Newsletter ‘13
Term 3 Week 5 15.08.2013
Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY
August
23 Aug – Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Choir Dance - 29 Aug – Father’s Day Stall
30 Aug – Ridges Athletics – No PSSA

CURRENT NOTES
Update Medical Form Yr 6 White Elephant Stall
Pulse Choir Performance Walk a Thon

FUNDRAISING NEWS
22 Aug - Canteen Orientation Tour 29 Aug – Father’s Day
14 Sept - Election BBQ 15 Sept - Bunnings BBQ

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Dear Parents and Friends,
Our recent school events have been very successful. Open Day was a huge success. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents around the school. It was a bit chilly but the people who commented to me were very positive. Thank you also to parents who supported the book fair – we will be using our 35% of sales to purchase more books for the library.

The carnival was also a huge success. Thanks to all who helped out. We wish all our students well who are going on to the next level. There were a couple of minor issues that we need to look at for next year.

Two important points from these days were:
• Students cannot be taken home from an event by another parent unless we have a signed permission note outlining this.
• Even though I expressly stated that any pictures or videos were for personal use only and not for use on social media we still had a video posted onto Facebook. Please be aware that this is a safety issue for our students.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported these activities.

Visit by Ningbo Principals
We recently had a visit to the school by 17 principals from Ningbo, China. They were very impressed with our school, our students and the style of learning that happens here. They were particularly impressed by the technology being used within the classrooms and our use of “Project Based” learning and problem solving.
Student Talent
Students have showcased their work in many ways in recent weeks. This week our school came second in the Rotary Writing Competition with several students receiving awards. We have had success on the ski slopes, sporting fields and hopefully in the coming Hawkesbury Eisteddfod, Tournament of Minds and Spelling Bee. Good luck to all our students in all areas of endeavour.

Walkathon
Notes for our Walkathon have been sent home. This will be our major school fundraiser for the year supporting our 21st Century Learning project and the purchase of technology to support it (ie iPads). Our goal is to have a class set of iPads per Stage by the end of this year. We currently have enough to roll out K-2 and Yrs 3-6 sets. This means we need an additional 60 iPads before the end of the year. Our target for the Walkathon is $12 000 – half of the money we need for our project. I believe we can achieve this if we all get behind it.

Our technology is rolling out, our professional learning to support it is happening and the children who have been involved in our trials are loving it – but we do need your support.

LMBR
We have been involved in trialling portions of the Financial, Human Resources and Student Wellbeing modules of LMBR (our new software systems in DEC). This has involved data checking and entry in the above areas and learning about these new systems. We will be moving over to these systems later this year, with the Student Wellbeing going live later this month. We still do not know what the new model of funding will mean for Ironbark Ridge.

Reports
The changeover to our new reports went smoothly. Teachers reported it was easier and we felt positive about the fact that we had control over the printing. We have been working hard on consistency of teacher judgement within the school to ensure that the reports truly reflect your child’s progress.

Teaching and Learning
We continue to work hard to improve teachers’ skills through professional learning and peer mentoring. Staff have attended professional learning over the past few weeks to support our 4 main areas: Reading, new English syllabus implementation, Student Well-being and 21st Century learning. This has meant that classes have been taken by casuals on some days, as well as many meetings before and after school. I appreciate the hard work being put in by all staff members.

Medical Forms
Parents have been asked to complete new medical forms as a requirement from DEC. These have been distributed and our staff is entering the data. Thank you for your assistance and the prompt return of these forms.

Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2014
Urgent - If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten at Ironbark Ridge P.S. in 2014 please come in and fill out an enrolment form. This is the time of year when I am expected to put in our numbers for 2014. At this stage it is looking like we will need an extra classroom. Obviously there is a great deal of planning required for this to occur so the more accurate we are the better for everyone.

SRC
Congratulations to our new SRC Representative for Semester 2. I would also like to thank the SRC representative from Semester 1 for a job well done.

