Dates for the Diary

**November**

- 10th Gold Day Stage 3
- 13th Kindy Orientation Day 3
- 18th Award of Excellence Morning Tea 10:15
- 21st PSSA Round 12
- 25th Swim Scheme, Spider Drinks S3
- 28th Swim Scheme, PSSA Round 13
- 12th Assembly 5RDJ
- 14th PSSA Round 11
- 19th Last scripture Lessons, Assembly 5/6P
- 24th Swim Scheme, Kindy 2015 Parent Night 2 (6.30pm)
- 26th Swim Scheme, P & C Meeting 7pm

Current Notes

- IRPS Canteen Survey
- Year 6 Farewell
- Kindy Dance Group (*upcoming performance dates*)
- Year 6 Graduation Bear

P & C Fundraisers

- Bunnings BBQ – 15th November
- Muffin Break Great Bake Sale

Relieving Principal’s Report

Over the past two weeks I have had the great pleasure in awarding ‘Ironbark Ridge Star’ Awards to a large number of our amazing students. I enjoy seeing their proud smiles as the students walk to the stage to collect their award, but what is extremely impressive is the way their peers clap and are genuinely excited for them as well. It demonstrates such a great team spirit at our school. Congratulations to everyone!

A Vision for Ironbark Ridge…

A group of about 20 interested members of our community met on Monday night to discuss our school’s strengths and weaknesses and to plan and vision for our future. There was plenty of agreement about positive aspects of our school’s programs and we developed a number of important priorities for the education of our children over the next three years. It was an extremely fruitful meeting – thank you to all who gave their time and contributed.

A relaxing evening in front of the screen…

Saturday evening a fortnight ago a huge group of our school community gathered here at Ironbark Ridge to enjoy some time socialising, throwing sponges at teachers:-), winning prizes and having their faces painted (to name but a few of the activities). It was a fantastic event organised by our P&C Fundraising Committee – thank you to them for everything from hours planning to the hard work on the night! Our P&C raised $4 800 to support the operation of our school. Most importantly we spent some time having fun together and further building the positive, caring Ironbark Ridge community. Thank you also to everyone in the school for the huge number of prizes donated for the ‘Chocolate Wheel’. This sort of event will certainly be planned again in the future and we hope that if you missed out this time you can join us all at the next event.
Rouse Hill High School – MADD Concert
On Tuesday evening this week our Choir, band and Djembe drumming group performed at the annual Rouse Hill HS creative and performing arts concert, entitled MADD for 2014. It was wonderful to see our students, as well as students from Beaumont Hills and Rouse Hill PS join the High School students in a combined choir and band. The level of talent displayed by the Rouse Hill High School students in drama, dance, singing and music was indeed very impressive, and a great example for our own creative students to see – perhaps an avenue of ‘Excellence’ they can pursue themselves in their future.

Kindy Orientation
We are more than half-way through our annual Transition to School program for our Kindy 2015 students and their families. There has been such a positive, friendly atmosphere amongst the new students and parents that socialising and discussions have gone well into Recess time each week – a testament to our wonderful P&C representatives who have been volunteering their time to run the uniform store, morning tea and refreshments tables, student banking and other information stalls, and just generally mixing with our new families and making them feel welcome at Ironbark Ridge. Thank you to all involved!

PAVe program
A reminder that last term we asked our Year 3 and 4 parents to give permission for their children to be involved in the research relating to a trial teaching program about friendliness and anti-bullying behaviours over the next two school years. All information/data collected will be confidential and not specific to any child. A reminder note and consent form was sent home this week to all parents who were yet to return the original. We feel that the program will be greatly beneficial to our whole school culture, as well as to the individual students involved. Please give consent for your child to be involved.

Student Success
Taia H, Yr5, will be away from her schoolwork for a few days next week as she competes with her team from Castle Hill RSL Gymnastics at the National Clubs Gymnastics Competition in Geelong. We wish her all the best in what is an extremely elite competition against the best gymnasts in Australia.

Girls AFL after-school program
An exciting opportunity for our active young ladies – a girls only AFL coaching series will be held at the nearby Bruce Purser Oval in coming weeks. Please refer to the flyer later in the newsletter and head down for some great skill development and fun.

