PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

During this hectic time of year please take the time to stop and reflect on the change and growth your children have made in 2015 across all areas of their person. Not just academic gains but social, emotional, physical growth, cultural growth, perhaps even spiritual growth. Our busy-ness often means we miss these small achievements. Research clearly directs us to use positive, specific feedback to acknowledge and praise our children when growth is achieved. What’s the next goal then? What will it look/sound like when they achieve it? What’s the first step on that next path to growth?

Practice is over…
Our new 2016 Kindy students successfully finished their Transition to School program last Thursday morning thanks to Mr Brent and the team. Monday evening’s final parent information session was well attended and magnificently hosted by Lexi and Lucas, students from Kindy 2015! It’s been wonderful for our teachers and support staff to get to know next year’s students a bit and we look forward to seeing them all again early in February for the big ‘Day One’. We’ll be holding the usual Kindy Breakfast to welcome them all into the Ironbark Ridge learning community on Friday 12th February from 7am. Looking forward to it already 😊

Planning for 2016
We are currently planning next year’s classes and would appreciate any news you have for us about students not returning to Ironbark Ridge in 2016, and also if you are holidaying and returning to school later than Thursday 28th January – please let us know. A note was recently sent home to all families asking for this information so please return it if necessary. As usual, student numbers in all grades will direct how we arrange classes across our whole school.

Celebration Day
Our end-of-year awards presentation assembly will be held from 9.30am on Monday 7th December in the Rouse Hill High School hall. Please join us as we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students across 2016 and farewell our Year Six students. A morning tea will be served in our own school hall at approximately 11am following the Celebration Day assembly. All are invited and most welcome – join us as we “share food under the tall trees” (from Aboriginal ‘Mungerie’ = Ironbark)
Celebrity reader…
Congratulations to Romeo who was pictured in last weekend’s Daily Telegraph (and shown here) in an article about reading books. I wouldn’t want to promote any particular book but will not hesitate in celebrating our awesome students!

By the way, Mrs Paton has been busy spending money lately on books to add to the already great collection we have in our school Library. Although student borrowing has stopped for the year you will be able to sample some of the exciting new reads early in 2016!

Twilight Markets – Kellyville Ridge PS
Next Friday 27th November there will be Twilight Markets held at Kellyville Ridge Public School. Please look out for the flyer later in our newsletter and support our local friends over at Kellyville Ridge. See you there.

2015 has been a year of achievements and milestones for our fantastic school and community. Ten years has proven more than long enough for Ironbark Ridge Public School to develop some very strong traditions, to achieve a standard of excellence we are extremely proud of (but not satisfied with) and to form a positive, welcoming culture. Growth and inspiration are our goals under the shared vision for our school we have developed… “Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning”… and our teaching staff have proven themselves to be amongst the best I’ve worked with in assessing their students’ current capabilities, developing techniques and strategies to target individual student needs and offer achievable yet inspiring learning challenges. We still have a long way to go, however the growth I have witnessed already impresses me greatly. The benefactors of this improved teaching will of course be their students, your children.

Relishing the challenge, and loving the journey together,

Nick Thomson
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Award of Excellence Morning Tea
On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of assisting Mr Thomson in presenting Awards of Excellence to students who have achieved 3, 6 or even 7 Star Awards over their time at Ironbark Ridge PS. We enjoy celebrating the efforts of these students by reading a testimonial from their class teacher and presenting them with their Award of Excellence badge. And I think the students enjoyed the delicious morning tea, provided by our wonderful Mrs Doris!

Congratulations to these students:

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Attendance
Every school regularly monitors the attendance rate of each child enrolled in the school. Where students are not regularly attending school each day or are arriving late to school, the classroom teacher may be in contact to ascertain reasons for the absences and to offer support. As a school, we actively assist families with strategies to improve attendance. A reminder that all students should be at school by 9am, the beginning of the school day.

Celebration Day Assembly
This is a very important day in our school calendar, where student achievement, effort and citizenship is celebrated across the school. Families of students in Years K-6 receiving awards will be contacted in the next week. Parents, friends and families are most welcome to attend this important assembly on Monday 7th December, in the Rouse Hill High School hall at 9.30am.

Swim Scheme
Swim Scheme begins on Monday for the students in Years 1-4 who have enrolled. As this initiative will affect classes across the school, there may be some disruption to normal school routine. Many thanks to the Stage 1 and Stage 2 teachers for organising this activity and providing opportunities for our students.

Student Reports
Semester 2 reports will come home in Week 10 of this term. After the positive feedback received from parents about the layout of the Semester 1 report, the upcoming reports will follow the same style. As teachers, we need to provide useful information to you about your child’s progress, in a style that is easy to interpret. Any feedback you have on these reports will be welcomed.