Have a wonderful fortnight,
Anne Forbes
Principal
Term 3 - Week 4

**PRINCIPAL:** Stage 1 for Peer reading

K Blinky Bill  Sarah, Katherine, Jordan
K Dreamtime  Lucas, Tori, Este
1 Blue Tongues  Alec, Summer, Jasmine, Lauren
1 Tassie Devils  Jayden, Nicola, Elvin, Jack
2 Marsupials  Kaitlin, Olivia, Cassie, Kieran
3 Jabiru  Derek, Matthew, Alexander, Hayley, Isabel, Preston
3/4 Pelicans  Cameron, Liam, Thea, Mackensie, Jay
4 Wobbegong  Sapphrine, Edward, Nick, Owain
5/6 Kirribilli  Dilara, Josh, Bailee, Jess
5/6 Minties  Lorriza, Gareth, Nicholas, Tamana, Avishma
6 Daintree  Charlotte, Noah, Nathan, Andrew, Jeevan

**CHINESE:** 5/6 Minties

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**Week 5**

**PRINCIPAL**  Stage 2 Open Day Performance

K Walkabout  Lucia, Lachlan, James, Hannah
K Budgies  Luke, Leah, Jorge
1 Ned Kelly  Natasha, Ryan, Riley, Declan
2 Kingfisher  Charlize, Sienna, Samya, Sophie, Arden,
2 Bilbies  Summer, Harry, Tom, James, Tara
3 Surfers Paradise  Torbian, Abi, Lachlan, Holly, Gabriel
4 Sturt  Isabella, Genevieve, Damon, Zack, Izaac
5 Herons  Diya, Annalise, Tanya, Mikey, Neha
5/6 Speedos  Anhiti, Dylan, Monique, Maddison

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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:**

All years 3-6 students need to have their online reading log completed for the Premier’s Reading Challenge by the 30 August 2013.
KINDY CAPERS:

What a great day we all had at the farm this week! No doubt you’ve all been hearing about Kindy’s visit to Calmsely Hill Farm. The tractor ride was a big hit once again this year, but nothing could be more delightful than seeing everyone have a go at milking Custard the Jersey cow. Other highlights included the sheepdog trials, shearing, horses, cows, a plethora of beautiful babies and our very own Mr Brent’s outstanding stock whip performance. Congratulations to all students for their terrific behaviour on the day and their eagerness to participate in all the farm had to offer. Many thanks to all parents for supporting our trip to the farm and Henny Penny chick hatchlings this term, who last Friday went back to their home.

If any parents are free on Wednesday 21st August 2013 at 315pm, Miss Baracz would very much appreciate your help preparing mathematics resources for Kindergarten. Please pop by her room if you have any spare time to laminate, cut out and assemble items. Materials are provided and you can take them home to complete.

Well done to all families for your help with Kindy homework thus far. In all Kindergarten classes homework is being sent home on Friday and returned on Thursday of the following week so that students have time over the weekend to complete some of it. The same now applies to home reading. Bug Club continues. Sport clothes need to be worn on Thursday. Please continue to send water bottles to school with children each day even though the weather is cool.

Kindy Dance Group members need to keep bringing in their permission notes for the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod on 27th July. Please also return all permission notes for the SRC Crazy Mufti Walkathon by Wednesday 28th August 2013. It would be greatly appreciated if all parents would send along a Bostick Gluestick as we have now almost used up all supplies from the start of the year.

Have a safe and happy weekend!

The Early Stage 1 Team

SPORT NEWS:

Athletics Carnival - Thursday 1st August 2013

What wonderful weather we had for our Athletics Carnival on Thursday 1st August 2013 at Centenary Oval, Rouse Hill. Kindergarten, Year 1 and the 7yr old Year 2 students had a great time at the K-2 carnival, many thanks to Mrs Walker and her team who organised the fun activities. Well done to all the 8yr old Yr 2 and 3-6 students who participated in the track and field events, earning points for their House. Many thanks to all the staff, parents and caregivers who worked tirelessly to ensure the day was a success. Congratulations to all students who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the track and field events.

2013 Champions
Junior Girl – Zahrah Shah
Junior Boy – Damon Harris
11 years Girl – Talia Fauvette
11 years Boys – Deniel Havenga and Samuel Sara
Senior Girl – Maddison Moog
Senior Boy – Ben Watson

Ridges Zone Athletics Carnival is being held on Friday 30th August at Blacktown International Sports Park. All students who have qualified to represent our school have been issued with a permission note which needs to be returned with payment to the office by Friday 16th August. We wish those students best of luck.

