**Principal's Comments**

**Education Week Celebrations**

Our Education Week celebrations started with a week of performances by most of our partner primary schools, Hunter River High School and Irrawang High School at MarketPlace Shopping Centre in Raymond Terrace. The performances were obviously appreciated by the public with students given rousing support. Big thanks to the MarketPlace team for giving our schools the opportunity to perform and showcase their talents to the wider community.

From all the Team at MarketPlace we wish to say a very BIG THANK YOU for all the hard work you did bringing Education Week to MarketPlace. It has been a great week with a lot of great feedback. I can say for sure MarketPlace will be happy to do this again next year.

You are both true assets to your community, your school and to MarketPlace. But you are not just assets you are both amazing giving ladies and the time you have given to MarketPlace and me personally will always be appreciated and remembered.

Thanks again.
Colleen Mulholland Ruiz
Centre Manager/Marketing Manager
Marketplace Raymond Terrace

**Showcase**

Showcase, our annual performing arts spectacular with this year’s theme - “Local Heroes” certainly showcased our local heroes - all the participating students from five schools and the teachers and staff who worked tirelessly for months to bring such a professional and incredible show to every school’s community.

On Tuesday night the talents of Irrawang High, Wirreanda PS...
and Grahamstown PS students were displayed, with Irrawang High, Irrawang PS and Medowie PS highlighted on Wednesday night.

According to the many who attended over the two evenings, this year was the best ever. Nothing happens without huge amounts of time invested in bringing such a huge production together, so a huge thanks to Ms Adele Robinson, Mr Ian Massey, Ms Meagan Witchard and their team of students front and back of house including those who hosted the visiting schools and looked after their needs all day.

The following letters were received from Mr Glen Whitton Principal Medowie PS, Mrs Nancye Farley Principal Irrawang PS and Ms Philippa Young Principal Wirreanda PS:

"I don't know how well the first night went but if your students and parents enjoyed the night half as much as I saw and heard ours did, you would have been exceptionally proud of your students efforts!! I was as delighted as all of the audience with the level of professionalism, coordination and choreography of all the acts presented.

...Please pass on my congratulations to your teachers and students for their efforts and SUCCESS!"

Glen Whitton
Principal
Medowie Public School

"Thank you Adele. Last night was spectacular and I was proud to be part of such a quality production. Our local heroes 'did us proud' and were a credit to Public Education."

Nancye Farley
Principal
Irrawang Public School

"Thanks Adele I thought it was the best Showcase I have seen. I really enjoyed it..."

Philippa Young
Principal
Wirreanda Public School

WOW - Congratulations Mr Elliott for over 50 years in public education!
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

With a career in public education spanning 51 years, our esteemed and highly regarded Principal, Mr Col Elliott was recognised for this outstanding achievement by Mr Rob Farley, Director of Public Schools, Callaghan and Port Stephens, at the official Education Week awards held recently.

Part of Mr Farley's speech is as follows...

" ...I don't have the honour of handing out too many 50 year certificates. Col has had a wonderful and diverse career. He loves teaching - and loves learning. His ideas and energy know no bounds. Thank you Col for the truly outstanding contribution you have made to so many students over the past 50 years in the various positions you have held within the Department."

Mr Farley also noted how conservatively Mr Elliott was dressed for the occasion – a black bowtie rather than bright red, yellow or multi-coloured.

From the whole school community a huge congratulations to Mr Elliott on his 51 years in Public Education and his contributions to our school in particular.
Education Week

The official Education Week awards were presented this year at Hunter River High School. Congratulations to the following recipients from Irrawang High:

- **Excellence in Student Achievement:** Alannah Newell and Brodie Daniels
- **Excellence in Teaching:** Mr Justin Tonks and Miss Jean Duma
- **Outstanding Achievement by a Non-Teaching Member of Staff:** Carrie Hunter and Natasha Alexander
- **Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member to the School:** Ken and Christine Hawkins, Kip McGrath Raymond Terrace
- **School Achievement Award:** PBL

Our guest speaker was Dr Michelle Bullmore, an ex-student and School Captain who unfortunately couldn’t attend because of illness. However, Mr Elliott read Dr Bullmore’s speech which outlined her journey from Irrawang High to her current role as GP at Raymond Terrace Family Practice.

