Welcome back for another great term of learning and community gathering at Ironbark Ridge! If you are on Facebook you would have noticed that even Ridgy the frog was getting too wet this week and had found himself a little umbrella! 😊 Following on from our successful discussion forums last term we are planning several more in Term 2 so stay tuned. Please also look out for some information from each class and Stage about the exciting learning opportunities we have planned for Term 2…

Welcome to Ironbark Ridge, Ms Pho!
This week we welcomed Ms Kerrie Pho as the new Deputy Principal of Ironbark Ridge. It is always exciting to have new staff members join us and we all greatly look forward to working with her. Please introduce yourself to Ms Pho if you see her around the school and make her feel welcomed into the fantastic Ironbark Ridge community. The process for selection of candidates for promotion positions within the DEC is extremely competitive, especially for Deputy Principal positions, and we congratulate her on this marvellous achievement.

Canteen
We’ve had a fantastic response this week to our Canteen opening all five days of the week. Mrs Doris Cull, our new Canteen Manager, is settling in well thanks to the support of Leigh and other parents on the roster. The menu will remain unchanged although a few minor additions and ‘specials’ may be trialled.

A special added service Doris would like to add for our parents is the fresh cooking of cupcakes to celebrate student birthdays with their class. We will set this option up in the Flexi-Schools ordering system and the cupcakes will be cooked and iced/decorated ready for the Recess-time celebration, hopefully saving parents the time and inconvenience of cooking them the night before and then transporting them to school on the morning of the birthday.
In a second trial, with winter weather setting in, Doris will be serving morning hot chocolate for $1 over the canteen counter from 8.45am.

Thirdly, if you haven’t yet put your name down to volunteer in the canteen as a helper this term, please put your name on the roster through the P&C as usual (email - canteen@irpspc.com) This is a partnership to ensure our kids have the best Canteen in Western Sydney!!

**Centenary of ANZAC**

Wednesday morning’s ANZAC Day ceremony was a wonderful event as usual. Our students showed outstanding respect and self-control as they listened, sang, watched and (SRC students) laid flowers in memory of our fallen Australian heroes. We were honoured to be joined by Ron Smith, Director, Castle Hill RSL, and his wife. I hope to see as many of you tomorrow morning at Kellyville for the dawn service to commemorate 100 years of ANZAC.

![ANZAC Day ceremony](image)

**New classroom for 1/2I**

After numerous technical and timing problems as well as the recent wet weather we hope to have the new classroom arriving next week to put onto the brick piers beside the 1/2T classroom. Unfortunately even I have been surprised by the number of delays and length of time this project has taken. My fingers remain crossed…

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

If there are any parents who are yet to arrange a time to meet with their child’s class teacher, please use the ‘Appts’ button in the school app or phone the school office so the class teacher can contact you to arrange a suitable time.

**Chess**

Coaching will this term move to Tuesday mornings from 8-9am (unfortunately this is the only time we could arrange that suits our school as well as the Sydney Academy coaches). However, Friday lunchtime Chess Club will continue for all students interested (K-6), and our competitive teams are about to be announced next week, ready to play in the upcoming Blacktown District competition on Friday afternoons.

**Tell Them From Me survey**

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 answered some some questions at the end of last term about their opinions on school through the ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey. We will be reviewing the data shortly and will present some information at next Wednesday night’s P&C meeting (along with our School Plan 2015-17).

**Save the date!**

We are celebrating our 10th Birthday! On Saturday 24th October we will be holding a Fete and celebration evening at the school from 2pm in the afternoon until late with plenty of fun for all ages. Stay tuned for more information as the event approaches.

Talk to you soon,

**Nick Thomson**

Principal
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

My name is Kerrie Pho and I am delighted to have been appointed as Deputy Principal to Ironbark Ridge PS. I have come from Baulkham Hills North PS, where I was Assistant Principal and Relieving Deputy Principal. I am very much looking forward to working with our students, staff and community over the years ahead. I've been made to feel very welcome by students and staff, as well as by the parents I have met so far. I can already sense much pride in our school’s achievements and positive school culture. Please feel free to find the time to come and introduce yourself to me in the playground as you are dropping off or picking up your children.

**Year 5 2016 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT**

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 22 July 2015**. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library, or contact the school for a convenient time to access the internet from our library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015. You must submit only ONE application for each student. **No late applications will be accepted.**

**CROSS COUNTRY**

The Ironbark Ridge PS Cross Country will be held on Thursday 30th April at Hills Centenary Oval, weather permitting. Permission notes for this event have already been sent home. You are most welcome to come and support your child at this event. My thanks to the Stage 2 team who have been busily organising this event. The K-2 Cross-Country will also be held on the same day after lunch on the school oval and surrounds. All students in Yr3-6 will cheer their younger friends on!