Athletics Committee
S.R.C News:

Congratulations to all of the newly elected S.R.C. leaders for Semester 2. The badges were presented at this week’s assembly and at next week’s assembly. It is a great honour to wear the S.R.C. badge and we’re sure that you will develop into great S.R.C. leaders. Well done to the Semester 1 S.R.C leaders, you did a fantastic job!

Semester 2 S.R.C. leaders:

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The S.R.C. Walkathon notes and sponsorship cards will be going home today. Our target is to raise $12,000 to help purchase technology (e.g. ipads) to support our 21st Century learning project. The S.R.C. students voted on the theme ‘Crazy Mufti’ to help make our Walkathon a fun event for all students K-6.

With thanks,

Kylie Walker and Tamara Nahirny
S.R.C. Organising Teachers

MUSIC NEWS:

Please note that all lessons missed due to a variety of school activities and absence will be made up between weeks 5 and 10. All students affected will be given a copy of their lesson timetable as will teachers. Please check these timetables so that students can attend their lessons at the correct time and on the correct day. Thank you for your cooperation in this. Ironbark Ridge certainly is a very busy school!

Hearty congratulations to all students who performed at Castle Towers and at the Education Week Open Day. Well done to you all, especially to our newest ensemble, the IRPS Djembe Ensemble upon their debut.

Should you have any queries please contact Mrs Stella Talati directly via stella@talatimusic.com.au or 0422-109-397.
IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR ALL MUSIC PARENTS:
We are in the process of establishing a database of email addresses so that we can further improve our correspondence with music parents. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send an email to stella@talatimusic.com.au from your current email address, stating clearly the student’s name and year, by Friday 9th August, 2013. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

Mr & Mrs Talati
IRPS Music Programme Coordinators

PSSA SPORT: TERM 3

WEEK 5  16.08.2013

NETBALL: Commercial Road, Kellyville (Court 10)
NEWCOMBE BALL: John Palmer Public School
RUGBY LEAGUE: Kellyville Park, Memorial Avenue, Kellyville
BOY’S SOCCER: Second Ponds Reserve, Rouse Hill
GIRL’S SOCCER: Mihkelson Reserve, Quakers Hill (Maslin Cres, Quakers Hill)

WEEK 6  23.08.2013

NETBALL: Commercial Road, Kellyville (Court 10)
NEWCOMBE BALL: Rouse Hill Public School, Rouse Hill
RUGBY LEAGUE: Kellyville Park, Memorial Avenue, Kellyville
BOY’S SOCCER: Schofield Park, Schofields
GIRL’S SOCCER: Paterson Reserve (Field 2) Quakers Hill (Torbert Avenue, Quakers Hill)

ADMINISTRATION NEWS:
Please remember to put all notes with money in a sealed envelope. As you can imagine, the volume of money coming into the office makes it difficult if it is not in an envelope. Notes and payments should be handed into the office or placed in the Green Box on the reception counter, before school each day.

Thank you
Admin. Staff

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
Applications for Non Local Kindergarten Enrolments for siblings need to be handed into the Office A.S.A.P.

Enrolments for our In Area Kindergarten Students for 2014 are now also being accepted.
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.

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS:
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

Copies of the new forms have been given to the students for you to fill out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information and if you have any questions please call the office.

Admin. Staff

P&C NEWS:

Canteen Recess Special
Monday new special is Garlic Bread for $1

Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 29th August

Here are just a few suggestions, but please feel free to contribute whatever you like:
* key rings * books * torches * games * wallet/coin purse * sports caps * gardening tools * BBQ equipment
* chocolates * lollies * car cleaning products * socks * hankies
or anything else you think dad would love!

It would be a big help, and every much appreciated, if you could please wrap your present donation in clear cellophane and ribbon (oven bags are a quick alternative), so the children can see what they are purchasing.

To make life easier, you can order on www.flexischools.com.au as many gifts as you like for Dad, Grandad, Pop.

We would appreciate if every family could please donate a gift…..
The gifts available for sale will be $1.00, $3.00 and $5.00, so please keep these price ranges in mind when choosing your gifts to donate.

Please place the gifts in the “Father’s Day Stall” basket in the the office by Friday 23rd August
If it is easier, and you simply don’t have time, please feel free to donate a small amount of money and place it in an envelope labelled “Father’s Day” in the green box in the office, and we can do the shopping for you!