Students Who Are Leaving
If your child won’t be attending Ironbark Ridge Public School next year, with the exception of Year 6 students, please formally advise the school in writing as soon as possible. It will soon be time to set our planning for 2015 into action. One of the important issues we need to accommodate in our planning is student numbers. Even if you have told someone at school you are leaving, I would appreciate a letter, making it formal.

Yours in lifelong learning,

Nick Thomson
Relieving Principal
RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What another amazing fortnight at Ironbark Ridge PS! Our ‘Parent Information Forum’ provided valuable feedback to inform our school vision for 2015. Having the opportunity to discuss and reflect on current practice with our school community, as well as plan for the future was a highly productive process. Working collaboratively with Rouse Hill High School, Beaumont Hills PS and Rouse Hill PS at the MADD Performance on Tuesday night was a highlight. Congratulations to all the performers. It was an outstanding production and one the entire audience enjoyed. A big thank you goes to Rouse Hill High for including all the local primary schools in their MADD performance. As well as the incredible talent being showcased, it demonstrated just what is possible by working together with our Learning Community.

Selective high schools

Choosing the right shoes
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes

NSW public school terms and holidays

Jargon explained
If your child’s teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she’s actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area. More school jargon explained: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters

Where’s the octopus
Wow - it’s videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be

Kerry De Jager
Relieving Deputy Principal
PRINCIPAL Kindy Toronto – settled, responsible behaviour
K DUBLIN Gerald, Olivia, Annabelle
K TORONTO Victor, Aiden, Giselle
1 CAIRO Ilona, Olivia, Mitchell, Ashell
1 PARIS Manag, Katherine, Leah, Chais
2 MAUI Lily, Aslon, Charlotte, Tom, Nicola
3 ST PETERSBURG Jayden, Kelly, Ethan, Kieran, Ava
4 WASHINGTON Matthew, Chloe, Gabriel, Zack, Rhyan
5 RIO DE JANERIO Sky, Devansh, Fardin, Tori, Lawrence
5/6 DUBAI Darcy, Sami, Nicole, Nabell, Chloe
5/6 SALZBURG Damanth, Baxter, Jemma, Owain
6 HONOLULU Neha, Ahmed, Kathy, Roger, Kezia
CHINESE 1 Cairo

WEEK 5 - Term 4

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K BULAWAYO Eden, Max, Paige, Rohin
K LONDON Spencer, Lachlan, Nitika, Lilly
1 BRISBANE Taranveer, Jacob, Ryan, Zara, Ella
1 JASPER Scarlett, Oliver, Raied
2 BARCELONA Leanne, Jun, Jemma, Ryan, Brodie
2 KANSAS Annaliese, James, Connor, Lauren, Thomas
3 COPENHAGEN Keyan, Madeline, Charli-Rose, William, Chelsea
3 JUNEAU Jessica, Natasha, Finn, Charlotte
4 NEW YORK Derek, Max, Ryan, Tara, Liam
5/6 MOSCOW Jai-Leigh, Justin, Olivia
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KINDY CAPERS

We hope that all the Kindergarten families are doing well, as we near the end of year. It’s been great to see the effort kindergarten students and parents have been putting into homework and further developing literacy and numeracy skills. Library borrowing has now ended for the school year. If you have any outstanding books could you please return them to the library ASAP.

It’s been lovely to meet and greet next year’s Kindergarten students and their families during Kindy orientation. They have been lucky enough to see the wonderful work that this year’s Kindergarten students have displayed around the classrooms. It’s great to see how far the current Kindergartens have come since their orientation last year.

It’s fantastic to see so many Kindy students now participating in student banking. We would just like to remind parents to ensure the bank books go straight to the office before school on Friday mornings and not to classroom teachers. Teachers are unable to take bank books up to the office until recess and by that time the hardworking volunteer mums have already completed processing the deposits. If bank books are handed into the office before school it ensures a smooth transaction.

Wishing you all a great weekend and lots of fun reading and writing.

The Early Stage 1 Team

STAGE 3 SNIPPETs

It has been another busy two weeks for Stage 3!

The P&C movie night on Saturday 25th October was a great success and everyone really enjoyed the night, especially Mr Pengelly. He loved the sponge throwing! The Stage 3 teachers had a great time helping out in the canteen too.