**NAPLAN 2015**

NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3 & 5 will be on May 12, 13 and 14, 2015. Students will be completing a language conventions and writing test, a reading test and a numeracy test. For more information go to: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

**PARENT PLANNER – TERM 2 2015**

A copy of the parent planner for Term 2 is included in this newsletter.

**TEACHER LEARNING**

Learning is a lifelong process. Our greatest resource at IRPS is our teachers. Mia Sharma from UTS engaged our teachers in professional learning on the Term 2 Staff Development Day about the integration of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) into classroom programs. These programs will enhance the students’ abilities to create real world solutions to problems, and increase their engagement in learning. I am very eager to see some of the wonderful work our students will produce over the coming term. Teachers also engaged in conversations about Learning Goals on Monday. Ironbark Ridge has wonderful, dedicated teachers and I am excited about the opportunity to work with them on the journey of learning.

Kind Regards,
Kerrie Pho
Deputy Principal
A very warm welcome back to Ironbark. We hope that all Kindergarten students and their families had a safe and fun break. Term 2 promises to be a very exciting and busy term.

Ironbark Ridge Public School is a Crunch and Sip accredited school and this means that Kindergarten will continue participating in Fruit Break in Term 2. Each student needs to bring a small serve of fruit to be consumed during class time each morning before recess. Could all parents please provide their children with a small portion of cut fruit that they enjoy eating. Where possible please ensure that fruit is washed and cut into suitably sized pieces and that it is not excessively juicy. Sliced apples, strawberries, a mandarin or a few melon pieces all with the skin off are just a few examples of what students might bring. Please no nuts, eggs, fish or other foods that may produce an allergic response in students should be sent to school for recess, lunch or fruit break.

Ensure that all permission notes and money are returned to the office by the due date to enable payment and arrangements to be made. Be Skilled Be Fit Gymnastics has begun so all notes need to be returned so that student invoices can be made up.

This term homework will commence for Early Stage 1. Starting in Week 2, each week on Friday a reader will be sent home for each Kindy student to read along with sight words, some comprehension activities, handwriting and some relevant maths activities. Bug Club will continue. Please return readers and homework books in folders provided each Thursday. Home readers should be read each day by students and some support may be required from parents.

Please provide an A4 sized, lined homework book for your child. Kindly ensure that your child’s book has a cover of at least clear contact and that name and class are printed on the front of each book. Sport clothes will need to be worn on Friday and Tuesday in Term 2 by all Kindy students. Library and Chinese language class days will remain on Tuesday. Keep a look out in your child’s bag for information regarding any last minute changes to routine.

In Term 2 Early Stage 1 will be asking for volunteer helpers to assist in learning programs. Shortly notes will be sent home for interested family and friends. On the note you will be asked to detail areas of interest and expertise (e.g. Numeracy, Literacy, Technology, Creative Arts, Science, Personal Development Health and Physical Education) and weekly times you are available. Volunteers are required across all classes to perform a variety of class and non-class based roles. We greatly appreciate all help and endeavour to provide parents and friends with the opportunity to participate in school programs and will allocate volunteers across all classes depending on needs, expertise and substantive roles performed in our school. This may mean that you may be assisting in a role or class not directly related to your child’s class. Volunteers will be required to complete Child Protection and School Code of Conduct documentation. This will be sent home by teachers and will need to be returned before volunteers commence in Week 4.

To ensure that students are always safe at school it is a requirement that all visitors report to the office when collecting students during school hours. If parents are coming to school to support school programs they must also report to the office, sign in and display a visitor’s pass during their time at school. Please return to the office to sign out before you leave the school. If student medical or personal information has changed since the start of the year please advise the office at your earliest convenience.

It has been great to see so many parents at our parent interview nights. If you were unable to meet with your child’s teacher please contact class teachers (or the office) to arrange a time that is convenient for you. Hope you have a safe and happy weekend!

The Early Stage 1 Team
Welcome back to what is sure to be another exciting and productive term. To begin our term, our theme will be ‘Growth and Change in Animals’ and in the latter half of the term, we will be exploring toys and simple machines. These units will form the basis of students’ learning, with multiple Key Learning Areas being integrated to enhance student understanding.

**English**
Our English unit is ‘Representation of Animals in Literature’ during which students will explore the visual and written text to determine how particular animals are portrayed in different texts. Students will analyse the characterisation of animals in order to compare and contrast them between texts.
Writing will continue to develop our students’ persuasive, informative and imaginative styles on topics related to our theme unit.

