Relieving Principal’s Report
By Mr C McCord

NEWSFLASH: Congratulations to Alannah Newell and Eliza Cummings!

Welcome to the 2015 school year. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable break during the school holidays and students are ready to start off the school year with energy and commitment to their studies.

I would like to welcome new students and their families to the Irrawang High School community, along with the following staff:

Mrs Melanie Clarke who has been appointed Head Teacher English; Ms Amanda Williams who has been appointed as Support Teacher and will be teaching the Junior IO/IS class; Ms Tanya Henry will be teaching in the Science faculty and teaching Agriculture and Mr Harsha DeSilva who will be teaching in the Science faculty in Term 1. The school would also like to welcome our new canteen supervisor, Ms Allison Ryner. Allison was previously managing the canteen at Medowie Public School.

Students have been issued with the Irrawang High School diary during the first week of school. They are proving to be popular and I encourage parents/caregivers to talk to their child about using the diary in helping to keep organised and meet key dates for homework/assessment tasks.

I would like to congratulate Alannah Newell who was selected as the Port Stephens Council Youth Citizen of the Year. Alannah is our school captain and is an outstanding role model for our students and wider community alike. I have no doubt she will do an outstanding job in her role for 2015. Well done Alannah!

I would also like to congratulate Jack Caban in Year 10. Jack participated in the National Futsal titles in January and has been selected in the Australian under 18 Futsal team. He will be travelling to Brazil with the team in November/December. This is his third year of selection in the Australian squad. Jack is also in the under 17 elite NPL squad for Adamstown rosebuds.

Three of our student leaders, Eliza Cummings, Alannah Newell and Jedadia Wallman participated in the Raymond Terrace Lions Youth of the Year competition held at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on Wednesday 18 February, whilst Brodie Daniels competed in the Medowie Lions competition last year. The students presented a five minute speech and answered two impromptu questions. All three were outstanding with Eliza winning the Public Speaking section and Alannah announced as the overall winner. Alannah will progress to Zone final in a few weeks and we wish her all the best. Our school was incredibly well represented by these students!

P & C Meetings

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

Date: Monday 23 February 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.
• Relieving Principal in attendance.

Pictured from left: Alannah Newell, Jed Wallman and Eliza Cummings

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IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

Important Dates

TERM 1: TUE 27 JAN - THURS 2 APR
Fri 20 Feb • Wet’n’Wild CAPA Excursion
Fri 27 Feb • School Photos
Mon 22 Feb • P & C Meeting 6:30pm in MICA
Wed 4 Mar • Yr 12 - Bella Vista Excursion
Fri 6 Mar • Yr 10 - Stockton Beach Excursion
Wed 11 Mar • Yr 7 - MANA The Spirit of Polynesia
Thurs 12 Mar • Blood Donations
Thurs 17 Mar • Yr 12 - Riverside Theatre
Fri 20 Mar • Spanish Culture Day
Mon 23 Mar • P & C Meeting 6:30pm in MICA
Thurs 2 Apr • Last Day of Term 1
Mon 20 Apr • Pupil Free Day
• First Day of Term 2 for STAFF ONLY

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

Families are reminded that the school photographer will be at school on Friday February 27. Notes have been sent home, so if you would like this opportunity to capture the memory of your child’s school year please return the permission note to school as soon as possible. Family photos are also welcome. A reminder for students that full school uniform must be worn. Thank you.

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Welcome New Teachers

Warm Irrawang High Welcome to the following Teachers...
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Mrs Melanie Clarke - Head Teacher English
Mrs Clarke, a former Irrawang High student has been appointed Head Teacher English. Mrs Clarke (pictured right) was a targeted graduate from the University of Newcastle and has taught at various high schools including Foster and Callaghan College Waratah. For the past 10 years she has been at the Hunter School of Performing Arts in Newcastle.

“The main reason I decided to become a teacher was being inspired as a student by Mrs Lesley Gioia and I hope to bring to my students here my enthusiasm, knowledge and love of literature,” said Mrs Clarke.

Ms Amanda Williams - Classroom Teacher
Ms Amanda Williams (pictured left) has been appointed as classroom teacher for the IO/IS class. Last year, Ms Williams completed her Masters Degree in Special Education whilst teaching in Western NSW.

“I have a beautiful class and I look forward to a successful and engaging year,” she said.

Ms Williams is looking forward to meeting all the parents at a morning tea in the near future.

Mrs Renee Allison - School Chaplain
Having worked with various Indigenous communities, social services, family and disabled support areas and as a primary School Chaplain in the Northern Territory, Renee (pictured right) is looking forward to her new role as School Chaplain and Special Religion Education teacher for students in Years 7 and 8 at Irrawang High School.

Renee and her young family have also experienced life in various other towns around Australia due to her husband’s RAAF postings.

She will continue to build relationships and support staff, students and their families. Renee will be co-ordinating Breakfast Club for students on Tuesdays and looks forward to meeting all students.