The SRC Halloween disco last Wednesday night was so much fun. The costumes were awesome and some were very scary! We hope the Year 6’s had a great time at their last primary school disco.

On Thursday 30th October, Stage 3 was very busy in and outside of school. Mr Pengelly and 27 Year 5 and 6 students participated in a league tag gala day. The year 5 boys’ team reached the semi-finals. Well done to all involved on that very hot day. For those at school, we joined the rest of the school in singing “Let me paint you a song” in a nationwide performance. We also watched a live streaming from Parliament House showing all the different schools around Australia.

On Monday 3rd November, 30 Year 5 students courageously took the stage to present their leadership speeches to their peers. We are so proud of the confidence displayed by all candidates.
Although not all of them proceed to the next round, we know that they will have learnt from this experience.

This coming Monday 10th November, Stage 3 will be participating in an interactive performance and games based on the Australian gold rush. Students are encouraged to wear traditional clothing or sports uniform on the day. We look forward to a great day of fun and learning.

Stage 3 teachers

Chinese News

Nîmen hăo! 你们 好

Chinese Market Day at Rouse Hill High School

Year 5 were invited to attend a Chinese Market day presented by Year 7 students and Mrs Kate Wang, the Chinese Teacher, at RHHS. They were given $5 each to spend and could choose from an array of items including fortune cookies, traditional uba cakes, hello panda biscuits, fans and bookmarks with Chinese sayings on them.

The Year 5 students had a great time speaking in Chinese, asking prices and bargaining with the Year 7 shopkeepers. Bargaining is a common practice in China and the students were keen to try out the phrases they had learnt during the term. The better their understanding of the language the more items they could purchase. As you can see from the photos no-one walked away empty handed and everyone enjoyed the experience.
A big thank you to Mrs Wang for giving up her time to prepare and present such an inventive hands-on experience for our students.

Mrs Linda Przyrembel
Chinese Teacher K-6

**Stage 3 Dates to Diarise**

Week 6 - Mon 10 Nov - ‘Gold Day’ incursion

Week 7 - Tues 18 Nov - Star Award Morning Tea
   AND Voting for student leaders (Boys) 2015
   - Thurs 20 Nov - Voting for student leaders (Girls) 2015

Week 8 - Tues 25 Nov - Spider drinks organised by Year 6

Week 9 - Thurs 4 Dec - **Celebration Day at RHHS**

Week 10 - Tues 9 Dec - Year 6 Farewell

Week 11 - Mon 15 Dec - Ironbark’s Got Talent
   - Wed 17 Dec - Stage 3 Party Day
ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

Just a reminder to all parents that we are now processing EFTPOS payments. We cannot, however, process EFTPOS payments after 1.00pm. **All monies should be put in an envelope or zip lock back and placed in the green box at the office each morning on arrival at school.** No monies are to go to the classroom teacher.

KINDY ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

We are now taking local enrolments for 2015. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

Students currently in **Year 2** who have a school travel pass will need to re-apply for Year 3 2015.

Please ensure that your child is eligible for free school travel before applying.

Free bus travel from the home address is currently available to:
- children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2
- children in Years 3 to 6 who live further than 1.6 km radius from the school.
- children in Years 3 to 6 who live inside 1.6km radius, but more than 2.4km walking distance from the school.

Details of eligibility and application forms are available from the school office. It is the parents' responsibility to note bus timetables and departure points.

*Please Note: Students in Kindy, Year 1 and Years 3 to 6 who currently hold a bus pass, **DO NOT NEED TO RE-APPLY** as the bus companies will automatically re-issue travel passes in Term 1 2014.*

Parking at School

At times it is difficult to park cars when visiting the school, however, the safety of the students is our primary concern at all times. Parents are asked to remember the following so that the safety of our students can be maintained:

- **Do not park** across the school driveway gates or in designated ‘No Standing’, ‘No Stopping’ or ‘Bus Zone’ areas when collecting or dropping off children.
- **Do not double park** outside the school, at any time.
- The **staff carpark is for the use of staff and delivery vehicles** only and not for use by parents, even those who are helping in the school.
- The delivery entry is solely for that purpose.
- Parents should not drive into the school grounds for any reason unless authorisation has been given by the Principal.
Help Ironbark Ridge PS win the Great Bake Sale at Muffin Break on Facebook. We are currently in the top ten and have a good chance of winning if you and your family/friends also VOTE. To vote click here:

WE NEED YOU

BUNNINGS WB

BBQ

Book a shift today on Carebookings.com.au Code T899Q Saturday 15th November Allday
Thank YOU !!