**Maths**
This term, Stage One has decided to implement levelled Maths Groups to support students’ development of Number concepts. Maths groups will supplement class-based maths lessons and will be held on Wednesday and Friday each week. During these sessions students will be working to develop number sense with a group of similar students.
Differentiated maths lessons will of course continue in students’ roll classes on other days and will cover:
- **Number and Algebra** – Whole Number, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions and Time
- **Measurement and Geometry** – Length and Mass
- **Statistics and Probability** – Data

**HSIE and Science**
This will be taught as integrated units and we will be learning about ‘Growth and Change in Animals’ and ‘Change in Toys Over Time’.
We will be exploring the lifecycles of a range of different animals and during the second half of the term, we will begin to investigate Toys and simple machines.

**PD/H/PE**
Stage One Sport will continue to be on **Wednesdays** and sessions will focus on developing students’ Fundamental Movement Skills.
This term, students will be participating in Gymnastics lessons with Be Skilled Be Fit. These sessions will be held on:
- **Monday** – Northern Lights, Illuminate, Bright Sparks, Translucent, Fireflies and Sparkles
- **Friday** – Jiamba and Aurora
Please send your child in their sports uniform on these days.

**Homework**
This term, homework will be completed weekly and will include spelling and maths activities. Homework books will be sent home on a Monday, to be returned each **Friday**.
Throughout the term, students will be given some research based projects to complete and present in class. More information will follow regarding these.
Please continue to regularly borrow home readers and utilise Bug Club.

**Library**
Classes will have their Library sessions on the following days:
- **Tuesday** – Translucent, Bright Sparks, Jiamba and Aurora
- **Friday** – Fireflies, Northern Lights, Sparkles and Illuminate
Please ensure that you child regularly brings their library bag on these days.

We are sure to have a very busy term during which our students continue to develop new skills and confidence in their learning and we thank you for your ongoing support. As always, please see your class teacher if there are any concerns that you wish to discuss.

Stage One Teachers
Welcome back Stage 2!
We hope you are ready for a busy, exciting and fun filled term!

In the first few weeks, we will continue learning about the importance of Anzac Day and the Australian involvement in the Gallipoli campaign one hundred years ago. It is wonderful to see how our students have developed a sincere appreciation for the sacrifice that was made all those years ago for the sake of Australia’s future. All Stage 2 teachers were particularly proud of how respectful our Stage 2 students were during our Anzac service on Wednesday 22nd April. It was a wonderful service and the students confidently understood the importance of such an event.

Once we have finished our time learning about the Anzacs, Stage 2 students will be beginning a unit called Living Worlds, where students will be learning about sustainability with a focus on Australia’s Kakadu National Park. Students will be researching the impact of changes to the Kakadu environment due to a range of factors.

We hope that students have been working on their prepared speeches for the multicultural perspectives speaking competition. Class finals will be held in Week 2 and Stage finals will be held in Week 4.

This term Stage 2 students will also be participating in a planting program. It will be a great opportunity for students to take responsibility for the nurturing of some plants within the school grounds. More information will be available in the next few weeks.

Homework won’t be starting until Week 5 so please take the opportunity to read every night and don’t forget to log in all reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge!

PSSA try outs for Winter Sports will be happen during sport on Friday mornings in Week 1 and Week 2 (only if the weather improves). Finally, we are excited to announce in Week 10 Stage 2 students will be going on an excursion to Wentworth Falls. More details will be available very shortly!

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Students from 3/4/5C wearing an authentic Anzac uniform

Students from 3/4G wearing their amazing hats for the hat parade.

Stage 2 Teachers
STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

Although Term 2 began as a very wet and windy experience, the students have quickly settled back into school. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive 10 weeks of teaching and learning. This will include:

Mathematics

There is a strong focus in Number and Algebra on fractions and decimals this term as well as making connections between addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, probability and financial mathematics. In Measurement and Geometry learning will include estimating, measuring and recording area and perimeter. Statistics and Probability will include conducting chance experiments and making connections to describe probability using fractions, decimals and percentages.