Past student receives prestigious award

By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

A big congratulations to past student, Hayley Waterhouse in receiving a 2014 Australian Vocational Student Prize and Australian Award for Skills Excellence in Schools. Only 500 winners Australia wide received the award which comes with $1000 in prize money.

Hayley, who undertook Vocational Education and Training (VET) at school was nominated by Head Teacher TAS Mrs Jenny Noone for amongst other things, her motivation and dedication to realising her dreams of having a career in cake decorating and running her own business.

Along with her expertise and passion for food and cooking, Hayley was very involved in other aspects of school life. Hayley was a Troupe Captain for the school's Elite Dance Ensemble, a student choreographer for the Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles and the CAPA fundraising organiser.

Hayley is currently completing a 12 month Diploma in Hospitality Management Course at TAFE whilst also working at Euro Cakes in Newcastle with the possibility of securing an apprenticeship.

Our best wishes to Hayley for her future career.

The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.

Dr Seuss
**Principal’s comments cont’d . . .**

**Showcase**

Another outstanding Showcase and the overall quality of performances continues to get better and better. Our annual Showcase continues to earn a reputation for delivering an evening of exceptional CAPA items by all students. It was wonderful to have students perform to a full house and to hear the buzz of excitement and positive comments at the end of the evening.

I have to acknowledge that this was by far our most successful Showcase evening with all school’s receiving many positive comments for the huge effort everyone had put into showcasing their talented students. Involvement in Showcase can improve an individual’s sense of enjoyment, purpose, identity and in some will positively change the direction of their lives.

I am immensely proud of, and grateful for, the dedication of all teachers in producing such a high quality event. The pursuit of excellence and personal best; the values of commitment and team work; and the joy of learning and performing were all clearly on display. That students have these opportunities is a credit to staff and to the support and encouragement provided by parents and families.

My thanks go to all the teachers who were responsible for the various items. I would also like to thank the supervising teachers and Irrawang high students who looked after the children while they were not on stage. This is often a thankless and wearing task, but essential for the success of the evening.

Special thanks must go to the talented and creative Adele Robinson and her team who undertook all the planning and organising that goes into making such a big event run smoothly.

An event such as Showcase doesn’t happen without enormous support from the whole school community. Congratulations to all staff, students, parents and volunteers for their contribution to the amazing Showcase 2015.

**Hunter Dance Festival**

*Extract of letter from . . .
Merrita Jeffrey
Principal
Blackalls Park Public School*

Dear Col,

I've just arrived home from Hunter Dance Festival. After 4 nights in the holding room with different dance groups, tonight I had the pleasure to have my group sitting next to your dancers.

I can't really think of enough good things to say about them - they were polite, nice to my Year 3 students, supervised by a lovely teacher (one of few high school groups that did have a teacher supervising), left the area spotless and were just generally wonderful kids.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to the teacher and the girls concerned.

Regards,
Merrita
Congratulations to our amazing staff!

Our amazing staff
By Mr C Elliott
PRINCIPAL, and
Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

What an outstanding bunch of teachers we have at IHS!!

Big congrats to Miss Jean Duma (pictured below) on her High Distinction in Japanese in her first trimester with Bachelor of Education (in service conversion) majoring in Japanese.

Also congrats to Ms Clair Wotton (pictured right with Eliza Cummings) on the announcement of her winning one of only three NSW Teacher of the Year Awards following a nomination by Year 12 student, Eliza Cummings (check out the nomination). [http://www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au/](http://www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au/)

Congrats to IA teacher, Mr Michael Groth (pictured below with Mr Elliott) for his 25 year commitment to rugby league at Irrawang High.

