher and attended the University of Wollongong with his first position at Condobolin High School as a Mathematics teacher in 1983.

Mr Bews was appointed to Irrawang High School in 1988 in the Mathematics faculty and has always believed in the importance of high quality teaching and giving students the best experience possible.

As well as class teaching, Mr Bews was very involved with sport at Irrawang High and in performing arts with his particular talent in organising, setting up and directing the lighting. He was involved from the beginning with "Showcase" which he participated in from 2005 until 2013.

We wish Mr Bews a long, healthy and happy retirement . . . with lots of golf.

Congratulations to . . . Ms Sarah Bailey

By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Following a rigorous interview process, former Irrawang High student, the popular and committed Ms Sarah Bailey, has been appointed Head Teacher Maths. Ms Bailey has always given her all to her students as the GATS coordinator; Year Advisor for the past four years and teaching Extension 2 amongst many other jobs and projects that come her way. In this new role, Ms Bailey will continue to focus on 21st century practices by engaging with students and focusing on learning and numeracy.

Congratulations Ms Bailey!
VALID Science 8, (formally ESSA), Irrawang High School 2015
By Mr G Larkman
Head Teacher Science

Irrawang High School will be participating in this program for all Year 8 students in 2015. This program is designed to provide parents, students and our school with valuable information about the performance of our students and school. In addition the test will raise community awareness of science education.

All Year 8 Parents will be contacted by letter which will set out the following information.

Dear Parent or Carer

The Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between Monday 9 November and Tuesday 17 November 2015. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 5 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years K-10 Syllabus. Students will be tested on their:

- Knowledge and understanding of science
- Understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- Ability to evaluate evidence, make judgments and think critically
- Ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values.

Since students complete VALID Science 8 on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into the schools computers. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable. If you are unable to provide headphones or earbuds please see your science teacher for assistance.

If your student has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact Irrawang High School to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1, 2016. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your student’s results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

For further information about VALID Science 8 please contact Graeme Larkman, Head Teacher Science, Irrawang High School.

Living World War I for Year 9 students
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Year 9 students currently studying World War I were treated recently to an excellent presentation by Shane from World War 1 Living History. Shane set up a "trench and hospital" scene for the students and went into detail about life in the trenches for the troops, communications, weapons/ammunitions, uniforms, gas warfare, food and the kit.

"We wanted the students to hear first hand about the war by talking to an expert, consolidate what they are learning in class and bringing the subject to life," said Ms Donnelly, Head Teacher HSIE.
Australian Geography Competition – brilliant results from our students
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Big congratulations to Year 9 student, Jack Sulis on his brilliant result in achieving a High Distinction in the intermediate level of the 2015 Australian Geography Competition.

Congratulations are also in order for Year 10 student, Chloe Ashton who achieved a fabulous Credit in the intermediate level.

The competition challenges Australian secondary school students to demonstrate their geographical knowledge and skills.

Well done to Jack and Chloe (pictured right) and all the students who participated – great effort!

Students uphold school's values with excellent behaviour!
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Term 3 saw 133 students recognised for upholding the principles of our PBL program – Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Unfortunately not all these students could receive a prize, however, after a draw from a hat, four lucky students each received a prize of $100 at our school assembly. The lucky students this term were: Jacinta Halson, Rory Dawson, Rachel Nicou and Stacey Binskin.

This is a tremendous accomplishment for these students for achieving 95%+ for attendance, exemplary classwork and behaviour. Congratulations to you all!!

Pictured L-R: Rachel Nicou, Stacey Binskin and Rory Dawson

School boasts brand new floor in dance studio
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

With the same timber sprung and tarkett flooring as professional dance schools and companies in Australia, the Irrawang High School dance studio is now second to none.

Over the holidays the room size was increased by nearly one third, the roof raised and the flooring installed. Together with a mirrored wall and one of the best dance teachers around in Ms Witchard, our dance and drama students now have the most wonderful facilities.
Geography – Asia Wise Program
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Geography teachers, Ms Wotton and Ms Connor (pictured below) are currently engaging their Year 10 Project Real Geography students with the “Asia Wise” program. The goal of the program is to create an Asia literate Australia, by raising the level of knowledge and understanding of Asia.

