Dear Parents and Friends,

We have had a very busy start to 2013. A warm welcome to all our new families and particularly to our new Kindergarten students. They have settled in well to "big school" with the help of their buddies and of course their wonderful teachers. Now comes the reality that school is Monday to Friday for many years. I think they are very "sweet" when they say things such as "I can read now, do I have to keep coming" or "OK I've been to school, what's next?" I love the way life is so simple when you are a child. However it really is a very important part of their lives and we hope to make it as exciting and fun for them as we can.

Our swimming carnival was held under grey skies but was an exciting day. We have some very strong swimmers amongst our competitors. The organization ran smoothly thanks to Mrs Paton and her band of helpers. A big thank you to those parents who volunteered to help out ensuring a successful carnival and to the students for their fantastic spirit and behaviour. Well done everyone and congratulations to those students who will go on to the next level.

Please look out for the note regarding “Meet the Teacher” nights. We hope you will be able to join us at the allotted time to meet your classroom teacher and other teachers on the stage. This is a great opportunity to find out about the work students will be doing, our expectations of students and classroom organisation. These are group meetings and there will not be time for parents to ask about individual students. However, you are most welcome to make an appointment to see your class teacher if you have any concerns.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind “old hands” and inform “new” parents of the correct channels to take when wanting to discuss an issue in the school. They are as follows:

- For most issues talking with your child’s teacher will probably be able to resolve the issue and should be your first point of contact.
- If you feel you need further discussion, you then need to talk with the stage supervisors – our Assistant Principals. They are as follows: Mr David Brent – Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten); Mrs Michelle Cauchi – Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2); Mrs Alison Johnson – Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) and Mrs Kerry DeJager Stage 3 (Yrs 5&6). These people are on class but are happy for you to make an appointment or will give you a ring to discuss any issues.
- If the matter needs to be taken further then our Deputy Principal, Mr Nick Thomson is available to talk things through.
• For more urgent matters I am always happy to try and resolve any issues that may arise. The executive keep me informed about issues that are happening in the school and we have many discussions about what is needed to resolve them.
• For general school matters the School Office will be able to deal with your enquiry – they are extremely knowledgeable about the school.

Remember that for any discussion to have a positive result all parties need to be well informed and working towards a resolution. Also we need to be respectful of each other even though some issues may be quite emotional or stressful. Hopefully, we will be able to quickly resolve the issue. However, as a school executive we need to have the best interest of not only your child but also the whole school in mind.

We will shortly be inviting parents to our ceremony to induct all of our new school leaders. We expect it to be held within the next fortnight so please look out for the invitation. This is an important ceremony for our school community.

Our school is involved with an initiative with Baulkham Hills Council to promote safety outside the school, before and after school. All schools have issues with parking at these times and we ask you to keep the safety of our students in mind at all times. There will be an article outlining the Council’s project in the Rouse Hill Times and reminding you of what the signage around the school means. Our school is to be featured in this article.

In order to keep our children safe we have a policy where students are to remain inside the school grounds until their parents pick them up. This may mean that you will need to park and walk into the school to pick up your child. This policy is necessary as we have over 500 students leaving the grounds in a short period of time as well as many adults. I’m sure you will see that for the children’s safety this policy is necessary.

Our site manager, Eddie, is on leave for a month with no replacement. Gary from the high school is helping out where he can. Tony, our General Assistant, has retired and we have a casual replacing him, Paul, who you may have seen around the grounds. If you have any issues you have noticed regarding the school grounds please let the office know. We have been asked about the top gate. With the weather the path has been quite slippery. Paul cleaned the path yesterday and we hope to have that access open shortly when it is safe to use. We are having an ongoing issue with Spotless and the cleaners regarding the filling up of the soap dispensers and toilet rolls in the toilets – again we are dealing with that issue. Some of our air conditioners need regassing. They use the old style gas, which has had to be ordered. We hope they will be up and running shortly.

