



IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

An Innovative, Vibrant and Diverse Learning Community

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are heading into week 7 of term 2.

Time certainly does fly when you are having fun!

In the last fortnight our Stage One students have enjoyed an excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo, some year 5 students have completed and presented their portfolio's for the Gifted and Talented class at Irrawang High School and our PSSA netball girls made it to round 2 of the competition.

On Tuesday, Mr. Mac took our Stage 3 debating team to Medowie Public School to persuade the adjudicator that homework should be compulsory in K-2. Well done to the debating team on their win against Medowie Public School.

Attendance

Our goal for attendance is 92% of the school attending. Whilst we agree that if your child is unwell, they should stay home, however, in all other cases, they should be attending.

If there is a sleep in - still send them to school.

If you have an appointment - still send them to school before and/or after the appointment.

If you have transport issues and will only be able to arrive late - still send them to school.

If you are having troubles with lunch and recess that day - still send them and ring the school for an emergency lunch. Remember there is breakfast club available for all kids Monday-Thursday from 8.25-8.40am

Don't forget the walking bus on Friday's if that helps.

Uniforms

Please ensure your child is sent to school with a warm school uniform. Jumpers are royal blue without a hood. We currently have an overflowing lost property bin in the office with jumpers. Please come in and have a look for your child's clothing or send your child in to have a look. If you are having financial difficulties with uniforms, please contact the front office and we may be able to help with second hand uniforms.

Student led conferences and Parent phone calls

All parents should have received an invitation to see your child's teacher through an onsite meeting or a phone call. You must send back in the return slip for a spot to be confirmed. If you haven't seen an information sheet on this, DoJo your child's class teacher ASAP.

Stacy Mathieson

Principal

Irrawang Public School

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3 June	Stage 3 Science IHS	
	PBL Marketplace	6.15
10 June	PBL Marketplace	6.15
14 June	Queens Birthday Long Weekend	
18 June	Meal Deal day	



SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

RESPECT



Gardening

Preschool News

The children in Sun and Rainbow groups have been learning about sustainability. The process of small steps leading to big change. They are learning about what plants need to grow. The children have an understanding of how rubbish can be converted to compost and re-used to feed plants. We make compost everyday at preschool by putting our food scraps in the worm farms in our garden. We also watched how food scraps change into compost by using a zip lock bag and adding items to be composted into it. We place a small paper straw in the top to allow for a little air, mush it around a little each day and add water if needed. When it looks like soil, we add the compost to the garden and start again. We love our outdoor environment so we look after it everyday that we are at preschool.



**Feeding
the
worms**



Making Compost

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Theorist Link: This learning experience can be linked to Piaget's theories. He believes the child is an active learner and that the child must be given opportunities to explore, discover and experiment. These principles underpin all cognitive development.



Gardening



- ❖ By offering gardening experiences for your child you are allowing them to foster a respect for the environment and a natural curiosity in nature, enhancing their own happiness and wellbeing.
 - ❖ Children develop a responsibility for caring for plants.
 - ❖ Children gain self confidence by seeing what they have grown.
- ❖ Children develop a love of nature and looking after our environment.
- ❖ Gardening allows children to develop social skills such as teamwork and shared caring.
- ❖ Gardening allows children to learn and discover the science of plants, the weather, animals, the environment and nutrition and how all of those things are linked together.
- ❖ Gardening allows children to broaden their knowledge of growing food and how we can sustain life within nature.

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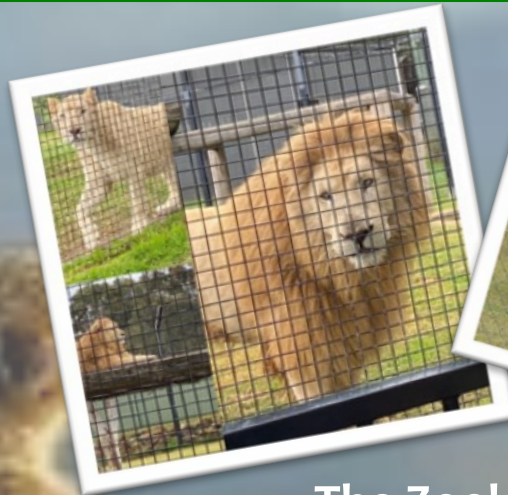
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Stage One Visit to Hunter Valley ZOO

By 1D

On Friday, Stage One went to the Hunter Valley Zoo. We saw lots of animals. First we got to see the white lions get fed and then we went to learn about some of the animals in the zoo.

