**Newslette 2015**

**Term 2 Week 7 5th June, 2015**

*Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful*

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**JUNE**

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**All outstanding BSBF & PSSA Permission Notes and Payment due now, please (as per invoice)**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Welcome to another edition of the Ironbark Ridge newsletter. It never ceases to amaze me how many amazing things our students are getting up to. We’ve had a Zone Cross-Country Carnival, Orienteering, a TV appearance on Monday with Tim Bailey, skipping and other healthy lifestyle activities on Wednesday for Jump Rope for Heart, chess and debating (training as well as performing!), an ICAS test and somehow we’ve squeezed in class assemblies, band practice and the presentation of one half of our Star Awards for this semester. As a teacher we are able to somehow squeeze in some learning activities amongst everything else going on in our dynamic, bustling school…

**Reports**

As we are trialling a new reporting format this term we are holding two information and discussion sessions on Wednesday 17th June – one from 2-3pm, and the second from 7-8pm. Both will be held in the school Library. These sessions are a chance for you to preview the report format and hear explanation from myself and Ms Pho. There will be plenty of question time😊

Reports on student progress are scheduled to be sent home on the Monday of Week 10 this term.

Next term we will be surveying you all on your reaction to the new report format so we can make further refinements and improve communication about student progress with you.
Outstanding Teaching Award – Ms Cauchi
As fore-mentioned in the last newsletter, our fabulous Ms Cauchi was presented with the ‘Pride of Workmanship’ Award last Thursday evening by the Rouse Hill Rotary Club. Congratulations, Ms Cauchi! Recognising excellence in our students is something we do on a regular basis but having an opportunity to recognise outstanding practice in one of our teachers has been a great honour. It is an absolute pleasure to work with you Ms Cauchi!

Tim Bailey & the Weather
Tim Bailey visited our school last Monday evening and despite the cold weather there was much excitement for the students and it was a great opportunity to gather and spend time together as a community. Through sales at the canteen we raised $550 for our students’ learning! We would like to thank Doris Cull and her partner, Monica Calderwood, Belinda Pupo, Emma Conlon, Kim Andrews, Craig Smith, Irene Young and Mishelle Young. All of these parents and grandparents jumped in to help serve and without you this evening would not have been such a success.

Jump Rope for Heart
Our ‘Jump-off Day on Wednesday was a huge success with students engaged in a wide range of skipping and jumping fitness activities. It was great to see a few parents join us for a picnic on the grass with the students following the fun. Overall our tally of money raised to support the Heart Foundation was approximately $10 000 – an amazing effort form our caring community. Well done everyone!

Enjoy your long weekend,

Nick Thomson
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Professional Development
Teachers at Ironbark Ridge PS participate in formal professional development sessions every week. However, professional development happens all the time in the dialogue that occurs in the staffroom, the sharing of ideas and resources at stage meetings and in sharing of lessons. We are proud of our commitment to continuous improvement. Over the next week or two, teachers will be involved in planning for Semester 2. Providing time for these important learning conversations has been recognised as some of the most valuable and effective professional development teachers can do, which directly impacts on student learning. This means that your child’s Mandarin lesson or library lesson may fall on a different day next week.

Zone Cross Country
We had a wonderful day last Friday at the Ridges Zone Cross Country. Congratulations to our talented runners for their participation and outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. A report by Mrs Carter can be found later in this newsletter.
IRPS Star Awards

I had the privilege of attending my first Ironbark Ridge PS Star Award assembly on Wednesday afternoon. As you can imagine, choosing just a few students in each class is no easy task in our wonderful school.

Congratulations to:

**Semester 1 – 2015 Star Awards**

**ODD Week – Week 7**

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<td>Tori, Praver, Aryan, Fardin, Bareen, Shivesh, Sky, Lawrence, Pranav</td>
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If your child receives 3 or 6 Star Awards, they will be invited to attend a special morning tea on Thursday 18th June, when they will be presented with their Award of Excellence. The second of our Star Award assemblies will take place next Wednesday afternoon, 10th June. Invitations to the parents of these recipients were sent home this week. These names will be published in our next newsletter.