The Project REAL students are encouraged to be a part of a global community with smart programs, resources and engaging activities that develop their understanding of the History, Geography and Cultures of Asia.

School/Parent partnerships benefit from enhanced communication

Irrawang High School firmly believes parents/carers play a vital role in supporting successful learning outcomes for our children. Effective two way communication between parents and schools involves sharing and opportunities to learn about each other.

Parents and students have access to an ever expanding wealth of information on the school’s Parent/Student Portal – accessible through Sentral, our school operating system. Currently parents/carers can access various options:

- student timetables
- parent/teacher interviews
- advising the school of absences
- sending messages to teachers
- view their student’s timetables
- submit change of family details
- view school newsletters

In 2016 parents will also be able to access their student’s assessments and tasks, and the full school calendar. All students will also have full access.

To access the parent portal at the moment:

Please log on to the Internet and register for access to our Parent Portal by copying below link to your browser:

http://web1.irrawang-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/register

You must use a valid email address to create your username. Once successfully registered you will be prompted to enter your username (email address) and the password you created. To see information from the school and to link to your enrolled children, enter your unique access key provided once you have registered.

The URL for continued access to the portal to be copied into your browser is:

http://web1.irrawang-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal

Sorry - no reheating student’s own meals in Canteen

Because of the NSW Department of Health and W H & S issues, the canteen staff are unable to heat student’s meals brought in from home in the microwave.

If you experience difficulties please do not hesitate to contact Nicola Steiner, Relieving Head Teacher - Administration (Students), for assistance on 49874687. We also look forward to hearing from you about your experience with our Parent Portal, and any feedback will be gratefully received with a view to adding further functionality and improvement.
Tournament of the Minds/Year 12 Major Works

Tournament of the Minds champions
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Irrawang High School was the only state/government high school in the recent Secondary Social Sciences challenge division of TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDs . . . AND WE WON . . . CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!

The team comprised of:

- Year 7: Victoria Jarvis and Tasmy Fellows
- Year 8: Maddison Russ and Jessica Halloran
- Year 9: Jessie Dennett and Robert Lewis
- Year 10: Alyson Wright

Tournament of the Minds is a problem solving programme for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:

- Applied Technology
- Language Literature
- Maths Engineering
- Social Sciences

Tournament of the Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way (from their website).

Our team had been meeting to work on their long term challenge Social Sciences ‘You are the Weakest Link.’ The challenge involved the team selecting three people from the list of possible historical characters provided. These characters from history have been selected to compete in a reality TV survivor-style challenge. The team outlined each character’s contribution to society and the possible consequences of his/her deletion from history. The team also decided who would stay, who would be voted out and what would be the actual impact of their extraction from history.

The team then attended the NSW State Final on 13 September, along with students from Raymond Terrace Public School who are also off to the state champs.

Thanks to teacher, Mrs Gioia for her encouragement and support.

---

Year 12 HSC timber masterpieces
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

The pieces have been marked and now the HSC Industrial Technology Timber and Furnishing students will have a wait till the results come in.

Students have been planning, preparing and building their pieces since Term 4 last year, and they look fantastic. The furniture is worth 60% of their marks.

Well done gentlemen!

Please see more photos on next page . . .
Irrawang High leads the way!

By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Virtual reality goggles are on their way to our school.

Check out our Principal Mr Elliott with the most up-to-date technology to hit schools - arriving soon!
Drum Corps farewell Cpl Andrew Summers on his walk to Sydney
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Our amazing Drum Corps provided an amazing farewell from the ANZAC Memorial Walk in Newcastle to Cpl Andrew Summers who along with several defence personnel and supporters walked to Martin Place in Sydney to raise awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

An absolute highlight was a very close flyover from a RAAF Hornet. MarketPlace Raymond Terrace were Andrew’s main sponsors, providing every meal on their five day walk.

Free health checks and a whole lot of fun for our Indigenous students
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Irrawang High School in partnership with Hunter New England Health and Awabakal conducted health and wellbeing days for Indigenous students in Years 7-11 recently at Murrook.