Major Concepts

Number and Algebra
- Multiplication and Division with remainders divided to create fractions
- Highest common factors
- Explain percentages as hundredths, related to fractions and decimals and calculate percentage discounts
- Estimate and add and subtract fractions, mixed numerals, related denominators, mental strategies
- Identify and explain square and triangular numbers

Measurement and Geometry
- Estimate, measure and record area in square centimetres, square metres, hectares and square kilometres, recognising that square centimetres, square metres, hectares and square kilometres need not be a square
- Identify two-dimensional shapes, different perimeters / same area, same perimeter / different areas

Statistics and Probability
- Conduct chance experiments
- Evaluate the relative benefits to organisers and participants in games of chance, describing probabilities using fractions, decimals and percentages, including on a number

English: Ethical and Social Dilemmas

Overview – Throughout this unit, students will be focusing on environmental issues, such as sustainability. Students will critically analyse how setting and atmosphere is created within a text through the concepts of ethical and social dilemmas. The macro concept of ‘environmental matters’ links to the concurrent HSIE unit for Stage 3 on ‘Rainforests.’

HSIE

This term will see Stage 3 students investigating and appreciating global forest environments. They will be exploring this HSIE unit of work through project based learning activities where skills such as collaborative teamwork, researching multiple resources through technology and traditional methods, critically analysing and presenting through various media, will be accessed and developed. Students will also be reflecting on their personal and global responsibility in maintaining a balanced ecosystem within these environments.
Science
How have animals/organisms adapted to survive in their environment? This is the big question that will be answered as the term progresses. Our “Living Worlds” unit will focus on how certain creatures have evolved and adapted in order to ensure that they survive in their particular environment, whether it is aquatic, a rainforest or a desert. Survival and biodiversity is vital, so we ask ourselves how we are able to contribute to this, and study reasons why this is so important. While thinking about all this, Stage 3 students will also be involved in experimenting and design tasks, making their learning and the concepts relevant to their daily lives.

ART – Example of our lessons

Learning Goal – to understand characteristics of the elements of art including lines, shapes, colours, textures, form, space and value.

How does the artists Klimt and Kadinsky use shapes in their art?
Can I create a Klimt and Kadinsky appropriation of their art?
What do I know about the artists and their art?
How can I create a collage and artworks based on shapes and line? (if using the Kadinsky/Klimt Tree)?

Link art with learning in English, mathematics and learning about environments including rainforests.

Homework
Students will receive homework after their trip to Canberra.

Camp
The Stage 3 students will depart from school on Monday 4th May at 7:00am sharp. We require children to be at school by 6:30am to ensure that roles can be marked, medication has been handed to the teacher and the buses loaded. The bus will not wait for any student who is late. We expect to return to school by 4:00pm on Wednesday 6th May (will update via school APP and Facebook page on the day).

The students will need to bring a small backpack and a suitcase or overnight bag. They do not require any towels or bedding as these will be provided by Golden Creek Tourist Resort, where we’re staying.

Please note that all luggage & personal effects are carried at students’ own risk during the excursion. Please do not send mobile phones or any electronic equipment.

Students are to wear comfortable clothes on the bus such as jeans with a t-shirt and jacket. They will need to bring a water bottle and pack their recess and lunch for the first day.

Please remember that we will be away for three days and that the weather is likely to be chilly, and cold at night. Pack enough items for your child during this time and ensure ALL items have names on them.
**Items to pack include:**
- pyjamas
- underwear (x6)
- socks (x6)
- t-shirts and long sleeve t-shirts (x3)
- jeans/trousers
- jumpers or jackets (can get very cold)
- toiletries (brush, roll on deodorant and toothbrush etc.)
- 2 pairs comfortable walking shoes
- Hat
- Raincoat

**NO MONEY, NO LOLLIES, NO CAMERAS.** Fruit and a drink will be provided with lunch. However, students may bring healthy snacks for morning/afternoon tea on Tuesday and Wednesday if they would like to.

If you go to the War Memorial website - [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au) and scroll down the page, there is a section titled Last Post Ceremony with a link to the Live Video Stream. If you click this it will take you to the live stream, which commences at 4.55 pm each day. We are fortunate to be participating in this ceremony on Monday 4th May.

Stage 3 students and teachers are looking forward to a wonderful time away.

**Stage 3 Teachers**

**AFL – PSSA Teams**

Term 1 saw the AFL PSSA teams with some great wins as well as some losses. But most impressive was the interpersonal values displayed by all junior and senior players of respect, commitment and absolute dedication to their team mates. I would like to thank these awesome students for making my job as coach and co-ordinator of AFL such an easy job. Each and every student took any feedback offered and tried their best to develop skills and understanding of the game, some without any knowledge of the game previous to being selected. All players grew in various areas such as attacking, tackling as well as passing and kicking the ball with accuracy. Players offered support, encouragement and positive feedback to each other both off and on the field and it was wonderful to see leadership qualities displayed by all students. Congratulations boys and girls! You represented not only Ironbark Ridge but more importantly yourself; displaying safe, responsible and respectful behaviour at all times. Thank you!