The Zookeeper showed us a tortoise, snake and baby alligator. We got to pat them! We saw giraffes, zebras, monkeys and meerkats when we went for our walk. After lunch, we got to feed the birds, kangaroos and the goats. We had such a fun day!



Some of I.D.'s writing on their Visit to Hunter Valley Zoo



On Friday stage 1 went to the Hunter Valley zoo. The Meerkats were getting warm under the heater.
Riley



We went to see the monkeys for a little while. The monkey jumped and jumped and showed his eyes at me.

Mark



Madeline



On Friday stage 1 went to the Hunter Valley zoo. I fed the meerkats and they jumped up.
Maddison Smart

On Friday stage 1 went to Hunter Valley Zoo. What animals did we see? We saw birds, Monkeys, Lions and Giraffes. We got to pat the snake, alligator and tortoise.

Madeline



Kellah

PBL NEWS

**IPS Staff, School Community,
Students and Parents**

Are

Safe, Responsible Learners

**Who Show
Respect**

This week we will focus on students learning to

Show compassion and kindness

SHOWING COMPASSION

In short, compassion is about showing sympathy for the problems or difficulties of others and doing something to help them.



SHOWING COMPASSION

In order to show compassion, you need to be able to think about how other people feel.

This is called 'putting yourself in someone else's shoes.'

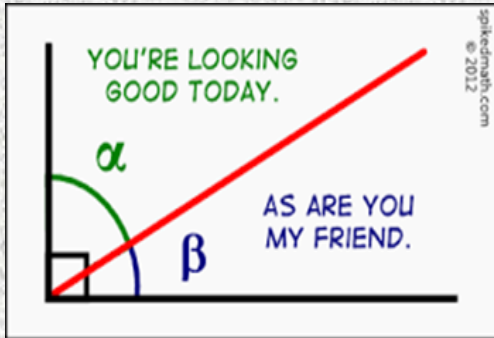


News from IL

Our K-2 intervention teams continue to support students in class working on developing critical skills in Reading and Writing. We have seen such improvement in recognition of sounds and blending to decode unknown words that we could not be more excited. This has enhanced the fluency with which students read, meaning that their reading flows. We are working with students to develop skills to respond to texts that they have read so that they can demonstrate an understanding of their books.



Measurement and Geometry 3-6



COMPLIMENTARY ANGLES

Angles

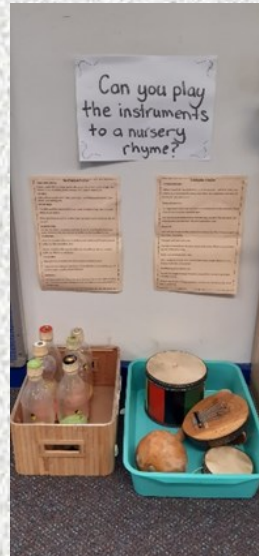
This week our COVID ILSP team are working with Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Angles. Language such as acute, obtuse, right, reflex and straight will be used to describe a range of angles.

Mass

Next week, the team will be working on Mass, measuring the weight of various objects in kilograms, grams and representing weight using decimal notation.

Amazing things happening in our pre-school!!!

Learning through play and being inquisitive about the world around us! Numeracy plays a big part in understanding life's tasks. In small groups, the children and Mrs Lynch have been experimenting with sorting and classifying. Together we went on a treasure hunt to make groups or collections of things we found. We have also been learning about patterns. We have searched inside to see where patterns might be hiding and found that they are everywhere. On the floor, on the tables even on the walls. We spoke about patterns of shapes, patterns of colour and had fun making patterns using the magnets. We took photos of what we found so we would help share our learning with others. Mrs Lynch



Have a wonderful week!

Meg Neilands
Instructional Leader





Congratulations!

On Tuesday 25 May our school debating team travelled to Medowie Public School to compete in Round 1 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The Irrawang team were successful in arguing that, 'Homework **should NOT** be banned K-12'. Congratulations to Kaitlyn, Olivia, Ella and Declan. We are super proud of you all!

Round 2 will be hosted at Irrawang Public School on Monday 7 June against Grahamstown Public School.



Commonwealth
Bank

Food for thought & CAFE

CANTEEN NEWS

Well it's hard to believe that we are over halfway through this term. It is going so fast

Notes have gone home for a Meal Deal Day on the 18th June. Please have all orders in by 10th June preferably using our online ordering system ipscanteen.square.site or by using the QR code from the note. PLEASE use students name under details as well as class. Also please do each child separately and not a combined family order. NO late orders can be taken.