This gave students the opportunity to have a basic health check and participate in a range of activities designed to increase their health, wellbeing and fitness knowledge. Lots of cultural activities and giveaways ensured a good day was had by all.

150 blood donations - an amazing achievement!
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Maths teacher, Ms Leanne Hines was recently recognised for her incredible support of the Australian Red Cross Blood service for her gift of 150 blood donations. Ms Hines makes the trip into Newcastle on a fortnightly basis to donate plasma with every donation saving up to three lives . . . what a wonderful and generous gesture.

Plasma contains very important proteins, nutrients and clotting factors which help to prevent or stop bleeding. An average adult has approximately five litres of blood, three litres of which are plasma.

Congratulations and thank you Ms Hines!
NSW CHS Athletics Championships Results

Congratulations to our following athletes:

- Elizabeth Kelly in the 13 Years Girls Hurdles achieved 3rd in her heat and 5th in the State Final
- Dylan Petith in the 13 Years Boys Long Jump achieved 10th place in the State
- Bradley Marshall in the 14 Years Boys Hurdles achieved 8th in the State in the 100m Hurdles and 6th in his 200m Hurdles heat.

Boys 15 Years Basketball

The boys basketball team were defeated by Hunter Sports High School in the second round of the State Knockout. The team tried hard but found HSHS too good. Hunter Sports High school then went on to win the Hunter region competition.

Congratulations to our champion lawn bowler

By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Year 10 student Corey Petethebridge continues to impress as part of an eight person Hunter team who won GOLD at the CHS State Lawn Bowling Championships in Armidale in the last holidays . . . first win in 10 years for a Hunter team. Woohoo!

On the back of that success, Corey was selected to play in the CHS Development Squad against the NSW under 18’s team in Port Macquarie with another success.

Congratulations Corey!

Support Classes Athletics Carnival

By Mrs K Lilley
SLSO Senior Support Class

On Monday 7 September the Junior and Senior IOIS Support classes participated in the annual IOTA’s Athletics Carnival at Glendale.

A FANTASTIC day was had by all students, teachers and parents. Our enthusiastic team competed in athletic track and field events as well as ball games and the march past.

Our team, coached by the wonderful Mrs Griffith, was outstanding in all events, coming second in the tunnel ball and 3rd in the captain ball. Unfortunately we did not retain the trophy that we won in the march past last year (even though our marching was magnificent).

Special mention to Kyle Dwyer who had a great day of competition coming first in the intermediate boys 100m, 200m, 400m, high jump and shot put. Also to Riley Briggs who is in his final year for showing great leadership, sportsmanship and team spirit.
Our own Archibull!
By Chloe Ashton, Sara Wilson, Emily Moss, Lincoln Hunter and Dylan Hopper

Agriculture and Art students have been challenged over the past few months to plan, create, design and paint a fiberglass cow for entry into the "Archibull" Competition run by Art4Agriculture.

The topic of "grain" was to be incorporated into the artwork. The students also decided to incorporate modern technologies into the design.

This program has been running successfully in NSW for the past three years and 2015 will see the Archibull Prize expand to other Australian states.
Lots happening on the Ag Plot!

Trade Training Centre - school agricultural plot

By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Our state of the art Trade Training Centre is always busy but especially at the moment. Vegetables are ready including radishes, carrots, spinach, cauliflower and the lettuce will supply canteen in a few weeks.

Tocal College generously donated Louis, the 12 month old Brangus steer as part of an inter school competition held in September.

Fifteen students from Years 8-10 formed an Agriculture Show Team and met every Tuesday and Friday at recess to prepare for the competition – grooming, feeding and halter breaking – getting Louis accustomed to being touched.

Fourteen students accompanied by Primary industry teacher, Ms Tanya Henry and farm assistant extraordinaire, Mr Peter Slade attended the Tocal Steer Challenge last term - and without even taking Louis our school steer came away with a bag of medals! The inexperienced students from Years 8-10 had expressed an interest in the challenge and have been meeting weekly to discuss strategies and learn more about the animals. IHS placed 1st in the Junior Steer Judging and 3rd in the Senior, an outstanding effort! We also placed 5th in the Herdsman section. Well done everyone - and BTW you looked fantastic in your uniforms!

