**Newsletter 2015**

**Term 2  Week 5  22nd May, 2015**

**Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful**

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**MAY**

25\(^{th}\) Gymnastics,
26\(^{th}\) Chess Coaching
27\(^{th}\) Assembly 3/4/5 Cosmos
28\(^{th}\) Sydney West Orienteering
29\(^{th}\) Gymnastics, Ridges Cross Country (postponed from 22\(^{nd}\) May) – no PSSA weekly sport

**JUNE**

1\(^{st}\) Tim Bailey visit to Ironbark Ridge, Gymnastics
2\(^{nd}\) Chess Coaching, Jump Rope Demo,
3\(^{rd}\) ICAS Science (7.45am), Jump Off Day, Assembly 1/2N & STAR Awards
5\(^{th}\) Gymnastics, PSSA Round 5
8\(^{th}\) Public Holiday – Queens birthday

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

The colder weather has certainly hit Ironbark Ridge in the past few weeks and it’s great to see the continued pride with which our students wear their jumpers, jackets and other uniform items (even green scarves and gloves). Our students look fantastic in their winter uniform and are a credit to the school!

**Outstanding Teaching Award – Ms Cauchi**

Anyone who has had the pleasure of their child being taught by the amazing Ms Cauchi will know what an outstanding educator she is. Her passion for learning, dedicated organisation and nurturing care for her students is often commented on by parents and other staff. The Rotary Club of Rouse Hill is holding a special awards dinner next week to recognise and award outstanding local teachers from the Hills area. Ms Cauchi is being presented with the ‘Pride of Workmanship’ Award and we want our whole school community to congratulate her on this wonderful achievement.

**Jump Rope and Nepal fundraisers – part of a bigger vision…**

Our school is currently involved in raising money for others in our world through two initiatives – Jump Rope for Heart (Heart Foundation) and our SRC Mufti Day (relief aid in Nepal). We want our students to grow up to become global citizens who think outside their own needs and wants and who make our world a better place. Raising money for others and volunteering are two simple ways we can teach our children and develop their empathy for others less fortunate than ourselves. Please feel free to share other initiatives and programs our students are committed to outside school so we can celebrate these actions with them and acknowledge their work in our community.
Public Speaking
Judging the annual public speaking competition is always difficult with so many fantastic speakers. Over the past two weeks Ms Pho and I have been privileged to listen to over twenty class finalists in the Stage 2 and Stage 3 finals. Congratulations to all who spoke at this high level!
For Stage 2 our school will be represented at the Zone level of the competition by Olivia C & Finn M. The Stage 3 winners and representatives are Roshan H and Adam S.

Chess
Our six representative chess teams are currently playing in the Blacktown zone of the NSW Junior Chess competition. They play every Friday afternoon against other local schools and are performing extremely well and representing our school with great pride. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to assist with transporting our players to ‘away’ matches at other schools.

Lost Property
Our Lost property is growing from a pile into a mountain! Please ensure all items sent to school are clearly labelled with your child’s name. That affords the best chance of it being returned if left in the playground! Mr Eddie & Mr Tim will occasionally sort through the items and return them through the class teacher but in the interest of teaching our students to Be Responsible we ask that you encourage them to visit the ‘pile’ on the table near the hall during Recess or Lunch and have a look for themselves.

Artists (cont.)
Updating last week’s artist information, Yusuf, 3/4/5C will soon have his ‘Map’ artwork on display – have a look and read his artist’s statement when you’re next in the foyer. I am searching the classrooms (and watching at assembly) for other new artworks to display in the school foyer and office area so stay tuned.

Thoughtful students…
In a staffroom conversation with one of our super-keen teachers the other day I was amazed by the deep, almost profound thinking many of her students were doing. The class were working through a ‘Bounce Back’ (resilience) lesson in class and pairs of students had written their questions and statements about what it means to be ‘popular’. Have a read… and a giggle…😊

Talk to you soon,

Nick Thomson
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Deputy Principal's Report

Stage 1 Zoo Excursion
Our thanks to the Stage 1 teachers and multitude of parent helpers who bravely volunteered to assist almost 180 Year 1 and 2 students enjoy a day at Taronga Zoo last week. The students had an absolute ball engaging with animals of all shapes and sizes.