For those of you new to the school you may not be aware of the fact that we are what you call a “PPP” school. Our school was built by a private consortium on Departmental land according to specific guidelines. They are responsible for the upkeep of the school and we, as a school community, need to stay within those guidelines. Any changes to school property need to be applied for and passed by Spotless who manage the school for the consortium. This may be as simple as putting a nail in the wall up to building a new building. This means our school is basically well maintained but can also be frustrating when we want to make some changes. As explained above we have a site manager as a Spotless employee and a General Assistant as a Departmental employee overseeing the maintenance in the school.

Our school is one of 229 schools trialling the new “Local Schools, Local Decisions” implementation as part of a federally funded project. The first of the changes we are being involved in is mainly to do with school finances, but others may include school staffing and more to come. I will do my best to keep you informed as these changes are implemented.

Our “wireless network” is now up and running and teachers are looking at how it can support the leaning in their classrooms. Our first batch of netbook computers will be added to the library shortly to ensure we have sufficient access there. A further delivery of netbooks is expected soon as well as the iPads we raised money for last year. We are looking at how these can be best used and ensuring that staff have the skills to use them in the classroom. The interactive whiteboard in Mrs Cauchi’s classroom has been removed for repairs. I will know shortly the extent of the damage. We will probably replace this board with a new Smartboard keeping consistency within the school. If the board can be repaired we will probably use it as a portable board.

I would like to let you know the professional learning the teachers are undertaking. Currently we are involved in the “Focus on Reading” project which involves many hours of professional learning for all staff. This will be led by Mr Brent and Mrs Cauchi. We are also undertaking sessions on the implementation of the new English curriculum, led by Mrs De Jager. These sessions are held after school on Tuesdays and all teachers are expected to attend promptly. We know you will support us by not making appointments for this time unless it is urgent. We are also undertaking professional learning to support the implementation of our 21st C
learning project with Mrs Johnson and myself attending a conference in town shortly. I will also be attending a 2 day Principal’s conference next week. Mrs Robson, our LaST teacher, is undergoing training in several areas to further support students in the school and Mrs Shorten is training as a Reading Recovery teacher. Mrs Black is attending refresher courses in English as a Second Language. Mrs De Jager and Mrs Hoggan are attending a Gifted and Talented Conference and Mrs Przyrembel is attending an ongoing course in Chinese. All staff are trained in either Emergency Care or First Aid procedures and have undertaken Anaphylaxis training. All casuals to our school need to provide evidence that they have also undertaken these courses and a register has been set up. The majority of staff are also trained in CPR. Mrs Fox is our official First Aid officer. I’m sure I have missed something but as you can see the staff are heavily invested in upskilling themselves.

Our school is returning to normal routines. It takes a couple of weeks to settle in and get things up and running. Things like homework and home reading, including Bug Club, for our younger students should be up and running in week 5. PSSA commences next week (week 4) and trials are currently being held. Dance and choir groups are auditioning to get those started and band and music has commenced. There are some changes to the performances we will be auditioning for. You may be aware that the Hills Centre is closing this year, although I believe a new venue is being negotiated for future use. At this stage we believe we will not be involved in a Hills Festival this year. We have been accepted to be part of the PULSE choir for the performances at the Opera House but a limit of 12 students has been imposed on us. Creative Arts are a very important part of our school culture and we will continue to give our students these opportunities.

There is a change to the way our music and band lessons are being run within the school to better support the all round learning of the child. We were finding that some students were missing the same type of lesson continually, e.g. Mathematics, due to music commitments. I have negotiated a rotating timetable with Mr and Mrs Talati to stop this from happening. It will take a few weeks for everyone to get used to the change. Music will also not commence until recess time allowing for a clear teaching time in the morning, the most productive session of the day. Students will only be able to attend one lesson during school hours but after school sessions are available. The band will be demonstrating their skills to the rest of the school next Tuesday and any students wishing to take up an instrument will be able to apply after this. There is a cost involved as the school has to pay Mr and Mrs Talati for their services. We are also introducing a new music group to the school, Djembe drumming. This is the Asian style drumming you may have seen at the Hills Festival last year. We are starting with a group of 30 students who will be able to try out in the coming weeks.

I ask you to be patient as a new year takes a bit of time to get up and running. We have teachers who have moved classes, new students and their families to welcome and a host of changes within the Department to instigate. Dates for excursions and upcoming events are being talked about and costs being negotiated. As soon as we have things firmly in place we will put out a calendar so you are able to plan ahead.

