MARCH

2nd  Syd West Tennis, Ridges Boys Soccer
3rd  Ridges Zone Swimming
4th  Scripture commences, Assembly 5/6B
5th  Wyd West Boys Cricket
6th  Student Banking, PSSA – Round 3
9th  Ridges AFL
10th Syd West Boys Cricket
11th Syd West Basketball, Ridges Boys/Girls Touch, Assembly 3/4S
12th Selective High School Placement Test, Syd West Girls Cricket
13th Student Banking
14th PSSA – Round 4

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We are well under way at Ironbark Ridge for 2015 and it is always wonderful to hear teachers discussing the learning occurring in their classrooms, constantly looking for ways to nurture, enhance and energise progress in all domains of learning. We have such a dedicated, supportive bunch of teachers here at Ironbark Ridge!

School Leadership Assembly

Wednesday afternoon’s assembly was one of the most important ones of our year. It is a formal chance for us to recognise the talents, skills and positive attitude of our entire student leadership team – School Leaders, Sports House leaders, Library Monitors and class Student Representative Council (SRC) members. As I reminded the assembly, it is crucial that we also remember that we are ALL leaders at Ironbark Ridge – of ourselves and the decisions we make all day every day at school. We want everyone to achieve persona growth – teachers, students and parents alike!
Parent Forum: Homework! *Date change*
I want to invite all interested members of our school community to join us for a forum/discussion about ‘Homework’. This is a topic that certainly generates a range of opinions and views so it should be a fun chat. Due to our Music Program operating on Tuesdays in the school Hall we will have to move the originally advertised date to Monday 9th March, still at 2pm though – apologies for the change. For those who can’t attend, Mrs De Jager and I will compile and publish a review of the forum at its completion, including some research and background information on Homework.

Emergency Drill
On Monday we held an ‘Evacuation’ drill at school to continue to practise our safety routines so we are ready just in case an evacuation of our school was ever needed. Thanks to Mr Brent and his WH&S team for the organisation and reviews that keep us improving our emergency routines.

OPSM Eye Testing
Many of our Year 1 parents took advantage of the opportunity on Wednesday to have their children’s eyesight tested by visiting optometrists from OPSM Rouse Hill. We thank OPSM for providing this mobile service to our school community. Year 4 students will be invited for eyesight testing in early Term 4.

ICAS Tests
Each year we give students the opportunity to compete in the University of NSW ‘International Competitions and Assessments for Schools’ (ICAS) Tests. These have in recent years been expanded to include students in Year 2 as well as the usual Yrs3-6. A note will come home to all students in these grades very soon. Please note that in order to minimise the disruption to classes in 2015 we will be holding these tests in the morning before school – from about 8am (depending on the test). This way we can be finished by our usual 9am start time and students not involved will not have usual class learning interrupted.

Dads Hot Dog Day
As part of our efforts to connect more effectively with you, our school community, we are inviting Dads to get involved with a special hot dog meal deal on Thursday 19th March. All students in the school will be able to order a hot dog and a drink from our fabulous Dads – who will team up in our Canteen for the day to prepare what promises to be quite a few yummy hot dogs!
So Dads, if you can spare a couple of hours on that Thursday please join us and make it a special fun day for the students! More info will come home soon asking for your details if you can help out 😊

School Directions…
As one of our Strategic Directions over the next three years at Ironbark Ridge PS we are focussing our efforts on further developing our skills and capabilities in teaching (& learning) and leadership. Staff have discussed the idea of ‘Growth Mindset’ and continual improvement in our practice - as teachers and leaders.
We expect that parents and students will join us also in this direction as we are all leaders and learners!

The imminent release of a new framework to guide the professional performance and development of all DEC teachers (yes, that includes Principals!) gives us an exciting opportunity to focus. John Hattie (one of the most prominent current educational researchers) nominates the expertise of a child’s class teacher as a (if not the) major factor in the learning development of students. As a result we want to maximise the effect we have on your child’s learning by becoming ‘Expert teachers and visionary leaders’ of each classroom! We also hope you will embrace a ‘growth mindset’ and look for ways you can achieve ‘personal growth’ in your parenting skills and practice. Nurturing the personal growth of our students is a task we all share through the great partnership we have at Ironbark Ridge between parents and school staff!