My favourite animal was the Komodo Dragon that kept opening and closing its eyes. – Stephan
The elephants were funny when they were eating. - Sienna

My favourite thing at the zoo was the bug club because we learnt a new bug. – Annie
The giraffes were my favourite because their tongues were blue and looked funny. - Hannah
I liked seeing Miss Furnell being scared on Sky Safari. – Liam
I liked the giraffes. - Holly

Zone Cross Country
The decision-makers at Ridges PSSA have a very difficult job balancing the demands of eager young sportspeople and trying to be Nostradamus when studying weather patterns. They made the decision yesterday to postpone the Zone Cross Country with impending rain and strong winds on the radar. These decisions are never made lightly, but they are always made with student safety in mind. As it turns out, it was a very wise decision! The Cross Country will now be held next Friday 29th May.

New Report Format
The teachers at Ironbark Ridge Public School are currently hard at work preparing Semester One reports. This semester, we will be issuing reports in a new format. As teachers, we want to communicate your child’s abilities in all Key Learning Areas as succinctly and thoroughly as we can. We are confident we will be able to do this by using checklists and a longer general comment to provide a clearer picture of where your child is academically at the current point in time.
To introduce the new format before reports are sent home, we will be holding two information sessions on Wednesday 17th June. The first will be held in the library at 2pm, and a repeat session will be held at 7pm. Watch out for more information as it comes to hand. We’ll be surveying you on your thoughts in Term 3, too.

NAPLAN
Last week, our Year 3 and 5 students completed the NAPLAN assessments. These tests provide families with an indication of how their child is progressing in a narrow aspect of the curriculum and assists schools in measuring the effectiveness of the aspects covered. The results from these assessments should be released late in term 3.

AECDSurvey – Kindergarten
Playing our part to build a national picture of child health. What is the AEDC?
This year, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This survey will only be taken by Kindergarten teachers about their students.
The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families. Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report. In other communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website. If you have a child in Kindergarten this year, you can choose to opt-out of the AEDC by seeing your child’s teacher or completing the opt-out form which will be sent home today.

**Walk Safely to School Day**

Today is National Walk Safely to School Day. Road safety messages are regularly reinforced as part of classroom lessons. These include:

- Crossing at the crossing on Ironbark Ridge Road.
- Stay alert while crossing the road. Concentrate!
- Children must board and alight from cars from the kerb side.
- Young children must hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Our thanks to Mrs Seward for her time and efforts in leading the Jump Rope for Heart initiative at IRPS. She has big plans for the Jump Off Day on 3rd June. Students will be involved in healthy food and exercise lessons, as well as a variety of skipping drills. Watch out for further information, and keep on fundraising for this great cause!

*Kind Regards,*

Kerrie Pho
Deputy Principal

**KINDY CAPERS**

What a busy term it has been so far! We are continuing to enjoy having the Be Skilled Be Fit team help us work on our gymnastics skills every Friday. Please make sure that your child wears full sports uniform on Tuesdays for sport and Fridays for gymnastics. As well, can you kindly practise putting shoes and socks on and off with all Kindy students. Each week for gymnastics children need to take off shoes and socks, put socks inside shoes and refit them at the end of the session. It is a great help if students are able to take off shoes and socks, put socks inside shoes, put them back on and tie laces.

Thank you to all our parent helper volunteers who are offering their time to support classroom programs. Please be reminded that it is a requirement that all visitors must report to the school office to sign in and be given a pass before making their way to any classrooms during their time at school. Thanks also to all families who have been working on sight words and home readers with students. All homework is issued on a Friday and returned in the provided folder every Thursday in order for it to be marked and given out again the following day. Teachers will continue to issue books on Bug Club for students to enjoy.
Just a friendly reminder that it is important that no nuts, eggs, fish or other foods that may produce an allergic response in students should be sent to school for recess, lunch or Crunch and Sip. Flu, coughs and colds are currently being shared around Kindy. At school we encourage children to wash hands before eating, after going to the toilet and to cough and sneeze into elbows rather than hands to avoid sharing germs. Please make sure that your child’s jumpers, jackets and vests all have their name clearly marked on them. Lost property is overflowing with winter clothing, hats and food containers that may never find their owners.

Have a great weekend!

The Early Stage 1 Team

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

Our excursion to Taronga Zoo was a fantastic day. The students represented IRPS with pride and displayed their respectful manners throughout the day. During the day we walked a great distance and got to see a wide variety of animals including giraffes, chimpanzees, very cheeky lemurs, elephants, reptiles and Australian animals. We visited the ‘Backyard Bush’ where we were able to explore with magnifying glasses and microscopes and learn about different bugs from our zoo educator. One of the highlights of the day was travelling on the sky safari where we got to see the zoo from above. A very big thank you goes to all our parent helpers who helped to make the day successful.

