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DATES FOR THE DIARY

September

CURRENT NOTES

Update Medical Form  Yr 6 White Elephant Stall

FUNDRAISING NEWS

14 Sept - Election BBQ  15 Sept - Bunnings BBQ

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

It’s been a fortnight of amazing success for our students. Our students have shown that they are able to excel across a range of areas, including both academic and creative, and are able to work well as part of a team. We competed in the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod in the choir and dance sections. Teachers report that our students performed extremely well. As a result we came home with a host of awards. We also competed in the Tournament of Minds Sydney West Regional Tournament on the weekend. This is a very difficult problem solving competition for students. Our results were stunning with us taking out two firsts and a second. Our teams will now compete at the State Finals in early September. We are also proud of Grace who won a medal in the University Competition in English for having the highest score in NSW and the ACT. Students also competed in Stage Spelling Bees, tackling all those really hard words. The winners will now progress to the Regional Spelling bee, being held here at Ironbark Ridge. Congratulations to all of the students involved in these events and good luck to those going on to higher levels. We are proud of you all. Thank you also to the teachers who prepared the students for these competitions, some giving up their weekends so students could compete. Of course, a big thank you to all the parents who helped and supported students as well. Our success is a true community effort. There is more information in this newsletter about these events.

Ridges Athletics Carnival

Our sporting skills will be on display at this weeks Ridges Athletics Carnival being held at Blacktown International Sports Centre. I know our students will compete well in their events and we wish them the best on the day. I will be attending as an official and look forward to watching them compete.

SRC Walkathon

Our school walkathon is being held this Monday. We hope all students will be participating as we are raising money to support our implementation of technology within the school. A main area for focus in the school for both this year and next is “21st Century Learning” and the cultivating of capabilities in students relevant to the modern world. One aspect is using digital tools that support this learning. We are moving towards an environment where students are expected to interact with the real world from inside the classroom in order to make their learning relevant and meaningful. Introducing this type of learning can be quite expensive but
also very worthwhile. The level of student engagement changes dramatically – they almost expect this is how learning should be.

So we need our community to support us in our endeavours to bring the modern world into Ironbark Ridge alongside the basics of education that will always be so important.

This walkathon is intended to help us with the purchase of another set of 30 iPads that will bring us closer to our current goal of a full class set of iPads per stage. We thank you for all your help and support.

Kindergarten Information Night
It was exciting to meet so many new parents whose children will be starting at Ironbark Ridge in 2014 at our Kindergarten Information night. Parents attended sessions run by both school staff and P&C parents informing them about their child starting at a DEC school. Thank you to everyone involved but particularly Mr Brent, the Kindergarten team and the P&C executive.

Father’s Day Stall
Our P&C have organized another successful Fathers’ Day stall to ensure our dads are recognized this weekend. The staff wish all our dads a Happy Father’s Day.

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.

Just letting you know that I will be on leave commencing Friday 6th September until the holidays. Mr Thomson will be Relieving Principal and Mrs De Jager Relieving Deputy Principal. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday (in advance).

*****Uniforms*****
Please note that if the warm weather continues, we are happy for students to wear summer uniform.

Have a wonderful fortnight,
Anne Forbes, Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Outstanding in so many ways!
Recent performances in a range of pursuits has highlighted to me what an outstanding group of students and teachers we have here at Ironbark Ridge. Our students have achieved victories and highly commended awards in Tournament of Minds, Dance, Choir, international academic tests and sporting activities (e.g. skiing!). Congratulations to all involved. Your hard work practicing has certainly paid off with ‘top of the class’ outcomes.

A positive school community
Ironbark Ridge learning community is a great place. We’d like to know what you all think though! As part of our annual review of our school we would like parents to complete an online survey about the culture and atmosphere at Ironbark Ridge PS. The link is below:
www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

We will be asking parents on Friday afternoons at school to come into the Library and fill in this survey to make it as easy a process as possible. It should take no more than 10 minutes of your time and should provide us with information about your opinions, concerns and suggestions for making Ironbark Ridge an even better school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Nick Thomson, Deputy Principal
The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

From Michael Grose, Parenting Expert: parentingideas.com.au

The importance of regular bedtimes for children

Here are the results of a fascinating sleep study conducted in the UK…

The study found that children with irregular bedtimes had lower scores in cognitive tests than kids who kept regular bedtimes. Researchers studied 11,000 British children’s sleeping habits and cognitive development at age 3, 5 and 7 to see if there were connections between the two. Boys, in particular, with irregular bedtimes were more adversely affected than girls, particularly in the important areas of reading, writing and mathematics.

