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Newsletter ‘13  
Term 4  Week 9  5.12.2013  
Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December

Tuesday, 10th Dec – Hip Hop Fun Day - Stage 1, AMF Bowling – Stage 2  
Wednesday, 11th Dec – Teddy Bears Picnic - Kindy  
Thursday, 12 Dec – Volunteers Morning Tea

CURRENT NOTES

Update Medical Form  
Stage 1 End of Year Hip Hop Fun Day  
Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic

FUNDRAISING NEWS

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am always very proud of our school and its community but even more so over the last week. I have attended several functions celebrating the success of our students, the largest being our Presentation Day assembly.

Our students were amazing on Thursday. From our School Captains, Nicola and Blake, to our Kindergarten students who sat so patiently, they were all fabulous. The hard work from the teachers showed in the way the assembly ran and Mr Thomson did a great job of keeping everything on track. Our guests were extremely impressed with our award recipients as we truly have a group of talented students, each in their own way. Our Year 6 demonstrated their maturity during the graduation but it was also nice to see them have a bit of fun on the way out. It was lovely to see the rest of the school genuinely showing them they cared by the way they all joined in.

Thank you to our P&C and particularly Leigh who helped put together our morning tea after the event. It was lovely to have so many parents join us. And of course, a big thank you to our community for their attendance. We understand it is difficult at this time of year but it was great to tell the High School we needed more chairs! I am aware that there were a couple of glitches and we are looking at these in our evaluation of the event. As with everything we are always looking at how things can be improved.

ICAS Medal

Last Friday I attended a ceremony at the University of NSW where Grace was presented with a medal for being the top scoring student in the ICAS English tests. Students from around New South Wales and the ACT were presented with medals for the top scores in the tests. It was lovely to see an Ironbark Ridge student there among the best. Congratulations Grace on your amazing success.

Baulkham Hills Shire Council “Shine” Awards

On Monday night Mrs De Jager, Mrs Hoggan, Mr Thomson and myself attended the yearly “Shine” awards at Castle Hill RSL. Each year students are nominated in a variety of categories. All of our nominees made it through to the finals. We were very excited for Smithri and Grace, who won their categories and for Mikey
who was a finalist. Then we were completely surprised when it was announced that the Overall Primary School winner was Grace – what an honour for both Grace and for us. Congratulations to all three students who have had such an amazing year.

School Leaders 2014
At the Presentation Assembly we announced our school leaders for 2014. Our School Captains are Olivia Latham-Calcott and Darcy Andrews; Vice-Captains are Katrina Hansen and Deniel Havenga; and the other leaders Chloe Salau, Ashley Botfield, Jonathan Staker and Jackson Gallagher. Congratulations to you all.

I’d also like to congratulate the other nominees: Benjamin Creer, Jacob Crosbie, James Hinrichsen, Monique Bakhos, Charlotte Conlon, Lara Pilarski and Shalini Seshan. Every one of you would be a great school leader and we hope to use your skills in many ways next year.

I’d like to say how impressed I was with all the candidates when they were giving their speeches. Their time spent in the Leadership Course run at school, including how to give speeches, has certainly expanded their leadership skills. I look forward to working with the new leadership team in 2014 and all of our Year 6 students who are growing into such fine young men and women.

OC Students Orientation
We held our OC Orientation Day this week. It was very successful and I feel that our new families received a warm welcome to our school. We look forward to them joining us in 2014. Thank you to our P&C who helped out on the day in many ways – it makes a difference when you arrive in a strange place, i.e. new school, to be able to talk to other parents.

School Finances
We hope to have a more “normal” system up and running next week. Thank you all for your patience during our changeover and we appreciate the way you have paid for activities now that we can accept payments. We are still working our way through the new way of doing things and the system is still only partially working at the moment. We have had to adjust some of our activities for the next couple of weeks due to some of the limitations the current system has imposed. We expect things will improve as the LMBR team work through the glitches that have been found.