Ms Tanya Henry - Teacher - Agriculture, Primary Industries, Science
With a love of and an extensive background teaching in Agriculture/Primary Industry we are extremely fortunate to have Ms Henry (pictured left) join our staff to work with students predominately on the school farm.

There are exciting and new innovative strategies already in place to promote awareness and engage students, with Ms Henry also encouraging students to practise sustainability at home by starting their own vege patch.

At Ms Henry’s request, Tocal College is very generously loaning a steer and 1000kilos of feed to Irrawang High School for the students to learn about “Show & Groom.” The steer will be at school between May and September and will be broken in by Ms Henry and the students. Exciting times ahead!
Snack and Study Centre - All Welcome
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

All students are very welcome to attend Snack and Study (formerly The Homework Centre) every Monday during school term from 3:30 - 5:30pm in the school library.

Teachers and support staff are on hand to help with homework, assignments and preparation for upcoming exams. Afternoon tea is also provided. This is a happy, informal, learning environment and we encourage students who need that "little bit of extra help" to attend.

Top Council Australia Day Honours for School Captain
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

A huge congratulations to School Captain, Alannah Newell (pictured right) on being honoured as the 2015 Port Stephens Junior Citizen of the Year announced at the Australia Day festivities at Raymond Terrace. Alannah was recognised as a founding and active member of the Port Stephens Youth Council, her leadership roles with the Rotary Youth program RYPEN, as well as her involvement in raising money for local charities, ie Red Cross and Legacy through the school’s Student Representative Council. Alannah is also secretary of the school’s Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

Also honoured was former student, Lachlan White who was named the 2015 Port Stephens Junior Sportsperson of the Year for his outstanding achievements in sailing both at local, state and national levels. He will know very soon if he has gained a place on the International Sailing Federation’s Australian Youth Team. Lachlan has also raised money for local charities again through the school SRC.

After presenting the awards to these two wonderful young people, Mayor Bruce McKenzie acknowledged what a fine representation of young local people they were from Irrawang High School.

New Year 8 Year Advisors 2015
The new Year 8 Advisors are Mrs Burns and Mrs Pulsford. Mrs Pulsford works on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and Mrs Burns works on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Both are located in the PE faculty staffroom.

If you need to contact them regarding your son/daughter, please ring the school on 49 874 687 or email us on: melissa.carroll@det.nsw.edu.au rachelle.aguiar1@det.nsw.edu.au

Maths Tutor Available
Year 11 student, Joshua Ferguson is now available to tutor Maths for students in Years 5 - 10.

References available if required.

Please phone: 0437 303 744 for more information.
Congratulations Jack!/Alannah meets Tim!/Lulu

**Jack Selected for 3rd National Team**
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Year 11 student, Jack Caban has again been selected to travel to Brazil in an under 18 Australian Futsal team at the end of the year, following his inclusion and performance in the National Futsal Titles in January where he played two years above his age group. This is his third year of selection in an Australian squad. At this stage, Jack is unsure if he will make the trip but his dad who has been selected as a coach will be travelling to South America.

Jack has become an accredited Level 1 Futsal coach, and over the past five months has been coaching an Under 12’s girls team who went onto place overall 2nd in the Nationals held in January this year. From that girls team, five girls have been selected for the National Squad and one for the All Stars team. A great effort – congratulations coach Jack!

Jack will continue to play outdoor soccer this winter and has made it into the under 17s Elite NPL squad for Adamstown Rosebuds.

**School Captain Meets Socceroos Superstar**
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

A dream came true for School Captain, Alannah Newell when she met Tim Cahill at his four day football camp in Sydney at the end of Term 4 last year. Alannah was one of 20 students selected from all over Australia to be flown to Sydney with accommodation provided at The Kings School for the duration of the camp.

"It was a fantastic experience and I learnt so much, and it as great to meet Tim Cahill," said a very excited Alannah (pictured right).

**Lulu has a 5 ***** Holiday**
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Our school’s beautiful little miniature horse, Lulu was treated to a very special Christmas gift over the holidays went she went on a pampering five week farm stay holiday.

Whilst there she was treated as one of the family and had lunch on the balcony, had her long hair done in various styles and was generally spoilt every day. She then got to play with her four legged friends when she got bored with adult company.

We welcome her back to the school where she is the star attraction amongst all her old friends - cows, chickens and sheep, and of course the students and staff. What a life!
Enthusiastic Students Paint through their Holidays
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

A lovely surprise was in store for our students on their return to school following a fantastic holiday makeover of several classrooms by a group of truly exceptional students and teachers.

Ms Kate Connor, Ms Sarah Bailey and a happy group of helpers donned old clothes, picked up paintbrushes and transformed the classrooms with impressive murals - all in ONE DAY. Needless to say a lot of planning went into the makeover, so a big THANKYOU to all those who were happy to give up holiday time to ensure our students return to an even happier learning environment.

Well done and thank you!

