**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

It has been an absolute pleasure this week celebrating our school’s 10th Birthday together. Tuesday evening’s ‘Night with the Stars’ was outstanding. To see so many students confidently strut the stage and perform so confidently in front of over 750 people was a very proud moment. The level of excellence shows yet again what an awesome school we are a part of.

Thursday afternoon’s assembly and 10th Birthday party was quite moving for many of our longer-serving staff and everyone enjoyed watching the visual story of the school (you can view it on our school’s YouTube channel at: [https://youtu.be/T_0OpMg6gS8](https://youtu.be/T_0OpMg6gS8)). It was wonderful to see our foundation Principal, Mrs Poole, return to the school to see us all. All of our classes celebrated with cupcakes and sang ‘Happy Birthday’ together as a class before joining the larger groups for another rendition. There are a few photos of classes below for you to enjoy.

Saturday evening’s fete will be another chance to gather as a community and I encourage you to bring the whole family, friends and next-door neighbours. There are some fairly extreme rides coming and teens as well as our younger students will have a ball. I look forward to seeing performances again from our many groups on our improved school hall stage. **Happy 10th Birthday to Ironbark Ridge PS!**

See you all tomorrow,

Nick Thomson
Principal
10th Birthday Fun
What a week! Tuesday’s Night with the Stars, our special 10th birthday party and special assembly yesterday, and finally on Saturday, we cap off a fantastic week with our 10th Birthday Fete. Thank you to our community for supporting our celebrations.
Yesterday, our classes celebrated the 10th birthday of IRPS by enjoying cupcakes. I think they really enjoyed themselves!

Kinder Orientation
On Monday, we will be welcoming over 80 new kindergarten students and their families to Ironbark Ridge for the first of three Kinder Orientation sessions. These are important days which help to transition our newest and youngest students into school life, and give important information about school to their parents. The second Orientation day will be on Wednesday 4th November, and the final one on Thursday 12th November. All sessions will run from 10am to 11am. Thank you to Mr Brent and his kindergarten team for the organisation that goes into these events.
Be Skilled Be Fit
Children in Years 3-6 are really enjoying the gymnastics program offered by Be Skilled Be Fit. With the specialised equipment and trained instructors, we can be sure we are providing expert guidance in this important part of the PDHPE curriculum.

MADD Concert
Rouse Hill High School will be holding its annual MADD concert on Tuesday 3rd November. This will involve our Choir students as well as our Performance band and Stage 3 performance group. Ticket information is as follows:

**MADD 2015 Tickets will be available for purchase from 9am Tuesday 20th October 2015**
1. Open the flexischools link [click here](#)
2. In the field "Enter School Here" type Rouse Hill High School
3. Select “Rouse Hill High School” in white
4. Look for the MADD 2015 icon, click on book tickets
5. Select your seats and make payment as directed

Star Awards
Next week, we will be holding the first of our Semester 2 Star Award Assemblies. Letters inviting parents to this assembly will come home today. Teachers are looking forward to recognising achievement and effort through these awards.

You will be aware that we are currently reviewing our awards system. This is a lengthy process to find the best system which suits our school and our context. The outcome of this review will be advised in the New Year. Until then, we will be following our current system.

Free Parent Seminar – Anxiety Awareness
Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for primary teachers and parents. We will be hosting a Small Steps presentation for parents on **Wednesday 18th November 2015** in the school library, from 1.30pm. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. The presenter will need to know numbers of parents attending, so please RSVP by Wednesday 11th November.

A special thank you to Mrs Angela Capeski, who made the spectacular IRPS birthday cake. Happy 10th Birthday Ironbark Ridge!

*Kind Regards,*  
*Kerrie Pho*
**Ironbark Ridge Public School**  
**Parent Planner**  
**Term 4 2015**  
**As at 23.10.15**

**Note:** All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school.

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**KINDY CAPERS**

We have had a very busy week celebrating Ironbark’s 10th Birthday. Huge congratulations to all our Kindy students who performed so splendidly at the Night with the Stars. A big thank you to all the mums, dads, grandparents, family and friends who came along to see our wonderful students showcase their talents.

To celebrate their first year at school ES1 students will be having a picnic day on Friday 11th December 2015. In the morning teachers and students will walk to Ironbark Ridge Reserve where they will take part in a number of activities. At the park they will have recess and then return to school for a movie afternoon.

