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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning…

Newsletter 2015  
Term 2  Week 9  19th June, 2015

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY

**JUNE**

22nd Gymnastics  
23rd Chess coaching (8am)  
24th Term 2 Awards Assembly (including SRC Sem2 Induction) 2pm, Stage 1 incursion (until lunch)  
25th Stage 2 excursion to Wentworth Falls, Stage 1 incursion in Hall  
26th NO PSSA, last day of school, special Music Sessions 10am-2pm

**JULY**

14th School resumes (Tuesday)

**All outstanding Toonschool, Be Skilled Be Fit, PSSA & Footsteps Permission Notes and Payment are due by Wednesday 24th June as this is the last day that receipting will be done for this term.**

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Reaching the half-way point of another year at Ironbark Ridge has different significance for all of us. For some students and their families it signals the approach of their final semester at primary school. Year Six students will experience new feelings in this time, with some amount of anxious anticipation about High School coupled with a sense of ‘knowing all about primary school’ and being the big fish in our little pond. For other students and their families this time marks the end of the first semester of ‘big school’. Kindy students have settled in to our school community by now and are feeling more able to express themselves and to explore the possibilities of the playground and of new friendships. For myself this marks the end of the first semester as Principal of this amazing school. What an honour and responsibility! Together with the staff, students and of course yourselves the community, we are working to make Ironbark Ridge a beacon of excellence for education. In many aspects our school is already achieving great things but with a ‘growth mindset’ we realise that there will always be areas for us to grow and develop further – a relentless pursuit of excellence...

**Reports**

This week we held two information sessions about the changes we are trialling in our reporting format. Some good discussion was had, however formal opportunities to respond once you have seen your own child’s report will be sent out in early Term 3. Reports are almost ready and the current plan is to send them home with students next Monday afternoon, 22nd June.

You are always welcome to arrange a time to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss your child’s progress (or their support teachers eg. Ms Przyrembel for Chinese, Ms Childs for EAL/D, Ms Robson for Learning & Support, Ms Barton for Reading Recovery, etc.). The school app provides an easy interview request button (labelled “Appts”) where you can insert a few student details and choose several possible interview dates and times. This is then auto-sent to the school office as an email – the class teacher will then contact you back to confirm the best time and date. Alternatively, please just drop in or call the school office and leave some times/dates for the teacher to choose from.
Music/Band Program – changes for Semester Two

We will be moving to a new Music & Band Program provider from the start of next term. Mrs & Mr Talati have decided to move on after a long and fantastic association with Ironbark Ridge. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. See the special feature later in the newsletter for more information. Band and Music program current students have received a special information note about the change today.

School Excellence Framework

The Department of Education & Communities (DEC) has spent considerable time developing a framework for schools to measure their effectiveness. A huge body of research and evidence has informed this framework. The job of schools is to constantly measure their current practices against the framework and to plan areas of future improvement (our school’s ‘personal growth’). Our school executive team is enjoying using this framework and it has directed our school plan and strategic directions (see the website for a copy). The framework is made up of three domains and 14 elements which I will, over time, explain to you all.

Domain 1: Learning Element 1: Learning Culture

“In schools that excel, school culture demonstrates the building of educational aspiration and ongoing performance improvement across its community. Students take responsibility for their ongoing learning.” At Ironbark Ridge we have high (and clear) expectations of behaviour: Be safe, be responsible, be respectful. We explicitly discuss the learning intentions of each lesson and are working to give students clearer feedback and to make the criteria for assessment and success a more integral part of the learning in each classroom. Building positive, respectful relationships with our students, with other staff members, and with our community is crucial to the success of every student and the school.

Awards of Excellence (and Star Awards)

It was a great pleasure to host this Thursday morning’s ‘Award of Excellence’ morning tea. Students who have received three, six (or even seven in seven years!!) Star Awards were presented with their Award of Excellence badge to wear proudly every day they come to Ironbark Ridge. This is an outstanding achievement for these students.

We have recently begun asking the Ironbark Ridge community for their opinions about the current Star Awards system. If you have not yet filled in the survey, please visit the school Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/IronbarkRidgePublicSchool) and let us know your thoughts. We are not currently considering the option of removing Star Awards, but rather would like to expand and develop the criteria we use to award them and investigate ways we can ensure students can set personal goals and work to ‘earn’ them.