Tracy Sayer

Junior Team

*Back row:* Tom, Jayden, Daniel, Dakota, Carter, Mackenzie, Skye, Sienna, Khematep, Lucy.
*Front row:* Ethan, Nataniel, Ahyan, Troy, Cameron

Senior Team

*Middle:* Connor, Max, Ryan, Cooper, Liam G.
*Front row:* Curtis, Riley, Chloe, Sophie.
Chinese News

Nǐmen hǎo! 你们 好！

Why learn a language?
“A different language is a different vision of life” Federico Fellini.

Learning a language is an important part of a child’s education. Many studies have shown that it helps enhance their cognitive development building high-level thinking skills which lead to better grades and a greater understanding of their first language. It increases their cultural awareness in our increasingly multicultural society and it gives them a wider understanding of the world around them. Whether they are learning a language to communicate with family, to get a job or just to travel, our children will grow into adults who can communicate successfully with the people around them and interact in a way that is more tolerant of others.

No matter which language they are learning, our students are developing many skills which will assist them as they become the global citizens of the future.

Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher K-6

ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

Just a reminder to request 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

Chicken Pox

A case of chickenpox has been notified to the school.

Chickenpox is an infection caused by the varicella virus. It cannot be treated with antibiotics. Treatment is usually to relieve the symptoms.

It is easily spread by either having direct contact with (ie touching) the person who has chickenpox, or from fluid droplets in the air when they cough. Fever and a rash are the most common signs of chickenpox. A person with chickenpox is infectious to others from one to two days before the rash first appears until the last blisters have dried up. Children and adults of any age can get chickenpox but it is more common in children.

Signs and symptoms

• A mild fever.
• Feeling tired and irritable.
• Itching.
• Rash. The rash usually first appears on the chest, back or face. It then can move to other areas of the body including inside the mouth. At first, the rash looks like small pimples. These later become blisters full of fluid.

How is it spread?

Chickenpox is highly contagious, which means it is very easy to catch. It can be spread by either having direct contact with the person who has chickenpox, from coughed fluids from their chest or by touching the liquid from the blisters. Children with chickenpox are infectious from one to two days before the rash first appears until the last blisters have dried up.

What to expect

• The rash usually appears from 10 to 21 days after first being exposed to someone who has chickenpox. This time between exposure to getting the rash is called the ‘incubation period’.
• Children with a severe infection or with underlying serious medical conditions may be given antiviral medication.
• Most children with chickenpox are unwell for about five to seven days. Only a few will need to be admitted to hospital.
• Treatment is about controlling the itching from the rash and other symptoms related to the viral illness. There are many medications and creams that you can buy from your local pharmacy to help with the itching.
• Chickenpox is a virus and it can not be treated with antibiotics.
• If your child gets large, sore, red areas around the rash, or becomes more unwell, see your family doctor in case a secondary bacterial infection has developed.

At home care
It can be difficult to make sure children drink enough when they are unwell. Give sips of drinks, jelly, icy poles, soup and other fluids often. This helps prevent dehydration and controls the fever. Children with chickenpox can feel tired and irritable. Taking paracetamol can help, but do not give your child aspirin.

Children with chickenpox should not go to school or kindergarten until the last blister has dried. A dry blister scab is not infectious. You should tell the school if your child gets chickenpox as there may be other children who need to be immunised or treated.

Someone with chickenpox is infectious to others one to two days before the rash starts until the last blister has dried up. Some members of the family may need to stay away from the child during this infectious stage. This includes people who are on chemotherapy or long term oral steroids, newborn babies and pregnant women who have not had chickenpox before. Most people cannot get chickenpox again if they have already had it.

Children with chickenpox can usually be cared for at home and do not need to see a doctor. If you are concerned, see your family doctor.

Ridgy Didge Awards

WEEK 7

K GALAXY  Adeel, Chlove, Torquay
K PULSARS  Ewan, Caitlin, Natalie
1/2 AURORA  Brianna, Kay-Jay, Ibrahim, Alex
1/2 FIREFLIES  Chloe, Kiana, Jacob, Stephan
1/2 NORTHERN LIGHTS  Sienna, Leah, Jay, Daniel
1/2 SPARKLES  Nathan, Maddison, Joshua, Alex
3/4 KALEIDESCOPE  Zara, Tom, Shalin, Dilan
3/4 WINTER CIRCLE  Kyle, Fahiem, Kayvaan, Tayla, Abby
3/4/5 COSMOS  Donny, David, Nathaniel, Layne, Alyssa
5 STELLAR  Adam, Annabel, Steven, Trisha, Grace
5/6 WHITE DIAMONDS  Joel, Charli, Jack
6 HELIOS  Isabella, Jack, Sushanna, Tian, Nandini
LIBRARY  1/2N
CHINESE  1/2 Fireflies
PRINCIPAL  3/4K for amazing hats at the hat parade
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 2 WEEK 1 – 8th May