As this is the last newsletter for 2013 I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. There have been significant changes in education in the last 12 months and I believe there are more to come over the next 12 months. We have had an amazing year at Ironbark Ridge with lots to celebrate.

Finally….
I would like to congratulate our students and staff on another very successful year of teaching and learning at Ironbark Ridge Public School. I am very proud of the fact that all our students, regardless of their ability, have been given every possible opportunity to be challenged, achieve success and feel valued in our school. During the year, a number of our students accepted new challenges – academic, sporting and cultural. We are extremely pleased with our results in a range of areas, but particularly reading. Our students have worked very hard with their teachers in this area and amazing gains have been made.

Highly dedicated teachers have supported all our students. Our teachers are incredibly committed to the well-being of all our students. They not only have exceptional talent in the art of teaching, they have enormous energy and determination. Each of them takes pride in their profession and responsibility for ensuring that our school is a wonderful example of holistic primary education. I am very grateful to them for their extraordinary work this year, and so proud to be the principal of a school that has that kind of expertise. Our SASS staff have done an amazing job particularly with the new systems. They support our whole school community in a myriad of ways, from supporting our students in class, running our financial systems and mowing the lawns – too many to talk about. A big thank you to each and every one of them.

I’d like to say a huge thanks to all the parents and community members who have supported our school throughout the year as volunteers and of course those in various roles in the P & C who have worked tirelessly to raise funds for our children and supported us in so many other ways. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated bunch of parents working in the best interest of our school.

I look forward to another successful year in 2014 and would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the best for the festive season.

Ms Anne Forbes
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This year has been a real highlight in my career as an educator. It is an absolute joy and privilege to work with your children and to be a part of their learning journey. Starting at a new workplace is always daunting but you as the school community have made it easy… a pleasure in fact.

Parent and community volunteers’ “Thank you” morning tea
Next Thursday 12th December we would like to host a ‘Thank you’ morning tea. All parents, friends and community members such as Scripture teachers are invited to join staff for a social morning tea in the school hall to celebrate another great year at Ironbark Ridge. Morning Tea will be served from 10am.

“It is with the support of the family and community that a school and its students can thrive.”

… and thrive they do at Ironbark! See you all next Thursday morning.

Presentation Day
By the time you read this I imagine our annual Presentation Day to celebrate the achievements of our amazing students will be all over. The amount of extra work that goes into preparing for an event like this is immense and I want to pay tribute to Mrs Barton, Ms Dalli, Ms Baracz, Mrs Paton, Mr Brent and a host of other staff members. Thank you for once again putting our students at the forefront of all that you do!

Ridges Zone PSSA – website
Last Friday’s rainy cancellation unfortunately was the close of this year’s weekly interschool sport competitions. Our teams performed very well in all sports and the reputation of Ironbark Ridge as a strong sporting school is growing.

I want to draw your attention to the Ridges Zone PSSA website. It is always the best place to visit for updates about competitions, trials for zone squads, wet weather information, etc. The website is hosted by Kellyville Ridge PS and can be found at:

Happy Diwali, Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings!
With Diwali only just behind us and Christmas ahead it seems a good time to say ‘Seasons Greetings’ to everyone, whatever your perspective on life. Having a diverse community here at Ironbark Ridge certainly helps our children to grow up knowing the importance of tolerance and understanding. Remember, none of us have been in this great land for long (apart from the original inhabitants)… a blink of an eye in the history of this great land!

So enjoy the summer, and enjoy your kids over the break!

School Cookbook Review
I Just wanted to let you all know that I have cooked Cathy Stokes’ Fried Rice recipe out of the Ironbark Ridge PS Cookbook. Big hit with the family. Will be doing other recipes and will let you know how successful they have been. I believe there is a butter chicken recipe from Stuart Posner that I will try next.

See you all in 2014!