The negative impact of poor sleep habits in kids is not new. We’ve always known that sleep is good for kids’ growth and their health. Lack of sleep impacts on kids’ immune systems, making them more susceptible to colds and other bugs. Every teacher and parent knows that tired kids often get sick… not to mention irritable!

In the last twelve months I’ve seen significant studies attributing lack of sleep with poor behaviour; anxiety and depression particularly in teenagers; and now poor cognitive performance. Interestingly, the key sleep factor that helps kids perform better, coping with adversity and behaving better at school is regularity of sleep habits rather than how long kids sleep. Kids who go to bed at different times and wake up at different times with big swings on weekdays compared to weekends- tend to be adversely affected. Habits are important when it comes to sleep.

Kids are routine-junkies. They fight routines of all kinds, but they are actually good for them. Good routines of all kinds (meal-time, bath-time, homework time, bed-time, wake-up time) are essential to children’s healthy development. Kids in chaotic homes use so much of their brain power just working out what comes next. The allostatic load on their brain is too much for many. Routine and regularity is vital for sleep too. The sleep clock thrives on regularity. The sleep clock is re-adjusted on holidays and takes some time to get back to normal when kids return to school.
How much sleep do kids need?

Okay, sleep varies from child to child but the University of South Australia Centre for Sleep Research recommends the following:

- **2-5 year olds**: 11-12 hours per night
- **6-12 year olds**: 9-11 hours per night
- **8-10 year olds**: 8-10 hours per night

Here are five ideas to make sure your kids' bed-time stays regular and routine-like:

1. **Don’t let kids stay up** more than an hour or two later than normal on weekends.
2. Have a **regular unwind** time before the light goes out, and don’t let them fall asleep in front of the TV.
3. No exercise, big meals or hot baths **directly before** bedtime.
4. **Establish rituals** such as reading a book in bed that triggers the sleep habits.
5. Make their bedrooms **cave-like**. Melatonin, the chemical the brain releases to bring on sleepiness loves darkness, and hates lights of any kind.

Most parents know the importance of sleep, but now we need to appreciate how important structure, namely a **routine**, really is.

Learning and Support:

All Levelled Literacy Intervention withdrawal groups for Semester 2 are up and running smoothly. The students have been working very hard to further develop their reading, writing and comprehension skills. Most students are gradually becoming more confident with approach reading and writing tasks with a developing degree of independence.

Our Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) have been busy completing Training and Development on a wide variety of Literacy support programs to implement with students either individually or in small group contexts. You will receive correspondence in the near future if your child is participating in one of the following support programs:

**MULTILIT**: This program is an intensive, systematic reading program for students who are experiencing difficulty acquiring the following skills:
- phonics or word attack skills;
- sight words recognition; and
- require support with bringing these skills together when reading.

**Early Phonemic Awareness Program (Jeanne Dodd)**: This program is aimed to provide explicit training in phonemic awareness to small group of students who do not appear to have an awareness of sounds in our speech system.

**Letter/Sound correspondence**: Programs such as ‘Synthetic Phonics’ and ‘Ants in the Apple’ are used to support students to acquire the letter/sound knowledge required to read, write and spell.

Maintenance Programs: These programs are developed and implemented for students who have made significant progress in the Levelled Literacy Intervention Program and are no longer attending withdrawal sessions with Mrs Robson. During these sessions, sight words are revised and comprehension and fluency exercises are implemented.

Mrs Robson, Learning and Support Teacher
Term 3 - Week 6

PRINCIPAL: 5/6 Minties for supporting our young students with their reading

K Blinky Bill  Prateek, Alex, Sienna
K Dreamtime  Khematip, Umar, Jay
1 Blue Tongues  Daniel, Kayvaan, Abby
1 Tassie Devils  Tammin, Jemma, Chantal
2 Marsupials  Marli, Sarah, Greta, Charlotte
3/4 Pelicans  Shivani, Alyssa, Nikki, Riley
4 Wobbegong  Amelia, Zahrah, Ryan, Liam
5/6 Kirribilli  Stephanie, Emilie, Connor, Chad
5/6 Minties  Tahilla, Tamra, Samuel, Micaela, Conrad
6 Daintree  Brodryk, Annika, Esha, Niles, Anupama, Abhay

CHINESE: 1 Blue Tongues

Art Awards: Sarah C., Darcy S., Charli H., Latiesha B.