Hope you have a wonderful fortnight,
Anne Forbes
Principal

Thank you!
I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to the whole learning community for your extremely warm welcome to Ironbark Ridge PS. The students have been wonderfully friendly and helpful in the playground and classrooms helping me to settle in and feel at home. Similarly I have experienced an amazing number of smiles, waves and welcomes from parents and grandparents each morning and afternoon. It is obvious already to me that you have such a great school community to be a part of. I hope to meet more of you tonight at the first P&C meeting for the year.

I am keenly looking forward to working with all of the students, staff and of course parents during 2013 and far beyond.

Nick Thomson
Deputy Principal
**Student Leaders 2013**

**School Captains**
- Blake A. 5/6S
- Nicola D. 5/6S

**School Vice Captains**
- Dawson S. 5/6M
- Smrithi V. 6D

**Prefects**
- Noah C. 6D
- Matthew W. 5/6K
- Zara M. 5/6McG
- Grace Z. 6D

**SRC Reps**
- Jordan M. KBB
- Indigo T.
- Oliver B.
- Tori L.
- Lachlan C.
- Olivia C.
- Hanuy K.
- Holly A.
- Cameron K.
- Charlotte P.
- Jayden D.
- Tammin B.
- Carter J.
- Tayla J.
- Nicola C.
- Joshua C.
- Joshua D.
- Bronte H.
- William S.
- Summer J.
- Troy S.
- Halle H.

**KINDY CAPERS:**

We trust that all our Kindergarten families have enjoyed the start of the school year as much as we have and thank all of you for helping to make the transition so far a smooth and enjoyable one. Our Best Start assessment process ran smoothly thanks to your cooperation. It’s been great to meet so many Mums and Dads during these first few weeks and we look forward to meeting many more of you during our upcoming meet the teacher evening on Monday 25th February at 5pm in the library.

For those parents who were not aware Best Start is a DEC initiative not something only carried out at Ironbark Ridge PS. All students commencing school in New South Wales undergo assessment. Literacy and Numeracy levels are ascertained and student progress from this point is then tracked throughout their schooling. During our first month at school data about our students is collected so that class groupings can be made and learners progressed from where they are.
As you can imagine at the moment we are establishing daily routines that will be followed throughout the 2013 school year. Please ensure that when you are packing food for students that it is stored in containers and bottles that can be carried, opened and closed by small fingers. Too many containers or items that are easily broken or lost and spoons and forks often frustrate and upset our small students at a time when they are trying to adapt and learn so much. Likewise providing excessive amounts of food that requires them to make choices in the amount of time that they have for eating creates distress. Please remember that food containing nuts, fish, honey and eggs cannot be consumed at school as some students have severe allergies to these items that may result in death. This includes many snack and muesli bars. Write names on all items of property.

Many thanks to all families that have sent in 2 whiteboard pens, glue sticks, paint shirts, paper towels, tissues, hand soap and hand sanitiser. If you haven’t already done so can you please send these items as soon as possible. Library bags need to come to school every Tuesday and sport clothes worn on Thursday. In the mornings now all students should be putting bags down in class lines underneath the E block Kindergarten COLA and then proceeding to the canteen COLA to play. When the bell rings Kindergarten is now taking part in the whole school assembly and will sit in class lines beside their appropriate cones. In the afternoon Kindergarten students need to be collected from the E block Kindergarten COLA.

Have a great weekend!
The ES1 team

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS
Welcome to 2013. Students of Stage 1 have settled in well to their new classes and new routines. You will be able to meet your child’s teacher Monday, Week 5 for the “Meet the Teacher” night. A note will be coming home today. Just a reminder that sport is on a Thursday, so please ensure that your child is wearing their sport uniform on this day. Year 1 will have library on a Tuesday and Year 2 on Friday including 1/2C.

Stage 1 Teachers

STAGE 3 SNIPPETS:
Welcome back to what will be another busy and productive year! A warm welcome to any new families who have joined Ironbark Ridge Public School this year. We trust you had a lovely start to the year and feel at home already.