Stay with us on our journey: “Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning”

**Scripture – Special Religious Education**

Our Scripture classes for 2015 will begin next Wednesday 4th March. Classes operate each Wednesday from 11.30am until 12 noon. Mrs Robson and Ms Glendenning are co-ordinating the program this year - Thank you both for your hard work and organisation.

**Deputy Principal**

The school is currently in the process of advertising for a new Deputy Principal. The selection panel has met, published our advertisement and will soon be reviewing all applicants to make the best choice of candidate to suit the needs of our school. I’ll keep you all posted!

Yours in personal growth,

Nick Thomson  
Principal  

**Swimming sensations!**

Evening carnival story by Sapphrine & Veronica

Well done to all swimmers who competed in the Saturday carnival. We had some outstanding swimmers although there were only 10 swimmers (7 girls and 3 boys).

Veronica, Sapphrine, Preston, Winston, Lucy, Suzi, Ashel, Chelsea, Tamsan and Tara.

Veronica got 2 firsts and 2 second ribbons.  
Sapphrine got 1 first 1 second and 1 third ribbons.  
Ashel got 2 firsts and 2 second ribbons.  
Chelsea got 1 third ribbon.  
Lucy got 2 second ribbons.  
Lucy got 2 second ribbons.  
Suzi is 6 years old but had to compete with the 8 year olds and her results were terrific! She came 4th in freestyle.

Tamsan participated in all races and did an outstanding job.

Winston broke 5 seconds off his backstroke time so watch out for him at zone!  
Tara and Lucy both swam in the senior and junior relays and both got fourth!  
Sapphrine came first in her 50m butterfly over all in the whole competition and did a time of 39.24.  
Veronica did a time of 33.04 in her 50m freestyle and came First!  
Preston came 1st in all of his races!!!!!!!!!

Over all the swimmers did a fantastic job! The girls points score was 4th out of 26 schools. The boys points score was 3rd (even though we only had 3 swimmers) out of 26 schools.
By Sapphrine and Veronica

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Families and school working together as partners in the education

Our school is characterised by a highly effective team and a fantastic school community. Our focus is to establish and maintain respectful collaborative relationships with parents/carers regarding your children’s learning and wellbeing.

I was delighted to have a lovely cup of coffee whilst enjoying a time to ‘catch up’ with some of our families at the Ironbark Café. Thank you to our P&C community who continually provide opportunities for our families to feel welcome.

Please contact your classroom teacher if you have any concerns about your child. Assistant principals have designated responsibilities and will be able to assist with more complex or ongoing issues. The primary role of our assistant principals is to oversee their designated stage team in delivering high quality educational programs. Requests to meet with your classroom teacher or assistant principal may be made at the school office, by phone or email, to arrange a mutually agreeable time to meet.

Planning our future direction

Ironbark Ridge has begun a new school planning and reporting approach and is underpinned by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) initiative: the School Excellence Framework. The framework provides a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading.
The new approach brings together a number of reforms to give NSW public schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities, to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. It is highly strategic, focussing on 3 key areas for improvement determined by the school in consultation with its community, to ensure a profound difference to the ongoing growth and development of the school.

Our teachers are working tirelessly to develop an exciting one and three year plan in which we continue to develop expert teachers and visionary leaders, confident and successful, inspired learners and a connected community.

**Keeping our Children Safe**

**Road Safety**
Kim, our School Crossing Supervisor, helps to keep our students safe when crossing the road. I am sad to report that Kim was treated disrespectfully this week. As adults, we are role models to our children. They learn from watching the actions and interactions of the significant people in their life. Parents are requested to remain vigilant when driving in and around our school zone. This particularly applies to parents who pick up and drop off their children using their car. There have been number of recent reports where parents have parked illegally and stopped to pick up or drop off their children near or on the pedestrian crossing, which potentially puts the safety of others at risk. It could also be very costly if caught by the ranger.

