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Newsletter ‘13  
Term 1 Week 7  14.3.13

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Assembly Roster Term 1

March
- Week 8 – 2 Marsupials, Week 9 – 2 Bilbies,

April
- Week 10 – 6 Daintree, Week 11 – 5/6 Speedos

Easter Holidays – Good Friday 29/3/13, Easter Monday 1.4.13

Term Holidays 15th April – 26th April 2013

Staff Development Days 29th and 30th April – Students return Term 2 on 1 May 2013

CURRENT NOTES

Canberra Trip Yrs 5&6 Deposit due 20.3.13
ICAS Competitions Due 29.3.13
Yr 6 Shirts Due 1.4.13

FUNDRAISING NEWS

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Last week we celebrated the half-way point of Term 1. It’s amazing to think we are at this point already. Our new children have settled in well and kindergarten students seem to have grown already. They are to be congratulated for the way they have adjusted to school and all its routines. We are apologetic about any communication issues there have been for the start of the year. Mr Thomson and I are still getting to know the way things are done at Ironbark Ridge. The planner for the remainder of the term is now up on the app and next terms will be up shortly. I have also negotiated with Leigh for the app to be available for iPads as well. Hopefully this will occur shortly.

I was very proud of our students at the Zone Swimming Carnival. They swam hard, showed the true spirit of being part of a team and of course showed their wonderful Ironbark manners. We did amazingly well coming second overall and taking out several records. We have a record 18 swimmers going to the area carnival. Good luck to them all! Another thank you to Mrs Paton for her management of this team.

This week we had the RAPS (Road Awareness Program for Kids) team visit. They set up a mobile traffic course consisting of a pedestrian crossing with operational traffic signals, 'children crossing' flags and 'lolly pop' pedestrian crossing signs. The mobile unit also involves the use of mini cars to simulate 'real' traffic conditions for the children. Each child will have the opportunity to participate as a pedestrian, traffic controller and as a driver. What a fun way for children to learn about pedestrian safety.

Can I just remind you that you need to be park sensibly when dropping off and picking up your child. I had an email the other day from a distressed neighbour who was late picking up her own child from another school because someone had parked across her driveway. Don’t assume that people won’t need to get out in the time you are parked. Also don’t forget the council rangers are doing the rounds and booking those people who are illegally parked. I understand it can be difficult and frustrating when everyone converges on the school but it is just one of those things.
Please also keep in mind that staff are not on duty prior to 8:30am. Students should not be on school grounds prior to this time. If you need before school care, please contact the office for information regarding our KT OOSH.

Our P&C meeting this week is the annual AGM. I hope that we will have parents standing for all positions as the P&C is an extremely valuable part of our school. Our children's education is a partnership between the school and home and this is one of the best ways you can be involved. Thank you to all those parents who have filled positions over the past twelve months – you do an amazing job. At this meeting we will also be recognizing the outstanding contributions made to our school and its community by Paul Sayer and Angela and Paul Van Dyke. A perpetual shield has been donated by the P&C to enable us to begin a tradition of acknowledging these parents and their contribution.

We are preparing for the Parent / Teacher interviews to be held in the last few weeks of this term. From next Monday you will be able to ‘book’ your timeslot online. We have some later timeslots for working parents and hope the majority of you will be able to attend. Interviews are only short, a 10 minute period, but for most families this will be sufficient. If you have concerns that can’t be addressed in this time you are more than welcome to make a further interview with your child’s teacher. More information on how to book your interview will come home by the end of the week.

I have had a query about school Development Days for next term. The Department has gazetted 2 development days for the commencement of term 2. These days are Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April and are for all Government schools in NSW. The extra day has been allocated for professional learning about the new English syllabus. We have already commenced professional learning in this area and realise what a huge task this is. We will also be looking at the new e-programming tool that the Board of Studies has released for teachers to use. Once we have a syllabus teachers are expected to program specifically for their class and we hope this new tool will assist us with this task. We thank you for working with us by finding alternate arrangements for your children on these dates.

More readers have arrived and students are starting to use Bug Club. Attached to the newsletter is a separate document that is a guide to Bug Club for parents. Students will be getting their log on codes over the next week.