Debates

We seem to be surrounded by debating competitions at the moment! On Monday, Mr Pengelly accompanied our 2 teams of debaters to a full day Debating Workshop at Rouse Hill Public School. Later in the week we were able to congratulate both teams on their respective wins in both the first round of the Premier's Debating Competition, and the third round of the Blacktown District Debating Competition. Both teams prepared well, and were rewarded with narrow wins on the day. The students are improving with each round, and I’m sure as parents you would see their improved persuasive abilities!

For your diary – Kindergarten 2016 Information Evening

Parents of children turning 5 before 31 July 2016 and who intend starting their children at school next year, are invited to attend our Kindergarten 2016 Information evening on Monday 24th August at 6.30pm. Please put this date in your diaries.

Kind Regards,

Kerrie Pho
Deputy Principal
New Report Format

An Invitation

As I mentioned last time, our dedicated teachers are currently working on Semester 1 reports. There is a massive amount of work involved in the preparation of these reports, and as such, we want to make sure they deliver the information you want to know in a clear and concise manner. We are trialling a new format for student reporting this semester. 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. Kindly advise if you will be attending by completing the RSVP slip below.

*Kind Regards,*
*Kerrie Pho*

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New Report Format Information Session- RSVP

Yes, I am interested in attending a new report format information session on **Wednesday 17th June**.

Name: ____________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________ Child’s class: _______________________

I will be attending the information session in the library at: (Please tick one, for catering purposes.)

- [ ] 2pm
- [ ] 7pm

*Please return this RSVP to the office by Friday 12th June.*

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you there!
Welcome to Kindergarten Term 2 Week 7. The children are enjoying gymnastics especially the forward rolls and balancing. A big congratulations to our Kindy Dance Group having auditioned and been accepted to dance at Penrith next term by the Hills Committee. Thank you for your support of our SRC and the Heart Foundation by buying cupcakes and being involved in Jump Rope day.

Keep up the great work in homework. In response to enquiries about writing we are including a few tips to help families assist early writers. When practising words that can be sounded out, it is first best to get your child to say the word they want to write. Then before writing ask your child to say the word stretching it out, for example “paaaat”. Next ask what they can hear? Initially children hear beginning and end consonants first and medial vowel sounds last. Record the sounds they can hear and modelling the articulation for them, get them to repeat it after you again and record the vowels for them. After a while they will begin to hear and record the sounds for themselves.

A reminder to send back the Footsteps note so your child can enjoy the benefits of their dance program.

Have a great weekend!

The Early Stage 1 Team

Our students have begun learning about ‘Past and Present’ with the focus on toys. They have been quite shocked at the lack of technology available to kids in the past. Can all parents please be sure to send in the permission note and money for the Toys in Time Incursion.

We are all so impressed with the improvements in reading and writing over the semester. All of the stage has been participating in maths groups and they are enjoying the opportunity to work with students from the other classes.

During our weekly sports time we have been focusing on soccer skills (dribbling the ball), handball (learning the correct rules in order to encourage respectful play in the playground) and skipping. Jump Rope for Heart day was a success with all of our students participating in a variety and activities and raising impressive amounts of money.

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.

Bright Sparks – Aidan, Stella & Jesse
Fireflies – Katherine, Spencer & Brian
Illuminate – Ramsey and Arnav
Jiemma – Isabel & Milly
Northern Lights – Cruz, Jay & Ebony
Sparkles – Raied & Grace
Translucent – Lucas, Alisha, Bronte & Eden

Stage 1 Teachers
**Note: All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school.**

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

The Permission Note and Payment for the Wentworth Falls Excursion (Stage 2) is due by Wednesday 10th June

The Permission Note and Payment for Toys Over Time Incursion (Stage 1) is due by Friday 12th June

Outstanding Be Skilled, Be Fit (Early Stage 1 and Stage 1) is now due (as per Invoice)

Outstanding PSSA Permission Notes and Payment is now due (as per Invoice)

If you have a child who 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.