![Road Safety Image](image_url)

**Developing Organisational Skills**
Chores or household tasks can assist to develop children’s organisational ability, in particular their time management skills. Make sure all children have chores to do that are suitable for their age and stage of development. Some tasks may include:

1. Make own sandwich and clean up
2. Feed pets and keep area clean
3. Sort and tidy cutlery and kitchen utensils
4. Help with planning and grocery shopping
5. Set the table
6. Fold and store clean laundry

**Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition 2015**

Competition’s theme is “My place in today’s world”. Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2 April 2015.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website [http://mappingsciences.org.au](http://mappingsciences.org.au)

**All about apostrophes**

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.
When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.


Multiplication times tables


Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.


Mrs Kerry De Jager
Relieving Deputy Principal

**KINDY CAPERS**

Another busy fortnight has passed and we’d like to take this opportunity to thank all Kindy families for their attendance at our welcome breakfast. It was great to have the opportunity to chat to so many of you before you raced off to work. Homework has started. All students were given a list of the Term 1 sight words and Bug Club usernames and passwords. We encourage you to focus on reading and writing 5 sight words at a time. Once your child has mastered those words you should introduce another 3 whilst still revisiting the words they already know. Bug Club books are allocated to your child by their teacher each week.

School assemblies are held every Wednesday afternoon and begin at 2pm. Kindy Pulsars and Kindy Galaxy will attend assemblies on odd weeks of the term. Kindy Borealis and Kindy Supernovas will attend assemblies on even weeks of the term. All Kindy classes will have the opportunity to host an assembly late in Term 3 and early in Term 4.

This week our Kindy students were able to borrow a book from the Library for the first time. We encourage all students to bring their library bag in every Tuesday to return their book and borrow another one for the week.

Again we kindly ask parents to ensure that all of their child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their name and to occasionally check to see if the labelling has worn off. Please relabel items when necessary.

Each Kindy class has commenced their ‘Star of the Week’. This is a wonderful opportunity for all children to share and talk about the special items they have brought in and for their peers to listen carefully and learn all about their classmates.

When preparing your child’s daily food please provide a small, peeled fruit or vegetable snack that can be eaten in class during Crunch and Sip, a second small snack that can be eaten at recess and something like a sandwich or wrap for lunch. Snacks need to be able to be removed from lunch boxes and eaten while children are listening and completing activities. Water bottles are great as they can be taken into class. Small
children find yoghurts difficult to manage and they often cause distress and discomfort when spilled over uniforms and seating. **Food containing nuts, fish, honey and eggs may cause severe allergies that may result in death.** This includes many snack and muesli bars. Please write names on all lunch boxes and drink bottles.

If you haven't already done so, please make sure you return your class contact note as sudden changes to routines are communicated through this avenue.

Have a great weekend!
**The ES1 team**

**STAGE 1 SNIPPETS**

Welcome to Stage 1!
We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning with your children. Thank you to all of the parents who found time to come to the parent information evening in Week 3. Home reading began last week, so please remember that students must have a folder before they can begin to bring books home. Homework has also begun and is due back **this Friday**. Hopefully your children selected some of the tasks that helped you around the house.

Library borrowing has begun and will now be on Tuesdays.
We are well on our way with our integrated science and HSIE unit, Growing and Changing. Over the next week or so, you will be asked to fill out some information about your child that we will use when we look at how they have grown, eg: Where were they born.

Our fundamental movement skills program is up and running. Children need to wear sports uniform and joggers on Wednesdays. Please make sure that your child has all the equipment they need and that it is clearly labelled. Equipment Lists were given out with last years reports and were available at the parent information night. If you need another list they are available at the office.

Congratulations to our shining lights from this fortnight, we loved finding out more about you!
**Bright Sparks**- Ava and Cooper  
**Fireflies**- Zainab and Kyle  
**Jiemba**- Luke and Scarlett  
**Northern Lights**- Leah and Zakary  
**Sparkles**- Molly and Shaun  
**Translucent**- Ella and Jordan  
**Illuminate**- Taranveer and Abigail  
**Aurora**- Amelie
Thank you to all the parents that have sent children to school with the necessary supplies to start the year and to those parents that have purchased the book covers. They look wonderful and the children love them. It’s not too late to purchase them, if you do not wish to buy the covers please tick the appropriate box on the note so that teachers can send home the books for you to cover. The science cover is below.