NEWCOMBE BALL: Ironbark Ridge Public School

BOYS SOCCER: Russell Reserve (ex Second Ponds Oval, Withers Road, Rouse Hill)

NETBALL: Baulkham Hills Netball Courts, Court 8, Commercial Rd, Kellyville

GIRLS SOCCER: Hills Centenary, Commercial Rd, Kellyville

RUGBY: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill
**Note: All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school.**

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Open Letter From The Prez

Dear Mum’s and Dad’s,

We are now back into school life again. Welcome to our new DP - Mrs Pho and new Canteen Manager - Doris Cull.

Our P&C meeting is on next Wednesday night 29th April, at 7.00pm - we look forward to seeing you there.

Leigh :)

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Student Banking

Welcome back to school to all Ironbark Ridge students. We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and we look forward to see you banking every Friday. On rainy days the student banking “shop” will be in front of the library and as always we will take deposits and open new bank accounts. During heavy rain days we will have an express banking box and we will take the bank books and return them to the student’s class, so please make sure the correct class details are written on the deposit book cover.

Rewards

Available in Term 2, we have two new reward items from the Outer Space Savers range for students to redeem.

- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket

Students eligible to claim a banking reward

If your name is listed below please have your banking book ready and come and see us Friday morning before school to claim your reward:
If you are close to a CBA branch please note that it only takes a few minutes to set-up online access to the student accounts. The branch can also issue a keycard linked to the student account. For new accounts the bank is also offering free PlatyBank money box.

Learning
Teaching children the value of digital money is key to their overall financial literacy and should work in tandem with traditional methods like our School Banking program. You can read more about this on the CBA website: Tips for teaching kids the value of digital money (https://www.commbank.com.au/blog/tips-for-teaching-kids-the-value-of-digital-money.html), and you can also download a digital money activity sheet for your kids.

Mishelle and Daniela
School Banking Coordinators

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

Elizabeth Andrew

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Canteen Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Lunch Orders on Flexischools.com.au
Over the counter snacks Recess and Lunch
Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 7th May 2015

Please Donate A Gift
We are calling for present donations to be left at
the office by Friday 1st May.

Here are just a few suggestions:
* Bath Products/Soaps * Candles * Nail Care Kits
* Nail Polish * Gardening Kit * Notepaper/Pen
* Keyrings * Coffee/Tea Mugs * Pretty Tea Towels
* Cosmetic/Toiletry Bag
Or anything you can think of and would love!

You can order on Flexischools for Mum, Narna, Grandma, Nonna etc.
and your child will receive vouchers in class to spend at the stall...or
bring your money on the day! $5 and $10 gifts will be available.
Wesley Family Centre, The Hills
Term 2 2015

Family Support Work for families with children 0 - 17 yrs.

Family Workers and Parenting Coaches can assist you individually, as a couple, and as a family. Together we can explore the strengths and skills you have within your family and by identifying any changes or improvements you would like to make we can set goals and/or locate specialist services to achieve these outcomes.

Hours of services: Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm
After Hours: Tuesdays & Thursday 9.00am - 7.00pm

Community Development - Rouse Hill Families Connect

A Families New South Wales initiative providing families with children aged 0 to 8 years opportunities to meet their neighbours in around the local area. Dads, Mums and any significant carers of children are invited to actively engage in their children’s early development and learning through our fun play based community activities.

Multicultural Women's Support Group

in a relaxed friendly, fun environment, providing Multicultural women; who care for children aged from birth to 12 years opportunities to meet other local parents and develop relationships with other local women, participate in a engaging programs that can assist with your child’s education and development and help you to learn more about other support services in your local community.

Financial Counselling Services

providing free independent and confidential face-to-face counselling. Our professional financial counsellors can help you if you are in financial difficulty or would like to manage your money more effectively. They can provide short-term crisis management and long-term prevention strategies.

Children's Expressive Therapies the Hills

offers mental wellbeing to children and young people aged between 5-15 years old, who are seeking help for emotional support and growth in their lives. It is an individual and/or group therapeutic counselling program delivered by an experienced Art Therapy practitioner of 15 years. The service provides young people with the tools and support they need to gain the confidence to overcome crisis in their lives.

