**DATEs FOR THE DIARY**

**MARCH**

16th Syd West Swimming  
18th Assembly1/2Bright Sparks, SRC Disco, P & C Meeting – 7.00pm  
19th Hotdog day – cooked by Dads!  
20th Student Banking, PSSA Round 5  
23rd Harmony Day  
24th Syd West 11s Rugby League  
25th Harmony Day, Assembly 5 Stellar  
27th Student Banking, PSSA Round 6  
30th Syd West Boys/Girls Softball, Syd West AFL  
31st Syd West Opens Rugby League  

**APRIL**

1st Scripture Assembly in Hall, Syd West AFL, Whole School Assembly – End of Term Awards!  
2nd Hat Parade and Sausage sizzle lunch  
3rd Good Friday/Public Holiday – Start of School Holidays  

21st School resumes  

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

There is a great deal of inspired learning happening in classrooms at Ironbark Ridge at the moment. Design of rollercoasters, experimentation with electrical circuits, plants growing and developing, iPad apps challenging number knowledge and geometrical problem-solving, amazing art works, and the list goes on. Whilst visiting classrooms and talking to our students I get a real sense of their focus and engagement, and especially pleasing is the amount of excitement they show about their learning tasks.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

As we approach the end of Term 1 we ask you to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss the personal growth each student is making academically, socially and behaviourally in class. These meetings are a two-way sharing opportunity so please be prepared to pass information to the teacher about your child and their learning needs as you see them. This year we are extending the time period for these meetings across the last weeks of this term and the first weeks of next term – the intention is to spread the meetings out and reduce the ‘squeeze’ on teachers’ lesson planning and preparation time as they continue to teach. Some parents have already met with teachers, and we ask that you do not schedule an extra meeting just for the sake of it. Rather, we expect that your meetings will be ongoing across the year as required by your child’s personal growth and needs. In addition, for those parents we have not met yet this year, please choose the earlier evening timeslots if you can, so that those parents who work later or further away can have any later times available. Very soon we will open access to the booking system online so you can arrange a suitable time. More details will follow.
Canteen Manager
We are advertising for the position of Ironbark Ridge Canteen manager and hope to find a suitable candidate to fill the position five days per week from the start of next term. Please see the job advertisement later in the newsletter after the school snippets and reports. If you can spread the word to other connections you may have as well we would appreciate the support. Thank you.

Tell Them From Me survey
We are keen to gather the opinions of our students about how they experience school at Ironbark Ridge so we can plan changes to meet their needs and expectations. This online survey is being completed by many schools across NSW this term and will give the school some informative data about our students’ ideas and views. We hope all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have the chance to have their say. All responses are anonymous. Parents and teachers will have a chance to participate in the surveys later in the year. Other grades may participate at a later time.

Parent Forums
Monday’s forum on Homework was an excellent opportunity for us to hear a wide range of views on the importance of Homework in your children’s education. We value hearing your opinions and hope to always add our own experiences and facts about research to the topic discussion. As part of our school directions we are trying to connect more closely with you, our community, so these forums will continue throughout the year. Some forums will be held outside of school hours as well. Stay tuned for the topic of our next forum, to be held in early Term 2.

School Toilets
We are lucky at Ironbark Ridge to have such new facilities. We rely on our students to be respectful and responsible when using them. Please have a discussion with your children about making sure they are careful when using the toilets (especially the cubicle doors) – they are not areas for play - and we expect all paper and other rubbish to go into the bins. Thank you for your support.

NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 students
This year’s National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held in May between Tuesday 12th and Friday 15th and is for all Year 3 and Year 5 students at the school. NAPLAN tests students on the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year. The tests are broken into four sections – Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. If interested, a full set of example tests are available at: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests/the-tests.html

Zone Swimming
The Ironbark Ridge PS representative swimming team performed amazingly well in the pool last week. Although narrowly beaten in the end by the team from Rouse Hill PS, we are extremely proud of our achievements, both individual and as a team. There are further details about the carnival later in the newsletter but I want to congratulate all students and our team of teachers and parents for the way they conduct themselves at events like this – a real credit to the culture at our school.