Nick Thomson
Deputy Principal
Please join us...

as we formally thank
all parent volunteers
and community volunteers
who have given their time and energy to
Ironbark Ridge Public School in 2013,
helping to make this great school
an outstanding learning community.

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community that a school and its students
can thrive.”

Thankyou!

Date: Thursday 12th December, 2013
Time: 10 – 11.30am
Where: Ironbark Ridge PS Hall
Change kids’ behaviour without rewards or bribes

Use feedback to change kids’ behaviour.

There are many strategies you can use to improve or change children’s behaviour. Some like bribery, may be effective in the short term, but keeping relying on that method to get kids to co-operate and you need deep pockets, as today’s toy is tomorrow’s games console. Your bribes need to be bigger and better each time!

One simple strategy for improving behaviour and promoting the behaviour you want is the provision of good feedback when kids behave well.

I call this strategy ‘describing them being good’, as it goes one step further than simply making a fuss. It involves describing their behaviour so that you shape future behaviours.

Sounds complicated, but it’s not.

First, it’s important to remember that parental recognition is a high driver for kids. They like to please their parents so making a fuss when they do the right thing means they are more likely to do it again. No guarantees, mind you! Just likelihoods!

Second, figure out a behaviour you want to improve and focus on that. An example may be you want kids to pack up their toys after each time they’ve played with them.

Third, make sure kids know what’s expected of them. Show as well as tell them what you want.

Next, when children approximate those behaviour make a fuss, but tell them what they have done. “Wow! It’s great that you put each toy away before getting the next one out. That’s smart. And look, you put it in the right container. Look at all the room you have made to play.”

There are three features to using feedback to change or shape kids’ behaviour:

1. Immediate: Wait too long and its impact is lost.

2. Descriptive: tell ‘em exactly what you saw (and what you want)

3. Amplify with touch, eye contact & voice: Smile, touch or hug them and get excited and you’ll find its impact is magnified tenfold.
Week 8

PRINCIPAL: 1 Tassie Devils for enthusiasm for learning
K Blinky Bill Ray Kai T, Mitchell N, Sienna H, Grace W
K Dreamtime Oliver B, Ilona S, Chais D
1 Blue Tongues Elli T, Jasmine W, Tayla J, Ananya K
1 Tassie Devils Jun Han T, Tasmyn P, Moazam B, Max W, Jayden M
2 Marsupials
3 Jabiru Derek Z, Molly D, Hasib R, Liam W, Laurence E, Liam G
3/4 Pelicans Cameron V, Shivani N, Georgia-Rose L, Jack J, Etana P
4 Wobbegong Amelia Z, Owain L, Jemma C, Travis P
5/6 Minties Tamra R, Micaela M, Harry Y, Amin S, Conrad D
CHINESE: 4 Wobbegong

Week 9

PRINCIPAL Year 6 Graduation Practising
K Walkabout Dianna C, Harlan E, Raymond Z, Chelsea G
K Budgies David VdM, Leah L, Harry K
1 Ned Kelly Alannah B, Zara J, Charlotte P, Lily T, Declan N
1/2 Cassowary Felicity S, Lucas T, Josha C, Charlotte S
2 Kingfisher Montana W, Finn M, Charlize S,
3 Surfers Paradise Lilly D, Romani C, Torbian T, Tishay P, Emma B
4 Sturt Taia H, Shayan S, Zack B, Holly H-J, Emma Brahe
5 Herons Kevin C, Josh H, Shalini S, Neha S, Kezia L
5/6 Magpies Monique B, Sophie M, Declan M, Cameron H, Melanie N
CHINESE: 3 Surfers Paradise
KINDY CAPERS:

We hope that you all had as much fun as we did at Presentation Day celebrating the success of all our Kindy students. It was great to see so many Mums and Dads at the ceremony and morning tea afterwards. Homework has now finished and if you have any readers or books at home please return these to class teachers. Next Wednesday 11/12/13 is our Teddy Bears picnic. Please send any notes to the office and on the day ensure students have recess, lunch, water bottles, a towel to sit on and their favourite snuggle toy or teddy. Sunscreen and a school hat are essential. In the afternoon kindergarten classes will be having class parties. It would be greatly appreciated if each child could bring along to school some party food to share with their class mates. Food items must not contain nuts, honey and eggs. Also if your child has been selected to take part in the school talent quest please keep the practising to make sure their act is polished to impress on the day. Friday 6/12/13 is our Fairy Tale Day. Students need to wear a costume to school that will be comfortable for them to wear all day. The weather is warm so please keep this in mind when you are dressing your child. Thursday 12/12/13 is our volunteer’s morning tea. If you have helped out during the year in classrooms please come along and let us recognise the great contribution you have made to our learning programs. During the holidays remember to set aside a little time to revise literacy and numeracy skills acquired by your children during the year. Rouse Hill Library has levelled readers that you can borrow and remember to make use of environmental print to keep a shine on children’s word reading. Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

The Early Stage 1 Team.

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

As the year comes to an end the Stage 1 teachers would like to thank all parents and caregivers for the wonderful year we have had teaching your children. We have been fortunate to have some amazing experiences this year and we hope that the children have as well. Thank you for your continued support this year and we know it will continue next year.

During our “Workers in the Community” day students participated in art and craft lessons, they were put through their paces during personal fitness sessions, they constructed buildings and towers, attended the medical centre, became the teachers and were able to groom their beloved stuffed toys. Some students even made it to the front page of the local newspaper. It was a great day for both students and teachers.

Swim scheme has been a great success. The students come back from the pool excited to tell about their lessons as well as smelling like chlorine. It’s been great to see the improvement in the students since day 1. Students are busy at the moment auditioning for the school talent quest in week 11. There is lots of talent in Stage 1 and many students have been singing and dancing for the teachers. Once the auditions are completed a list of students will be announced that have made it through to perform. It is a fun experience for the students, so please don’t buy expensive costumes or props – just clothes from home will be fine. The talent quest is for students only and it will be held on Tuesday of Week 11.

During next week teachers will be sending home books, artworks, pencil cases and supplies they have in their tote trays. It would be appreciated in you could send a strong shopping bag i.e. the green environment bags for the students to put their belongings into to bring home.

On a last note, reports will come home at the end of week 10 along with a list of supplies for next year, so that you may be ready for next year. Reading is very important for students to continue doing during the holiday even if it’s signs during a trip, magazines or comics. It ensures that they continue with the wonderful progress they have made this year.

Have a safe and happy break and we look forward to the wonderful stories next year.

Mrs Cauchi, Mrs Nahirny, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Barton, Mrs Bryce, Mrs Kop, Mrs Adams and Mrs McCarthy.
As the term nears its end, Stage 3 has certainly not slowed down. As busy as ever, our students have continued to abide by our school expectations of being responsible, respectful and safe, whilst having fun and learning a thing or two along the way.

Potential 2014 student leaders, who had been nominated by peers, presented their speeches to the whole school, a daunting task, which they carried off with great aplomb. They can certainly be proud of the manner in which they conducted themselves on stage.

The Castle Hill RSL Club hosted their annual Shine Awards Ceremony on Monday 2 December, and ‘shine’ is what our students did. Three of our talented students, Grace, Smrithi and Mikey, were nominated in various categories. We are immensely proud of these students who all received commendations for their achievements. Mikey’s commendation was for his outstanding sporting accomplishments. Smrithi graciously accepted first place overall in the Leadership category. Grace was a deserved overall winner in the music category. We all waited with bated breath as the announcement for the recipient of the ‘Top Primary student in the Hills District’, was made….Grace from Ironbark Ridge! How proud we are of such an incredible achievement – well done, Grace! Ironbark Ridge’s stars continue to shine!
‘Australian Identity’ took on a whole new meaning for the students of 5/6 Speedos, with them role-playing famous people in Australian history. Their creative presentations had students from other Stages, as well as parents, in awe, marvelling at the accomplishments of some amazing people. Learning happens in many different ways, as 5/6 Speedos so capably and entertainingly portrayed!