Counselling

In Partnership with a local Child and Family Therapist - this service will provide counselling for children, youth, individuals, couples and families.

After Hours: Tuesdays & Thursday 5.00pm - 7.00pm.

“It takes a village to raise a child”
Positive Parenting Program - Triple P
For parents with children aged between 0 -12yrs

Kids don’t come with an instruction manual. The 6 week Positive Parenting Program can assist you with a specific problem, or provide tips on parenting and help with understanding your child’s behaviour and emotions in relation to their development.

The program gives you the tools to encourage behaviour you like from your child, teach your child new skills and behaviours and deal positively and consistently with problem behaviours.

THURSDAYS (14 May to 18 June 2015) 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Cost: $30.00 single, $45.00 couple (registrations essential).
Wesley Family Centre, The Hills, Unit 437, 14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista, (Rooftop parking).
Contact: Tanya at Wesley Family Centre, The Hills on 8805 7288.

Music Playschool
For children aged between 18mths - 5yrs and their parents

Music Playschool group is an early childhood development program that utilizes active music making, singing and movement to facilitate the physical, cognitive, emotional and social components essential for early child development. It may also assist your child with developing their social and emotional skills and increase your child’s speech development, whilst strengthening the bond between you and your child.
Music play can also help with literacy and numeracy development.

WEDNESDAYS (13 May to 17 June 2015) 10:00am - 11:00am
Cost: $35.00 for one child, $50.00 for two children (payable upon registration).
Rivergum Community Church, 49 Withers Road, Kellyville, (Parking on site).
Contact: Banu at Wesley Family Centre, The Hills on 8805 7288.

A partnership between Rivergum Community Church and Wesley Family Centre, The Hills.

Positive Parenting Program - Triple P in Cantonese 親子正面教育
For parents with children aged between 0 -12yrs

Triple P helps you promote your child's development and communication skills, manage your child's behaviours and emotions, build a good relationship with your child and take care of yourself as a parent.

親子正面教育課程可以帮助您學習如何進孩子的成長和訓練，提高孩子的溝通技能，引導管理孩子的情行及情緒，建立良好的親子關係以及父母的自我照管。

Childcare is available for this group and must be pre-booked as there are limited places.

FRIDAYS (15 May to 26 June 2015) 10.00am - 12:00pm
Cost: FREE (registrations essential).
Childcare cost: Gold coin donation (bookings essential).
Wesley Family Centre, the Hills, Unit 437, 14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista, (Rooftop parking).
Contact: William 96266620 and Alice at Wesley Family Centre, The Hills on 8805 7288.
MUM'S Celebration DAY
Come and Celebrate Motherhood
Friday 8 May 2015
10:30 - 1:30pm
Rivergum Community Church
49 Withers Road, Kellyville, 2155

- FREE EVENT
- Morning tea & lunch provided
- 3 Minute Massage
- Beauty Care
- Pamper stations
- Gift packs

Registration essential: Call Bea at Wesley Family Centre - The Hills 8303 7288
Limited free childcare is available. Children must be pre-booked

Treat Yourself To A
WELL-DESERVED BREAK
Relax - Get Pampered - Enjoy

JOIN US FOR MUM'S CELEBRATION DAY!

Favourite Children's Book!

The Day the Crayons Quit
(2013) by Drew Daywalt

Rouse Hill Families Connect
The Baby Skills Group & Circle of Security
Parenting Baby's with Confidence

This Parenting Program consists of two stages:

Course 2: Circle of Security (Term 3 – FRIDAYS, 24 July – 28 August 2015, 9:30am - 11:30am).

Option to register for both courses available!

The Baby Skills Group (Term 2) Course 1:
For children aged between 0 mths - 1 yrs and their parents

All children including babies, love new experiences and benefit from developing sensory, social and communication skills through activities at the Baby Skills Group.

Babies like the Baby Skills Group because they can learn through play and can:
- Participate in new experiences
- Develop and increase their social skills
- Learn sharing, co-operation and simple routines
- Interact with other adults and baby's in a safe environment
- Enjoy learning more about their world

Adults like Baby Skills Group because they can:
- Learn about the significance of early influences on brain development and be given information to understand their role in their baby's learning
- Meet other local families and develop new friendships
- Relax and talk in a friendly environment
- Share experiences and ideas
- Play with their baby and nurture a spirit of co-operation
- Take up opportunities for personal development

Parents will have access to health professionals during guest visits from Health Nurses, Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Paramedic and more. Our guest speakers will provide education and information on a range of topics for children aged between 0 mths and 1 yrs.