Wow, aren’t we lucky to have staff of such high calibre!

Congratulations to . . .
Mr Dan Garner (pictured right) Head Teacher Mathematics who has been appointed as Head Teacher Mathematics at Kotara High School from the beginning of Term 4.

Dan was appointed as HT Mathematics at Irrawang High School in 2011. Dan’s relevant professional experience whilst at IHS include:

- Numeracy focused group leader and
- Improving Numeracy and Literacy National partnership (ILNLP) Coordinator
- Participated in team leadership for school improvement
- Participated in the Stronger, Smarter Leadership Program
- Co-led the Sentral Administration Program implementation
- Member of the school strategic planning committee

During his time at IHS, Dan has demonstrated:

- His ability to plan for the successful adoption, implementation and evaluation of new ideas
- His ability to work as part of an executive team
Congratulations to our amazing staff!

- A positive focus on improving outcomes for students both academically and socially
- His commitment to student achievement and continuous professional improvement
- Successful strategic leadership
- High order communication and organisational skills in the day-to-day operations of his faculty

The school wishes Dan all the very best in his move to Kotara High School.

Congratulations also to Ms Jessica Morris (pictured right) who has been appointed as a Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) to Irrawang High School.

Jess was formerly a teacher at Erskine Park High School in Sydney, but has worked as a LAST at IHS in a temporary capacity for the past 18 months.

VALID Science10 Irrawang High School 2015
By Mr G Larkman
Head Teacher Science

Irrawang High School will be participating in this new program for all Year 10 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 10 Parents will be contacted by letter which will set out the following information.

Dear Parent or Carer

The Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 10 students will be held between Monday 7 September and Friday 11 September 2015. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The VALID Science10 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. VALID Science 10 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 10 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 4, 2015. 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 10 please contact Graeme Larkman, Head Teacher Science, Irrawang High School.
Year 7 debating team off to a strong start
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

With little or no debating experience, four Year 7 students entered a round robin competition with Year 8 students from Maitland High School and performed admirably.

With the topic “No one should be allowed to post comments on-line anonymously,” our team of Isabela Kennedy, Tasmyn Fellows, Victoria Jarvis and Sarah Styles were debating for the affirmative. They performed very well, presenting some good arguments and rebuttals and were only just pipped at the post. With coaching from their English teacher, Ms Sam King the students are keen to start practise for the next round against Maitland Grossman to be held next term. Congratulations girls!!

Prime Minister in town to meet Alannah and our Principal
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Another well deserved accolade for our School Captain Alannah Newell (pictured right) after being named as a finalist in the 2015 Paterson Citizen of the Year Awards - Young Citizen of the Year category. The awards were hosted by Federal MP Bob Baldwin and presented by the Prime Minister Tony Abbott at the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club in front of over 300 guests. Alannah was given the honour of being asked to perform the Welcome to Country.

Along with Alannah’s family, Principal Mr Col Elliott and his wife Dawn attended, as well as the school’s Community Liaison Officer, Lue Fagan and teacher Cath Donnelly to lend their support to Alannah.

Mr Abbott chatted at length with Mr Elliott and congratulated him on his 51 years service in Public Education!

What is National Data Collection?
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the National Data Collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The National Data Collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.
Sport/Orienteering/Congrats Corey!