Congratulations to our recently elected House Captains. The calibre of speeches was very impressive. It was great to see the House Captains putting their leadership skills into action so quickly at the swimming carnival on Monday. It was also great to see so many Stage 3 students participating in the events. Congratulations to all who attended.

A quick note that sports uniform is required on Friday for all Stage 3 students.
It is vital that our students come to school organised for their day and with this in mind we would like to remind all students to bring in the correct classroom requirements. Please refer to the requirements sheet that was handed out at the beginning of the year if you have forgotten what is needed. Many of our school books have been sent home in the last couple of weeks, please ensure books are covered in the coloured covers and contact and returned to school promptly. Thank you for your assistance. Homework will be starting in week 4, so stay tuned for this.

We look forward to meeting you at our upcoming ‘Meet the Teachers’ evening in Week 5.

Stage 3 Teachers
Mrs DeJager (Assistant Principal), Mrs Hogan, Miss McGill, Miss McDonald, Mrs Sayer and Mrs Kassis.
CHINESE NEWS:

Nǐ hǎo 你好 and Xīn nián kuài lè! 新年快乐！

For those of you who don't know me yet my name is Linda Przyrembel and I am very excited to be teaching Chinese (Mandarin) this year at Ironbark Ridge. I have a degree in Modern Languages and I have been teaching for many years, the last 3 at Ironbark Ridge. I speak several languages and I am really looking forward to continuing the Chinese program at our school. This year we will be focusing on Chinese traditions, customs and beliefs as well as learning how to communicate in the Chinese language. This week we began by looking at the customs and traditions associated with the Chinese New Year. So to all families I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year of the Snake!

Gōng xǐ fā cái 恭禧发财

Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher

MUSIC NEWS:

Welcome back to all music students and parents! We hope you have all enjoyed a good break and are looking forward to another exciting year of music-making here at Ironbark Ridge. Most students will be commencing lessons this week. Some new enrolments will not starting until week 4 and we will also be processing more new enrolments following the Stage Demonstrations to be held in Week 4. Should you have any queries regarding music lessons at the school, either for group lessons during class time or after school private lessons, please contact Mrs Talati via email info@talatimusic.com.au or by phone 0422-109-397. The music community will also be receiving a letter later this week outlining a number of positive changes that have been made to the Music Program for 2013. These changes were made in consultation with the class teaching staff and school executive and were unanimously supported. The changes regarding a rotating weekly timetable have been made with the best interests of the children in mind so that class disruptions and absences are minimised, and learning time is maximised, both in class and at music lessons. Should you have any questions regarding these changes please feel free to contact Mrs Talati.

Best wishes to all for a great musical year!

Mr & Mrs Talati
Music Program Coordinators

SPORT:

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all swimmers who participated in our swimming carnival held on Monday. Once again the weather was very kind to us. Our swimmers continue to perform commendably and fourteen records were broken throughout the day, which was a wonderful achievement. Some of the races were extremely close and it was great to see the improvement and efforts shown by our students. It is so important that all children are confident in and around water. The sportsmanship shown by our students was also very pleasing.
A big thank you to the wonderful parents who helped out with timekeeping and judging duties, your assistance was invaluable. Thank you to all of the teaching staff for their help throughout the day. This just reinforces the hard working staff at Ironbark Ridge Public School.

Ribbons will be given out at a morning assembly next week. Results of the carnival will be published in next newsletter. Information about the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival will be given out shortly. Swimmers need to have achieved Ridges Zone qualifying times to progress to the Zone Carnival and it is important that all students use the correct stroke and kick, otherwise they will be disqualified. For some events we have to wait until we have the Zone time cut-offs before we can determine who is in what event at Zone. The Zone carnival will be held on Thursday 28th February at Blacktown Aquatic Centre.

The winning house was Wattle, second Casuarina, third Waratah and fourth Bluegum. Well done all competitors.