School Directions
Recent meetings with the school executive staff have welcomed back to Ironbark Ridge PS our foundation Principal, Ms Kerry Poole. In her current role with the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), Kerry will be working with us to develop expert teaching and inspired learning in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Initially in 2015 a select group of teaching staff will be trialling and studying the impact of ‘STEM’ learning projects across all grades using the action-learning method. Project-based learning is an innovative learning methodology yielding excellent academic gains in may schools across the state (and indeed the world).
Simultaneously, our whole teaching staff will be working through professional development to improve all of our skills in teaching Mathematics, particularly aimed at improving our ability to meet individual learning needs within each classroom. Given our ‘growth mindset’, we want to make an even bigger impact on student learning at Ironbark Ridge.

Stay with us on our journey: “Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning”
Dads on deck! – Guys, help me out with next Thursday’s Hotdog Day!
Orders closed today for next Thursday’s HotDog Day. Students will get a drink and hotdog at lunch for the price of $5. Although a P&C fundraiser, it’s just a good opportunity to mix with some of the other dads from our school community. All assistance greatly appreciated – any time during Thursday. Please let you class contact know when you are available and they’ll pass the information on to our P&C committee.

Australian Rep… future Socceroo!
Izaac, Yr6, has recently been playing representative football for the NSW Metro ‘Futsal’ team – a highly skilful indoor small court form of soccer. Izaac was a member of this team last year, and he set himself a ‘personal growth’ goal to take the next step and make the national team in 2015. Although Izaac’s team were beaten by NSW City in the grand final, he played extremely well throughout the tournament, scoring 11 goals and providing great leadership for his team on the court. Izaac’s effort and improvement have been recognised with his selection in the U12 Australian Futsal team to tour Malaysia in November/December this year. He is looking forward to a very challenging training regime in preparation for the tournament.
What an outstanding achievement for a member of our learning community! Please congratulate him when you next see him 😊

Have a fantastic weekend and we hope to see you all up at the school soon.

Yours in nurtured growth,

Nick Thomson
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As an executive member of our team I am delighted to report that we met with Mia Sharma, an expert educator in science and a representative from UTS, on Friday afternoon. She will be working with all teachers K-6 embedding STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) into our learning. Mia will attend a planning session with staff next week. Watch this space!

It was an honour to attend the ‘Zone Swimming Carnival’ last Tuesday. Our students represented our school with pride, demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and competed at the highest level. A teacher from another school made the comment “What do they have in the water at Ironbark?” Our team achieved outstanding results and ruled the pool. Absolute champions! Well done to all our swimmers and the organisers. It was an outstanding event.

JUST DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

After our forum on Monday afternoon I would like to include some information by Michael Grose about homework. Sound familiar? Rather than homework be a headache for your child and for you, here are some tips to help minimise the hassles and for you to stay sane during the process!
1. Establish homework time and stick to it each day. If children tell you that they don’t have any formal homework then they can read, revise or organise their work. My feedback tells me that sticking to a routine despite the fact that no formal homework is set is extremely useful and helps avoid battles.
2. Put the onus back on your children to take responsibility for their work. Ask children at the start of a homework session to state how much homework they will do. At the end of the session check it to see if it matches with their intentions as well as yours. You need to make sure it is not you but your children who is responsible for homework!
3. Homework is as much a time management issue as anything else. Encourage students to work reasonably quickly and efficiently. Have a set time limit, which they should stick to. There is generally little point slogging away once they become frustrated or tired. A little work each night is more productive than packing it into one weekly session.

Handy Tips
Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Amazing art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.
Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.

Sounding out aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Mrs Kerry De Jager
Relieving Deputy Principal

KINDY CAPERS

We are well into Term 1 now and Kindy Students are learning new things every day.

Students have enjoyed borrowing books at the school library. Remember to bring your books and library bag to school every Tuesday to have the opportunity to borrow again.

Please keep practicing reading and writing the Term 1 sight words. This will assist your child with starting to read and write. Bug Club is up and running now. Please let your class teacher know if you have any difficulties.

Also, a reminder if you haven’t already done so, please make sure you are on the class contact list as sudden changes to routines are communicated through this avenue. Thank you for those families who have done so already.