House Captains and Vice Captains

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Sport
By Mr W Turner
Head Teacher PD/H/PE

Congratulations to the following students on their selection to the following house positions to assist in the running and encouragement of students at our Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals:

Coming Sporting Events:
Athletics Carnival 10 March 2015 - All day at Vai Barnett Oval
On that Tuesday, students who catch buses to school will be delivered to and picked up from the Vai Barnett Oval. If students walk or ride then they will need to provide their own transport to the oval. The carnival begins at 8:45am. Students can buy food and drink from a canteen on this day. They will not be allowed to go down the street/or home for lunch. In the event students are unable to actively participate in the carnival they should bring a note of explanation and they will be allocated a task to assist in running of the carnival. Students will participate in events as professionals (really serious competitors) or amateurs (students having fun with their peers).

Cross Country Carnival
On their SPORTS day in Week 7 (Years 7 & 8), Week 6 (Years 9-12), students will do the normal 2 periods of lessons, then recess. The cross country will be held in sport time only. Students will then do lunch and Period 5. The students will do their run/walk during sport. The course will be supervised by the staff and students need to follow all instructions. In the event students are unable to actively participate in the carnival they should bring a note of explanation and they will be allocated a task to assist in running of the carnival.
Sport
By Miss J Duma
PD/H/PE Faculty

Swimming Carnival
Our competitors only swimming carnival was held on Wednesday 4 February at Lakeside Leisure and Aquatic Centre. Although we only had a small number of competitors, all competed with much enthusiasm and displayed good sportsmanship. Thank you to all who participated in the carnival as competitors and those who acted as officials. Overall results are as follows:

Age Champions - Congratulations to all Age Champions.

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Zone Representatives
Eight students have qualified for the Port Stephens Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at Tomaree Aquatic Centre on 20 February 2015. Good luck to all competitors. A full report will follow in the next Newsletter.

PD/H/PE News

Health Topics
Throughout the year, students will be covering a number of issues within the units studied that are ‘Sensitive Topics.’ These include - Drugs, Sexual Health, Relationships and Mental Health throughout Years 7 – 10. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the PD/H/PE Department. Throughout the year Videos / DVDs / Film Clips will be shown that are relevant to the course. These have been viewed by PE Staff and have been recommended as suitable for the course content.

PE Uniform
All students were given a letter last year (and it was distributed again at the beginning of this year) in regards to requirements for PE and Sport Uniform. Please note that shorts for PE lessons and on Sports day must be a minimum of mid-thigh length, black sports shorts. If your child is unable to bring the correct uniform to change into for PE, they need to bring in a note explaining why, as well as an alternate change of uniform. Correct footwear was also covered in the letter given out stating shoes must be properly fitted lace up shoes. If you have any concerns in regards to correct PE and Sport Uniform, please feel free to contact the PD/H/PE Department.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge 2015
Irrawang High School will be participating in the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge again this year. The Challenge itself will start early Term 2. Any students interested in participating in this year’s Challenge need to collect an information sheet and permission note from the Admin / LOTE staffroom. For further information, please contact Miss Duma (IHS PSC Facilitator).

Benefits of team sports
If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated.

Avoiding injuries
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HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

VISITORS TO IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

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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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**GENERAL INFORMATION:**
- Canteen is open 8:30am - 8:45am, Recess and Lunch.
- Canteen is not open during class time.
- Lunches and Recess may be ordered before 8:45am.
- A permission note signed by a staff member is needed to use the canteen during class time.
- NO CREDIT.
- Please line up as indicated.
- Irrawang High School Canteen is operated by the P & C with a paid supervisor assisted by volunteers. Profits from the Canteen go to the P & C and are used to benefit the school community.
- Please be polite to those serving you. Service can be refused for disrespectful behaviour.

**HOT FOOD:**
- Hash Browns $1.00
- Hotdogs $2.00
- Pizza $2.00
- Pizza Roundas $2.00
- Chicken Burger $3.00
- Chicken Chilli Burger $3.00
- Cheese Burger $3.00
- Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll Terms 2 & 3 $3.00
- Hamburger $3.00
- Chilli Strip Roll $3.00
- Lasagna - Terms 2 & 3 $3.00
- Pies - Plain (Includes Sauce) $3.00
- Sausage Roll - (Includes Sauce) $2.50
- Tomato Sauce $.30c
- Chicken Nuggets & Sauce $3.00
- Meatball Roll $3.00
- Warm Chicken & Cheese Rolls - Terms 1 & 4 $3.00

**SNACKS:**
- Cheese & Bacon Roll $2.00
- Vanilla Slice $2.50
- Caramel Slice $2.50
- Custard Tart $3.00
- Caramel Tart $3.00
- Chips $2.50
- Donuts $2.00
- Finger Bun $2.00
- Muffins $2.00

**SANDWICHES:**
- All Sandwiches $3.00
- All Rolls $3.50
- Chicken Meat, Cold Meat, Salmon $.80c Extra

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- Saxby $3.00
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- Milk - 600ml $2.00
- Flavoured - 300ml $2.00
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- Flavoured - 600ml $3.50
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