Our first ever Outdoor Movie Night was a huge success raising $4,831-70

We would like to thank the following kind sponsors

KENNARDS HIRE

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OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

We would also like to thank the following companies & all the IRPS families who made donations towards the Chocolate Wheel prizes

*Dymocks Rouse Hill
*Griddle Rouse Hill
*Michel’s patisserie Rouse Hill
*Dusk- Rouse Hill
*Reading Cinemas- Rouse Hill
*Taronga Zoo
*Captain cook cruises
*Scenic world Blue mountains
*Cook’s mobile mechanic
*Carmalt Conveyancing
*Boing Central –Bella Vista
*Josephine’s homemade meals

*Lenards Rouse Hill
*Grill’d healthy burgers RH
*Tequilas on Main
*Blends & Brothers
*Calmsley Hill City Farm
*Western plain Zoo
*Flipout castle hill
*Parkway Diner
*Hire a Hubby – Rouse Hill
*AMF bowling and Skirmish – Castle Hill
*Whitewater Stadium
*Australian National Maritime museum

*Gloria Jeans Rouse hill
*Yogurtland Rouse hill
*Outback Jacks bar & grill
*Martelli’s Market
*GWS Giants
*Featherdale wildlife park
*Powerhouse museum
*Australian Museum
*Global Art
*Bunnings Rouse Hill

* Ettamogah Hotel

And special thanks to the Fundraising Committee, IRPS parent volunteers & STAFF who donated their time & expenses towards running activities, setting up, packing up, supervising and everything else in between
Family Astronomy Night - Telescopes for Christmas

The UWS Penrith Observatory together with the Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group (WSAAG) will be running an Astronomy Night on Saturday, 22 November from 8pm – 10pm. The evening will include a presentation from WSAAG members who will look at some of the different types of telescopes you could buy for your families and friends, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting).

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
BUY MY Freedom!

CLOTHES SWAP
6-8.30pm November 8th
Rouse Hill Public School, Clower Avenue, Rouse Hill

GIFT STALLS    SPECIAL AUCTION    GUEST SPEAKER    CAKE & COFFEE

It is estimated that there are 27 million people held in slavery in the world. The average age of a slave is 12 years old. The Buy My Freedom Campaign aims to raise awareness of organisations who deal directly with victims of human trafficking.

HOW IT WORKS?

* Bring your clean, gently used clothes and accessories (no pierced earrings, underwear or sleepwear)
* Every piece of clothing/accessory accepted = 1 swap ticket
* Each Swap ticket = 1 piece of clothing or accessory
$10 Admission Fee (Donation to A21)

Children’s and ladies fashion welcome

All clothing remaining will be donated to Anglicare

All proceeds will go to support the A21 campaign which aims to “Stop human trafficking in the 21st century”

We will also be having a minimarket with goods that are either handmade or come from slavery free sources.
Find us on Face Book
Search “Buy My Freedom”
More information:
email: info.atsanctuary@gmail.com
Call Meredith: 0416 275 173

Clothes can be dropped off prior to the event on Sunday 2nd November between 2 - 3:30pm at the Margaret Catchpole Room, Level 2 (above the Library), Rouse Hill Town Centre.
Clothes can also be dropped off between 4 - 6pm at Rouse Hill Public School on the night of the Clothing Swap.

Cost: $10 per adult – payment can be made online via https://give.everydayhero.com/au/buy-my-freedom-clothing-swap
Please print your donation for entry to this event. Please note your receipt can be used for taxation purposes.

Fundraising Concert

For
LEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Providing Quality Education for poverty-stricken children in the Philippines

Saturday
29th November
5:30pm

Variety Acts
Singers,
Dancers,
Musicians

Tickets:
Adults (16yrs+) $10
Children (10-15yrs) $5
(under 10 years free)
Pre-purchase now!

Toy Drive

Rouse Hill Public School Hall
Clower Ave
Rouse Hill

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