Week 7

PRINCIPAL  Models at Kindy information night
K Walkabout  Sahaj, Chelsea, Chanel
K Budgies  Ben, Jorge, Jasmine
1 Ned Kelly  Yursuf, Brodie, Cameron, Emily
2 Kingfisher  Charlotte, Alysha, Khematip, Jayden
2 Bilbies  Charli-Rose, Dilan, Hiral, Jessica
3 Surfers Paradise  Mitchell, Lachlan, Sophie, Evan, Lilly
5 Herons  Jacinda, Kevin, Roger, Kezie, Kathy
5/6 Speedos  Joanna, Keegan, Lara, Deniel
5/6 Magpies  Selena, Muir, Nabeel, Ben, Dawson

CHINESE: K Budgies
KINDY CAPERS:

At last Spring is around the corner and days are starting to really warm up. Please send water bottles along to school with students each day. Also Ms Forbes has given permission for Summer uniform to be worn on hot days during the last three weeks of Term 3. Hats need to be on little heads each day when outdoors.

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. If homework is sent in on Friday instead of Thursday it may not be marked until the following week as teachers can’t always find time during the day to mark homework and rely on having it on Thursday night to check over it. The same applies to home reading. Sport clothes need to be worn on Thursday.

Congratulations to our Kindy Dance Group on their first place performance this week at Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. It would also 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. Many thanks to all Mums and Dads for your help in preparing maths resources for Kindergarten and sending along used packaging for classroom shops. Keep sending in money and notes for the Crazy Mufti Walkathon on Monday 2nd September.

Have a safe and happy weekend and a great Fathers Day.
The Early Stage 1 Team

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS:

Stage 1 students have been learning all about Celebrations around the world and Water. Ask your child to tell you about one of the celebrations they have learnt about.

Just a reminder that students will be participating in the Walkathon and the Year 6 Funday over the next couple of weeks. Please ensure your child brings back the permission note and money so that they can join in the fun!

It would be greatly appreciated if all parents could send along a Bostick Gluestick as we have now almost used up all supplies from the start of the year.

Thank you to all the parents who give up their time to assist in the classrooms or with activities such as dance and choir. It is very much appreciated.

Have a safe and happy weekend!
The Stage 1 Team.

IRONBARK RIDGE PS LIBRARY
BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

A huge thank you to students, teachers, parents, grandparents and all community members who supported our annual Book Fair.

The total amount of book sales was $9400, which resulted in $3,300 worth of books being purchased for our School Library.

Thanking You

Judy Paton  (Teacher-Librarian)
**STAGE 3 NEWS:**

**Tournament of the mind**

Our Tournament of the Mind teams competed in the NSW regional final at the University of Western Sydney on Sunday 25th August. Each team presented their long term and spontaneous challenge producing outstanding results. I can’t begin to explain the work, creativity and dedication shown by all the students and I felt so proud of their teamwork, thinking processes and problem solving. Social science and maths engineering were the regional winners in their category. Applied technology received honours. The two winning teams will proceed forward to the State challenge in September. Ironbark certainly stood out as an amazing school with outstanding students. Well done to all the students who worked towards our wonderful success and thank you to our supportive parents for their commitment.

Mrs De Jager

**Rotary Writing Competition**

I had the wonderful opportunity of attending a presentation evening with three of our families and those writers selected as Stage winners of the Rotary Writing Competition on Monday 12th August. It was an outstanding evening for Ironbark as Grace was selected as the 2nd overall winner of the competition. Ironbark received 2nd prize in the overall school winner category. The winning team members were Tamra, Grace and Harry.

Mrs De Jager
Ironbark Ridge entered 2 choir groups into the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod on Friday 23rd August.

The choir groups were Junior K-2 choir and Senior 3-6 choirs. The competition at the Eisteddfod was to a very high standard and the students were very excited to be performing.

1st place was awarded to the Junior Choir Group.
Highly Commended was awarded to the Senior Choir Group.

A huge thankyou to Miss Baracz, Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Barton and Mrs Sayer who have given up many lunches and recesses to work with such talented students.