Other Stage 3 achievements:
Grace received an ICAS medal for the highest individual score in English.
Jack received his piano grading result from AMEB. He achieved A+ on 8th grade. Furthermore, he won the 2nd prize in his age group for the ‘Christmas Swiss Chess Challenge’. There were over 200 students attending this challenge. Well done, Jack.

Stage 3 was once again on display, this time for the new OC students who will be joining us in 2014. An array of work was displayed, showcasing some of the phenomenal presentations that our students have put together, using 21st Century learning skills. Thank you to Mrs Kostiainen for chatting to the prospective parents and students, from both a P&C and parent perspective, as well as for providing refreshments. Thanks too, to Mrs Baronoff, for opening the uniform shop. Positive feedback was received from the students and their parents.

Presentation Day - what a wonderful way to celebrate all the outstanding efforts Stage 3 students have put in over the year. Hard work, citizenship and commitment to learning were just a few of the areas that were deservedly recognised. The Stage 3 teachers are so proud of each and every student in years 5 and 6. As we ‘oohed’ and ‘aahed’ over their adorable Kindy photos, Year 6 looked all grown up and ready for their next chapter in high school. It was lovely to see all the parents, carers and grandparents come to celebrate our Year 6 official graduation from primary school.

Congratulations to our 2014 leadership team. We know they will do an amazing job, just as Blake, Nicola, Dawson, Smrithi, Noah, Zara, Matthew and Grace have done this year.

And finally….
To the Year 6 students of 2013: it is with mixed emotion that we write our final message to a wonderful group of inspirational students who have not only touched our hearts, but impressed us all beyond words with their thirst for learning and pursuit of excellence. As we reflect back on your final year of primary school, we are delighted to see the gains you have made and the skills you have acquired. You leave an indelible legacy of excellence, tradition and achievement.
To our wonderful P&C, parents and school community: thank you for your support. We were able to work towards a shared vision for our students and school. Together, we were able to create wonderful, successful teaching and learning experiences for our students.

The Stage 3 teachers at Ironbark Ridge would like to wish all our parents and students a safe and happy holiday.

**CHINESE NEWS**

Nǐmen hǎo! 你们好

Another busy year is coming to an end and we have achieved so much in our Chinese Program this year. The Connected Classroom has been very successful in providing our OC classes with the opportunity to work with a native speaker. Our Wednesday afternoon classes with Mrs Lim have helped some of our K-2 students improve their language skills and have some fun with Mandarin. And our Chinese National Day celebrations were a great success! And that’s in addition to our everyday classroom learning.

Many of you have asked about my trip to China. It was an incredible experience!! I got to walk through Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. We visited the Summer Palace, watched the pandas play at the Beijing Zoo, and climbed the Great Wall - wow what a view! We visited a primary school in Ningbo on the east coast and took a bus trip through the mountains to see a 56m tall, golden Buddha. I fell in love with Shanghai, what a beautiful harbour, and the shopping was amazing! I can’t wait to take our Ironbark Ridge students to see first-hand all of the historical sites and amazing scenery of Beijing, Shanghai and many other beautiful locations.

Thank you to all of you for your support of our language program this year and for helping to make it a great success. I hope you will continue to encourage your children to practise, practise, practise over the holidays and I look forward to teaching them all again in the new year. There is so much more to learn 😊

I wish you all a very merry Christmas - Shèngdàn jié kuàilè! 圣诞节快乐 and I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Zàijiàn再见

Mrs Przyrembel
Chinese Teacher K-6

**VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA:**

A big thank you to everyone in the Community for their help at Ironbark Ridge Public School in 2013.