School Hall – our ‘Event Central’

Thanks to the generosity of you all through our P&C we are embarking on an upgrade of many aspects of our school hall. We will be installing stage curtains, moving the video projector and screen to the back of the stage area, upgrading the audio system to meet current technical compatibility, creating a school song poster to display and improving the display boards for student work samples and awards. The plan is to create a space that reflects the excellent learning being undertaken by our students and can showcase our school events more adequately. Audio capabilities will also extend to the Hangar area as part of the project. We hope to complete installation before our 10th Birthday celebrations in October. Any school community members who are able to provide assistance (eg. provision of technical equipment/installation quotes and advice) are requested to contact the school office ASAP.

1/2S Class Teacher

Ms Pratt has been sharing the teaching of 1/2 Sparkles with Ms Sexton for the first semester. With Ms Pratt taking leave for the second half of the year Ms Sexton has generously offered to return full-time in the best interests of the students. Thank you Ms Sexton for your flexibility.

Term 2 Awards Assembly – next Wednesday afternoon.

As usual, our final Wednesday afternoon assembly of the term will be a whole-school awards assembly. We will be holding the Induction ceremony for our Semester Two SRC class members at this assembly as well as presenting Cross-Country ribbons and other awards.

Thank you for your support during a wonderful first semester of learning together,

Nick Thomson
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Award System Evaluation
It is an exciting time to be at Ironbark Ridge PS. We are midway through our first year of our Three Year School Plan and we have some wonderful initiatives taking place. One particular project we have in mind is to evaluate our current Star Award system. As a school, student wellbeing is the umbrella under which every other system operates, so it is vital to ensure our award system is balanced, fair and promotes positive behaviour across the school. We would like parent and community feedback on our system, and how it can be improved. The survey is now open and will remain that way until next Wednesday, 24th June. We thank those parents who have already completed the survey and look forward to reading the responses and enacting any changes necessary. If you haven’t already, I encourage you to have your say: http://goo.gl/forms/dOHs2Roh4v

IRPS Star Awards
One thing we will not change is the recognition of student achievement. It is the best part of our job as teachers to honour and promote excellence in academia and behaviour through the presentation of awards. Congratulations to our second group of Star Award recipients for this semester:

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Award of Excellence Morning Tea
Yesterday, we honoured 30 students who had received 3 or 6 (and in some cases, 7) Star Awards over their time at Ironbark Ridge Public School with an Award of Excellence. It was a lovely morning of recognition, which ended in a delicious morning tea, provided by our canteen manager, Doris. Thank you to the parents who came along and shared in this important occasion.


Kind Regards,
Kerrie Pho
Wow, how time flies. It's hard to believe that the holidays have crept up so quickly once again. Congratulations to all our Kindy students who have received Star Awards over the past few weeks. During busy holidays it is difficult to find twenty minutes to practise reading and writing but never fear, where there is a will there is a way. Research suggests that reading and writing environmental print can help early readers and writers embed what they already know. On roadsides, in coffee shops, shopping centres and in junk mail, magazines and newspapers there is a plethora of text for young readers and writers to practise their skills. Headlines may be cut up and reassembled. Sentences, letters and words may be read and when it comes to writing, doing ‘Fancy Letters’ is an old favourite for practising words and letters. Simply choose words or letters from signs, pamphlets and menus and get your children to reproduce them with flair. Slip a few pieces of scrap paper and some wind up crayons into your bags and backpacks. Beautifully decorated, laminated words about interesting places you have been will be valued additions to albums and scrap books and make great novelty pieces to hand over to your children at 18th Birthdays. Over the holidays remember to take advantage of Bug Club. Some students have many books that have not been read. Homework will recommence in Week 2 of Term 3.

Please remember to send in Footsteps permission notes if you haven't already done so.

Whilst on holidays be sure to remind children about safe road crossing, seatbelt and helmet wearing when doing anything on wheels. If your child hasn't already brought a paint shirt along to class please send one to keep uniforms clean and tidy.

It would be greatly appreciated if each child could bring along 2 large Bostick glue sticks when Term 3 commences. Many thanks to all the Mums and Dads that have given up their time to support classroom, canteen, banking and uniform programs. Please continue to always sign in and out at the office when you visit the school between 9am and 3pm. Have a safe and happy holiday and celebrate all the great accomplishments in Kindy reports. Please note that in Kindergarten reports comments and learning area checklists document academic achievement but effort applied by students to engage in learning and personal growth is focused on this semester.