Well done!!
Parents Count Too

Helping your child with – Counting

One of the first experiences children have with numbers is “counting”. Counting starts as learning a pattern of words, just like a nursery rhyme. As children’s counting develops, they begin to relate the words to a quantity or number of things.

How do children learn to count and use numbers?

Children learn the pattern of counting words by repetition. Initially, this pattern may have gaps where the child leaves out a number in the sequence, or the child may invent numbers. It is common to hear a child say twenty-ten after counting to twenty-nine.

However, remembering the words for each number in the correct order is only part of the process of counting. To “count” children need to match saying the number words with the correct number of “things”.

Children should be given lots of opportunities to practise and explore counting groups as well as making groups. Children also need to recognise and name numbers.
Parents Count Too

What can you do at home?

- Count with your child the number of buttons as you do up a cardigan or shirt.
- Encourage your child to count the number of pegs used to hang out the washing.
- Count the number of steps from the front door to the letterbox.
- Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after some have been removed.
- Count the number of times you and your child can throw a ball to each other without dropping it.
- Read and talk about stories and rhymes that use numbers.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes that include numbers such as Five Little Ducks and Baa Baa Black Sheep.
- Have your child count as far as he or she is able to and then encourage your child to join you while you continue counting.
- Ask your child to start counting from a number other than one. This will help them when they need to add two groups together and can start counting from the larger group.
- Ask your child to tell you the number before or after a number. How old will you be next year? How old were you last year?
- Ask your child to give you enough plates, cups or cutlery for each person when setting the table.
- Play games such as Dominoes, Snakes and ladders, card games or board games involving a die with dot patterns. This will help your child to recognise patterns and count. Change the die to one showing numbers to help your child read and recognise numbers.
- Collect and sort shells. Count how many are in each group.
Parents Count Too

- Look at and say the numbers on license plates and road signs.
- Ask your child to help you count the pieces as you cut up food such as pie, quiche, fruit or sandwiches.
- Make farmyards from empty cartons. Count with your child the number of toy animals as he or she places them in each yard. Ask questions such as: Which yard has the most animals? After placing some animals in a yard, stop and then count on as you add more.
- Help your child to remember your phone number and to press the correct buttons on the phone.
CHINESE NEWS:

Nǐmen hǎo! 你们好

This term I am pleased to welcome Miss Qinwen (Renee) Deng to our school. She is a student researcher from China who will be joining us on Wednesdays as part of the Ningbo Teaching Program. Miss Deng will share her time between Rouse Hill PS, Rouse Hill High School and Ironbark Ridge PS and she will be working with some of our Stage 1 and Stage 2 classes.

Last fortnight we were privileged to have a delegation of principals from the Chinese Education Directorate who were here to see the wonderful work we are doing at Ironbark Ridge. They were very grateful for the opportunity to visit some of our classrooms and they thoroughly enjoyed the presentations made by students from 6D and 5H. The delegates were very complimentary and took many new ideas back with them to China.

Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher K-6

SRC NEWS:

Walkathon

Notes for our Walkathon must be in by Friday 30 August. No notes will be accepted on Monday due to organisational constraints. 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. Our target for the Walkathon is $12 000 – half of the money we need for our project. Please support us with this goal.

Children with Asthma will need to carry a puffer with them on the day. Although the theme is Crazy Mufti, students will need to wear sun safe clothes and joggers. It may be warm on Monday so please ensure that appropriate clothing is worn. Students will be allowed to carry a water bottle during the walkathon.

All money to be finalised by Friday 6 September. The class that raises the most money will receive a pizza and ice cream lunch. The top 5 individual fundraisers will receive a fantastic prize. Please ensure that you put your child’s name on the sponsor sheet so that we can identify them for prizes.

Kylie Walker, SRC Teacher Organiser

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 7  30.08.2013

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WEEK 8  06.09.2013

NETBALL: Commercial Road, Kellyville (Court 7)
NEWCOMBE BALL: Rouse Hill Public School, Rouse Hill
RUGBY LEAGUE: Kellyville Park, Memorial Avenue, Kellyville
BOY’S SOCCER: Schofield Park, Schofields
GIRL’S SOCCER: Mihkelson Reserve, Quakers Hill (Maslin Cres, Quakers Hill)

ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

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.