To show our appreciation we invite you to our Helper’s Morning Tea on Thursday, 12th December 2013 at 10.00am.

We would love to see you there.

Margaret Shorten

**ADMINISTRATION NEWS:**

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**

Any families who will not be returning to Ironbark Ridge Public School in 2014, could you please advise the school in writing as this can affect our class structure at the beginning of the year. If your child is starting after Wednesday 29th January due to your planned holidays, could you also please advise the school of the date that they will return to school.
STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS:
If you have not yet returned the new medical form to the office, could you please do so as soon as possible, as we need to update all our records. Thank you

SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER:
School Banking has finished for 2013. We look forward to your continue support with the student banking in 2014.

P&C NEWS & FUNDRAISING
PRESIDENTS NEWS

Where Does A Year Go?

I started the year rather reluctantly taking on the role of P&C President. But it has been very rewarding ... it reignited the community spirit in me and the desire to help make our school a fun and happy place to be for parents, teachers and students.

The P&C is quite an industry. We have a Food Services Division, a Fashion Boutique, Financial Services sector, and Event Management Department. To run a business of this nature and magnitude requires lots of people power you guys. Wages are our lowest dollar expense because everyone is paid in love by their children, because we ALL do it for our kids.

A year ago a meeting was held to consider handing our canteen over to an outsourced service provider, it was decided to give the canteen another term or two to turn around. With hard work and dedication the Canteen Queens not only turned it around they managed to only have to close the canteen on one occasion this year due to a lack of volunteers. Thank You to all the people who helped to feed our children this year.

There are things that happen behind the scenes that many parents would never be aware of because it is handled by dedicated souls, for example this year our Uniform shop was told the material used to make our school dresses was discontinued. Without skipping a beat the Uniform Chicks had it under control by sourcing a new manufacturer to make fabric just for us. It is a big job keeping our kids in uniforms and ensuring we have the right stock and amounts of stock, and they too only had to close just one day this year. Big thanks to the Uniform shop volunteers who work very hard to keep our kids looking good.

Student banking is something I was very passionate about and I worked closely with our Student Banking Star to come up with strategies to help us build up our bankers. Not only were we able to help students learn to save we also increased the free money earned in commission form the bank. Our student banking coordinator took banking from 8 regular bankers per week to over 50 per week. I am sure you will agree this is an outstanding result. Our kindy orientation days saw another 20 new bankers due to start their banking careers in 2014 so far. While we will have a new coordinator next year we can all be assured the banking is being handed over in a very strong position. Great Result Sue.

And then there is Fundraising ... We had parents who coordinated Mothers and Fathers day, Family Photos and Pavers, Trivia night, BBQs, Pie Drive, Cup Cake Deco competition and more. The paperwork for such events was handled by our Fundraising coordinator to ensure our parents could seamlessly provide these great events for us. A great result was achieved with over $18,000 being raised to help our school and our kids. Well done Fabulous Fundraisers.

I had great joy in participating in the Kindy and OC orientation days, and in conjunction with the Presentation they were my reward for all the work I put in. Thank you for a wonderful opportunity to represent you as the school P&C President I truly feel honoured.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and a fun school holiday break. To all our year 6 kids and their families I will bring some kleenex to school on the last day for you all :D

Leigh Kostiainen
The Prez
Don’t miss our prior to school opening days in 2014

Get ready for School !!

Thur 23rd January 9:30am – 11:30am
Fri 24th January 9:30am – 11:30am
Tue 28th January 9:30am – 11:30am

Have the kids grown over the holidays ?? Summer uniforms still available ........

Don’t get the school notes or the homework & library books are getting crushed ???
Grab a LIBRARY/HOMEWORK BAG . These are in stock and great for all years $8 each

Need a school bag that can handle the way the kids treat it ??
Our SCHOOL BAGS are $50 and TOUGH !!! 3yr warranty on the zippers too.