Students will need to:
- Wear appropriate casual clothes and a sun safe hat. No caps or open toed shoes;
- Bring morning tea and lunch;
- Bring a water bottle with their name clearly marked;
- Bring a folding camp chair to sit in while watching a movie in the hall in the afternoon.

There is no cost for this excursion but we do request that you send along a packet of chips to your child’s class teacher before the party day so that these can be shared out during the movie intermission break.

Please return the permission slip to the office no later than Wednesday 2nd December 2015.

A reminder that our very talented students from Kindy Supernovas will host the assembly in Term 4 Week 6 (Wednesday 11th November).

See you at the fete!

**The Early Stage 1 Team**

**STAGE 1 SNIPPETS**

What a week! Stage 1 students were so excited to dance and sing at the Night WithThe Stars concert on Tuesday. They had a ball and all of the Stage 1 teachers were so impressed with their respectful and responsible behaviour on the night.

On Thursday we celebrated Ironbark’s 10 birthday with cupcakes in our classrooms, so thank you to all of the wonderful parents who sent in cupcakes.

We hope to see lots of our Stage 1 families at the school fete on Saturday. Just a reminder that Year 1 and 2 dance groups are performing at 6.00. The Year 2’s will need to meet Mrs Nahirny and Mrs Sexton in Mrs Sexton’s room in G block to change into their costumes at 5.45pm. The Year 1’s will need to meet Miss Furnell and Mrs Ingrey in Mrs Ingrey’s room in G block.

The Year 1 and Year 2 dance teachers would like to thank Ashley Taylor for her help with the choreography of the year 2 dance group, Kirsten Burnham, Sharon Haddad and Belinda Pupo for all of their help with hair and make-up for each of our performances. We all really appreciate your help!

**Shining Light Awards**

Sparkles – Alex
Fireflies – Raymond and Jacob
Translucent – Ashleigh, Liam C and Harrison
Illuminate – Sahaj and Rishi
Jiemba - Benjamin

– Term 4 accounts are due by Friday 6th November, 2015.

**Stage One Teachers**
STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

It is hard to believe that we are already in week 3!! This term is going to fly. On Tuesday 20th October, Stage two enjoyed a delightful night of dance and musical compositions in our Night with the Stars event, raising their excitement levels through the roof! The students showcased their incredible work, having the opportunity to shine and perform in their bright and funky costumes, with big smiles on their faces, making both their parents and teachers extremely proud!

On Saturday the 24th of October, Ironbark Ridge Public School will hold their giant 10th Anniversary Celebration Fete on school grounds from 4pm to 8pm. A huge range of food, business stalls, carnival rides will be on display, even a fireworks spectacle at 8pm! Make sure you come down; it's our final and biggest celebration yet. Don't miss out!

Lastly, our gymnastics program is underway with the children enjoying a wonderful experience, learning and utilizing some outstanding gymnastics skills, whilst developing their overall fitness, flexibility, balance and spatial awareness.

With a busy week almost completed, we look forward to all that Stage 2 will be doing in the next couple of weeks.

Stage 2 Teachers
**STAGE 3 SNIPPETS**

It has certainly been a busy couple of weeks since students started this term. Our ten year celebrations are in full swing with Stage 3 students participating in A Night with the Stars on Tuesday night. All students did a marvellous job, both within their class performances, and in a number of individual acts. On Saturday, a number of students have volunteered their time at the School Fete to hand out glowsticks, man the hair and beauty salon and to have sponges thrown at them! We thank all students and parents who have attended and supported our 10 year celebrations.

Next Wednesday and the following Wednesday students will be attending Star Awards assemblies. Students have been working hard in class and this is a good chance to recognise student success.

A friendly reminder that kindergarten photos are still required for Year 6 students so that we can create a slideshow for their farewell and graduation. Students are asked to give their photos to their class teacher as soon as possible.

Be Skilled Be Fit has now started for the term and will be held each Thursday. Stage 3 students are asked to wear their sports uniform. As the weather warms up and students participate in physical activity, it is encouraged that they apply deodorant regularly.

Last week a number of students participated in the OC network Science Fair. As a result of competing in this competition, Praver won the Teacher’s Choice Award for best display. We congratulate Praver on this achievement, and commend the effort and dedication of all other students who participated from Ironbark Ridge in this competition.