Stage One teachers have been impressed by the effort students have put into their homework task on lifecycles. It has been wonderful to see the different ways in which students chose to research and present their lifecycle to the class. Their enthusiasm to show off their hard work has been inspiring. Thank you to everyone who participated in the SRC fundraiser for Nepal on Tuesday. Most students wore mufti with red, white and blue colours and donated a gold coin to help all the children in Nepal affected by the devastating earthquake in April.

Congratulations to our Shining Lights for the last few weeks and thank you to the parents who have spent time with their child to complete their poster.

Aurora – Aaryan, James, Prateek & Dylan
Bright Sparks – Molly, Emerson & Aidan
Fireflies – Chelsea, Liam, Chloe & Mitchell
Illuminate – Kevin & Macayla
Jiemma – Anthony, Olivia & Oscar
Northern Lights – Khematip, Sienna & Sahil
Sparkles – Ashley, Joshua, Zara & Lucas
Translucent – Lucas, Alisha, Bronte & Eden

Stage 1 Teachers
**STAGE 2 SNIPPETS**

Hello Stage 2!
Term Two has been a busy and exciting time for us so far, and the good news is that there is more fun stuff still to come!

The Stage 2 teachers want to congratulate all the Year 3 students for their fantastic effort with NAPLAN in Week 4. It was a busy time, but thanks to everyone’s efforts and cooperation it all ran smoothly.

Week 4 was also a busy time for the Year 4 students as they participated in the 500 Schools Planting Program. The students planted approximately 400 trees at the planting site in Dean Park. It was great to see kids from IRPS playing a part in combatting climate change in our local area.

Next week we will be starting our integrated unit *Living Worlds*. In this unit 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.

On the 25th of June Stage 2 will be going on an excursion to Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains National Park. This experience has been planned as part of the unit *Living Worlds*. Students will participate in a guided discovery tour where they will learn about the plants and animals that live in this World Heritage listed area. They will explore the roles of National Parks workers and the rules that help protect this area. There will also be an opportunity to watch an Aboriginal cultural presentation.

PSSA is cancelled this week due to the Zone Cross Country.

Lots to look forward to in the second half of the Term! Keep up the great work everybody!

Kind regards,
Stage 2 Teachers

**STAGE 3 SNIPPETS**

What a hectic few weeks it’s been on Stage 3!

We are sure that many of you have read about our Canberra trip and the many wonderful activities we participated in and we hope you enjoyed the photos we previously shared with you. The highlight for many of the students and staff was The Last Post ceremony, such a humbling and moving event. We all loved Questacon, with even our own Mrs DJ taking on the Free Fall Gravity Slide.

Special thank you to all of the teachers who gave up 3 days away from their homes and families to attend, and thank you to Mrs McCarthy for holding down the fort back at school! It was a pleasure to take such a respectful and responsible group of students to our nation’s capital. There were some very tired teachers and kids who got
off the bus on the Wednesday evening!! Cross Country was the next day and Stage 3 performed exceptionally well considering how exhausted they all were!! Unfortunately, the Zone for this Friday has been postponed until next Friday due to the wet weather.

There was also plenty of change to routine with NAPLAN last week and Stage 3 would like to commend all students for their patience and flexibility during this time. Results will be received later in the year.

The finals of our Multicultural Speaking competition were held last week and we would like to congratulate all of our stage and class finalists. The quality of these presentations was extremely high and the poor judge, Mr Thomson had a very tough time deciding a winner! Well done everyone!

Yesterday our SRC held a mufti day for the earthquake in Nepal. We are extremely proud of how socially aware and compassionate our Stage 3 students have shown themselves to be and much discussion was had around how to help the people of Nepal. One of our Year 5 students, Zac C, has shared his knowledge of the devastation in Nepal, as his grandfather is currently volunteering over there for a charity called Shelterbox. He will be visiting classes throughout the week to talk about what they do.

Now that all the excitement of the past few weeks is over, we have been really focussing on our units for this term, with much talk about rainforests, the environment and environmental issues. Year 6 have begun planning for Fun Day and Year 5 are planning art works to be displayed around the school. If you are unsure about any materials required for the art projects, please contact Mrs Sayer, Mrs Black or Mrs McCarthy, although most students have organised this independently.

Over the next few weeks though, the pace will pick up again with Jump Rope for Heart, Sydney West Orienteering, Tournament of the Minds, various auditions for choirs and festivals, assessments and reports. Please remember, if you have any concerns regarding your child’s learning or progress, please make an appointment with your child’s class teacher at a mutually suitable time.

Thank you for your continued support in our very busy school community!