Tired of washing paint & glue from the school uniform ??
How about an ARTSMOCK generous sizing covers your entire child
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Don’t forget the School swimming carnival will be on TERM 1 so grab some HOUSE
SUPPORTER GEAR. Show which House you support !!!

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Opening Hours During school terms 2013 :
Monday 8:30 – 9:30am
Tuesday 8:30 – 9:30am
Friday 8:30 – 9:30am
SRC Dance Nights 5pm – 7pm

Ironbark Ridge P.S.
Uniform Shop
Deanne
Mb 0414 553 766
UNIFORM SHOP

We will be closed for stocktaking during the last week of school
(Wk : 11 mon 16/12 & tues 17/12)

Week 10 : (Mon 9/12 to Fri 13/12) we will have all
second hand clothing & accessories on sale:

Polos (long & short sleeve) & blouses & shorts $2
Long pants & trackpants $5
All jackets, tunics & dresses $5

We will be Open in January 2014 on the following dates:

Thur 23rd January 9:30am – 11:30am
Fri 24th January 9:30am – 11:30am
Tue 28th January 9:30am – 11:30am

I would like to thank all the volunteer mums & “Brad the Dad”
who have helped me out in the Uniform Shop this year.
Without all your help & support it I couldn’t manage it all.
The laughs make it worthwhile 😊

Big thanks to Mr Paul & Mr Eddie & KTOOSH staff
& the Office Ladies for their ongoing help too.

See you all in 2014 !!

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
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Register now for next term or to find out more call:
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HILLS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Give Rugby a Try at our
Come 'n' Try Clinics
Yattenden Oval, John Street, Baulkham Hills

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Come 'n' Try is open for ages 4 – 12 yrs and is a free clinic.

For more information contact:
Registrar – Sarah McElderry on 0402 354 842.
President – Darren Hyde on 0407 970 889
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https://www.facebook.com/hillsrugby

Teams for 2014

Walls Rugby Under 6's & 7's (Coached touch/rag rugby)
Mini Rugby Under 8's & 9's (Introductory contact rugby)
Midl Rugby Under 10's to 12's (Coached contact rugby)
Junior Rugby - Under 13's to Open's (modified rugby laws)
Senior Rugby - Coaches & Four Senior Grades

Join us for the 2014 season
Birds, Bees and Backyards
Gardening in the 1920s
Sat 1 – Sun 16 February
As the Blue Mountains Lithgow and Oberon region celebrates the Roaring 20s and All That Jazz Festival, visit the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden for an insight into what was going on in the backyard during the Roaring 20s. 9.30 am – 5 pm. Free – in the Visitor Centre.

The Blue on Native Bees — Australian native bees of the Sydney, Blue Mountains and Illawarra regions
Saturday 8 February 2014
Join Megan Halstrom Ph.D to learn about bees and how they drive biodiversity and support food security. While most bees live solitary lives and don’t store honey, they are the world’s most efficient flower pollinators. They are beautiful, diverse and fascinating to watch with about 200 species of native bees calling Sydney and its surrounding regions home. Learn how to encourage many bee species into the garden by conserving or providing nesting habitat. With the chance to win the lucky door prize of a hardwood native bee nest! 10 am – 1 pm in the Wollomi Room. Bookings essential: $10. (Suitable for ages 12 upwards.)