Topics covered include:
- Sleep & Settling
- Physical development
- Behaviour Management
- Kids First Aid
- Communication and language skills
- Circle of Security

FRIDAYS (15 May to 19 June 2015) 9:30am - 10:30am
Cost: $5.00 per week, payment for the full 6 week course is required ($30 - payable upon registration)
Childcare cost: $2.00 per week for childcare for older siblings (bookings essential as there are limited places).
Rivergum Community Church, 49 Withers Road, Kellyville, (Parking on site).
Contact: Dhanya at Wesley Family Centre, The Hills on 8805 7288.
Following this join with the Mum's Group from 10:30am at Rivergum Community Church if you would like.
Relax in a friendly environment, meet other local families and develop new friendships!

A partnership between Rivergum Community Church, Early Ed and Wesley Family Centre, The Hills.
Circle of Security (Term 3) Course 2:

This 6 week Parenting Program is based upon decades of Attachment research to give parents relationship tools which will provide a new way of understanding your child’s needs and giving them lasting security and you more satisfaction.

The program is intended to help caregivers increase their awareness of their children’s needs and how their own responses can best meet those needs.

It is now well established that during the period beginning at birth and continuing through to the end of the preschool years, the quality of the child’s early attachment is related to the relationship with their parent/caregiver which develops the child’s internal working models. In turn, the quality of infant and preschool child-attachment status can be used to identify a child’s capability to regulate their emotions, manage their behavior, have successful relationships as well as future academic ability.

FRIDAYS (24 July to 28 August 2015) 9:30am - 11:30am
Cost: $5.00 per week, payment for the full 6 week course is required ($30 - payable upon registration).
Childcare cost: FREE, bookings essential as there are limited places.
Wesley Family Centre, The Hills, Unit 437, 14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista, (Rooftop parking).
Contact: Kamalini at Wesley Family Centre, The Hills on 8805 7288.
Multicultural Mums Time Out Group

This Multicultural Mums Group provides social support, education and information for all parents in the community. The program offers mothers, sisters, aunties and grandmothers the chance to come together to meet and make new friends with other local mums, share stories, learn about parenting and exchange ideas and information in a relaxed friendly and safe environment. The program will include health eating, beauty and pampering sessions, meditation relaxation and more. Families will also be invited to attend community events.

Childcare is available for this group and must be pre-booked as there are limited places.

THURSDAYS (7th May to 25th June 2015) 10.00am - 12:00pm

Cost: FREE (registrations essential).
Childcare cost: Gold coin donation (bookings essential).
Wesley Uniting Church Castle Hill, 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill, (Parking on site).
Contact: Alice or Banu at Wesley Family Centre, The Hills on 8805 7288.

"First time I am making Chinese dumplings, so delicious, I love it. I wanted to learn to use chopsticks for long time. Today I got chance to hold the chopsticks and practice, it's harder than I thought."

"Thank you for explaining your organisation and services. I thought this group just for mum gathering together and doing something interesting. But I kind of understand how much more you can offer and support us when we had questions."

"This walking meditation is really interesting. Normally we sat down and keep our mind calm, but this walking really kept me concentrating."

Expressive Therapy Service

For children and young people aged between 5 -15 years old

Expressive Therapy Service offers mental wellbeing to children and young people who are seeking help for emotional support and growth in their lives. It is an individual and/or group therapeutic counselling program delivered by an experienced Art Therapy practitioner of 15 years. The service provides young people with the tools and support they need to gain the confidence to overcome crisis in their lives.

For more information or a referral contact Kamalini at Wesley Family Centre, The Hills on 8805 7288.
The Paint the Hills REaD Swap Box are part of the our early literacy promotion which is aimed at educating families, parents, carers and the community about the importance of reading, singing, playing, drawing and talking with children every day from birth, so that they are more ready for learning when they start school.

Research shows that fundamental skills learnt between the age of 0 - 5 years are critical for developing literacy skills at school.

Wesley Family Centre, The Hills have stocked Paint the Hills REaD Swap Box with books and stencils for families to read with their children.

Wesley Family Centre, The Hills would like thank Gloria Jean's Coffee Shop's for participating and supporting the Paint the Hills REaD Swap Box in their stores.

Dural
Shops 1 & 3
506 Old Northern Rd
Dural NSW 2158

Kellyville
16 Wrights Rd
Kellyville
Shopping Ctr
Kellyville NSW 2155

Reuse Hill
Reuse Hill Town Ctr
Cnr 1668 Civic Way
Reuse Hill NSW 2155

Norwest Blvd
Baulkham Hills
Shop 238
Norwest Blvd
Baulkham Hills NSW

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