Kind regards,
Stage 3 Teachers

Good Luck
Good luck to two of our students, Chelsea and Abbi as they are representing NSW in the NSW Under 11’s Trampoline Championships in Melbourne from the 26th May to the 29th May. Abi is in the Snychro events and Chelsea in the Double Mini Trampolines.

Good luck girls😊
**Ironbark Ridge Public School**  
**Parent Planner**  
**Term 2 2015**  
**As at 22/4/15**  

**Note:** All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school.

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Jump Rope For Heart Update!

I am so proud to announce that Ironbark Ridge has already raised a whopping $3600!!! We currently have 79 students fundraising and even more who have already created their private and free online account but are yet to begin fundraising. If many more got on board we could raise more valuable funds for the Heart Foundation to do vital research!

We are celebrating all of our hard work fundraising and learning cool skipping tricks on June 3rd on our Jump Off Day! This will be a day of activities for the students all related to skipping, heart health and nutrition! It will be a fantastic day and parents and sponsors will be invited to come and share in a nude food picnic lunch as well! (More details coming soon!)

Every Friday at lunchtime many students have been coming to my skipping club and have learned some very cool tricks! Ask them to show you the Pretzel, the criss cross, the double under or even the very difficult Dipsy Doodle!!

Lastly mums and dads, please help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It’s easy, safe and secure.

www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart

Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship. Every student who raises just $30 will receive a free skipping rope!!

There are also fantastic prizes for ALL students to win simply by fundraising!

Let’s try to get many more students involved and see how far Ironbark Ridge can go towards helping the Heart Foundation by raising very valuable funds! We already have a few amazing students who have raised money from $2 right up to $800!!!! So impressed, keep it up! :)

Friday lunch time skipping club!
ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

If you have a child will be starting in kindergarten in 2016, we are now taking enrolment forms. If you are out of area, and currently at the school and have a sibling who will be starting kindergarten next year, please submit the Non Local enrolment form. Please refer to the Enrolment Policy on the website which states that we require 4 proof of address documents, and the policy indicates what is accepted.

WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL  Jump Rope for Heart Skippers
K BOREALIS  Melinda, Ashlee, Douglas
K SUPER NOVAS  Aiden, Aahil, Nika
1/2 BRIGHT SPARKS  Aidan, Emerson, Jasmine, Jesse
1/2 IJEMBA  Scarlett, Lachlan, Caeden, Zayna, Harlan
1/2 ILLUMINATIONS  Darcy, Arnav, Andie, Janice
1/2 TRANSULCENT  Riley, Nitika, Ashell, Eden
3/4 CONSTELLATIONS  Tom, Emily, Aslon, Shanaaz, Ansh
3/4 GALILEO  Lily, William, Sarah, Lucy, Omayr
3/4 SPECTRA  Joshua, Samuel, Kaitlin, Natasha, James
5/6 BETELGEUSE  Tye, Caleb, Nikki, Ainsley, Tyson
5/4 PARALLAX  Jai-Leigh, Josh, Bisman, Zack
CHINESE  1/2 Bright Sparks
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**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.

Ridges PSSA has a link to the draws, venues etc. Click on the link and this should help you with location of the various PSSA sports. [http://web1.kellyridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/wordpress/](http://web1.kellyridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/wordpress/)

**TERM 2 WEEK 5 – 22nd May**

**CROSS COUNTRY POSTPHONED DUE TO BAD WEATHER**

**TERM 2 WEEK 6 – 29th May**

**NO PSSA TODAY DUE TO RIDGES CROSS COUNTRY**

**TERM 2 WEEK 7 – 5th June**

**NEWCOMBE BALL:** Ironbark Ridge Public School

**BOYS SOCCER:** Scholfields Park, Station Street, Schofields

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

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Hills Centenary, Commercial Rd, Kellyville

**RUGBY:** Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill
President’s News

With this year being the big 10 year birthday of Ironbark Ridge PS, our P&C Events team are busily working on the end of year Celebration Night with market stalls, rides, food, entertainment and heaps more ‘fun family’ activities to ensure every member of the Ironbark Community has a brilliant night. Over the coming months you will receive notes home asking for help by way of donations, physical input and ticket sales, please dig deep to help create a marvellous event to celebrate this wonderful school our children adore.

We do have a few other events coming up soon such as Commemorative Pavers, Magic Mike XXL Movie Night and the return of the ever popular Ivan’s Pie Drive.

Our canteen manager Doris has been fitting in very well and is loving being at IRPS. She has been instrumental in achieving greater than expected growth in canteen sales by way of offering the kids new ‘recess specials’ options, introducing the birthday cupcakes and now Tuesday lunch pack specials. This is great news for the school since the finances will officially begin flowing directly through to the school in Term 3. With Doris in the canteen daily, our canteen helpers have great guidance and procedures to follow. Attached is the current roster and I have highlighted some shifts that urgently need to be filled.