New fences are currently being built with students removing the old posts under the guidance of Mr Slade and the fantastic Ms Tanya Henry, our innovative, inspiring and hardworking Primary Industry teacher.

Our Support Class students also have their own vegie patch and are often seen around school selling their fresh beautiful vegetables to appreciative teachers and staff.

Plan-it-Youth mentors were very impressed recently after visiting the farm, inspecting the vegie patch and making friends with the animals.

Principal Mr Elliott also escorted a visiting group of high school Principals to our fabulous farm with Ms Henry on hand to discuss all aspects of farm life.
GATS enrichment afternoon
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

An entertaining and positive enrichment day was held at school recently involving our Gifted and Talented students along with students from our partner primary schools.

Many things were on display – the robotics, electric bikes, HSC artwork and music, a Tournament of the Minds presentation as well as the ever popular bridge building/collapsing competition. However, there could only be one winner in the comp and that was the Year 4 group from Raymond Terrace Public School – with a whopping 69.7kgs. Just a few paddle pop sticks, some glue and great ingenuity!

Special congrats to Ms Bailey and her team for a really interesting and productive afternoon!

Have you changed your personal details?
If your student has any change in their personal details eg doctor, emergency contact, telephone no., address etc, please inform the school ASAP.
Boomerang Park Excursion
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

The Year 7 Geography Fieldwork Excursion to Boomerang Park was a huge success with engaged and well behaved students, motivating and interesting speakers, and perfect weather.

The students broke into five smaller groups of Weed Management, Waste Management, Orienteering, Weather and Worimi Country and rotated until the groups had been visited by each student.

The day was very well organised by head teacher HSIE, Ms Cath Donnelly and together with her team and support staff provided another outdoors element to the students learning.

A big thank you to our guest presenters on the day!

Motivational Quotes to Live By

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential . . .

these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

Confucius
A reminder to all Irrawang High families that we have a wonderful school mobile app with lots and lots of information about the school. And its free to install! You can check out the school website, newsletters, the calendar, school sporting venues, bell times, change of detail forms, absent notes and lots more. We can also keep in touch with you by sending out important messages which will sound an alert when it arrives on your phone. There is also a section for our school sponsors - so please support those that support us.

**FREE School Phone App**

**How to Install Our School App**

**On Apple**
- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

**Android/Google Play**
- On your SmartPhone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for our school name
- Press install
- Your app will start installing instantly

**To open our School App**
- Look for our schools app icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically

**If you encounter troubles**
- Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it

**NSW Government Schools Term Dates - 2016**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Dates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Term 1</td>
<td>Wednesday 27 January to Friday 8 April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 2</td>
<td>Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 3</td>
<td>Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 4</td>
<td>Monday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year.*

**Term 4: TUE 6 OCT - FRI 18 DEC**

Fri 27 Nov  Year 8 Mathematics  Luna Park Excursion
Mon 30 Nov  Jump Start Training
Tue 1 Dec   CAPA Performance Night
Wed 2 Dec   Year Assemblies
Thu 3 Dec   Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
Fri 4 Dec   Year Assemblies
Fri 11 Dec  Big Day Out
Wed 16 Dec  Presentation Day/Last Day of Term 4 for all Students
Thu 17 Dec  Year 12 Breakfast
Fri 18 Dec  LAST DAY OF TERM 4

**MORE IMPORTANT DATES**

**Term 1**

Fri 20 Jan - Fri 9 Feb 2017
Fri 10 Feb 2017  Co-curricular/External School Excursion
Mon 13 Feb 2017  School Closing Day
Wed 15 Feb 2017  College Day
Thu 16 Feb 2017  APS Closed
Wed 22 Feb 2017  Preparation Day
Fri 24 Feb 2017  College Day
Mon 27 Feb 2017  College Day
Wed 1 Mar 2017  College Day
Fri 3 Mar 2017  College Day