Sporting news
By Mr W Turner
Head Teacher PD/H/PE

Regional Athletics
Congratulations are in order for the following students who qualified and competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival held at Glendale on 22 and 23 July 2015. They are:

- Riley Blunt - 17 Years Boys Javelin and Shot Put
- Lilly Cashen - 12 Years Girls Long Jump and High Jump
- Leila Inglis-Monk - 12 Years Girls High Jump
- Luke Keating - 16 Years Boys Long Jump
- Elizabeth Kelly - 13 Years Girls 200m and Long Jump
- Bradley Marshall - 14 Years Boys 400m, Shot Put, Javelin and Discus
- Thomas Milderen - 15 Years Boys 400m and 800m
- Dylan Petith - 13 Years Boys High Jump and Long Jump
- Mitchell Swan - 14 Years Boys High Jump
- Jarrod Tyne - 17 Years Boys 100m
- Jack Warden - 15 Years Boys 100m and 200m
- The Boys 15 Years Relay composed of Bradley Marshall, Thomas Milderen, Dylan Petith and Mitchell Swan

All students performed well and 3 students qualified to compete at the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival at Homebush on 3 - 5 September 2015. These are:

- Elizabeth Kelly - 13 Years Girls Hurdles
- Dylan Petith - 13 Years Boys Long Jump
- Bradley Marshall - 14 Years Boys Hurdles

We wish these athletes every success.

Hunter Schools Orienteering Champions
By Darci Armstrong & Kiara Mackersey 7M

On 23 June, 32 students from Irrawang High School went down to Minmi to compete with 10 other schools in orienteering. We had to run in the hot, blazing sun to find controls and hole punch our pages.

Five students from Irrawang came first as Division Champions for the Hunter Schools Orienteering Championships. They were:

- Tasmyn Fellows - Intermediate Girls Division Champion
- Jaxon Morrison and Nick Hopper - 13 Years Boys Division Champions
- Matthew Beasley and Lachlan Ruba - Intermediate Boys Division Champions.

“We had a spectacular time in this event and look forward to future ones.”

Our champion lawn bowler
By Mrs L Fagan, Community Liaison Officer & Mr W Turner, Head Teacher PD/H/PE

Following a win in the Newcastle Districts Junior Fours Lawn Bowling competition recently, our champion bowler, Year 10 student, Corey Pethebridge (pictured right) representing the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club, competed at the NSW State Junior Championships held during the recent school holidays in Warilla. He and his three teammates took out an impressive equal 3rd place.

Corey was also a valued member of the Hunter Lawn Bowls Fours Team that won the NSW CHS title recently. He played at an extremely high level in a variety of positions within the team over the course of the tournament. In the semi-final against South Coast, Corey played a key role in securing the win in extra ends. Congratulations Corey!!

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

The Boys 15 Years Basketball Team was successful in Round 1 defeating Francis Greenway 90 - 18. The team played very well as a unit with all players contributing to this victory. The team consisted of Jarred Shedden (Captain), Jackson Doughty, Bailey McDermott-Schuhmacher, Lachlan Murphy, Joel Sheals, Will Turpin, Bailey Pegg and Declan Wright-Bean. They will now play Hunter Sports High School in Round 2 at Irrawang High School.
Junior Netball
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

The junior girls netball team competed in the NSW Netball School Cup earlier this term in Newcastle. The team (pictured right) consists of Rhuma Lencz-Rufo, Hannah Williams, Jenny Tiamu, Kiara Mackesy, Mikayla Ellis, Madeline Wolinski, Matilda Logvyn, Lizzy Kelly, Aimee Burrows, Teeya Saunders and Chloe Allison.

The girls played with determination, spirit and good sportsmanship and came away with two wins from five. They drew some inspiration from the World Cup pop-up stand and showed passion for netball in their games. The Netball World Cup begins on the 7 August until the 16 August in Sydney, go the Diamonds, all the way!!

EV bike challenge supports CanTeen
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Great to have a visit recently by the team from CanTeen in Newcastle, as well as Harrison Bishop who spoke about his experience having seven years in the organisation.

Our Electric Bike Challenge run by Newcastle Uni is on again in a few weeks (see Page 15) and this year our students have decided to have the bikes’ laps sponsored with all monies raised to support CanTeen. This organisation supports teenagers who are either living with cancer or who have a loved one battling this terrible disease. So lets dig deep everyone for this very worthy organisation.