The Executive and Committees work very hard for every family in the school. We hope you are happy with the work we do for and on your behalf. Your input is always welcomed and appreciated. I invite you to join us at a P&C General meeting in Week 2 or Week 8 of each term, or even for a coffee on a Monday and Wednesday morning at the Ironbark Cafe under the COLA where you can chat with members of the school and P&C Executive teams.

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## Ironbark Ridge Canteen Roster, Term 2 2015

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<td><strong>W1</strong> Week Commencing 20 April 2015</td>
<td>Student Free Day</td>
<td>Doris Cull Leigh Kostainen (H) *</td>
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<td>Doris Cull Audrey Currie (H) Sam Backo (H)</td>
<td>Doris Cull Simone Leyshon (H) Donna Wright (H)</td>
<td>Doris Cull Kylie Minervini Sharon Critchley (H) Janet Buchanan (H)</td>
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<td>Doris Cull Emma Reichard (H)</td>
<td>Doris Cull Dashika (H) * Belinda Puppo (H)</td>
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<td>Doris Cull Parul Hana (H) Malissa Mills (H)</td>
<td>Doris Cull Kylie Minervini</td>
<td>Doris Cull Bajjeet Kaur # Belinda Puppo (H)</td>
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<td>Doris Cull * URGENT (H) * URGENT (H)</td>
<td>Doris Cull Kim Andrews (H) *</td>
<td>Doris Cull Michelle Young (1hr) Sharon Critchley (H) Bajjeet Kaur (H) *</td>
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<td>Doris Cull Evy Hul (H)</td>
<td>Doris Cull Simone Leyshon (H) Popia (H)</td>
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<td><strong>W8</strong> Week Commencing 8 June 2015</td>
<td>Queens Birthday Public Holiday</td>
<td>Doris Cull Kirsty Farrugia</td>
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<td>Doris Cull Sally Cotton (H) Coca Wu (H)</td>
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<td>PM Shift</td>
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<td><strong>Backup</strong></td>
<td>Kim Andrews Suzanne Worsley PM</td>
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<td>Len Clarke</td>
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Birthday Cupcakes Now Available
Order on Flexischools or Over-Counter
Available in a choice of Chocolate or Vanilla with icing & sprinkles
Delivered directly to the classroom

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2 days notice required

Tuesdays Meal Deals

Basic Sandwich
Cheese Spread/Vegemite/Jan/Honey

Popper
Apple/Orange/Blackcurrant
Packet of Sultanas

$ 4.00
Save .80c

Hot Dog

Popper
Apple/Orange/Blackcurrant
Packet of Sultanas

$ 5.00
Save .80c
**Student Banking**

As always it is great to see so many students banking each Friday and it's great to see an increase in the number of students who reached 10 or more deposits in term 2 and who were able to get a banking prize. Last week we have seen a few enhancements to the School Banking Portal which we use to transmit the deposits to the bank each Friday. We hope these will help us streamline and improve the student banking experience going forward. Some of these include:

- Stationery and support material can now be ordered online via the Portal so hopefully we will no longer run out of Dollarmites tokens 😊
- Better reporting and tracking of rewards orders
- Milestones Certificates for consistent savers which look great

**Students eligible to claim a banking reward**

If your name is listed below please have your banking book and the 10 dollarmites ready and come and see us Friday morning before school to claim your reward:

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<td>Sahaj S.</td>
<td>Jorge C.</td>
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<td>Miguel A.</td>
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<td>Marvin S.</td>
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**Information**


If you need more information on how to open a student account or if you have any other student banking queries please come and see us Friday morning from 8.30 am to 9am. We’d love to help!

Mishelle and Daniela
School Banking Coordinators
Ten News @ Schools
Meet weatherman Tim Bailey @ IRPS

Monday 1 June 2015
4.30pm till 6.30pm

Sausage sizzle & drinks
Be seen on live TV
Support our great school
Have loads of fun
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Save the Date
COCKTAIL OPENING
FRIDAY 24TH JULY, 7PM
warming up by the fireplace, hanging
with friends, swilling mulled wine and
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warming nibbles..... bliss

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Email: a53districtconcert@gmail.com
Cheques payable to: A53 District Inner Wheel Contractors Inc.
EFT Payments: Account Name: A53 District Inner Wheel Contractors Inc,
RIB: 203 770 444 110 666 0477652298 Description: Concert Tickets (please send an email to above address)
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