Junior Boys Champion - Mikey L
11 Years Boys Champion - Joshua H
12 Years Boys Champion - Andrew C

Junior Girls Champion - Ashley B
11 Years Girls Champion - Monique U
12 Years Girls Champion - Ha Jin L

Thank You
Judy Paton and Tracy Sayer
Carnival Organisers

Ridges PSSA Trials
Monday 11th February the Ridges basketball trials were held and Noah C (6D), Blake A (5/6S) and Miguel B (5/6M) have been selected to trial for the combined St Marys/Mt Druitt/Ridges team. We wish them well. Good luck to all of our Stage 3 students who are attending tryouts in the coming weeks.

PD/H/PE Committee

School Bus Timetables:
Hillsbus has amended the school bus timetable which commenced on Monday 12th November 2012.
The amended timetable shows Route 2025 now departing the Cnr of Windsor Rd & Samantha Riley @ 745am, Routes 610 now departing @ 8.11am ex Castle Towers, 8.34am ex Rouse Hill Town Centre & 3.25pm ex school

ADMINISTRATION
SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER:
Don’t forget that Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.
School Banking

School Banking commences this Friday 15th February 2013.

School Banking Reminder
Don’t forget that Fridays are School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to the school office each Friday morning before the bells rings.

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or request one in writing when making your deposit at school.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.

The awards on offer this year are as follows:-
Term 1 & 2 – Wallet, handball & Knuckles Game
Term 3 – Torch, Calculator
Terms 4 – Calculator & Headphones
Money boxes are available all year.
**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:**

We stock all your school uniform requirements and we also sell Sports House T-shirts, art smocks, library bags, socks & tights, gloves, hair accessories in Ironbark colours, excursion bags, school bags, drink bottles, hat clips (so you don’t lose your hat), House Supporter Gear & sunglasses and more !!!

**The Uniform Shop is online NOW !!**  [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Order & pay for your school uniforms & accessories online. Your order will then be filled and ready for you to pick up. **Please note:** if you select the delivery option “KTOOSH” your order will delivered to KTOOSH to be collected from there. If you select “Uniform Shop” your order will be at the Uniform Shop waiting for you or your child to collect it on the “due” date on your email from FlexiSchools.

**Please note:** we will be closed on Monday 4/2 & Monday 11/2

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card ($1 surcharge applies & cards must be done in person)

**Opening hours are currently during School Terms only**
Mon/Tue/Fri  8:30am – 9:30am / SRC Dance Nights 5 – 7 pm

Uniform shop: Deanne mb 0414 553 766
**Please remember we are all VOLUNTEERS**

**CANTEEN NEWS:**

Please note we will now only be accepting flexi schools orders on Wednesday and Friday starting term 1, 2013. That means no over the counter lunch orders on these days. This makes the process more accurate and efficient. If you are unable to use the flexi school option please get in touch with us and we will accommodate you as best we can.

[Ironbarkridgeps.canteen@gmail.com](mailto:Ironbarkridgeps.canteen@gmail.com)
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

PARKING UNSAFE
PUTS CHILDREN'S LIVES AT RISK!

Please obey all the parking signs around your school!

Parking illegally, even for a short time, is dangerous to children at your school. You can be fined up to $496 and lose up to 4 demerit points if you park illegally around your school.

PARKING AROUND MY SCHOOL

- Observe all parking signs around the school - they are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Park safely & legally even if it means walking further to the school gate
- NEVER double park - it puts children at risk by: Blocking vision of other drivers Forcing children onto the road Obstructing traffic flow

The penalty for double parking in a school zone is $298 and 2 demerit points. Council's Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking restrictions at your school!

The Hills Shire Council
Telephone: (02) 9843 0555
www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

What do the parking signs around my school mean?

NO STOPPING

You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON

Penalty $298 and 2 demerit points. Council's Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking restrictions at your school!

The Hills Shire Council | Ph: 9843 0555 | www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

PARKING NOTICE

Parking illegally puts children at risk!

Did you know that it is illegal to park:

- On or near the school crossing
- In the school bus bay
- Within 3 metres of the double centre line

The penalties for parking in these areas are up to $397 & 2 demerit points. Council's Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking restrictions at your school!

The Hills Shire Council | Ph: 9843 0555 | www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

What do the parking signs around my school mean?

BUS ZONE

Bus Zone. You cannot stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Council's Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking restrictions at your school! Penalty $298 & 2 demerit points.