Our bike team has been working hard over the past few months modifying the two bikes with help from Professor Terry Summers from the University of Newcastle as well as Mr O’Brien, Mr Gordon and Mr Everingham - a real team effort.
Year 8 student, Matilda Logvyn (pictured right) has been playing the flute for the past four years and loves being a part of the Marching Koalas troupe. She travelled to Canada last year and is hoping to join them again next year for their big European adventure.

The Marching Koalas formed in Newcastle in 1982 after America’s Apache Marching Band visited the city with a tour soon following to the USA in 1984 as part of a Sister City initiative. Since then the band has been overseas 13 times including Japan, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Italy, China and most recently Canada in 2014.

More than 2000 children have donned the orange uniform over the years, with approximately 75 students in the troupe currently.

Molly-Rose Schwager and Alannah Newell (pictured right and below with Darrell Barnett, Marina General Manager) were two of four very happy recipients of the Inaugural Soldiers Point Marina Scholarships awarded to Port Stephens students between the ages of 16 – 19 to further their education at TAFE, University, apprenticeships or training.

Marina General Manager, Darrell Barnett CMM was delighted to present the four outstanding school leavers from Port Stephens each a cheque for $750, the other students being Jordan Halprin of Tomaree High School and Connor Jacobs who is already studying Surveying at Hunter TAFE.

Molly-Rose will use her $750 – to study a Bachelor of Science next year at University with the end goal of getting into Medicine and becoming a gynaecologist, obstetrician or psychiatrist.

Alannah's funds will assist with her fees to study Bachelor of Criminal Justice at Charles Sturt University and an Associate Degree in Policing Practice.

We have no doubt these students will achieve their goals and dreams. Big congrats to you both!!
Students and staff from the Support Faculty at Irrawang High organised the Beanie for Brain Cancer Day on Wednesday 22 July to raise money for the Mark Hughes Foundation to fund research for a cure for brain cancer. It was a fun day and our school raised $725.50.

Each Support Class had a responsibility to help organise the Beanie for Brain Cancer Day. Miss Williams’ class printed and laminated posters and signs and put them up around the school. They also made boxes to collect the money in.

Mrs Devetak and Mrs Bishop’s class spoke on the school assembly the week before to tell the school about the Beanie Day and give some information about the Mark Hughes Foundation. The day before students went to other classes around the school to remind them to wear a beanie and bring a gold coin donation. On the day we took photos using ipads and counted and bagged the money raised by Irrawang High School.

Students from Mr Hannon’s class were responsible for making and serving their delicious pumpkin soup using produce they have grown on our school farm. This was a big hit with students, staff, Mark Hughes and his wife, Kirralee. The pumpkin soup raised a whopping $176.95!

Each of us had a great day, including Mark Hughes and his beautiful wife Kirralee. Mark and Kirralee even sent us a message to tell us they were very impressed by our school and felt very welcome here!
Australian Maths Competition
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Students from Years 7-12 entered the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) recently. One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC was the first competition of its kind in Australia and is now one of the largest of its type in the world, with more than 40 countries participating each year.

The competition aims to be accessible to all students not just the mathematically gifted, although the AMC also identifies gifted students. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student.

All students will receive a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

PBL winners - Term 2
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

With so many exceptional students at Irrawang High it came to a draw out of a hat to select the PBL winners for Term 2.

**Chloe Ashton, Josh McFarland, Cooper Pitt and Rachael Burr** each won a $100 voucher from MarketPlace Raymond Terrace for their 95% attendance and 100% positive behaviour.

Big congratulations to all four as well as all the other eligible students.

**Pictured L-R: Chloe Ashton, Josh McFarland and Cooper Pitt.**

New PBL poster
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

This is a new Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) display poster that will be used around the school.

It has been designed to remind students of their responsibilities in remembering important deadlines and dates and to utilise the school diary that was issued to them to help them record assessment dates and other important tasks.