I know parents are keen to help in classrooms and we hope to have this up and running shortly. An invitation will come home sometime next week. We look forward to parents working with us to help our students achieve their full potential.

Finally, can I wish all our students sitting the Selective High School test this week the best of luck. I know you have been preparing for the test and I am sure you will do well.

Hope you have a wonderful fortnight,

Anne Forbes, Principal

**Ridgy Didge Awards**

**Term 1 Week 6**

**Principal’s Award:** School Leaders for an amazing ‘Leaders’ assembly

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**CHINESE:**

1 Tassie Devils
Term 1 Week 7

Principal’s Award:

3 Surfers Paradise

Emerson P., Henry L., Indya W.
Zara T., Leah L., Benjamin N.
Kirsten S., Alerisha D., Riley C., Yusuf A.
Ava B., Kyle S., Connor V., Maddy W., Daniel B
Alannah LC., Joshua D., Finn MCB., Bronte H.
William S., Mackenzie F., Summer J., Alicia C.
Romani C., Owen B., Eliana P., Tristan S., Emma B.
Tyson T., Taia H., Shannon T., Luke A.
Jacinda S., Shalini S., Anja W., Annalise W., Kelvin C.
Jackson G., Nicola D. Lara P., Jeremy Y., Isaac J.
Claire E., Monique B., James H., Nicole P., Dawson S.

CHINESE:
1 Ned Kelly

PSSA SPORT:

15th March

A.F.L.: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill
CRICKET: Hills Centenary Park, Rouse Hill
OZ TAG: Second Ponds Reserve, Withers Road, Rouse Hill – Field 3
T-BALL/SOFTBALL: Hills Centenary Park, Rouse Hill

22nd March

A.F.L.: Wright Reserve, Quakers Hill
CRICKET: Hills Centenary Park, Rouse Hill
OZ TAG: BYE
T-BALL/SOFTBALL: Newbury Oval, Kellyville Ridge

KINDY CAPERS:

Many thanks to all our great parents for modifying what children have been bringing to school for recess and lunch. It's great to see so many healthy lunches and snacks. Healthy habits can never start too young and sending cut fruit and vegetables as snacks provides a sound introduction to Fruit Break which Kindy will start next term.

Parents often comment that children don't volunteer what they have done at school during the day. A great way to jog memories and help consolidate learning is to have conversations about books that they might be reading, the current phonemes that students are learning to read and write (s m c t g a o p) and their current sight or camera words (the, she, to, was, I). Most students by now should be able to write their first name quickly, clearly and the size of letters should be decreasing. When reading point out capital letters, full stops and ask children to point underneath the first letter of the word they are reading. If you are writing with students use a plain unlined A4 sheet of paper in landscape and show students where to start, how to use a finger space and what to do when they reach the end of the line.

A chat about maths might include counting up to and back from 20, cutting out and identifying squares, rectangles, circles and triangles, making patterns, sorting and counting quantities of objects and writing numerals. Looking at a deck of playing cards, reading the numbers and counting the quantities in the suites or having a game of dominoes are great activities for family time away from the TV or electronic games.

Huge congratulations to all students who made it into the Kindy Dance Group.
The competition was tough. Enjoy the weekend!

The Early Stage 1 Team
STAGE 1 NEWS:
Well, the term is certainly flying by. Stage 1 students are very busy with their hairy head and sea monkey experiments in science lessons. It has been so exciting for students to see whether their hairy head has grown each day when they come to school. Thank you those families that have brought in a baby photo for us to use in the next few weeks. If you haven’t already done so it would be much appreciated if your child could bring in a baby photo. Please make sure it is a copy though so we do not damage any original photos. This week as part of homework students have been asked to start creating an Easter hat or mask for our Easter hat parade. If you do not celebrate Easter your child could still participate by creating a colourful hat or mask of their choice.
Two of our Stage 1 classes will be hosting assemblies in the upcoming weeks. Marsupials in Week 8 and Bilbies Week 9. We look forward to seeing families from those classes coming to watch if they are available.
Stage 1 Teachers

STAGE 3 NEWS:
Stage 3 is off to another action packed year.

