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February

10th Feb Swimming Carnival

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have started the new year with lots of smiles and enthusiasm. I'd like to welcome our new families to the school. We hope you enjoy your time with us at Ironbark Ridge. We have also said goodbye to several families who have moved on for a variety of reasons. We wish them all the best in their new ventures. This is a very short newsletter to quickly fill you in on what is happening.

Our School Office Manager, Therese Fox, has been seconded to work within the Department to assist with the implementation of our new administrative systems. This will be for Term 1 but may be extended. We wish her all the best in this new endeavour. In the meantime we welcome Di Keary as relieving School Office Manager commencing in Week 4. I know you will give her a warm welcome and support us in this time of change.

Our new classes have been formed and we continue to have 22 classes. I am optimistic that all will be well and the start to our year smooth. At present the classes are:

STAFF 2014

Principal
Anne Forbes
Deputy
Nick Thomson

Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten
K Buluwayo          David Brent (AP and ES1 Supervisor)
K Dublin
K London
K Toronto          Rebecca Adams (Mon, Tues)/Michelle Thomas (Wed, Thu, Fri)
Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2
1 Brisbane  Kerri Black
1 Cairo  Michelle Cauchi *(AP and S1 Supervisor)*
1 Jasper  Janette Barton
1 Paris  Alisha Purser

2 Barcelona  Rachel Bryce
2 Kansas  Charlotte Kop (Mon – Thu)/ Jessica Puddy (Fri)
2 Maui  Jenni McCarthy

Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4
3 St Petersburg  Tara Pratt (Mon, Tue)/Katrina Sexton (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
3 Copenhagen  Alison Carter
3 Juneau  Alison Johnson *(AP and S2 Supervisor)*

4 New York  Tamara Nahirny (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)/Jessica Puddy (Mon)
4 Washington  Kyle Walker

Stage 3 – Year 5 & 6
5 Rio De Janeiro  Kerry DeJager *(AP and S3 Supervisor)*
5/6 Dubai  Alana Dalli
5/6 Moscow  Simone McGill
5/6 Prague  Mark Pengelly
5/6 Salzburg  Tracey Sayer
6 Honolulu  Sally Hoggan

Library  Judy Paton (Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri), Simone Williams (Tues)
RFF – Mandarin  Linda Przyrembel
RFF  Simone Williams (Mon, Wed)
Support Teacher  Kylie Robson (Mon – Thurs)
ESL Teacher  Natalie Childs (Thur, Fri)
Reading Recovery  Margaret Shorten/Lauren Baracz
School Counsellor  Jude Calland-Green (Monday, every 2nd Tuesday)

School Administrative Manager  Therese Fox
School Administrative Officer  Suzanne Belcher (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
School Administrative Officer  Jill Budzinski (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
School Administrative Officer  Allison Batten (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
I know that some students will need “settling in” time – getting used to a new class and new teachers can be daunting. However, students do manage and we will do our best to be supportive of those students who are anxious or nervous.

We have some job share placement of teachers. This means your child may be in a class with two teachers. This is a normal situation in schools. The teachers work together on the educational programs for the class. If you have concerns please talk with the class teacher and/or the stage supervisor in the first instance.

Our new Kindergarten students are completing their Best Start testing. This is a State Test completed by all Kindergarten students in Departmental schools. I believe that there has been some confusion about this. The ultimate aim, I believe, is that all students will eventually be tracked throughout their school years. We look forward to Kindergarten starting on Monday.

We commence the year with the implementation of the new English syllabus for NSW. We have worked hard over the past 12 months to ensure our staff have a comprehensive knowledge of this document. The document is available on the Board of Studies website if you wish to have a look at it.

Our swimming carnival is quickly approaching – Monday 10th February. All Year 3-6 students will be attending and students from Year 2 who turn 8 this year and can swim 50 metres are also able to compete. Notes will go home tomorrow – it is essential that all sections are completed or your child will not be able to compete.

We hope to have a Term Planner available shortly with this term’s major dates.

Hope you have a wonderful fortnight and looking forward to an amazing year,

Ms Anne Forbes
Principal
**UNIFORM SHOP:**

We stock all your school uniform requirements and we also sell art smocks, library bags, socks & tights, gloves, hair accessories in Ironbark colours, school bags, hat clips (so you don’t lose your hat) and more !!!.

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

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

We currently have all our HOUSE SUPPORTER GEAR on sale (until sold out)
Excursion bags, house polos, drink bottle, sunglasses, bandannas, zinc & house wrist bands & iron on house badges.

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 8:30am – 9:30am / Wed & Fri 2:00 – 3:00pm
SRC Dance Nights 5 – 7 pm

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

**CANTEEN NEWS:**

The canteen will re-open on 12th February 2014.