Sorry - no reheating student's own meals in Canteen
Because of the NSW Department of Health & W H & S issues, the canteen staff are unable to heat student's meals brought in from home in the microwave.
Woolies Earn & Learn is back!
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015, the Woolies Earn & Learn program will be in full swing. The whole Irrawang High community can collect one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards) and place them on a sticker sheet obtained from the check out operator. Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box, either at your local Woolworths or in the box at school.

Irrawang High has participated in this program for the last two years and has reaped the rewards with 1000’s of dollars in resources coming back into the school to benefit your children. Let’s get behind it again and support our students.

Riding for the Disabled - art project
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Four very talented Year 9 art students; Mitchell Swan, Meghan Pretty, Kyah Cox and Maddie Croxon along with art teacher, Mr Wyllie travelled to the Riding for the Disabled facility at Raymond Terrace to update and repaint some beautiful artwork on the water tanks.

With cultural funding from Port Stephens Council the project was co-ordinated by Shane Kennedy and ex-student, Brad Russell and looked amazing when the students were finished. With a bit of hip hop and rap thrown in for good measure a great day was had by all!

The facility is desperately in need of volunteers - if you can help please phone Jan on 49871402.

Year 12 Business Studies
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Year 12 Business Studies students (pictured right) put their business theory into practice by running their own pancake business. Students had to budget for and attempt to operate a profitable enterprise. They learnt a lot about the practical aspects of business finance, operations and marketing which will be valuable as they prepare for their upcoming trial HSC exams.
Robots for Robocup
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Students from 7E, 7M, 8M1, 8M2 and other interested students certainly ended Term 2 on a huge and exciting high note after an incredible two days designing, building and programming Lego Mindstorm Robots for the Robocup.

Two challenges were held; Robot Wars and a Fast and Furious race – amazing stuff and so much fun for the students and staff! Technology teacher, Mr David Graham enthralled, excited and engaged the students for the entire two days!

Help raise funds for our G’day USA Tour
By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Gather your friends and family together to support our students (and some from Francis Greenway High School) attending G’ day USA in 2016. This fantastic fundraising shopping day is the perfect opportunity to start grabbing some Christmas gifts by visiting at least 10 warehouses. For a cost of only $70pp the day includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch . . . and a whole lot of fun.

To secure your spot on the coach, payment is required by Wednesday 9 September. Cash only please in an envelope clearly marked with your name and contact number. This can be left at our school front office for Miss Duma who will issue you with a receipt number and bus ticket.

When: Saturday 17 October 2015
Time: Coach departs Irrawang High at 7:30am, returning approximately 8:00pm

Sorry, only suitable for over 18’s. No school students please.

Proposed Warehouses:
- Home & Gift Warehouse - Xmas gifts, Jamie Oliver, S & P
- Deb’s Hidden Treasures - home decor, wall art
- Home & Gift Warehouse - Xmas gifts, Jamie Oliver, S & P
- Shire Sweets & Gifts - chocolates and sweets
- Surf Factory Outlet - well known brands
- Manchester Warehouse - sheets, towels etc
- Kingsgrove Shoe Warehouse - European designers
- Handbag and Luggage House - Pierre Cardin, Jag
- Puma
- New Balance
- Bendon Lingerie

If there’s extra time we will also visit Leading Labels Outlet (Bonds, Berlei, Holeproof) and Victoria’s Basement.
EV bike challenge

By Mrs L Fagan
Community Liaison Officer

Huge thanks to the team behind our successful Electric Bike Challenge. Ms Bailey – “the leader of the pack,” Mr Gordon who lent his mechanical expertise, Mr Poulter, Mr Everingham, and Ms Henry. Special thanks to Professor Terry Summers from the University of Newcastle who gave up his valuable time to come along to many of our Tuesday morning meetings to talk to the students about the engineering side of the challenge. His input was invaluable and much appreciated. Also thanks to the mums who came along to race day to support the team. CanTeen Newcastle was our charity so we will be presenting hopefully a nice big cheque to them in the near future.