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

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.
**P&C NEWS:**

Wow! What an awesome few weeks we have had with all the stars shining brightly at our school. We have had Public Speaker winners, Choir and Dance Group Winners at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod and winners at Tournament of the Minds. The kids are working so hard and so are the P&C.

Do you like that tie in ;)

The P&C actually are really busy with the preparations for; Kindy Orientation, Trivia Night, Portrait Day and the Election and Bunnings BBQs. All of these events take a lot of work from parents in the school and I must say that I have been so humbled by the huge amount of people freely volunteering to make these great events happen for all our families and the benefit of our school and the kids. Thank you for being there when the call is put out for helpers.

OK here are a few things coming up in the next two weeks;

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall: On Friday a plastic/paper plate in a bag with instructions will come home for a Cup Cake Decorating Competition. The purpose of this is to create a fun way for the kids to get involved in producing items that can be sold at the cake stall, and at the same time have the chance of winning a prize per stage. Of course parents are welcome to make slices, toffees and cakes that can also be sold. All cakes will need to be delivered to the drop off table outside the office at school on Friday 6th Sept. Mr Thomson and myself will be judging the creations and selecting winners who will be announced at the Monday assembly.

A special thank you to Mrs Shorten, Ms McGill, Mrs Hoggan, Ms Dalli and Mrs Sayer for volunteering to man the Bunnings BBQ, you can pop in to see your teachers from 12.30 and see if they can cook ;)

The other event I have been working on with 7 or 8 other parents is Kindy Orientation Days. Shortly I will be contacting our current year kindy parents to ask them to prepare and supply the morning tea for each of the 3 orientation days as a way of honouring the new kindy parents joining our school.

The other program we are going to be implementing is the **Parent Buddy Program**, a system where the new parents joining our school (kindy through to year 6) will be introduced to a Parent Buddy who will become their contact person for those "this is a dumb question" type of questions. The parent buddy will be available to approx 5 to 10 new parents during their first term at IRPS, primarily by phone/text/email and sometimes around the playground. The new parents will have someone who can show them the ropes and someone who makes them feel a part of the school community. So on that note I am looking for people who would like to become Parent Buddies. If you think this is something you would like to do please send me your details here [https://podio.com/webforms/5279432/413881](https://podio.com/webforms/5279432/413881)

I would like to wish all of our DADs a very happy Fathers Day for this Sunday and I hope that you love the wonderful gifts your children will carefully select at the Fathers Day stall on Thursday.

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday 11 Sept at 7pm in the school library. This term we will have an update from the SRC leaders, as well as from Mrs DJ about the use of technology in our school. I think you will be amazed at what the kids are doing or able to do! Come along and bring a friend, it is always a nice way to introduce new people to a P&C meeting.

Cheers

Leigh Kostiainen – Prez
FUNDRAISING
We are raising funds to ensure our school has the best literacy and technology resources for all of our kids.

Last Spots Available
Election BBQ
7 Sept @ School At School
Bunnings BBQ
15 Sept @ Bunnings Rouse Hill All Day

Lowest prices are just the beginning...

Roster Booking Code: QRZPW
Roster Booking Code: 7D7HX

Book your shift online schoolinterviews.com.au or via the school app.

Do you remember doing Student Banking?

Every Friday of Term is Banking Day.

Leigh Kostiainen
IRPS P&C President
It's coming ... the eagerly anticipated ...

Ironbark Trivia Night!

Date for your diary is . . . Saturday, 26th October!!

Invitation flyers will be sent home next week.
If you need another one, the flyer will be available on the school website later next week.

RSVP date for ticket purchases is 16th October.

Our last Trivia Night in 2011, was a huge success and a sellout - with 180 mums, dads, teachers, office ladies, partners and friends, who had a fantastic night out “showing us what they know”!!

It will be such a fantastic night out - with plenty of socialising, laughs, great raffle items and half-time fun and games to try your luck at!!

Venue – Whilst we would love to have in our Ironbark Assembly Hall, with anticipated numbers of over 180 (with tables, chairs and esky’s), we simply can’t fit, and it would be a shame to limit tickets based on capacity. We have been very lucky to secure the Rouse Hill High School Hall – so there will be plenty of room for all the tables and half-time games.