The Early Stage 1 Team
STAGE 1 SNIPPETS
This term has gone by so quickly and all of the teachers are impressed with how much Stage 1 have achieved this term. Semester 1 reports will be going home next week and we hope you appreciate how much work goes into these. If you have any queries regarding the reports please request a time to see your child’s teacher.
Toys over Time incursion will be Wednesday and Thursday Week 10 and there will be 4 classes attending on each day.

Over the holidays all teachers will be sending home your child’s pencil case, can you please check to see if they have all the equipment and stationery they need. Glue sticks are always needed in Stage 1 classes.

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 – Oliver & Ella
Bright Sparks – Indya & Max
Fireflies – Kiarna & Emily
Illuminate – Riley
Jiamba – Chais & Suzanna
Northern Lights – Henry & Hannah
Sparkles – Nathan & Rachelle
Translucent – Bronte, Kuhu & Grace

Stage 1 Teachers
STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

As the second term nears the end, we look forward to a couple of weeks to rest and ‘recharge’. It has been another busy term that has seen some exciting learning taking place, and plenty of physical activity.

A number of Stage 3 students participated in the Sydney West Orienteering day. They had a great deal of fun whilst using a variety of skills such as map-reading, lateral thinking and the ability to navigate the course as quickly as possible. Exhausted but smiling faces greeted the teachers upon their return to school.

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students who participated in the Ridges Zone cross country carnival. They did themselves and Ironbark Ridge proud. Their behaviour was exemplary and commented on by members of the public.

Our debaters have also been active, both in the Blacktown and Premiers divisions. Well-structured arguments, strong substantiation, and the ability to convince their audiences enabled them to win their debates.

It is, again, time to prepare for the annual Year 6 Fun Day. Preparations have already begun, with students working in groups to plan exciting events for the day. Next term, letters will be sent home outlining the details and asking for donations of required items. As a heads-up…. if you’re planning to do a clear-out in the holidays, please set aside anything that could be donated to the ‘White Elephant’ stall. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this fund-raising initiative.

Many students tried out for the Tournament of Minds teams. As a result, this year we have decided to enter five teams. They will begin their preparation of the 6-week challenge next term, once the topics have been sent to us.

The annual Maths Olympiad has also begun, being written at specified intervals from May to September. These papers involve high-level problem-solving and challenge mathematical and logical thinking. We wish all those participating the best of luck.

It is always wonderful to hear positive feedback from the community about our fantastic students and their sportsmanship and consideration for others. It makes us proud to know that we can take Stage 3 anywhere and know that expectations will be followed.

Have a wonderful last week of Term 2 and a restful holiday.
Stage 3 Teachers
Ironbark Ridge Music Program

After a long association with our school, our music tutors Mrs & Mr Talati have decided to move on to other ventures. We are extremely thankful for the great work they have done with our students over a period of more than seven years. Their outstanding musical ability, knowledge, enthusiasm and passion has been shared with a huge number of students, both present and past, and the legacy they leave in our school community is huge. Mrs Talati wrote the musical score for our beautiful school song and she will always have a presence every time we sing our song in an assembly.

As a result, our music program will undergo a change of provider from the beginning of next term. We are anticipating very little disruption apart from timetable changes – which often take place at the start of a new school term anyway. Teaching Services Australia will be visiting our school on the last day of this term (Friday 26th June) to meet our music and band students, so all are invited to bring their instruments and have a fun session with the new teachers. This will ensure the best opportunity for our new band conductor and music teachers to plan appropriate lessons for each student for Term 3. We are excited about the new program and the continued opportunities it will provide for specialist music education and school representative musical performances for our students. New applications for the program are always welcome – contact our school office for information.

KidsMatter brief…

**Key points for supporting children’s friendship skills**

Parents, carers and school staff have important roles to play in helping children develop friendships. They set examples for children to follow through the ways they manage relationships. They can also act as coaches for children, teaching them helpful social skills and talking through friendship issues to help with solving problems. As they learn how to manage social situations, having opportunities to talk about friendships with parents, carers and school staff helps children feel supported and develops their communication skills.

**Provide children with opportunities to play with peers**

Children gain experience and learn important social skills from playing with friends. For children who are still learning how to get along, it can be helpful to plan what to do before having a friend over for a play date. This could involve deciding whether to share all of their toys or only some, or encouraging them to think about what games the other child would like to play when they arrive.

**Teach positive social skills**

Observe your child to work out the negative social behaviours your child uses too often and the positive social behaviours they could use more.