**Term 2**

Mon 6 Mar 2017  College Day
Wed 8 Mar 2017  College Day
Fri 10 Mar 2017  College Day
Mon 13 Mar 2017  College Day
Wed 15 Mar 2017  College Day
Fri 17 Mar 2017  College Day
Mon 20 Mar 2017  College Day
Wed 22 Mar 2017  College Day
Fri 24 Mar 2017  College Day
Mon 27 Mar 2017  College Day
Wed 29 Mar 2017  College Day
Fri 31 Mar 2017  College Day

**Term 3**

Mon 3 Apr 2017  College Day
Wed 5 Apr 2017  College Day
Fri 7 Apr 2017  College Day
Mon 10 Apr 2017  College Day
Wed 12 Apr 2017  College Day
Fri 14 Apr 2017  College Day
Mon 17 Apr 2017  College Day
Wed 19 Apr 2017  College Day
Fri 21 Apr 2017  College Day
Mon 24 Apr 2017  College Day
Wed 26 Apr 2017  College Day
Fri 28 Apr 2017  College Day

**Term 4**

Mon 1 May 2017  College Day
Wed 3 May 2017  College Day
Fri 5 May 2017  College Day
Mon 8 May 2017  College Day
Wed 10 May 2017  College Day
Fri 12 May 2017  College Day
Mon 15 May 2017  College Day
Wed 17 May 2017  College Day
Fri 19 May 2017  College Day
Mon 22 May 2017  College Day
Wed 24 May 2017  College Day
Fri 26 May 2017  College Day

**Next Courses**

- Nelson Bay Thurs 12 November @ 5:00pm
- Raymond Terrace Thurs 19 November @ 1:00pm

Contact PCYC Port Stephens on 49813099 or online at pcycnsw.org
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.

4983 1000
Koryu Uchinadi Kenpo Jutsu

Practical, Application - Based Martial Arts

**Full time training centre now open at:**
9 Kangaroo St
Raymond Terrace
Classes for Juniors (4-7yo), Youths (8-15yo), mixed age & adults.
Open 5 days a week.

Koryu Uchinadi Teaches:
Strikes, Kicks, Throws, Joint Locks, Strangles & Grappling

Koryu Uchinadi Develops:
Health & Fitness, Self Confidence & Self Discipline

Ph Sensei Bob King - 49964700 or 0416197644
www.kunewcastle.com

---

**Abundance Auto Recycling**

Have you got an old car or caravan around your place that you want removed?

Let Brett take all the hassle and worry away from you and get the job done quickly and without any fuss.

Specialising in removal of car bodies, caravans and small trucks from Newcastle, Port Stephens and Lake Macquarie areas.

Contact Brett on:
0417067080
RAYMOND TERRACE WINDSCREEN SERVICES

Does your windscreen need repairing quickly? Look no further than Geoff Foot to help you out with his same day mobile service.

- cars * trucks * buses * 4WDs * plant machinery
- * custom cars * custom auto glass

Also insurance and emergency work and servicing ALL areas

Locally owned and operated for 20 years

P: 0427833269
E: ka.foot@bigpond.com

NSW Government Schools
Term Dates - 2015

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Dates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Term 1</td>
<td>Tuesday 27 January to Thursday 2 April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 2</td>
<td>Monday 20 April to Friday 26 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 3</td>
<td>Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 4</td>
<td>Tuesday 6 October to Friday 18 December</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year.

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!

At your local Girl Guide unit
For girls aged 6 - 17 years

Leadership opportunities for women 18 years and over

Guides enjoy challenging and fun programs of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings -
Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

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.

www.marketplaceraymondtace.com.au

MarketPlace
Love this place . . . for Supporting Local Community Partnerships

35 - 39 William Street, Raymond Terrace | PHONE 4987 7686
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: .................................

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: .................................

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: .................................
have you changed your address? - please let us know

Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Address: ........................................................................................................................................................................

email: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Phone: ................................................................. Student’s Name: .................................................................

Mobile: ................................................................. Year: .................................................................

If you hold a bus pass, please see staff in the Photocopy Room