For a complete list of school zone offences refer to www.rta.nsw.gov.au

The Hills Shire Council | Ph: 9843 0555 | www.thehills.nsw.gov.au
Invitation

The New South Wales Police Force is presenting a Forum on
Cyber Safety

India Club Indian Community Forum is hosting this Forum

The Hills Local Area Command Team will share a wealth of information on “Cyber Bullying & Safety”
in this powerful seminar aimed at Parents and Carers and will give advice on how to deal with
these situations and be safe and respectful towards others.

Topics:

* Social Networking
* Bullying
* Internet filtering and safe chat
* Chain email/letters
* Cyber Crime
* Gaming and parental responsibilities
* Mobile phones

Guest Speakers:

Rob Paterson Senior Constable - Youth Liaison Officer
Kemuel Lam Paktsun - Australian Federal Police
Jessica Chan - Nine MSN

Day & Date: Sunday the 17th February 2013
Time: 2 pm to 5.30pm (Assemble @ 1.45pm for 2pm start)
Venue: Castle Grand Pioneer Hall
Castle Street Castle Hill (Corner Pennant and Castle Street)

It is a free event and the Forum is open to all open to all adults who wish to attend. We invite all in the area to
benefit from the presentations, spread the word & encourage your friends to attend.

Enjoy over Tea Coffee & Snacks

RSVP:
Shubha Kumar: 9873 1207 / 0402 257 588  e: Shubha_kumar@hotmail.com
Aksheya Kumar: 0420 747 080 e: Aksheya.kumar@gmail.com
Rob Paterson Senior Constable: 9680 5399, Castle Hill Police: 9680 539
EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF HOSTING

A place to call home
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Messages from Overseas
Marc from Switzerland: "I want to meet the famous, friendly, Australians."
Domiziana from Italy: "I have always been fascinated with Australia. It's like love at first sight."
Louis from Belgium: "It is my dream to live at the other end of the world!"

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student! It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!
WANT TO PLAY NETBALL IN 2013?
ARE YOU TURNING 11YRS OR 12YRS IN 2013?

BAULKHAM HILLS SPORTS HAS VACANCIES FOR YOUR AGE GROUP !!!!
WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PLACE YOU IN A TEAM STRAIGHT AWAY
DO NOT DELAY IN CALLING AS VACANCIES ARE LIMITED.

TRAINING IN HELD AT TED HORWOOD RESERVE.
RENOWN ROAD Baulkam Hills.
GAMES ARE PLAYED SATURDAY MORNINGS AT
BAULKHAM HILLS SHIRE NETBALL COMPLEX KELLYVILLE

RING NOW FOR ALL DETAILS AND TO REGISTER.
Jeanette 9636 8842
PLAY AFL ON SUNDAYS!

AFL is a fun, safe and inclusive sport for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12. Benefits of joining your local Junior AFL Club include meeting new friends, keeping active, opportunities to be a part of Gala Days and to meet GWS GIANTS players throughout season.

The Kellyville/Rouse Hill Magpies are located at Bruce Purser Reserve Rouse Hill with the 2013 junior AFL season running from March to September.

To find out more information and to register please contact:

Lee Newton
president@krhjfc.com.au
0400 870 089

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Give Rugby a Try at our
Come ‘n’ Try Clinics

Yattendon Oval, John Street, Baulkham Hills

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Come ‘n’ Try is open for ages 4 – 12 yrs.
Contact our Registrar – Sarah Mullette on 0402 234 843,
President - Darren Hyde on 0407 570 599
or visit www.hillsrugby.com.au for more details

Teams for 2013
Walla Rugby Under 6’s & 7’s (two handed touch/tag rugby)
Mini Rugby Under 8’s & 9’s (introductory contact rugby)
Midi Rugby Under 10’s to 12’s (evolving contact rugby)
Junior Rugby - Under 13’s to 17’s (modified rugby laws)
Senior Rugby - Colts & Four Open Grades

Join us for the 2013 season
You can be a catalyst for change! Jump on Board and help out today.