Next Thursday, 19th March is Hot Dog Day. Some of the fathers from our school have volunteered to work in our canteen and sell hot dogs for the day. Please remember to bring money on the day if you would like your child to purchase one.

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.

The ES1 team

### STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

Stage one students have been busy planting seeds and watching them germinate and grow. Who knew birdseed could grow so quickly. Students did a great job completing homework tasks last fortnight and we are looking forward to seeing what they have accomplished this time. Please remember that homework should not be a battle or stressful, so if you are having problems please speak to your class teacher. Your child will be bringing home a note about Be Skilled Be Fit in the near future. This year we are doing gymnastics. Please ensure you return the note and payment by the due date.

Yesterday Stage 1 used many of the Fundamental Movement Skills that they have been learning during sport this term to play ball games. Working in class groups they were focusing on working as a team, following instructions and developing ball and sprint run skills. It was great to see classmates encouraging each other to do their best. Congratulations to Illuminate and Bright Sparks who won most of the ball games.

On Monday Year 1 students will have a visit from Rouse Hill library about Frog Club. Year 2 students will be doing sport during this time and will need to wear sport uniform.
Congratulations to our Shining Lights for this fortnight and thankyou to the parents who have spent time with their child to complete their poster.

**Aurora** - Hannah & Ashleigh  
**Bright Sparks** - William & Charlize  
**Fireflies** – Jonathan & Annabelle  
**Illuminate** – Austin & Natalie  
**Jiemba** – Caeden & Emily  
**Northern Lights**– Rogers & Este  
**Sparkles** – Sarah & Jordan  
**Translucent** – Liam & Jasmine

**STAGE 2 SNIPPETS**

What an exciting time the students in Stage 2 have been having over the last two weeks! In the lead up to ANZAC Day we have been studying the role that Australia and New Zealand soldiers played in WW1 at Gallipoli. The children have been gaining an insight into the hardships that our brave soldiers faced during this heroic campaign.

To enhance student engagement we borrowed two WW1 Memorial Boxes through the War Memorial in Canberra. These are filled with real and replica uniforms, equipment and artefacts including (among other things) a soldier’s tunic, slouch hat and emu plume, helmet, game of two-up, nurse’s shoulder cape, sailor’s white shirt and blue jean collar, victory medal and a memorial plaque. The children were very excited to be able to try on the clothing and handle the objects, giving them a feel for those who served and those who waited for their loved ones at home.
In Science the students have been learning about gravity, forces and motion and had a stomach churning rollercoaster ride (albeit interactively). The students are very excited about researching, designing and creating a model rollercoaster, which is underway at various stages within each classroom.

In Personal Development and Sport the children are enjoying fundamental movement skills each week and our non-PSSA team members have been having a great time learning the rules for winter PSSA games. We hope this will give them the knowledge and confidence to try out for a winter PSSA team. These students have also been taking part in interest group activities which include creative and critical thinking, marble run, gardening and music.

Homework for the term is well underway with the students bringing in some excellent work samples from the Term 1 activity grid. If you have any questions about homework please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

Stage 2 Teachers
STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

What a great start to the year! Our Stage 3 students have been trying out or participating in many activities. We have had try outs for choir, Stage 3 Dance, Ridges Area Sports Trials and our school sports teams. It has been fantastic to see so many of our students having a go.

There has been a lot of talk from the students regarding our Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra in May Deposits and notes should have been returned by now. More information has been handed to students with details about final payment, dietary and medical requirements. The students have been learning about Political Systems and Democracy in HSIE this term which will give them some background knowledge before our Canberra trip.

The buzz around our classrooms whilst participating in our STEAM based Light unit has been fantastic. The students are about to embark on the design process and then the making of their lantern as per the brief. Project-based homework on the Year of Light went home with students in week 7. This is due in on the 31st March, 2015. This task is open-ended so students can choose what interests them and present it in any format of their choosing. There is also an element of the task which cannot be completed at the last minute – a journal that needs to be written to reflect on what has been learnt. Get excited about light and how it is used!!!

\[\text{Ice Creams}\]

**When:** Lunch time on Thursday 26th March (Week 9)

**Where:** Outside the canteen

**Cost:** only $1 each

**Why:** Year 6 Fundraiser

Bring your $1 on the day and buy your yummy ice cream treat!