Just a reminder about class names, teachers, library and fitness times are as follows;

**Teachers and Classes**

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Homework has started and students were very keen to complete the various activities, remember do as many as you can or as little as you can manage but don’t forget to read.

Any queries please see your class teacher.

**Stage 2 Teachers**
February 2015

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Over the past several years Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has been implementing a Gifted and Talented Academic Program, the entry to which has become extremely competitive.

Selection into this academic program is based on an entrance examination. This year, for the 2016 placement, we will be conducting a Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST). Please note that this program is for selection to the academic program, rather than the Creative and Performing Arts stream. However, the two streams are not necessarily mutually exclusive. The cost to parents for this examination is $65.00 payable on application (non-refundable).

Testing will occur on Thursday 26th March 2015 from 9.00am to 12.00pm at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School in the school hall. There will be four (3) tests which will include:

- Reading Comprehension 45 minutes
- Mathematical Reasoning 40 minutes
- Abstract Reasoning 30 minutes

There will be a short break between tests 2 and 3.

Candidates who arrive late for the first test will be admitted only at the discretion of the supervisor, and additional time will not be allowed.

Parents who are interested in applying for a placement in this class should in the first instance contact the school for further details and ask to speak to Michelle Vallejo or the Principal, Narelle Vazquez or the Head Teacher, Gifted and Talented, Katarina Parry.

Yours faithfully

K Parry
Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator
Chinese News!

Nǐmen hǎo! 你们好
Xīnnián kuàilè! 新年快乐  Gōng xǐ fā cái! 恭喜发财

I hope some of you had the opportunity to enjoy the New Year celebrations last weekend. The students really enjoyed telling me and the class about their experiences. And the things they have been bringing in for show and tell have been great!

I have had lots of interest from students regarding the trip to China in 2016. I will be sending out a note to all Year 4 and Year 5 students next week to gauge the number of students who are interested in attending and the parents who are willing to send their children overseas. The note will include as much information as is currently available. Please sign and return the slip at the bottom of the note ONLY if you are interested in your child attending. This is just an expression of interest. Not all students will be able to attend as we are only taking 20 students at this stage. So even if you are just considering the idea please send in an expression of interest as there will be several more steps before the students are chosen and they can pull out at any time. We are currently seeking approval from the Department of Education as well. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any concerns you may have about the trip I can be contacted through the school.

Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher K-6

ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

Just a reminder to ask you, that when you are making payments to the office, could you please ensure that the permission note and payment are placed together, either in a sealed envelope or a sealed clip lock bag and returned, by the due date. Clearly label the envelope or bag with the child/children's name, class and reason for note and money. This will help streamline the administration process and ensure that all payments are promptly receipted. Thank you.
PSSA SPORT:

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.

TERM 1 WEEK 6 – 6th March 2014

CRICKET: Hills Centenary Park, Withers Road, Rouse Hill
OZ TAG: Russell Reserve (renamed from Second Ponds Oval) Withers Road, Rouse Hill
SOFTBALL/T-BALL: Hills Centenary Park, Withers Road, Rouse Hill
AFL: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill

TERM 1 WEEK 7 – 13th March 2014

CRICKET: Hills Centenary Park, Withers Road, Rouse Hill
OZ TAG: Russell Reserve (renamed from Second Ponds Oval) Withers Road, Rouse Hill
SOFTBALL/T-BALL: Hills Centenary Park, Withers Road, Rouse Hill
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**Open Letter From The Prez**

A lot of work has been happening around the canteen this past fortnight, getting ready for the change over in term two. We anticipate being open 5 days and with the paid staff member in place. Mr Thomson and I will be writing the ad this week, if anyone is interested in the role get your resume ready and keep your eyes open for the advertisement.

Also in the canteen we had four Year 6 volunteers working at the counters during recess and half of lunch. Each of the girls; Bareen, Eliza, Khamata and Genevieve have been sensational. With wonderful praise and feedback being received from the parent volunteers.

The Ironbark Café opened this week also with our new pod coffee machine providing a welcoming place for that morning chats.