Lastly, Year 5 have started the process for leadership positions for next year. We are encouraged by the number of students who have nominated for these positions and wish them all well.

Stage 3 teachers.

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**URGENT NOTICE FOR PARENTS**

If you have a sibling of a child attending our school who is starting Kindy in 2016 PLEASE put your ENROLMENT in NOW. We are currently assessing enrolment numbers for next year and want to make sure all children attend the orientation days.

Thank you

Mrs Batten
Officer Manager

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**CHINESE NEWS**

Nǐmen hǎo! 你们 好！

We now have only two spaces left for our excursion to China, so if you were considering sending your child please contact me as soon as possible to secure a place. Students attending the excursion will be advised next week.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the school.

Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher K-6
WEEK 2

**PRINCIPAL**

Curtis & Sapphire

**K Super Novas**

Aiden, Zoya, Ryan

**K Borealis**

Lida, Anakin, Lola

**1/2 Illuminations**

Darcy, Ali, Rishi, Ramsey

**1/2 Bright Sparks**

Eloise, Stella, Ava, Jesse, James

**1/2 Jemba**

Oscar, Milly, Caeden, Scarlett, Anthony

**1/2 Translucent**

Jorge, Ryan, Bronte, Ashleigh

**3/4 Spectra**

Carter, Millie, Ethan, Rachel

**3/4 Galileo**

Cameron, Asher, Tara, Tasmyn

**3/4 Constellations**

Shanaaz, Daniel, Riley, Adhieu

**5/6 Parallax**

Josh, Ede, Travis, Gabriela

**Chinese**

1/2 Illuminations

**Library**

KS & 3/4G

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WEEK 3

**Principal**

**K Galaxy**

Madelyn, Jeremy, Xzyra

**K Pulsars**

Thomas, Chelsea, Caitlin

**1/2 Sparkles**

Amber, Ashley, Nathan, Jack

**1/2 Northern Lights**

Hannah, Henry, Rogers

**1/2 Fireflies**

Jonah, Giselle, Jacob, Sophia

**1/2 Aurora**

Brianna, Eden, Mohannad, Harry

**3/4 Winter Circle**

Keyan, Chloe, Leanne, Bronte, Tayla

**3/4 Kaleidoscope**

Jamiel, Maddy, Sophie, Sasha

**3/4/5 Cosmos**

Khateep, Joshua, Donny

**5 Stella**

Annabel, Sean, Stephanie, Muskan

**5/6 White Diamonds**

Daksh, Simone, Joel, Ryan, Liam

**6 Helios**

Vasu, Roshan, Devansh

**Chinese**

3/4 WC

**Library**

1/2 A
28th October, 2015

Come dressed in Halloween Fancy Dress.
K-2 will commence at 5:00pm and conclude at 6:15pm.
3-6 will commence at 6:30pm and conclude at 8:00pm.

Cost: $10 per child or $25 for a family ticket.

Cost includes entry, supper, glo surprise, lollies and a chance to win a lucky door prize.

Presale tickets will be available from Week 4!!!

Tracy Sayer
PSSA

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN PSSA TEAMS (EXCEPT NETBALL) ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY MORNINGS BY 8.45AM FOR AN 8.50AM SHARP DEPARTURE. IF STUDENTS DO NOT ARRIVE ON TIME THE BUS WILL NOT WAIT AND YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN PSSA ON THAT FRIDAY.

Ridges PSSA has a link to the draws, venues etc. Click on the link and this should help you with location of the various PSSA sports.  http://web1.kellyridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/wordpress/

TERM 4 WEEK 4 – 30TH October
Cricket: Hills Centenary Oval  
Oz Tag: Russell Reserve, Withers Road, Rouse Hill  
Softball/TBall: BYE  
AFL: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill

TERM 4 WEEK 5 – 6th November
Cricket: Connor Greasby Park, Perfection Drive  
Oz Tag: Russell Reserve, Withers Road, Rouse Hill  
Softball/TBall: Hills Centenary  
AFL: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill

ADMINISTRATION
With Flexischools becoming popular, why not sign up to make ordering for your child/children an easy process. Log into www.flexischools.com.au and follow the prompts. You can order and pay for your child/ children’s lunch, uniforms, and various other activities that may be happening at school, eg. Ordering lunch from the canteen, 10 year anniversary memorabilia, pavers, etc. With Flexischools you can make your payments by bank deposit, paypal or credit card. This will also help to alleviate the occasional mis-placed note and you will receive instant confirmation of your payment.