Ridgy Didge Awards

WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL
Stage 3 Debating Teams

K BOREALIS
Bailey, Ryan, Tviha

K SUPER NOVAS
Liam, Julia, Molly, Max

1/2 BRIGHT SPARKS
Lachlan, David, Emily, Olivia, Benjamin

1/2 JIEMBA
Abigail, Taranveer, Natalie, Austin

1/2 ILLUMINATIONS
Jasmine, Lian, Jorge, Ashleigh

1/2 TRANSULCENT
Katherine, Annaliese, Cavan,Summer

3/4 CONSTELLATIONS
Eloise, Jayden, Khematpe, Kushal, Tasmyn

3/4 GALILEO
Veronica, Zahrah, Daniel, Harry, Charlize

3/4 SPECTRA
Ellie, Samya, Luke, Anton, Marli

5/6 BETELGEUSE
Evan, Rhyan, Alice, Nick, Zac

5/4 PARALLAX
Zack, Romani, Hamish, Azzam

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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 8 – 12th June

NEWCOMBE BALL: Ironbark Ridge Public School
BOYS SOCCER: Russel Reserve, Withers Road, Rouse Hill
NETBALL: Baulkham Hills Netball Courts, Court 6, Commercial Rd., Kellyville
GIRLS SOCCER: Paterson Reserve, Torbert Avenue, Quakers Hill
RUGBY: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill

TERM 2 WEEK 9 – 19th June

NEWCOMBE BALL: Ironbark Ridge Public School
BOYS SOCCER: Connor Greasby Park, Perfection Drive, Kellyville Ridge
NETBALL: Baulkham Hills Netball Courts, Court 7, Commercial Rd., Kellyville
GIRLS SOCCER: Hills Centenary, Commercial Road, Kellyville
RUGBY: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill

TERM 2 WEEK 10 – 26th June

NO PSSA
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Want ideas on raising healthy, active and happy kids?

FREE healthy lifestyle program for 7 – 13 year olds
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FAX BACK/EMAIL BACK

Attention: Go4Fun Project Officer
Fax number (02) 9840 3608
Email kirsti.cunningham@health.nsw.gov.au

Yes! Please send our school the following complimentary resources:

- [ ] Go4Fun pamphlets, number of copies _________
  *If you would like these put into class bundles please let us know the class sizes*
- [ ] An electronic version of the Go4Fun Program advertisement
- [ ] Go4Fun A4 posters, number of copies _________ (max 10)
- [ ] Go4Fun A3 posters, number of copies _________ (max 10)
- [ ] Go4Fun article for your newsletter [Please indicate approx. word length] _________
- [ ] Childhood obesity/Go4Fun presentation to staff and/or parents
- [ ] Go4Fun information stall at your school
- [ ] Other suggestion. We’re happy to work with you to discuss other ways we can help children
  be healthy & active. __________________________________________

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MEDIA RELEASE

Western Sydney Family Referral Service now at Rouse Hill

Western Sydney Family Referral Services is opening a new service centre at Rouse Hill in June 2015.

The Western Sydney Family Referral Service is a free and confidential service that connects families with children, and young people to a range of support services and community resources to keep them safe and well. Being a parent or a young person is not always easy and there are times when help is needed. Trained Family Advisors listen to your needs and refer you to the right service.

The Western Sydney Family Referral Service supports families to get back on track before problems get bigger. Services include case coordination which includes interviews and assessments provided in office or by home visits. The Western Family Referral Service can assist parents and carers to find and connect to allied health professionals such as speech pathologists, intensive family support, quality child care, housing, parenting education, supported playgroups, drug and alcohol treatment programs, mental health services, youth support services, counseling, family conflict services and respite care.

Family Referral Services are funded by the NSW Government. The Western Sydney Family Referral Service is managed by Relationships Australia NSW.

Family Advisors are available from 8:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday. Clients can drop in, email, or call to make an appointment:

Rouse Hill Town Centre Level 1 (library level)
29 Main St, Rouse Hill NSW 2155
02 8825 2120
1300 403 373
wafes@ransw.org.au

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Western Sydney Family Referral Service is managed by Relationships Australia NSW
Starting in Term 3, 2015

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A program created and owned by Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health. The Program is designed to provide children with tools to manage anxiety, increase resilience and adopt healthier thinking patterns.

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