Each booking includes CD containing:
• Brief seminar outline
• The field guide to native bees of the Sydney regions and its updates
• How to build a bee hotel and bee bees nests
• Includes morning tea.
Bookings essential. Phone 9231 8182 or email foundation.friends@bgysd.nsw.gov.au or book online at www.bgysd.nsw.gov.au/tomah

Birds of a Feather
Sun 16 Feb 2014
Join wildlife and botanical artist Fiona Lunardon on an inspiration into the world of feathers. Feathers are beautiful and remarkable in their own right; to understand a feather is to understand the essence of a bird. Combine feathers with other natural wonders for beautiful natural history compositions. 10 am – 3 pm. 75% includes morning and afternoon tea. Participants to bring their own lunch.
Bookings essential. Phone 9231 8182 or email foundation.friends@bgysd.nsw.gov.au or book online at www.bgysd.nsw.gov.au/tomah

General Information
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Entry to the Garden is free. Phone: (02) 4787 3000
Restaurant Tomah 0411 522 742
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The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah

The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden sits on a basalt plateau, 1,000 metres above sea level in the World Heritage listed Greater Blue Mountains. The Garden is home to a thousand species of cool-climate and southern hemisphere plants. As well as the many beautiful landscaped gardens and rainforest walks, the Botanic Garden runs events and workshops for all ages to inspire a love for plants.

Blue Mountains Garden Safari
All Summer
Go on safari through the Garden on a self-guided adventure trail. Follow the map to find the hidden safari stops and find out about some amazing plants and animals! For children aged 3 – 12 years. 9.30 am – 5 pm. Collect your Safari Kit from the Visitor Information Desk. $6 per kit.

Garden Weaving: an Exhibition by Lanny Mackenzie
Sun 8 Dec 2013 – Fri 31 Jan 2014
Fresh from her UK exhibition, fibre artist and weaver, Lanny Mackenzie, showcases her vibrant handwoven baskets and sculptured pieces. Based in Orange, NSW, Lanny uses a combination of natural materials, garden settings, found objects and shopping bags, with a ‘cyclical, reduce and reuse’ philosophy. Lanny weaves her fun and colourful creations, producing useful objects and beautiful one-off pieces. 9.30 am – 5 pm. Free – in the Visitor Centre. Enquiries phone: 4567 3000 or email tomah@bgysd.nsw.gov.au

The Wollomi Warrior Adventure
Thurs 16 Jan 2014
The villainous Iggy Chop is determined to destroy the famous Wollomi Pine and turn it into a toothpick for his collection. Cut hornbe, the determined Wollomi Wanderer, sets out on a mission to save the Wollomi pine from this terrible fate and expose Iggy Chop and his evil plan. With lots of fun and movement, this interactive performance is suitable for kids 3 – 12 years. In partnership with Blue Mountains Entertainment. 11.15 am and 1.15 pm. $10 per child. One free adult with each family booking.

Bookings essential. Phone 9231 8182 or email foundation.friends@bgysd.nsw.gov.au or book online at www.bgysd.nsw.gov.au/tomah

Bird Walk and Talk
Sat 18 Jan 2014 (or Sat 25 Jan 2014 if postponed due to rain)
Join birding guide Carol Prebble on a morning walk to see some of the birds that inhabit the Garden and learn about their habits. Carol will give instructions on using binoculars and tips for finding birds before returning to the visitor centre for a discussion on bird identification techniques and how to get started as a birdwatcher. Suitable for beginners or those who have already done some birding. 8 am – 11 am.

$25 includes morning tea.
WHAT’S ON – JANUARY 2014

JANUARY
Wednesday 22 - 10 am – 12 noon
School Holiday Hands-on Science Program
KIDS FUN DAY – ROCKETS
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting).

Saturday 25 - 8 pm – 10 pm
School Holiday Family Astronomy Night
Come along and enjoy a multimedia presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and a tour of the Observatory’s dome area which houses a 0.6m (24 inch) telescope.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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and
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SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME - Week 1

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME - Week 2

2/12
3/12
4/12 Combined Scripture Assembly 2pm, Assembly Newsletter
5/12 Presentation Day (No swimming today)
6/12 Student Banking

9/12
10/12 Stage 2 Fun Day
11/12 Kinder Fun Day, P&C: (To be confirmed)
12/12 Stage 1 Fun Day
13/12 Student Banking

16/12
17/12
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