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

Please do not send your child’s lunch in glass containers as it is becoming a safety issue. Also staff are not able to reheat your child’s lunch.
Saturday is PARTY TIME!! And EVERYONE is invited!!

It is FINALLY here – Ironbark’s 10 year Birthday Celebration Fete!

**Bring all your Family, Friends, Friends of friends and neighbours and let’s make this a party to remember!**

Come to school on Saturday from 4.00pm-8.30pm for a fun filled afternoon of exciting rides – including a Roller Coaster, Dodgem Cars, Swinging chairs and much more, there will be games like “Spongebob wet the teacher & students”, A chocolate wheel full of amazing prizes, A special 10yr Photobooth, a Glow stick stall, hair & nails stall, Face-painting, over 15 stalls full of candles/craft/clothes & homewares, a White Elephant stall, a Cake stall, a lolly stall, food food and more food, AND performances from our school groups and local dance schools. Mr Thompson will be burying the “Ironbark Time capsule” and there will be special guests coming who have all played a part in making Ironbark what it is today. Then the night ends with an AMAZING Fireworks display! YES – an awesome massive FIREWORKS display!

THIS IS GOING TO BE AMAZING!!! All we need now, is YOU!

**Unlimited ride passes are available on the day for $30.** Parents accompanying smaller children on rides that require an adult to be present, can accompany the child for free on that particular ride, where the child has purchased a ride band.

There will also be single ride tickets available for $5.00 each, for those only wanting to do singular rides.

On the day, there will be “tokens” for sale to use on our sideshow alley. The tokens are $1.00ea and can be used for the hair/nails stall, Photobooth, glow-sticks stall, KTOOSH guessing competition and colouring completion, the Spongebob game and the BBQ stand. (No cash can be used at these stalls) All other stalls and stands are cash only, so make sure the kids bring in their pocket money! There will be 1 EFTPOS machine available at the Uniform Shop, for the sale of tokens/ride tickets and armbands, and limited access to small “cash outs” so, we ask that you bring cash on the day to ease the work by the volunteers.

We are all looking forward to celebrating Ironbark’s amazing milestone with all the children, students both past and present, Parents, Teachers and Staff. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, and would like to Thank you all for supporting this event and your P&C Events committee.

**Monica, Emma & Deanne**

P&C Events & Fete Committee
Ironbark Ridge Public school P&C Events committee would like to acknowledge and thank the following AMAZING businesses, for their generous support of our upcoming 10 Year Birthday Fete on Saturday 24th October. It's with the support of these Companies that have helped raise money towards supporting our school and our kiddies. We THANK them greatly, and look forward to supporting these businesses as much as they have supported us.

Thank you to these amazing Companies for their support:
COMMUNITY NOTICES

PENRITH OBSERVATORY

ASTRONOMY NIGHT - Saturday 31 October – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

All Hallows Eve: Halloween in the Stars, legends of ghosts past - Many ancient stories and myths involve the stars in our sky, these patterns were watched by our ancestors and one in particular led to the starting of the Witches' Sabbath. We investigate the stars and the stories behind what we know today as Halloween. Many of these come from Celtic roots, the Celts marked the stars of the Pleiades and when they reached their highest point it was thought the boundary between the living world and the deceased could be crossed.
The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.
Fun for young and old alike. The first 50 paying people to show up in costume will receive a free Family Pass valid for 1 year.

Cost: Astronomy Nights: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50
Workshops: $15 per child/adult

Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What's On
Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: r.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au
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ANNIE

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN
Music by CHARLES STROUSE
Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Production directed by Walter Kerr
Presented by Michael制成 and Thelma Gaylord
Produced by Stephen M. Hodge
The Jujamcyn Theatre, Broadway

By arrangement with Australian authorised agent for Music Theatre International (MTI)

Model Farms High School - Gooden Drive, Baulkham Hills
Adults: $35.00
Concession: $30.00
Children: $25.00

Visit our website to book your tickets
www.hillsmtc.com
Upcoming Event

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