From Term 3 we will no longer be using [flexischools](#) as our online ordering system and will be solely using Square. The site is currently live so please feel free to have a look around it to familiarise yourself and if you would like to start using it for lunch orders please do so.

Can I please ask that if you transfer money into [flexischools](#) only transfer what is needed and if you have balances remaining to use that before the end of term? If you do have money and will not be using it, you will need to make contact with [flexischools](#). We are not able to access accounts for refunds.

Just a reminder coming into the cooler weather we are unable to heat food/soups that have been bought from home. Also, if your child brings leftovers, they must supply their own cutlery. We have forks/spoons for a cost of 10c.

I have a lot of parents paying for spoons when ordering Lasagne Mac and Cheese etc. Please be aware cutlery is supplied.

We have warm Milo and Cheese & Ham Rolls available for breakfast in the mornings. If your child requires breakfast, they must be at school prior to 8.45am. I cannot sell after this time as children will not have enough time to finish before the bell.

If you do not have a copy of the new menu with price changes, there is one attached with this newsletter or a copy can be picked up from the canteen
Take Care

Tracey Singleton
Canteen Manager

PIZZA

MEAL DEAL DAY

Friday June 18 2021

Meal will consist of:

Cheese and Bacon Pizza

Cinnamon Donut

Choice of Juice or Flavoured Milk



or



All orders must be placed before Thursday 10th June. It is preferred that orders are made online through <https://ipscanteen.square.site/> Please fill in your students name not parent/guardians name in your details section. All students will need to be ordered individually.

If you have difficulty ordering online please send money in an envelope marked MEAL DEAL to the canteen with name, class and drink choice.

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THURSDAY 10TH JUNE



SCAN ME

Use your camera on any device to scan the QR Code to take you directly to the website to order.

Food for thought CAFE

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Available all day for \$1.00

Breakfast (before 8.55am)

Slice of Toast	50
Cereal Cups	50
Cheese & Hall Roll	2.00

Drinks

Small Water	1.00
Plain Milk	1.00
Large Water	1.50
Juice Poppers	2.00
Cillj	2.00
Up & Go	2.00

Snack & Frozen Treats (Lunch & Recess)

Frozen Fruit - Seasonal	20
Yoghurt Tubs	80
Fruit Tubs	80
Vegie Cup	1.00
Fresh Popcorn	1.00
Pikelet	50
Garlic Bread	50
Eggs	50
Juicy Bites	20
Milky Bites	20
Quelch	50
Juices	1.00
Snack Bags	4.00

Occasional Snacks

Homemade Cookies	50
Red Rock Chips	1.50
Grain Waves	1.50
Low Fat Muffins	2.00
Paddle Pop	1.70
Ice Cream Cup	1.20

Volunteers Needed!



All volunteers are welcome whether it is for 1 hour or a whole day and lunch is provided.

"Volunteers may not have much time but have a lot of heart"

Sandwiches/Wraps/Rolls

Buttered Bread	1.00
Vegemite or Honey	1.50
Cheese	1.60
Cheese & Tomato	2.50
Tuna	3.00
Egg	2.00
Egg & Lettuce	2.50
Chicken Breast	3.50
Chicken & lettuce	4.00
Chicken & Avocado	4.00
Lite Ham	3.00
Lite Ham, Cheese & Tomato	3.70
Salad	5.00
Chicken & Salad	6.00
Lite Ham & Salad	6.00
Chicken Caesar	6.50

Warm Wraps

Salad	5.00
Warm Chicken	5.00
Warm Lite Ham	5.00
Warm Hawaiian	5.00
Warm Meatball	5.50

Salads

Salad Box	5.00
Salad Box with Chicken	6.00
Salad Box with Lite Ham	6.00

Extras

Avocado, Pineapple,	
Cheese & Egg	50
Ham or chicken	1.00

Occasional Extras

Tomato Sauce	50
BBQ Sauce	50
Sweet Chilli Sauce	50

Hot Food (Lunch Only)

Lasagne	3.20
Mac & Cheese	3.20
Low Fat Pie	3.30
Low Fat Party Pie	2.30
Low Fat Sausage Roll	2.30
Chicken Chippies (5)	3.30
GF Chicken Tenders	3.30

Burgers (Lunch Only)

Grilled Chicken Burger	5.00
Grilled Chicken Burger with Salad	6.50
Plain Hamburger	4.50
Hamburger with Salad	6.50



ONLINE ORDERING



- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER NOW
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.