Kind Regards,
Kerrie Pho
Deputy Principal
KINDY CAPERS

Well done to Kindy Supernovas who did a fantastic effort during their assembly. Mr Brent will be having knee replacement surgery so will be on leave from Friday 27th of November 2015 for the remainder of the school year. His absence will be filled by Miss Kathy Van Buizen who brings many years of experience to the role. Class programs and routines will continue as normal.

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.

Dates for your diary:
• 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.

The Early Stage 1 Team

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

Swim Scheme
On Monday we have 180 of our Stage 1 and 2 students starting the Swim Scheme program. Students will require the following items:

★ Swimming costume (no board shorts or swimming tshirts)
★ Towel
★ Goggles (the chlorine is quite strong)
★ Thongs/Crocs to wear to and from the pool
★ A plastic bag to put their wet towel in afterwards

Please make sure that all parts of your child/children’s uniforms are clearly marked with their name. We will be changing into swimming costumes at school and uniforms will remain at school to minimise the chance of lost uniforms. If your child needs assistance dressing themselves or tying shoelaces etc it might be a good idea to practise this on the weekend.

Timetable
• 1/2A, 1/2F, 1/2N, 1/2S 11.30-12.10
• 1/2B, 1/2I, 1/2J, 1/2T 12.10-12.50
• Stage 2 classes 12.50-1.30

Stage 1 Teachers

Chinese News!

Nǐmen hǎo！ 你们 好！
I am very excited to announce that we are definitely travelling to China in 2016!! We will depart Tuesday, Sept 20 and return Saturday, Oct 1 2016. We will be travelling with Cathay Pacific and visiting the cities of Beijing, Xi’An, Ningbo and Shanghai. Our excursion will include Tianamen Square, The Forbidden Palace, The Temple of Heaven, the Terracotta Warriors, The Giant Buddha in Ningbo and The Pearl Tower in Shanghai. This trip will also include a 3 day visit with our sister-school Donghu Yinzhou Primary School. The students are very excited, as are the teachers who are attending, as this will be an amazing lesson in our global classroom.
We are having a meeting for all students attending the excursion and their parents on Wednesday 9 December (Week 10) at 7pm in the Library. I will be collecting passports, medical details and a contact email for future communication. If you do not yet have a passport for your child please don’t panic, however I will need those details as soon as possible. If you have any questions please see me in the library or contact me through the front office.

Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher K-6

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### WEEK 6

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Kindy Supernovas

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### WEEK 7

**Principal**

S3 Kinder Orientation helpers

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**Chinese**

Kindy Pulsars

**Library**

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**ADMINISTRATION**

There have been a number of cases of head lice in some of the classes over the last week or so. The head louse, or Pediculus humanus capitis, is a parasitic insect that can be found on the head, eyebrows, and eyelashes of people. Head lice feed on human blood several time a day and live close to the human scalp. Head lice are not known to spread disease.

Head lice are most common among primary school aged children and are spread by direct contact with the hair of the infested individual. Head lice are rarely transferred through clothing, hats, furniture or bedding.

Can you check your child/children’s hair to ensure that they do not have any lice or eggs. If eggs are found, there are a variety of treatments available from your local chemist.

**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/](http://web1.kellyridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/wordpress/)

**TERM 4 WEEK 8 – 27th November**

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

KRPS TWILIGHT MARKET

Cake Stall
Show Bags
Ultimate Kids Zone
Student Performances
Selfies with Santa
Gourmet BBQ
Art & Craft Stalls

Kellyville Ridge Public School
Friday 27th November
6pm to 9pm
Hills Hawks

Mini Footy • Modified League • Rugby League
Dural Park

Kids have fun at the Hawks!

Mini Footy
Focused on involvement and encouraging learning through play without the pressure of sticking to the strict laws of the game
Ages 4-8
Kindy-Y3

Mod League
When Mini Footy is not challenging ready for a bit more enough and they are
Ages 9-12
Y3-Y6

Rugby League
The full game played to international rules in various age-appropriate grades
Ages 13+
Y7+

Hills Hawks

Dural Park
Quarry Rd, Dural NSW 2158
Email: HawksRugbyLeague@gmail.com
Web: www.HillsHawks.com.au
Facebook: HawksRugbyLeague

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Come & Try!
Speak with parents who know. Visit our open days to discover your local club and the age-modified games that are safe, fun and build confidence
4.30-5.30pm Wed 9th December
4.30-5.30pm Wed 10th February
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