A table consists of 6-10 people maximum. However, don’t worry if you don’t have a full table, just get a ticket for yourself or a few friends and we can help you fill your table. Tables will be combined and advised on the night! All tables will have a team name - we’re asking that everyone comes up with a name for their table – the more creative the better!

This year we’ve decided to add a new dimension ... it will be FANCY DRESS!!! Theme will be revealed on your invitation!!! Fancy dress is optional, but it adds so much fun and laughter to the night, and prizes will be awarded for the best-dressed person/couple and table!

To purchase your tickets – Flexischools is available for group ticket purchases only ie. for tables consisting of 6-10 people. For smaller groups, couples or single tickets, simply fill in the TRIVIA NIGHT
**TICKET COUPON** on the bottom of the invitation flyer, **and place in the green box @ the office with payment.** Please make **any cheques payable to “Ironbark Ridge Public School P&C”**. Alternatively, we **will also have a ticket selling table** at school in the coming weeks, near the Admin building. **All purchased tickets will be confirmed via email by 21st October.**

**We are getting together major prize donations . . . so if anyone knows of 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. **Thank you !!**

Lastly, just to give the heads up . . . the teachers and office ladies are **VERY COMPETITIVE!!!** It wouldn’t be surprising if, as in recent years, that they’re holding auditions to be on their table . . . but don’t let that worry you – don’t be intimidated – **IT’S ANYONE’S GAME !!!**

Any questions . . . please contact Sharyn Latham-Callcott at: sharyn.lc@hotmail.com

*We hope to see you join parents, friends and teachers for a fun night out, with plenty of laughs . . .
And all for a great cause . . . to raise money for our wonderful school!!*

Trivia Night Committee 😊
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THE KENTHURST ART FESTIVAL
this September.

We will be celebrating this truly exciting Launch with a Cocktail Evening to be officially opened
by Mr Ben Quilty - 2011 Archibald Prize winner and appointed War Artist by the Australian War
Memorial. Ben has also been recently appointed as Trustee of The Art Gallery of NSW.

Join us for the exclusive first viewing & purchase of the Fine Art & Craft on display, wine &
canapés while being entertained by the Live Band. Take part in an Auction or Raffle for your
chance to win Prizes and meet with Special Guests & Artists.

** This evening is a great networking opportunity for your business **

Lauch Cocktail Evening: Friday, 6th September 2013
7:00PM - 10:00PM
(Tickets available through the school, email or phone - $25 per ticket)

Festival weekend Saturday, 7th September 2013 &
Sunday, 8th September 2013.
10AM - 3PM
(Free Entry)

The Festival continues all weekend! Browse through the Fine Art & Craft, kids & teens can
participate in our Mini Master art classes and relax with lunch at The Weekend Cafe while
taking pleasure in the Live Music.

THE KENTHURST ART FESTIVAL is the event not to be missed with so much to be enjoyed!

Kenthurst Public School - 111 Kenthurst Rd, Kenthurst
kenthurstartfestival@gmail.com or 0487 011 337

The Kenthurst Art Festival
Come and Play
A game for all the family

Are looking for the following players
U7 5&6 yo Boys and girls
U9 7&8 yo girls
U9 7&8 yo Boys
U11 9&10 yo Girls
U13 11&12 yo Girls
U15 13&14 yo Girls
Youth Boys 11-14 yo

U7-U15 players are given a mitt & bat
Uniform hire included in fee

Enquiries: Lynn Eastcott
0422 665 336; 9863 4402
Check out our webpage
www.eagles.softball.org.au

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

Register now for programs in: Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Kellyville North Rocks
1800 780 900
www.go4fun.com.au

Go4Fun
you have a child 7 to 13 years old?
Are you worried about their weight?
Go4Fun can help. Now on weekdays & weekends.
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
Parking Rules & Penalties Fact Sheet

BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from $304 and 2 demerit points

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.

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Fines current as of July 2013
For a complete list of school zone offences visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school. For more information please contact The Hills Shire Council on 9643 0345
Change, loss and grief are a normal and natural part 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 620 260
karen.muir@goodgrief.org.au
or visit our website
www.goodgrief.org.au

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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

we can help

Therapy & Learning Centre

Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy services for babies, children & adolescents.

therapyandlearningcentre.com.au

HORNSBY & BELLA VISTA 9476 0766
KIRRAWEE 9521 7447
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**Note:** All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school.

As at 29/8/13

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME**

- **Week 1**

- **Week 2**