

Newsletter Newsletter

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New Strategic Plan

The Department of Education & Communities has introduced a new School Plan for all schools spanning from 2015 – 2017. Our planning committee is: Ms Phelps, Mrs Bray, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Edwards. Today we had our first planning day to determine the strategic directions, school vision, school context and school planning process. The School Plan when completed will be placed on the school website.

Ethical Briefing

Tomorrow Ms Phelps will attend a briefing at Newcastle City Hall on Ethical matters relating to the current situation within the world.

Healthy Harold

Just a reminder that Healthy Harold will be at school this **Wednesday, 26th November**. The K-2 session will be about healthy choices and lifestyle, while the 3-6 session will focus on cyber safety.

Please return your permission note with payment to the school office as soon as possible. If your child wishes to purchase merchandise please bring this along on the day in a separate clearly marked envelope.

Early Action for Success Program

Our school has been chosen to be an Early Action for Success school. We were selected from an index of need. This process includes an analysis of the school's literacy and numeracy performance data, including Year 3 NAPLAN and Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. Also considered was the school's contextual characteristics, including the degree of disadvantage, enrolment size and student demographic data.

What does this all mean for us?

An instructional leader working with us up to two days a week. A training grant to support professional learning and a small allocation to continue to provide tiered interventions in literacy and numeracy.

P&C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 1st December at 9.05am. We will meet up at the big shed in the sunshine. Please bring some morning tea to share.

Ms Phelps
PRINCIPAL

End of Year Fun Day!!!

Our end of year fun day will be at Speers Point Park and pool on Tuesday, 2nd December. Permission notes went home last week with all of the details including student's meal choices. Please return this permission note to the school office as soon as possible.

Parents are also welcome to attend the excursion. Attached is a kiosk menu for any parents wishing to order their lunch on the day. If you would like to place an order please place your order with your name and the correct money in a separate envelope and hand it in to the school office by this Thursday, 27th November so the food can be pre-ordered before the day.

Performing Arts

Irrawang High School Creative and Performing Arts Group will be visiting our school on Friday, 5th December to perform for our students.

Jets W-League Visit

Emily van Egmond and Tori Huster from the Jets W-League visited our school on Monday, 10th November. They spoke to us about soccer, teams they have been in and about games they have played. They also taught us about 'juggling' the soccer ball. Riley, James, Lacey and Naomi had a go at juggling. Lacey said "It's not as easy as Emily and Tori make it look!" They gave us posters, wristbands and tickets to a game. We all enjoyed their talk.

By 2/6



Tennis

The students have really been enjoying their tennis lessons and working hard at improving their tennis skills. Well done everyone!

Make sure that you have been online and registered for your child's free T-shirt at hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim





Mrs Bray
2/6 Teacher & Sports Co-ordinator

Q Award

The Q Award for November was presented to Imogen at last week's assembly by The Kiwanis Club representative, Judith Oliver. Well done Imogen!



Aboriginal Artist


Last week we had an Aboriginal artist visit our school to complete artwork on some totem poles. All the students were involved by placing their hand prints on the poles and they really enjoyed this visit.





<i>Important Dates to Remember</i>	
Life Education Van	Wednesday 26 th November, 2014
P & C Meeting	Monday 1 st December, 2014
End of Year Fun Day	Tuesday 2 nd December, 2014
Visit from Irrawang High Performing Arts Group	Friday 5 th December, 2014
Year 6 Farewell & Water Fun Day	Friday 12 th December, 2014
Presentation Night	Wednesday 17 th December, 2014
Students Last Day for Term 4	Wednesday 17 th December, 2014

Assembly Awards

Week 6 – Term 4	
Principals Award	Evan – Great spelling skills. Monique – A creative work task.
Citizenship Award	Mia – Always being polite and respectful.
Kindergarten Award	Haydan – A huge effort in story writing.
Infants Award	Chloe – Using strategies for spelling unknown words.
Playground Award	Monique – Keeping our playground tidy.
Sports Award	Eddie – Hard work in cricket.
Assembly Award	Ally – Great singing.
TREE of the WEEK	Mia – Congratulations... 
Week 7 – Term 4	
Principal's Award	Blake – Demonstrating extensive knowledge in the solar system.
Citizenship Award	Nicholas – Being a good role model.
Kindergarten Award	Eddie – Trying hard in story writing.
Infants Award	Charlotte – Doing her personal best in oral reading.
Playground Award	Tayisha – Helping others in the playground.
Sports Award	Harry – Playing hard and fair.
Assembly Award	James – Great attention in assembly.
Art Award	Lauchlan – Effort in art.
TREE of the WEEK	Ally - Congratulations... 