Teachers would like to thank all of the parents who made it to the ‘Meet the Teacher Evening’ on Tuesday 26th February. It was fantastic to see such a large enthusiastic crowd.

Everyone at Ironbark would like to congratulate the students for their maturity and enthusiasm when they represented the school in the various events over the past few weeks. We have received lovely remarks about our students’ sportsmanship and respect during Friday’s PSSA sport matches when competing against other schools.

The Year 5 Debating Team spent the day on Tuesday working through a range of workshops and activities with senior adjudicators and coaches covering all aspects of debating, including definition, rebuttal, speakers’ roles and arguments. They worked effectively and responsibly as a team and were fantastic models for Ironbark. Miss McGill would like to congratulate them on their hard work and enthusiasm.

The Year 6 Premiers Debating Team will be attending the Western Sydney Debating Camp on the (dates indicated on the hand written sheet) March, 2013.

To celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 students, we have designed a Year 6 shirt to help commemorate their school years at Ironbark Ridge Public School. These notes were sent out last week. The cost for each student will be $25.00 per shirt. Additional sizes have now been included. Please ensure you order the correct size. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss McGill or the office.

CHILD SIZE SHIRT
CHILD SIZES  4  6  8  10  12  14
CHEST (cm)  39  41  43.5  46  48.5  51
SP LENGTH (cm) 52  56  60  63  66  69

7PIPS Ladies Sizes
8 (same as child) 10 (same as child) 12 (same as child) 14 (same as child)
16   18   20   22   24

7LPI Adult Sizes
SMALL (same as ladies 16) MEDIUM (same as ladies 18) LARGE (same as ladies 20) X-LARGE
(same as ladies 22) 2X-LARGE (same as ladies 24) 3X-LARGE 4X-LARGE

Stage 3 students have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Canberra from Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th June 2013. The purpose of this trip is to allow students to visit the nation’s capital and experience many educational venues. A non-refundable deposit of $50 is required by 20th March 2013.

Have a lovely week.
Stage 3 Teachers
CHINESE NEWS:

Nǐ hǎo 你好
Why learn a language?
“A different language is a different vision of life” Federico Fellini.
Learning a language is an important part of a child’s education. It helps enhance their cognitive development building high-level thinking skills which lead to better grades and a greater understanding of their first language. It increases their cultural awareness in our increasingly multicultural society and it gives them a wider understanding of the world around them.

Whether they are learning a language to communicate with family, to get a job or just to travel, our children will grow into adults who can communicate successfully with the people around them and interact in a way that is more tolerant of others.

Linda Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher

SPORT:

RIDGES ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday, 28th February, 40 students represented Ironbark Ridge Public School at the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival, held at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. The students swam extremely well and their behaviour was impeccable. We had many placegetters in the events and we had swimmers in all in the 50 metres Freestyle Finals. The support shown to each other was outstanding. It was an absolute pleasure being team managers. Overall Ironbark Ridge PS was placed second behind Rouse Hill PS and also second in the Handicap Point Score. We would like thank all the parents for their wonderful support.

Outstanding results include:
Open Girls 100m Freestyle - Monique U - 2nd
Open Boys 100m Freestyle - Josh H - 3rd

8 Years Boys 50m Freestyle - Preston A - 1st
9 Years Girls 50m Freestyle - Veronica F - 3rd
10 Years Boys 50m Freestyle - Mikey L - 1st (New Record)
11 Years Boys 50m Freestyle - Josh H - 1st (New Record)
11 Years Boys 50m Freestyle - Dylan G - 3rd
11 Years Girls 50m Freestyle - Monique U - 1st
12 Years Boys 50m Freestyle - Blake A - 3rd

Junior 50m Backstroke - Mikey L - 1st (New Record)
11 Years Boys Backstroke - Josh H - 2nd
11 Years Boys Backstroke - Deniel H - 3rd
12 Years Girls 50m Backstroke - Grace Z - 1st
12 Years Girls 50m Backstroke - Ha Jin L - 3rd

Junior 50m Breaststroke - Mikey L - 1st (New Record)
11 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke - Dylan G - 2nd
11 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke - Deniel H - 3rd
11 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke - Monique U - 1st