A great day was had by all at Cameron Park for the Electric Bike Challenge. Our bikes performed extraordinarily well in particular our chain bike which outlasted all other bikes bar one in the schools class. Twenty five schools entered the hub bike section - we placed 11th - with 13 schools in the chain bike section and we placed an amazing 4th. However best part of the day - Irrawang High was awarded the Charlestown Rotary Club’s “Team Spirit Award” which comes with a cheque for $250 - donated straight to our charity CanTeen!

Couldn’t be more proud of our students, Lincoln Hunter our Team Manager, Josh Ferguson, Luke Keating, Josh McFarland, Nathan Ferguson, Harlley Brown and Geordie Mills - they have been working on this project since Term 1 with weekly + meetings as well as during the school holidays.

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.
Education Week Art Display - MarketPlace
Dad
By Teeya Saunders
Year 8

I thought of Dad today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake, from which I’ll never part. God has you in his arms, I have you in my heart. Those special memories of you will always bring a smile if only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do, you always meant so very much and always will do too. The fact that you’re no longer here will always cause me pain, but you’re forever in my heart until we meet again.

My father is a man like no other. He gave me life, nurtured me, taught me, dressed me, fought for me, held me, shouted at me, kissed me, but most importantly loved me unconditionally. There’s not enough words I can say to describe just how important my father was to me, and what a powerful influence he continues to be.

I love you, Dad!!

FREE School Phone App

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.

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
- When prompted select yes to receive notifications and use your location (this will make sure the Google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)

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

ALL AGES FLIP OUT PARTY

FEATURING DJ KĀHTELLE

FRI 11 SEPTEMBER 2015, 7PM – 12AM
@ FLIP OUT THORNTON

Featuring:

→ Ultraviolet face painting, games and the chance to win prizes
→ Access to the arena throughout the evening → 2 slices of pizza and a bottle of water

Passes (available in store only):

→ Flippers $35 (pre-event), $40 (at the door) → Non-flippers $20

Supervising parents enter for FREE. This is an alcohol and drug free event.

*Terms and conditions: Passes are only available for purchase in store at Flip Out Thornton and are non-refundable and non-transferable. Flippers can access the arena from 7pm until midnight, however capacity limitations still apply. Children under the age of 15 years must be accompanied by at least one guardian over the age of 18 years. Flippers must wear grip socks on the trampolines (which are available for purchase in store). Supervising parents entering for free are not entitled to the drinks and pizza package included with the tickets. However drinks and pizza will be available for purchase separately on the night. Alcohol and drugs will not be permitted on the premises. Anyone who is deemed under the influence will be asked to leave and no refund will be provided. Flippers and paying non-flippers are entitled to two slices of pizza and one bottle of 600ml water, these items are also not refundable or redeemable for cash. The kitchen will be open for drink and food purchase throughout evenings. Standard waiver conditions apply. See store for details. The event co-ordinator reserves the right to cancel event if insufficient tickets are sold or for any unforeseen circumstances. If the event is cancelled tickets will be refunded in full to purchaser with proof of purchase. No pass outs will be provided. Flip Out will not be held responsible for the movements or departures of any patrons. If parents are concerned they are welcome to stay free of charge to supervise. Important note: After Dark Party may have lighting which could adversely affect some patrons.
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Seeing much, suffering much, and studying much, are the three pillars of learning.

Benjamin Disraeli

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Bel Kaufman

There are three ingredients in the good life; learning, earning and yearning.

Christopher Morley

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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.

VISITORS TO
IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

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Roll Group: ...........................................................

Year: ..............................................

Date of Absence/s: ..............................................................

Reason for Absence:

□ Sick
□ Leave
□ Other

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

Date: ..............................................................
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