PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Celebrating our 10th birthday has been fun but we must now turn to tasks at hand and prepare for the end of another school year. Our Kindy students have almost completed their first year of primary school and 90-odd Year 6 students grow restless at the thought of moving on to High School challenges and opportunities. Teaching staff are planning for 2016 and two new demountable classrooms are ready for delivery onto our school grounds in preparation. This time of the year is always exciting… a bit like the final bend of the 400m.

Personal Growth

I have spoken to students over the past fortnight about the difference between growth and best. We all agreed that a personal best is only set so we can proceed to improve on it in the future. A more accurate concept worth considering is continual personal growth. Our school vision encourages us all to be inspired and strive for growth in all areas of our life. A ‘growth mindset’ is what we aim to instil in all of our students, and our Star Awards should reflect this concept. Our ongoing conversation then must centre on the way we describe, measure and set goals for personal growth with each and every individual student. That growth is personal because it starts at a different point for all of us.

Student support… KidsMatter!

Meeting our new 2016 Kindy students at the Transition to School program run by Mr Brent and his team is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the effective ways we nurture and guide the learning of every student at Ironbark Ridge. Our school has a wide range of programs designed to develop resilience and support wellbeing in our students through the collaborative and consistent work of all teachers. Our Student Wellbeing and Engagement team was recently recognised for its outstanding success in implementing these programs as part of the KidsMatter framework, setting Ironbark Ridge Public School as an exemplar school for KidsMatter.

MADD Concert & DaRe Fair

On Tuesday evening many of our band, choir and Stage 3 dance students performed as part of Rouse Hill High School’s annual music, art, dance and drama evening. It was a wonderful evening and our students made us all proud. Stage 3 students were lucky enough today to visit their friends at Rouse Hill High School nextdoor for their annual school fair. There were food stalls, rides and plenty of fun activities. Students had a great time and we just made it back to Ironbark Ridge in time to avoid the heavy rain.

Spare a thought for our teachers who are hard at work analysing student work samples and assessment tasks, and writing student reports. They are an awesome bunch!

Nick Thomson
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Star Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received their Star Award at the last two weekly assemblies:

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<td>Tegan, Rachel, Marli, Kelly, Alysha, Erika, Daniel, Anton</td>
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<td>Tayla, Leanne, Chloe, Charlotte, Lucas, Keyan, Ella, Charli-Rose</td>
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<td>6 Helios</td>
<td>Vasu, Melani, Sushanna, Neha, Soobin, Rayna, Tian</td>
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Students who have received 3, 6 or even 7 Star Awards will receive their Award of Excellence at a special morning tea on Tuesday 17th November. Invitations for this morning tea will come home on Monday.

Kindergarten Orientation
It has been a wonderful experience meeting our new Kindergarten 2016 students. So far, our 2 orientation sessions have provided teachers with valuable information about these students and this will assist with providing a smooth transition into ‘big school’. The information sessions for parents have also been very well attended, and we encourage all 2016 families to attend the last session next Thursday 12th November at 10am. On Monday 16th November, we will hold one final parent information evening in the school library at 6.30pm.

Reminder: Free Parent Seminar on 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. The presenter will need to know numbers of parents attending, so please RSVP by Wednesday 11th November.

Kind Regards,
Kerrie Pho
Deputy Principal
Welcome to news about our great 2015 Kindergarten children. Please remember that 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.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Halloween Disco. There were many creative costumes. Congratulations do all the Star Award recipients for Semester 2.

This Term we have been working with Fairy Tale books, the children may like to bring in their favourite story to show the classes.

Two up and coming events to mark on your calendars are:
- Celebration Day on Monday the 7th of December
- Parent Helpers afternoon thankyou tea from 2.30pm on the 2nd December to which all helpers are very welcome.

Kindergarten team

The Early Stage 1 Team

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

What an amazing and busy Term so far! We are half way through the term and Stage 1 are having a great time learning about different cultures around the world! Some classes have been writing fantastic information reports on The Tower of Pisa in Italy, while others have been creating procedures on a type of food from the country they have been learning about and have been lucky enough to make the food themselves in the classroom! The students have been learning about different traditions, customs, language, literature, art and music in class and have been doing some wonderful research for each country and creating some very artistic artworks relating to the different cultures. This week our students have begun to present their topic talks on ‘Family Backgrounds.’ The students are enjoying learning about their friends family backgrounds!

On Saturday 24th October our 10year anniversary fete was held here at our school. What an amazing afternoon it was with lots of fun rides, great stalls, exciting games and the rare chance of being able to throw a sponge at Mr Thomson! It was great to see so many of our students and their wonderful families enjoying and supporting the event. We thank you for your amazing support in the lead up to and on the day of the event!

Another event held on Wednesday 28th October was the SRC disco. What fun the students had dressing up as their favourite scary characters. We had all sorts of costumes from witches, ghouls, ghosts, vampires and many more! Stage 1 had a great time dancing with their friends and playing games.
Just a reminder that swim scheme begins in Week 8 for those students who are participating in this program. Term 4 fees and Swim scheme money were due Thursday 5th November.