Place lunch orders from your iPhone or iPad! Find us in the App Store.



At what age should children be able to correctly produce their sounds?



McLeod, S. & Crowe, K. (2018). Children's consonant acquisition in 27 languages: A cross-linguistic review. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, 27, 1546-1571. https://doi.org/10.1044/2018_AJSLP-17-0100

How to support your child's communication

Communication is super important! Through communication, children can express themselves and understand people around them. The better we are at communicating, the better our quality of life will be.



How can I help my children with their sounds?

- Read to your child! Each night you can read a storybook with your child and ask them questions about what they saw or heard in the book.
- Talk about the day's activities. Ask your child what they did at preschool but make sure you start it with "tell me about...." so they aren't just answering a question!

Strategies for hard-to-understand kids:

- Encourage them to slow down and open their mouth!
- Show your child how to position their mouth when saying sounds. Eg for the 'S' sound, they can put their teeth together, smile and keep their tongue behind their teeth.

Red Flags and things to be aware of:

- Swapping out sounds- if your child says tar instead of car or sip instead of ship.
- Simplifying words- if your child says poon instead of spoon or keen instead of clean.
- If your child leaves the end off the words- like coe instead of comb
- If your child doesn't use the sounds, f, s, v, z
- If your child doesn't use many words
- If you, friends or family members find your child difficult to understand.

What can you do about it?

- Refer your child to see a Speech Pathologist for an assessment:
 - Ask the Speech Pathology Team at school on a Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 - Talk to your child's teacher about your concerns
 - Call the Referral & Information Centre **4924 2590** to refer your child to HNEKidshealth Speech Pathology at your local Community Health Centre (it's Raymond Terrace Health Centre here). This is a free service.
- Talk to your GP about your concerns and about possible NDIS application (if your child is under 7 years they may be eligible for the Early Childhood Intervention Program).

Send us your old bread bags & tags!

We have a fabulous recycling initiative check out the details below!! We are participating in the Wonder bread bags and tags into school play equipment program. So if you have empty bags, don't throw them in the bin, send them into us. We are collecting them in the foyer of our office!! Every bag helps!!



Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**



It's simple...

1

Collect your empty bread bags and tags



2

Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin
(There is a separate box for bread tags).



3

We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!



Our school is in the draw to **WIN 1 of 5** exercise circuits made from recycled plastic we collect!

LET'S GET RECYCLING!



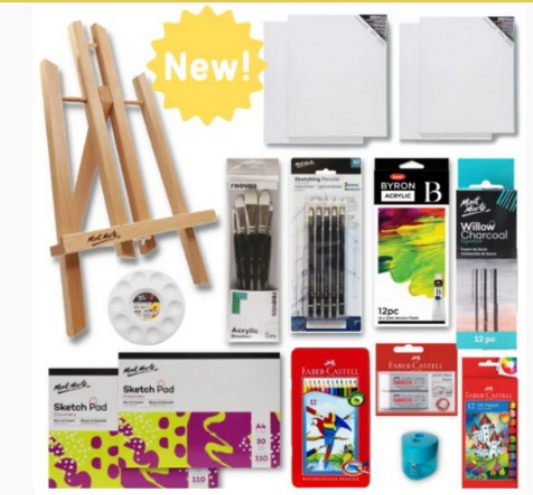
Tag Wonder on social [#wonderrecycling](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!



WANT GREAT VALUE FROM YOUR NSW CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER?



WE HAVE **FREE** CRAFT WORKSHOPS TO SUIT ALL LEVELS OF CREATORS.. INCLUDES **FREE DELIVERY!**



Charlie Boots
Creative kits for creative kids

Scan here to see our range of free workshop kits!





Is it time for a dental check-up?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides free dental care for all children under 18yrs of age

We accept the Child Dental Benefits Scheme

HNE Dental Clinic opening hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Call 1300 651 625 to book an appointment for your child

For more information about oral health and accessing our service, visit the HNE Kids Health webpage at www.hnekidshealth.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth

Nutrition Snippet

MEAT-FREE MONDAY.

Get your family eating more veg by making Monday 'meat-free'.



Try these meat-free meals:

- [Easy pizza](#)
- [Cauliflower and spinach dahl](#)
- [Tofu soba noodles](#)

Any leftovers can be used in the lunch box the next day!

For these recipes and more visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box