Chinese News

Nǐmen hǎo! 你们好！

This week I sent out the expression of interest notes for students in Years 4 and 5 who would be interested in going to China in 2016. If you would like your child to attend you need to return the signed note to me as soon as possible but no later than Friday 20th March. Students can hand their notes to me during lessons or they can leave them in the specially marked tray on the entry table in the library. The students that are interested in attending will then have to write an application in the coming weeks telling me why they think they should attend and what benefit it will have to their learning.

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 8 – 20th March 2014

CRICKET: Connor Greasby Park (renamed from Newbury Oval) Perfection Drive, Kellyville Ridge

OZ TAG: Russell Reserve (renamed from Second Ponds Oval) Withers Road, Rouse Hill

SOFTBALL/T-BALL: Connor Greasby Park (renamed from Newbury Oval) Perfection Drive, Kellyville Ridge

AFL: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill

TERM 1 WEEK 9 – 27th 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: Connor Greasby Park (renamed from Newbury Oval) Perfection Drive, Kellyville Ridge

AFL: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill
RIDGES ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, 3rd March, 40 students represented Ironbark Ridge Public School at the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival, held at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. The students swam exceptionally well and as usual, their behaviour was impeccable. It is always an absolute pleasure accompanying the students to these events. A number of swimmers swam up to eight races; well done on your great stamina. Many swimmers gained places in their events and a number of students gained a place the 50 metres Freestyle Finals. The support shown to each other was outstanding. Once again our students looked fantastic in the iridescent lime green caps and we were easily visible in the water. Overall Ironbark Ridge PS was placed second behind Rouse Hill PS. We would like thank all the parents for their wonderful support.

Preston broke the 10 years 50m butterfly record previously held by Mikey.

Preston won the Junior Boys Age Champion and Veronica won the 11 Years Girls Age Champion. Congratulations to all swimmers.

Preston, Tom S, Tom P, Ashell, Oliver P, Liam G, Lucy, Veronica, Sapphire, Rachel, Monique will represent Ironbark Ridge PS and The Ridges Zone at the Sydney West Regional Swimming Carnival which is being held on Monday 16th March.

Thanks Judy Paton and Tracy Sayer
Team Managers
S.R.C. Disco!

Come dressed as something that starts with S, R or C. So many choices!

When: Wednesday 18th March
Time: K-2 – 5:00 – 6:15 pm
       3-6 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Cost: $10 per child or $25 for a family ticket.
      Cost includes drink, chips, a glow product as well as a chance to win a lucky door prize.

Presale tickets will be available Monday – Wednesday - morning from 8:30 and in the afternoon from 2:45.
Position Vacant: Canteen Manager
Ironbark Ridge Public School

Ironbark Ridge Public School operate the school canteen five days per week throughout the NSW school term.

This is a casual employment position. Wages in accordance with Fast Food Industry Award 2010. It is anticipated that the position will be five days per week.

As a paid employee of Ironbark Ridge Public School, the Canteen Manager is answerable to the Principal, either directly, or via the Canteen Sub-Committee.

To be considered for this position you must meet the following criteria:

- Food Handling Certificate or equivalent
- First Aid or equivalent (including Anaphylaxis Care)
- Demonstrated understanding of healthy eating and ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods
- Knowledge of the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy
- Excellent communication skills both written and verbal
- Ability to collaborate with and work alongside other school committees and teams
- Proven team leadership and organisational skills
- Understanding of WH&S principles

It is a requirement of employment that a Working with Children Check and Consent to Employment screening checks will be completed.

Applications for employment should address the above listed criteria and be accompanied by a current resume including two referees. Please forward applications to ironbarkrg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications close Wednesday 18th March, 5pm.
Open Letter From The Prez

We are quickly closing in on the P&C AGM. What is the P&C AGM? You may ask! The school parent and community citizens association hold our annual general meeting where the new executive members and committee members are voted in. It is your opportunity to run for any position you like or to become a team member of a committee like the canteen, fundraising and uniform shop.