Ren Education Centre is seeking volunteers to assist in achieving its vision of providing primary aged children who suffer from social and emotional difficulties, with a 12 month intervention program which provides them with the necessary tools which allows them to be reintegrated back into their mainstream school to successfully complete their schooling years.

By joining our committee you will help in our endeavour to provide these children with a positive life changing environment.

No experience is necessary just enthusiasm and a good attitude. The committee meets approximately once a month and hosts regular fundraisers to help raise awareness and funds for this worthy cause.

If you are interested in assisting us to achieve our vision please send an EOI to Deborah Hatter who can be contacted at deb@renedcentre.com.au

If you require further information on our charity please feel free to visit our website www.renedcentre.com.au.

Kenthurst & District Soccer

- 2013 Registration Days will be held in the clubhouse at Kenthurst Park, Roughley Road, Kenthurst from 10am until 2pm on Saturdays, 26th January and 2nd February, 2012
- Join a very successful Club and have fun too!
- From 4 years to seniors, including PREMIER LEAGUE
- Teams for boys, all girls, men and women in most age groups and at all levels (including Over 35’s)
- You don’t need to have any previous experience as our talented Coaches will teach you...
- Phone 0409 997 813 or send an email to cathye@tpg.com.au for further information

www.kenthurstsoccer.com.au
‘Mums Matter’ Celebration Day

Come along and celebrate being a mum with a morning of guest speakers, stalls, freebies, lucky door prizes and a delicious lunch – plus a goody bag for the first 50 registered attendees on the day! Registration is advised!

Want more information? Check out www.facebook.com/RouseHillFamiliesConnect

Wednesday 1st May
Rivergum Church, 49 Withers Road, Rouse Hill
10:00 am – 2:00pm
*childcare is available for $5.00 per child; must be pre-booked upon registration
Contact Emma on 02 8805 7207 to register or for more info email to emma.ludlow@wesleymission.org.au

“It takes a village to raise a child”
NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
HIGH SCHOOL
Campbell Street
NORTHMEAD 2152

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013

| Morning Session: | 9.15am - 1.00pm |
| Evening Session: | 7.00pm - 9.00pm |

Northmead CAPA High School

- Central Location
  - Just of Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
  - Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail
  - Experienced and Committed Teachers

- Creative and Performing Arts
  - Year 7 CAPA Class (selected by audition)
  - Elective classes in CAPA (Years 9-12)
  - Bands & Choir
  - Dance, Drama & Music
  - Instrumental Programs

- Focus on Academic Excellence
  - Gifted and Talented Programs
  - Extension Program for Year 7 Students
  - Support and Remediation Programs

- Comprehensive Education
  - Special Performing Arts Programs
  - Broad Curriculum
  - Excellent Sporting Opportunities

- Caring School
  - Support for Year 7 Students
    - Orientation Program, Yr 6 to Yr 7
    - Peer Support
    - Year 7 Camp
    - Student Ambassadors, Year 7
    - Victorian Learning Support Team
    - Anti-bullying Program, with state recognition
    - Values driven school that promotes Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Community
    - Special Programs

- Extra Curricula Activities
  - Sport
  - Debating & Public Speaking
  - Mock Trials
  - MUVA
  - Sister Exchange Visits
    - Kawasaki, Japan
  - Lots More

- Year 7 Scholarships
  - 3 Categories
    - Performing Arts, Academic, Sport
    - Contact School on 9630 4116 for Application Forms

Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers:

At Open Day you will:

- Meet teachers and students
- Use technology to create a memento of your visit
- Develop team building skills
- Discover the powers of your mind
- Explore innovative music using technology
- Experience the fascinating and exciting work of Science
- View nature at work - visit the school farm and animals
- Enjoy lunch provided by the SRC
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DANCE on Q

Classes Monday to Saturday for students 2-18 years old

Located at the Wrights Road Reserve Community Centre, Castle Hill

PETITE PERFORMERS
- Boys & Girls 2-6 years
- Combines Song, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap & Ballet
- Fun colourful props
- Morning & Afternoon classes

JUNIOR - SENIOR
- Boys & Girls 5-18 years
- Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary and JFH (Jazz*Funk*Hip Hop)
- ACRO (Acrobatics)

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