Junior Boys 50m Butterfly - Mikey L - 1st (New Record)
11 Years Boys 50m Butterfly - Deniel H - 1st (New Record)
11 Years Boys 50m Butterfly - Josh H - 2nd
12 Years Girls 50m Butterfly - Ha Jin L - 2nd

Junior Boys 200m Medley - Mikey L - 1st (New Record)
Junior Boys 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay - 1st
Tye L, Nicholas D, Edward K, Mikey L

Junior Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay - 2nd
Veronica F, Monique D, Sapphrine A, Ashley B,
Senior Boys 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay - 2\textsuperscript{nd}
Andrew C, Deniel H, Dylan G, Joshua H

Senior Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay - 3\textsuperscript{rd}
Grace Z, Morgan R, Jacey C, Monique U

Mikey L - Junior Boys Ridges Zone Champion

Eighteen swimmers from Ironbark Ridge PS will represent The Ridges Zone at the Sydney West Regional Swimming Carnival which is being held on Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} March. Congratulations to all swimmers.

Thanks Judy Paton and Tracy Sayer

\textbf{ADMINISTRATION:}

\textbf{SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER:}
Don’t forget that \textbf{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.

\textbf{Collection of money/change}
Please note that any change over the amount of $5.00 will be held at the office for collection. If you would like your child to collect the change, please give them a written authority. Alternatively, you can collect this money before or after school from the office.

The following families have money to be collected from the office:
\textbf{Mrs Esperas (3J); Mrs Muthukuda (5/6K); Mrs Watson (KBB); Mrs Fitzgerald (2B).}
**P & C NEWS:**

**President’s Report**
Hello Ironbark Ridge families! Just a quick reminder from me that if you haven’t provided your class contact with your name and email address, PLEASE do so as soon as possible, so that you don’t miss out on valuable information about your child and their class. Remember, that if you don’t want your details distributed to anyone other than the contact and P&C President, you can request not to be put on the class’s contact list, just bcc'd on emails.

Here is a list of this year’s contacts. Please email your contact directly with your name and email address a.s.a.p.

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Thanks!

Sarah McBrien
Acting President
Ironbark Ridge Public School

You are invited to be part of our 2013 “Ironbark Ridge Walk of Fame”

You are invited to participate in this unique opportunity to have your name as a permanent part of our school.

**OPTION 1**
Single name paver

**COST:** $30 –

*For additional single pavers only* $25

**OPTION 2**
Family double paver set

**COST:** $60 –

For as little as $30.00 your name and year will be engraved into a paver which will then be laid permanently in our “Ironbark Ridge Walk of Fame”.

Ironbark Ridge Public School invites your child and your family to become a permanent part of our school’s history. If you decide to take advantage of our offer, your paver will become a part of the “Ironbark Ridge Walk of Fame”, which will provide an enduring link between the past, present and future that includes the essential partnerships that make our school what it is – students, family and staff. A GREAT idea to commemorate Kindy’s, Year 6’s and School Leaders too!

Offer Closes
9th APRIL 2013
## ORDER FORM

FOR PATHWAY PAVER
Please complete the details of the name you would like engraved in your paver/s in the template provided below.

### SINGLE PAVER

Please print clearly. Each letter, number, punctuation mark or space represents one character.

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**OPTION 2**
Family double paver set

**COST:** $60 -

### EXTRA PAVER

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**EXTRA PAVER**
Single name paver (when purchasing 1 or more)

**COST:** $25 -

Simply complete your details in the template provided and return with your cash or cheque to front office.

- **Payment made by:** Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Flexischools ☐
- **Name:** ____________________________
- **Address:** ____________________________
- **Child’s name:** ____________________________
- **Class:** ____________________________
- **Phone no.:** ____________________________
- **Email:** ____________________________

Cheques should be made payable to:
Ironbark Ridge Public School P&C Association

**Contact:** Monica Calderwood
calderwoods@bigpond.com

**Thank you for your support**

Note: If paying via Flexischools – please ensure that you still return above form to office.
Dear Parents & Friends

Ironbark Ridge PS P&C Association will be running a BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse ROUSE HILL on Saturday 13th April 2013. We will be using this opportunity to raise funds for our school. You can now book volunteer times to help at the BBQ. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW!!