The AGM is held for 30 minutes, prior to the regular general meeting. Our general meetings are held on Wednesday night of week 2 and week 8 each school term. We have financial members and non financial members. Membership is $2.00 for the full P&C year, valid to the end of the following AGM. Non financial members cannot vote but are always welcome along. Nomination forms are at the office.

The role of the P&C is important in any school but at Ironbark Ridge we make it possible for all children to have EXTRA resources, more opportunities and the best possible learning environment everyday. ALL parents are encouraged to participate by attending our general meetings throughout the year so you can represent your family and community in our wide and varied discussions.

We now have all sizes of school polo tops and girls summer dresses back in stock, as well as hats. We apologise for the inconvenience of being out of stock for the first 5 weeks.

There have been a couple of instances this year were correct lunch orders have gone missing only to turn up after lunch. This has been caused by the lunch bags being collected and not ensuring all students have taken their lunches out. We are working with the school to make sure this no longer happens.

See you at the AGM.

The Prez ;)

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Election BBQ

Can you cook a sausage, man a cake stall or sell an ice block? Then we need your help! We are looking for a few more volunteers for the Election Day BBQ.

The following time slots are still available:

**BBQ**
1 person from 7am - 9am
2 people from 11am- 1pm
2 people from 1pm- 3pm

**Cake Stall**
1 person from 7am- 9am
1 person from 11am- 1pm
2 people from 1pm- 3pm

**Canteen**
1 person from 7am- 9am
2 people from 11am- 1pm
2 people from 1pm- 3pm
1 person from 3pm- 5pm

Please secure a time by logging into: [http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and using the code - CREA5 (that is the number “5” on the end).

Thank you to those AWESOME people who have already volunteered!
Student Banking
Friday 8.30am to 9.30am

The success of our student banking program has seen our number of bankers increase every week, with new accounts on the rise.

We are likely to need additional tellers in the coming weeks due to the increase in numbers. If you are interested in helping as a teller from 8.25am to 9.30am each Friday morning please contact Michelle.

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 Young
School Banking Coordinators
Vice President

Ironbark Café
Each Monday and Wednesday morning the Ironbark Cafe will be open from 9.00am for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice so parents can stop and chat together at the 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
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.

NEW CANTEEN MENU items added and available on Flexi NOW:

- **Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets** (in addition to regular nuggets, regular nuggets are Halal)
- **BBQ Chicken Pizza Slices** (we still have Margherita, Meat Lovers and Ham & Pineapple)
- **Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice** (suitable for GF kids)
- **Apple & Blackcurrant Juice** (we still have apple, orange and paradise punch)
- **Rice Cracker Snacks** (trial basis)
- **Sultana Packets** (replacing sml JJ Snacks pkts)
- **Jelly cups** 50c and Jelly with custard cups $1 (over counter only)
We know there are many different dietary special needs in our school and where possible we will try to accommodate those needs so all children can feel NORMAL!

Please ensure allergy forms are up to date at the office.

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**Calling all JUNIOR MASTERCHEFS!**

We are holding a baking competition for all IRPS students. All baked goods submitted in the competition will then become a donation for our Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall fundraiser.

We are requesting that each stage bring in the following baked goods:

**Kindergarten:**
- Cupcakes/ Meringues

**Stage 1:**
- Cakes/ Banana Bread/ Tarts

**Stage 2:**
- Slices/ Brownies/ Biscuits

**Stage 3:**
- Lollies/ Toffees/ Cake Pops

A winner will be chosen from each stage. This student will receive a $10 canteen voucher. Winners will be announced at assembly in Week 10.

A paper plate that you can place your baked goods on will be coming home with each student in Week 9. Baked goodies must be brought to the canteen on FRIDAY 27th March, either before school or between 2:30–3:30pm.

For any budding parent Masterchefs, we would also love your baked good donations for our stall!
Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised almost $600 for our school through School Banking commissions in just 5 weeks. Our school receives $5 for every new account opened through the school and 5% on every dollar deposited thereafter.

I am excited to report that our face to face banking has been amazingly successful and has exceeded my expectations. It has been well received by both parents and students, and the change in our banking process has played a large part in boosting our registered bankers from 190 bankers in 2014 to 254 bankers this year. Even more surprising is the growth in our regular bankers (students who bank at least once a month) from 67 last year to 147 in just 5 weeks of 2015. So far this term we have opened 64 new accounts of which 35 are new kindy accounts.