Little things like smiles, looking at the person, knowing names and using a confident, friendly voice can make a big difference when making friends. Being able to better control negative emotions and paying attention to the needs and wants of others are also very important.

Teach one behaviour or social skill at a time and make sure the child is able to do it before introducing another skill. Show your child what to do. You may act out the situation and even demonstrate what to say. Take turns ‘acting’ until your child can demonstrate what to do. Don’t be too serious. Make it a fun experience.

**Be a coach**

Coaching is critical for helping children use new skills in real-life situations. Coaching involves prompting, reminding and encouraging (but not nagging!) children to use the skills they have learned. Coach your child to practise positive social skills in everyday situations with family members and friends. Support children’s learning by giving positive feedback and praise.

**Help children solve friendship conflicts**

Talking problems through with a supportive adult helps children to think about what happens, how they feel about it and what to do next. Thinking things through like this helps to build more mature social skills.
ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

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, with a student 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 school’s website which lists the new departmental guidelines, especially relating to citizenship of the child and both parents, if not born in Australia, as well as showing what other forms of identification/proof of address documents (x 4), are required and what is acceptable.

Please ensure that any outstanding Be Skilled Be Fit, Toonschool Incursion, PSSA and Footsteps Dance Program Payments and permission slips are made by Wednesday 24th June, as this is the last day that receipting will be done for this term. Thank you.

Ridgy Didge Awards

WEEK 9

PRINCIPAL

Chess Teams

K GALAXY

Michael, Charlotte, Mikael

K PULSERS

Taneisha, Cooper, Ruby

1/2 AURORA

Kay-Jay, Darius, Jessie, Eden

1/2 FIREFLIES

Chelsea, Raymond, Miguel, Aiden, Katerine

1/2 NORTHERN LIGHTS

Alex, Rogers, Jeewoo Sienna

1/2 SPARKLES

Ben, Surayya, Ashley, Oliver

3/4 KALEIDOSCOPE

Ethan, Sophie, Taylor, Chelsea, Natasha

3/4 WINTER CIRCLE

Fahiem, Charlotte, Lucas, Jordon, Tayla

3/4/5 COSMOS

River, Alana, Joshua, Halle

5/6 STELLAR

Sean, Connor, Shreya

5/6 WHITE DIAMONDS

Khemata, Curtis, Holly, Tara

6 HELIOS

Rayna, Harjot, Alan, Shannon, Vasu

LIBRARY

1/2 Sparkles

CHINESE

1/2 Sparkles

ART AWARDS

Kyle, Rogers
Zone Cross Country

After a washout, we were fortunate to have a (mostly) dry day for the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 29th May. Ironbark Ridge had 62 enthusiastic and very well behaved students travel to Paterson’s Reserve in Quakers Hill to compete, along with students from 10 other schools.

These dedicated students showed great determination and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. We saw encouragement, congratulations and commiserations being exchanged between peers, which is a wonderful reflection of the mature and compassionate nature of our students.

Everybody who participated on the day should be very proud of their achievements. We had 11 students who placed in the top 8, and many more within the top 25 which is an amazing result.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who came along to support their children and our school community. We truly appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment.

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who then went on to represent Ridges at the Regional event on Wednesday 10th June. This is the largest team we have ever sent to this carnival. All students did an outstanding job on the day, giving their best effort! They should be very proud of their hard work and dedication in their sporting field.

- Adhieu - 58th place 8/9G
- Ahyan - 52nd place 8/9B
- Kye - 26th place 10B
- Harry - 36th place 10B
- Tom - 67th place 10B
- Jayden - 11th place 11B
- Jay - 42nd place 11B
- Jemma - 23rd place 12/13G
- Taia - 24th place 12/13G
- Zahrah - 43rd place 12/13G
- Owain - 18th place 12/13B

Mrs Pho, Mrs Seward and Mrs Carter
SRC Report
The Executive Committee would like to thank all those students who helped us ensure that this semester was a great success for Ironbark Ridge. We did great things such as ran the Term 1 school disco with the theme of ‘come dressed as something that starts with S, R or C’. We saw some great costumes such as cowboys and girls, red riding hood, superheroes, a super star, sporting heroes and we even had santa come to visit. The flashing glasses were a great hit!