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the simple steps.

When you click finish your booking will be emailed to you automatically. check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your booking time or volunteer more!

For parents & friends that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phone please phone or txt Mel 0407 206 259 or Nic 0410 541 625 to let them know when you can help. Alternatively drop a written message to the School office with your name & a contact phone number & when you can help and we will contact you.

If you use the school APP go to “MORE” then Rosters/Interviews & follow the links!!
2013 NSW InterSchool’s Snow Sports Races

I am seeking expressions of interest from parents of the school to enter a team or individuals in the 2013 NSW InterSchool’s Snow sports races competing in the Northern NSW Division.

IRPS had its very first winter sports team in 2012 but it only consisted of one athlete who proudly represented IRPS. In 2013 we would like team numbers to grow.

The NSW InterSchools Snowsports Races are for school students in NSW. Skier and Snowboarders can compete for their school as part of team or an individual in any of the 7 snow sports discipline events. School Students from all ability levels are encouraged to enter, with an emphasis on fun and participation in the initial regional championships. As the competitions move into the State and then the National. SnowSports is similar to PSSA where there a regional races competing against other schools, your child will have the opportunity to progress to State and National championships.

Further detailed information can be found on the NSW InterSchools website http://nsw.interschools.org.au/
Cost per child is $30 registration per year (inc insurance) plus $35 per event entered e.g. Skier cross, Giant Slalom, Moguls. Entries close for the Northern NSW division early June 2013.

Key dates for the regional races are:
- Wed 3 Jul Perisher Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Champs.
- Thurs 4 Jul Perisher Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Champs
- Fri 5 Jul Perisher Westpac Northern NSW Champs
- Sat 6 Jul Perisher Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Champs.

Each parent will have to organise their own transport to Perisher, accommodation and equipment. Please contact Brad Greentree on 0404199403, via FaceBook or brad@bakemeacake.com.au to express your interest by the end of Term 1 2013. An information night will be held for the interested parents with a representative from Interschool’s NSW.

Cheers
Brad Greentree
Director - Service Enablement
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

We are particularly seeking children in the Under 7's, Under 8's and Under 10's age groups.
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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE/JULY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June-July 2013 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA, and Latin America. We are looking for volunteer host families to welcome these students into their homes for between 2-10 months.

I would like to inform Ironbark Ridge Public School students and their families about this is an exciting opportunity to experience a different culture without having to leave their homes. It's a great way for them to learn about a new country and share an unforgettable experience with the entire family!

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would again be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. You can download the newsletter notice here in Word format, as a JPG or in PDF format. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability. Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. The whole family….and relatives and friends….will grow and learn as they all get to know their new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language/music teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also download some student profiles in PDF Format. This is just a small sample of all the students who will be arriving. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.
Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

“Our family hosted Paula from Germany this year and it was the most wonderful experience. How did hosting impact our family? The positive impact having Paula stay with us for five months was incredible. We spent more time together as a family and got to see our local area through new eyes. Most importantly though, Paula was a fantastic role model for our younger children. Thank you Paula!” Robert, Host Dad

“Becoming a Host family for an international student has been much more than we expected. We thought it would be great for our kids to learn a little about another language and maybe something about another country. Instead, we gained another family member and some great new friends, her parents from Germany. We get to show off our country and learn so much about hers. What a fantastic experience for all of us.” Melissa, Host Mum

“Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop….” Grace, Host Sister

“It’s been a fantastic experience so far…It’s been great having an older brother for our young kids. Simon has been a fantastic role model…Simon helps around the house a lot. One of the first things he said to us during the first couple of days he was here was what should my chores be? I was delighted to hear him say that.” Victoria, Host Mum

Click here to watch a video of the Stuart Family talking about their hosting experience.

If Ironbark Ridge Public School families have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, they can respond to this email, call our office on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to their family. No obligation. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Yours sincerely,

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- can’t tie shoelaces
- has difficulty with fine motor tasks
- has poor concentration

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