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Federal Election Day
BBQ & Cake Stall & Canteen
Saturday 7th September 2013

The Federal election will be held at Ironbark Ridge Public School on Saturday 14th September 2013 and we will be using this opportunity to raise funds for our school.

Volunteer to help on the day
You can now book volunteer times to help on the BBQ, Canteen or Cake stall. 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.
QRZPW

When you click finish, your volunteer timetable 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 times or volunteer some more!!

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phone please phone or text Nicolle on 0000 000 000 to let her know when you can help. Alternatively drop 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 Ironbark Ridge APP go to “More” then “Rosters/Interviews” & follow the link.

Help bake a cake
A week prior to ELECTION SATURDAY we will be distributing cake plates, label, etc. to every family.

It would be great if every family could provide us with a plate of cupcakes, toffee’s, slices, cookies, etc. These could be brought into school on Friday 6 September ready for an early start.

Please note, there is very limited fridge space for fresh creamed products.

We can’t wait to see the wonderful creations that our Ironbark Children are capable of.
For further details contact: Julia Duval 0414 354 788 or Sharon Critchley 0435 292 506.

Bunnings Rouse Hill
BBQ Fundraiser
Sunday 15th September 2013

Ironbark Ridge PS P&C Association will be running a BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse ROUSE HILL on Sunday 15th September 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.

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Laura Jean Photo Day is BACK!
Save the date!
Saturday 19th October

Ironbark Ridge Public School are holding a $20.00 Family Portrait. For your $20.00 - you will receive a giant 10”x13” portrait for your donation - a great family gift idea.

These funds (plus bonuses) shall go back to our school and at the same time, if you choose, you will have the chance to purchase additional portraits at exceptionally good prices – just in time for Christmas!

More information will be out in the coming weeks – but until then, please save the date, and get ready to book a slot – as spaces are limited on the day, and we were only able to get a one day shoot, so once all places are filled, there will be no additional days/times available.

Feel free in the meantime to look up their website, www.laurajeann.com.au and if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Monica Calderwood, calderwood3@bigpond.com

Ironbark Trivia Night!
Saturday 26th October

What you’ve all been waiting for… our major fundraiser of the year … IRONBARK TRIVIA NIGHT!!!

We need your help with getting together major prize donations

If you know anyone who is interested in promoting their business name (either school or non-school businesses), and would like exposure of their business name throughout our fabulous Ironbark Community … or individual families who would like to help out and support the night by donating a gift voucher or prize etc, … please send them our way …. it would be GREATLY appreciated!!

Please contact Nicolle Greentree at: nicolle@bakemeacake.com.au so we can organise, and list your name in the sponsorship acknowledgements.
What can I do to help?

Event:

Father's Day Stall
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Leigh Kostiainen
IRPS P&C President
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Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Castle Hill Softball Club is still taking registrations for this summer season. Play Blast Ball, Teeball or Softball with us this summer. Girls / Boys / Mums and Dad from as young as 3 can play. All games are played at the same time, same location every week commencing 12th October. For more information contact Natalie Blanning on 0411 286 308, castlehillsoftball@yahoo.com.au
Change, loss and grief are normal and natural parts of life… but your child doesn’t have to cope on their own.

Seasons for Growth® is a small group education program helping children and young people learn new ways of coping with family change—separation and divorce, relocation, the death of someone they love, family illness and other changes. Over 160,000 children have taken part in Seasons for Growth® programs since 1996.

School holiday groups

When: 24 & 26 September, 2013 from 10am-3pm
Where: Mary MacKillop Place
        Mount St, North Sydney (museum entry)
Cost: $20 (concessions available)

(Children will take part in age-appropriate groups)

For more information contact
Karen Muir on 0428 620 264 or karen.muir@goodgrief.org.au, or visit our website at www.goodgrief.org.au.
Come along to... **The Great Fete**

**Samuel Gilbert Public School**

**Sunday 18 August 2013**
10am-4pm, Gilbert Rd, Castle Hill

**Great Family Fun!**

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Is your child ready for school next year?

or if your child...
› has poor balance
› has difficulty with fine motor skills
› avoids jigsaws or crafts
› can’t copy basic shapes
› often trips or bumps into things
› has confused handedness

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