2015 reward items
To help encourage students to become regular savers we have some great rewards on offer this year. Every time your child makes a deposit through the Student Banking program, regardless of how much, they will receive a Dollarmite token. Once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exciting reward items. Please complete your reward coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, on the next School Banking day and your item will be ordered and arrive within 2 weeks.

New Accounts
Opening up a new account for your child can be done at school every Friday between 8:30am and 9:30am.
• Existing Commonwealth Bank customers are able to open an account through your Netbank facility. Come see us for more details.
• New Commonwealth Bank customers will need to complete a simple application form and bring along their drivers licence for identification.

I have been working very closely with our CBA Student Banking Coordinator and our local CBA Branch at Rouse Hill to ensure that our school and its bankers receive quality and timely service in relation to new account openings. CBA have been very accommodating and I have been able to ensure that all new accounts will be available for pick up from our Front Office within 3 business days.

Thank you to all our Student Bankers and their parents for helping support the Student Banking program. A big thanks to our parent volunteers for giving up their time on a Friday morning. Without you the new Student Banking process would not be possible. I would also like to thank Nick Thompson and all the lovely ladies in the office for their patience and for giving us the opportunity to do face to face banking.

If you have any questions about the Student Banking Program please contact the office or come see us on Friday between 8:30am and 9:30am.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

Mishelle Young
Student Banking Co-ordinators
### KT OOSH Services
#### 2015 April School Holiday Program

Operating from Ironbark Ridge PS

**Special Treat; Slushies can be purchased on site for $1 each. Money can be given to Educators upon arrival**

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<td>Come along to Flip Out In Castle Hill &amp; Jump as much as you like for 1 hour with your friends! Bounce, Hop, Hop &amp; Jump on the huge trampolines! Must Bring Socks - Must be Service by 8:20am Additional Cost $20/child</td>
<td>Join in playing a variety of sporting activities with our lovely coach Max! You will have the opportunity to rotate between a number of sport stations where you can learn new skills. Max on site 9:30am-12:30pm Additional Cost $20/child</td>
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<td><strong>Party Day</strong></td>
<td><strong>Bike &amp; Park Day</strong></td>
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<td>Come to the Rouse Hill Town Centre &amp; go to the movies! Spongebob Movie Popcorn &amp; water provided. Children walk to the RHTC (weather permitting) Must be Service by 6pm Additional Cost $10/child</td>
<td>Today we have organised a day of party games including make your own pass the parcel. We also have a Fairy &amp; a Pirate coming to KT OOSH to do Face Painting &amp; Body Art for everyone! Artists on site from 1pm-3pm Additional Cost $10/child</td>
<td>Bring your Scooters or Bikes to KT OOSH for the day. AND (weather permitting) enjoy a play and picnic in the park! We will take a short walk to a great park located just near the school. Must Bring a Helmet – No Helmet, No Riding.</td>
<td>Spend the day at KT OOSH &amp; express yourself through a variety of craft activities. Painting, gluing, cutting and creating masterpieces! Develop your drawing skills. Complete find-a-word &amp; activity sheets.</td>
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<td><strong>Reptile Incursion Day</strong></td>
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<td>Enjoy a restful and relaxing day at KT OOSH. Games with friends. Drawing, craft, colouring in. Netball, soccer, handball and many more games! OLA students return to School Friday</td>
<td>Steve is coming to KT OOSH &amp; bringing snakes (non-venomous), lizards, frogs, turtles, a young crocodile and much more. Learn about the importance of conservation. Steve on site 10am-12pm Additional Cost $10/child</td>
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**Bookings & Enquiries via email to irps@ktoosh.com.au**

**Early bird bookings close on Wed 25th March 2015**

Bookings taken after this date will be classed 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 on Mon 20th April & IRPS Students return on Tue 21st April 2015

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

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**Play Rugby with the Junior Rouse Hill Renegades**

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**2014-2015**

**Family Energy Rebate**

Apply before Midnight 18 June 2015


*eligibility criteria apply*

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**WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?**

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependant 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.

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**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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