The Prez :)

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**Fundraising**

Saturday 28th March is the NSW State Election (yipppeeee) and Ironbark Ridge will be a polling booth for the day. What this means, other than us all voting, is that our P&C Fundraising team will be holding a BBQ and cake stall. More info to come next week - but in the meantime, we ask you to consider sparing a few hours of your time to assist with either the BBQ or at the cake stall, so we can raise funds for our wonderful school. For all those regular volunteers at our Bunnings BBQs - we have none booked this year, so this will be the time we ask you to turn a snag or 50 Thank you Monica xx

The recent Ladies Movie Night was a smashing success with 170 people enjoying the pre movie party and giggling along together during the movie. The raised $5144 after costs, a huge result for a simple event. We look forward to presenting a Gents Movie night and another Ladies Movie Night this year.

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart"

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Student Banking
Friday 8.30am to 9.30am

Dear Parents,

Due to our growing school we are making a few changes to how we process our student banking on Friday’s. Firstly, we are moving the drop off area for the banking wallets from the Front Office to the Uniform Shop. This will help free up the already busy staff in the office and avoid the morning congestion.

The move has now given us the opportunity to do face to face banking with the kids, much like going to the bank. We will be open from 8:30am to 9:15am outside the Uniform shop to collect and process your deposits. When you arrive with your book will we count the money, process the deposit slip and return your book at the same time. If you have any questions or are eligible to choose a reward we will have someone on hand to help you.

New Books & Accounts
New accounts can be opened on any Student Banking day and it is never too late to start. Email: StudentBanking@IRPSpc.com

Mishelle
School Banking Coordinators
Vice President

Class Contacts
All class contacts are in place and waiting for you to email your contact details to them. If you are having any trouble please contact is for assistance. Email: VP1@IRPSpc.com

Sarah McBrien
Vice President
Class Contact Organiser

Ironbark Café
Each Monday and Wednesday morning the Ironbark Cafe will be open until 9.30am for coffee, tea and juice for parents to stop and chat together in front of the open canteen windows. Enjoy a cuppa with Mr Thomson or Mrs DJ before heading off to get the day started. Gold coin donation, feel free to bring a plate of treats to share.

Uniform Shop Hours

Uniform Shop Second Hand Uniform Sale
2nd March – 6th March

Second hand SUMMER CLOTHING SALE
All second hand short sleeve polos, summer dresses, grey shorts, Short sleeve sports polos, green sport shorts, red girls shorts - all $5 each

Hours
Monday 8.30am to 9.30am
Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am
Friday 2.00pm to 2.50pm
Available on Flexischools 24/7

Canteen Hours - Term 1
Open
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Lunch Orders on Flexischools
Over the counter snacks Recess and Lunch
IMPORTANT: PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CHILD’S CLASS ON FLEXISCHOOLS.
The Simple Gift of a Bag – Drop-in Fabric Cutting, Donation, and Sewing session

Sunday 15th March 2015
Ironbark Ridge Public School Hall, 10am-5pm

WE MAKE BAGS FOR WOMEN TO USE AFTER BREAST CANCER SURGERY

WE NEED YOU

If you can use a pair of scissors, or
If you have fabric you don’t want, or
If you can sew

Please contact Emma on 0458204703 or eashley66@gmail.com
Join us for a night of wit and wisdom! Can you outsmart our wise and wonderful staff?!

TRIVIANIGHT
brought to you by Rouse Hill High School P&C Association

Be there on...
Friday 6th March 2015 at 7:00pm (Trivia starts at 7:30pm)
Rouse Hill High School Hall, Withers Rd, Rouse Hill
BYO Nibbles and Drinks

For further info, please contact Nicole 0410 285 042 or nicoletherissen@optusnet.com.au
Send ‘RHHS Trivia Night’ Rouse Hill High School PO Box 6120 Rouse Hill NSW 2155

Grab a group now! Tickets are Limited
This payment is for:

- One or more people (we will allocate you a team.)
- A whole team (up to 10 people)**

No. of tickets

@ $20 per person: $

Total Paid: $ 

Contact Person:
Mobile or Phone:
Email:
** Team Name:

- All guests MUST be over 18 (no exceptions).
- Ticket sales close Friday 27th February.
- Please return this ticket and money to the Rouse Hill High School Office marked ATTN: RHHS Trivia Night.
- Credit/Debit cards available only in person at the school office.
- www.rousehill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**KT OOSH Services**

2015 April School Holiday Program
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<td>Tuesday 7th April 2015</td>
<td>Excursion to Flip Out&lt;br&gt;Join in at Flip Out in Castle Hill &amp; jump as much as you like for 1 hour with your friends! Must bring socks and a Helmet - No Riding</td>
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<td>Police / Fire Incursion&lt;br&gt;We have organised for members of our local Police &amp; Fire Emergency Services to visit us! Must bring a Helmet - No Riding</td>
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<td>Tuesday 14th April 2015</td>
<td>Reptile Incursion Day&lt;br&gt;Steve is coming to KT OOSH &amp; bringing crocs (non-venomous), lizards, frogs, turtles, a young crocodile and much more. Learn about the importance of conservation. Steve @ Service 1:30pm Additional Cost $10.00/child</td>
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<td>Wednesday 15th April 2015</td>
<td>Party Day&lt;br&gt;Today we have organised a day of party games including make your own pans the panel. We also have a Fairy &amp; a Pirate coming to KT OOSH to do Face Painting &amp; Bucky Act for everyone! Artists on site from 1pm 3pm Additional Cost $15/child</td>
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Bookings & Enquiries via email to irps@tkoosh.com.au

Early bird bookings close on Wed 25th March 2015

Bookings taken after this date will be closed as a casual booking and will incur an additional $10.00/session/child

All programmed activities are subject to appropriate weather.

Various activities / outdoor / indoor games / drawing / dancing / craft / sports games etc. are available everyday.

OLA students return to school today.
“QUALITY DANCE TRAINING IN A FUN AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT”

JAZZ, TAP, BALLET, CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL, JFH (Jazz Funk Hip Hop), ACROBATICS, MUSICAL THEATRE, ALL BOYS HIP HOP, PERFORMANCE GROUP & ADULT CLASS

Classes Mondays to Saturdays Girls & Boys - 5 to 18 years

PROFESSIONAL STUDIO SPRUNG DANCE FLOORS BALLET BARRES
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STUDIO LOCATION
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www.danceonq.com.au
Grasshopper Soccer is a fun-filled, non-competitive and child-focused soccer group that has been operating throughout Australia since 1990.

We offer soccer programs for boys and girls aged 2-12 years that are suitable for all skill levels. The soccer programs offered run for 8 weeks on Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons and Weekend mornings. We run four seasons a year (in line with the school terms).

The programs offered by Grasshopper Soccer provide your child the valuable opportunity to develop existing and learn new skills, have lots of fun and make new friends.

**TERM 1 PROGRAM 2015 - 8 WEEKS**

**Real Soccer Fun for boys and girls aged 2 to 12 years old**

**Mite-E Soccer (2-3yo)**  
A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills. Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment.  
35 minute classes  
$110 for 8 weeks

**Pint Size Soccer (4-5yo)**  
Children take their first kicks in soccer! They’ll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goalkeeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill-based games. Grasshoppers are introduced to the Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!  
50 minute class  
$135 for 8 weeks

**Intro to Micro (5-6yo)**  
**Micro (6-8yo)**  
The ultimate challenge for Young soccer players! They’ll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills of passing, dribbling, shooting and more...  
Intro - 60 mins $165 incl shin pads for 8 weeks  
Micro - 75 mins $155 incl shin pads for 8 weeks

**Micro Plus (8-12yo)**  
This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all their favourite soccer-based games fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!  
75 minute class  
$155 incl shin pads for 8 weeks

**Venue Information:**

- Castle Hill - Castle Hill High School (Castle Street) Sat AM
- Kellyville - Binnin Mulhane Sports Complex (Morella Avenue) Sun AM
- Parramatta - Parramatta Park (Coleman Oval, Quakers Rd Gate, Westmead Sides) Sun AM
- Baulkham Hills - Macquarie Fields (Simon Hills Rd, Opposite Jasper Rd School) Tues PM
- **NEW** - Dural Public School (622 Old Northern Rd Dural) Wed PM
- Rouse Hill - Rouse Hill High School (105 Withers Road) Sat AM