Congratulations to our Shinning Lights for the last few weeks.
Fireflies – Joon
Jiemba – Brandon
Northern Lights – Rafay
Translucent – Liam C, Ashleigh D

Stage 1 Teachers
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

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 6 – 13th November
Cricket          Hills Centenary
Oz Tag           Russell Reserve, Withers Road, Rouse Hill
Softball/TBall   Hills Centenary
AFL              Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill

TERM 4 WEEK 7 – 20th November
Cricket          Hills Centenary
Oz Tag           BYE
Softball/TBall   Hills Centenary
AFL              Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill
THANKYOU!!!  THANKYOU!!  THANKYOU!!!

Our 10yr Birthday Fete was an AMAZING success - and we have SO many people to thank for making it such a wonderful day!

Final numbers and figures are still being counted as we speak, however, we can say that we have raised around $8,500 for the school and kiddies!! Considering the great expense of the rides and various other outlays, we are so thrilled that after all expenses and outgoings that we still managed to raise such a fantastic amount of money - all of which will go straight to our kids! Our aim was NEVER to make this a "money" event - it was always to have a wonderful birthday party for our school and a day that the kids will talk about for years to come! From the feedback we have received, it seems that everyone really enjoyed themselves, so in our books that equals SUCCESS!!

We wish we could name every single person who made this day so great, but with over 70 helpers, the task would be too big (and to try not forget anyone) - so to EVERY SINGLE helper in the lead up, on the day and afterwards - YOU ARE ALL SO AWESOME!!! Our school community made us so proud in all the offers of help and all the hands on deck that we received! THANK YOU so very much!

Without you all, this day would never have happened let alone been as successful as it was! As you can imagine - something this big takes many hands - everything from searching for sponsors, coordinating stalls, helping on stalls, doing flyers, organising stalls, getting helpers, helping to organise equipment, transporting our stuff for stalls, pricing our stall stock, picking up lights from across the state, printing flyers/tokens, gathering
prizes, helping set up, wrapping hampers, helping clean, having shifts at stalls, helping cook for the cake stall, making the Birthday cake, our Photographer, nail painters, security, toilet cleaners and everything in between! THANK YOU all so much!!! You all deserve a massive wrap!
Thank you of course to Mr Thompson and Mrs Pho for their support during this whole process and for all their assistance and patience and a thank you to all our wonderful teachers!

We again thank our sponsors who had faith in our event and put their money up! We appreciate your support!

And lastly a thank you to everyone who came along and supported this day! All the parents, friends, family, neighbours and especially the kids! Without the support that was shown - the fete would not have been such a fun and exciting day! Thank you all for making this day as special as it was! Our school community rocks!!! We are looking forward to our next fete in a few years

*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 10 Year Birthday Fete. It’s with the support of these Companies that have helped raise money towards supporting our school and our kiddies.

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

The Challenge of Disciplining Your Children

This is a three-hour interactive seminar on constructive techniques for parents when disciplining and encouraging their children.

Parents will learn:
- what discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- to use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- to use different discipline techniques

Tuesday 24 November 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Cost: $25 / $15 concession
Venue: Interrelate
Suite 423, Level 4
14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista

Bookings Essential – Phone 8882 7850

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Twilight Markets
Kellyville High School
Friday 13th November 2015
6pm – 9pm Stalls, Food & Entertainment

Learning Chinese?
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Early Bird: A $20 discount for 2015 enrolment before 1/12/2015

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0429386567, Ms Sham, 王校長
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ASTRONOMY NIGHT - Saturday 14 November – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

New Worlds: Planets outside our Solar System –
We have now been observing planets around other stars (exoplanets) for a couple of decades, watching them dim and shift their parent stars. From these tiny signals, we’re able to measure, deduce and even guess a lot about these planets. Dr Nick Tothill will explain how we learn about these new worlds and take a brief tour through the Exoplanet Zoo. 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.

Cost: Astronomy Nights: $19 adult, $12 child/concession and $50
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
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Come and Celebrate Make-A-Wish Australia’s 30th Birthday at Flip Out, Australia’s First and Largest Trampoline Playground

There will be a raffle and cake stall to enjoy

Session One: Wednesday 18th November 2015 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Session Two: Wednesday 18th November 2015 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Where: Flip Out
4/6-8 Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill, NSW, 2154

Cost: $15 per hour (At the Door)

RSVP Here

Contact: Lou Borg 0404 282 228
Cash Only Event

Proceeds will help Make-A-Wish grant wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions in Australia

Registered Event Number: #22925
Flip Out Raffle Prizes

1st Prize  Capino Capsule Machine
           w/ 6 Espresso Glasses

2nd Prize  Neutrogena Beauty Products Hamper

3rd Prize  Toy Hamper

1 Ticket for $5
5 Tickets for $15
10 Tickets for $35
Whole Book (20 Tickets) for $50

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