This semester we raised funds for the families in need after the Nepal earthquake. We focused on students, just like us, who now have no school, home, toys or a safe place to play. Students from Ironbark Ridge dressed in mufti, wearing colours from the Nepal flag and after donating a gold coin the school raised $980. An awesome achievement for those in need in Nepal. Well done Ironbark Ridge!

The Leukaemia Cupcake Day saw us raising a total of $633. Thank you so much to all the parents and SRC students for providing the wonderful cupcakes, slices, brownies and other delicious treats for the morning tea. It would not have been such a success without your support.

Throughout the semester all SRC committee members have developed great leadership and amazing responsibility skills. Our purpose for the SRC is to make positive changes to our school, support other kids outside of our community and allow opportunities for younger students to develop personal goals.

We look forward to working with the new committee members and know that next semester will be a great success just like Semester 1.

SRC executive team: Riley, Eliza, Taia and Jacob.

2015 Premier's Reading Challenge
The 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway. With the school holidays fast approaching what a great opportunity for students to plan some quality reading time and be a part of this fantastic initiative! I am pleased to announce that we have a number of dedicated students who have immersed themselves in literature and already completed the challenge.

Congratulations to:

Year 5-6: Muhammad A, Muskan A, Claire K, Ehtan W, Tian WS.

Students received information about the challenge earlier in the year. As a reminder, the web address for booklists and to complete the online Student Reading Record is: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Logon = Student DEC username and password

Happy reading :)

Mrs Carter
Jump Rope Update!

Jump Rope for Heart 2015 has come to an end! We have raised an incredible amount of money for such an amazing cause! We completed the program with our Jump Off Day on June the 3rd which was a heaps of fun for the kids and we even saw several teachers getting into the skipping!!! We also had a visit from Happy Heart who was absolutely loved by the students!! It was also lovely to see so many families attend the lunchtime nude food picnic – so great to have you there!

All sponsorship forms have now been sent away to the heart foundation for prize allocations, so please ensure that no more forms are sent into school as we can no longer accept donations. Online fundraising has also closed so that totals can be tallied and prizes prepared to be sent to the students.

The great news is, raising a whopping $15,477.84, Ironbark Ridge is the highest fundraising school in Western Sydney and...drumroll please...............the second highest fundraising school IN AUSTRALIA!!!!!! We are all so incredibly proud of our students for fundraising so well and also so grateful to our parents, extended families and wider community for their outstanding support!!!!! Thank you!

Prizes will be sent to the school in the first week of next term and I am really looking forward to rewarding the students with their prizes for their efforts!

Thanks again, Mrs Jodi Seward.
Tickets now available on Flexischools!

Save the date!!

24th October 2015!!

Ironbark P&C in conjunction with the school will be having a big 10th Birthday celebration afternoon, filled with fun Fete style activities as well as the school showcasing some of the school groups’ performances! We will be asking past Principals, Teachers and students to come along also, so this event really will be a walk through Ironbark’s History where EVERYONE is involved.

For this to be a great memorable event – WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for families that can help us out with various aspects of requirements that will help the day be one the kids won’t forget!

An event this size, has lots of components, some small – some big. Seeing as this is a school and Community event – we would love to have as much participation as possible from Ironbark Parents. It is after all, an event for our children, past and present, and a day to celebrate our great school. We are having a get together this Tuesday 23rd June at 7.00pm in the school Library, to go through items that we need help on and to explain our ideas and a rough itinerary of the day's events. If you would like to offer any help for this event, no matter how small or big – we ask that you come along and have a chat. We know everyone is busy, but having a get together like this is easier than trying to separately email and chat with everyone – and I am sure you understand that we are limited for time as it is. Also, if you think you or your business can help out in any way, please contact us.

Do you bake? Do you have contacts in Kennard’s Hire or the like? We are looking for help with things like a BIG Birthday cake, decorations, portable lighting, portable removable fencing & fluro safety vests, people who can design and print flyers and programs, amongst other items.
We are also MORE than happy to accept gift donations for prizes, monetary donations so we can use towards the day and we are also on the look-out for Major Sponsors of the day. All Major sponsors can have their company logo’s displayed on the day, as well as in the newsletters in the lead-up. As well as the practical side of it, we also need help with organizing the day, and help on the actual day. We are in need of many hands, to help make this day run as smooth as possible. Sometimes it may just be us needing someone to do some emailing for us, which would suit someone that is at home with a little spare time. Other jobs, require just helping on the day. Either way, please email us on: events@irpspc.com

If you have already emailed offering help, thank you, we are getting to you this week. The delay in contact is because we have not been able to start organizing until we received approval for the event

Thank you in advance.