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ENROLMENT FORM - TERM 1 2015

Child’s Name: ___________________________ DOB: _______________ AGE: __________

Special Needs: __________________________ Parents Name: __________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Suburb: ____________________________ P/Code: ____________________________

Phone: __________________________ Mobile: __________________________

Email: __________________________ School: __________________________

CENTRE (please tick)
☐ CASTLE HILL (Castle Hill High School, Castle Street) - SAT AM
☐ ROUSE HILL (Rouse Hill High School 105 Withers Road) - SAT AM
☐ PARRAMATTA (Parramatta Park, Coleman Oval, Queens Rd Gate) - SUN AM
☐ KELLYVILLE (Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, Marella Ave) - SUN AM
☐ BAULKHAM HILLS (Masonic Fields, Seven Hills Rd) - TUE PM
☐ DURAL (Dural Public School, 622 Old Northern Road Dural) - WED PM

PROGRAM (please tick)
☐ Mite-E ☐ Pint Size ☐ Intro To Micro ☐ Micro ☐ Micro Plus ☐ After School (2-3yo) ☐ (4-5yo) ☐ (5-6yo) ☐ (6-8yo) ☐ (8-12yo) ☐ (4-12yo)

Term 1, 2015 Information: Term Starts Tues 3rd / Wed 4th / Sat 7th / Sun 8th Feb 2015

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Price: $110 $115 $125* $125* $135* $135* $110.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH, CHQ OR CREDIT CARD
Credit Card Payment (Please Circle) Visa / Master Card (Grasshopper Soccer has a NO REFUND Policy)
Credit Card Number __________ / __________ / __________ / __________ Exp Date: __________ / __________ $______

ADD Grasshopper Soccer Shirt and Shorts (Enrollment Special $40 - Save $5) $______

ADD Grasshopper Soccer Shirt, Shorts, Socks and Hat (Uniform Pack $55 - Save $12) $______

Total $______

Parent/Guardian Consent: I hereby authorise Grasshopper Soccer to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Grasshopper Soccer from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Grasshopper Soccer programs.

Name on credit card: __________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________

Find us @ www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au or on facebook the Grasshopper Soccer Hills North West's page for wet weather info and more
Do something worthwhile, come and do your CPR/First Aid Training with us

OUR NEXT AVAILABLE COURSE IS:

**AT:** The Australian Hotel and Brewery

**ON:** 21st January, 18th February, 17th March
29th April, 27th May, 23rd June

For more information, call 1300 649 157.

“Remember, any attempt is better than no attempt at all...”
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

THE PLACE TO BE SEEN IN 2015!
SHERWOOD RIDGE SHOW

Saturday, March 21st: 10am – 3pm

Live Entertainment
Rides, Attractions & Amusements for all Ages
Craft, Gifts
Face Painting
Show Bags
Trash 'n Treasure
Gourmet Food & Treats
Plaster Painting Fun
Yummy Cakes, Icecream & Snacks
Chocolate Wheel, Raffles & much more

OUTSIDE STALL HOLDERS INVITED
Details: Julie Warner  Ph: 0414 219 979
E: shergwoodshow@srspandc.org.au

Dodge Cars
Round Up
Sizzler
Giant Bouncy Slide
Jumping Castles
Tea Cups
Boat Ride

Sherwood Ridge Public School
34 Rosebery Road, Kellyville

LIKE us on Facebook for all the latest show news & updates
Parents Again is a social support group for Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and other care givers who provide permanent care to Grandchildren, nieces or nephews.

Our group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cafés, clubs and Hills Community Aid and is a great way to meet people in similar circumstances who can understand and share your experiences in a friendly, relaxed and non-judgmental environment.

On the 3 March we will be meeting at Hills Community Aid Rouse Hill, Civic Lane Rouse Hill (next door to Westpac), our guest speaker is Senior Constable Robert Patterson from Castle Hill Police to inform us of internet and social media security for youth.

If you would like further information or to attend please ring Hills Community Aid Rouse Hill on 96296038 or email micib@hca.org.au to book a place.
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

$150 TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

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