Monica Calderwood & Emma Andrews

2015 “P&C Events” Coordinators

2015 IRONBARK WALK OF FAME PAVERS ARE HERE!!

They are BACK!! Our very popular Walk of Fame Pavers are back for 2015. Have your child’s name and class engraved on a Paver - that will be laid in our school grounds and something that they can see every day at school for years to come!

$30.00 for a single Paver and $60.00 for a double/family paver

These prices are the same as the past 3 years, however next year will be increasing due to manufacturing costs... So now is your chance to purchase ones that you may have forgotten in years previous. You can also commemorate Kindy children, Year 6 children, SRC, School Leaders and even sporting achievements!

This year, payment can be made only via Flexischools. Please log onto Flexischools via the App or internet, and once paid, fill in the order form, and enclose in an envelope marked: P&C PAVERS and hand into the front office BEFORE: Monday 20th July

If you do not have access to Flexischools, PLEASE email me ASAP on: events@irpspc.com for an alternate option. Flexischools assists me in processing the orders quicker, and due to the lengthy ordering process, cuts my workload down a little bit.

Thank you,
Monica Calderwood
Pavers Event Coordinator

Single paver

Double paver
Ironbark Ridge Public School invites your child and your family to become a permanent part of our school's history. If you decide to take advantage of our offer, your paver will become a part of the "Ironbark Ridge Walk of Fame", which will provide an enduring link between the past, present and future that includes the essential partnerships that make our school what it is - students, family and staff. You can also have a Paver backdated if you missed a year.

A GREAT idea to commemorate Kindy’s, Year 6’s, SRC, Sporting achievements and School Leaders too!
~ ORDER FORM ~

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paver/s in the template provided below. Please
write in block letters and as neat as possible

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OPTION 2
Family double paver set
COST: $60 -

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EXTRA PAVER
Single name paver (when purchasing 1 or more)
COST: $25 -

Simply pay via FLEXISCHOOLS and complete your details in the template provided and return this form
to the school office in an envelope marked: P&C PAVERS

Parents Name: ___________________________ Child’s name: ___________________________

Address: _______________________________

Class: ________________________________

Phone no: _____________________________

Email: _________________________________

Ironbark Ridge Public School P&C Association
Any questions or if you are unable to pay via Flexischools please email:
Contact: Monica Calderwood
events@irpspc.com

Thank you for your support
COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Hills Shire Council have published their Winter Holiday Guide for families. To view the programme, The Hills Shire Holiday Guide and click on the link to view all the activities.

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ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS

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<td>Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15 per person</td>
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<td>School Holiday Hands-on Science All Kinds of Aliens Workshop</td>
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Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: Astronomy Nights -$18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family

Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au
www.uws.edu.au/observatory
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School Holiday Tours now open for registration

Come join us for a free school holiday tour of Sydney Metro Northwest (formerly known as the North West Rail Link), which is the first stage of Australia's biggest public transport project that will transform the North West region for generations to come.

Find out what's happening on Australia's largest public transport infrastructure project. School holiday tours are open to primary school-aged children (suitable for 5 to 12 year olds) and their parents or carers. The program will include interactive activities as well as a hosted bus tour. The program takes two and a half hours and parents or carers must accompany their children.

Two sessions will run from 10:00am - 12:30pm and 2:00pm - 4:30pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 30 June 2015
- Thursday 2 July 2015
- Tuesday 7 July 2015
- Thursday 9 July 2015

Meeting place:
The Sydney Metro Northwest Community Information Centre
Castle Towers Shopping Centre (just inside the entrance on Old Castle Hill Road).

Bookings are essential and must be made before Thursday 25 June 2015.
NRL July School Holiday Clinic

DATE: 10th July 2015
WHERE: International Oval, Seven Hills
TIME: 10AM-1PM
COST: $40 (incl. NRL holiday bag, ball, kicking tee, jump & water bottle. Morning tea & BBQ lunch provided).

Register at PlayNRL.com
OPEN Day @ Learning in the Hills and Family FUN Day

Wednesday 8th July
10am - 1pm
at Learning in the Hills
Balcombe Heights Estate
92 Seven Hills Road
Baulkham Hills

FREE ENTRY

Active Classrooms
Observe & talk to students as they work

• Police
• Fire Brigade
• Jumping Castle

Family Fun Day celebrates NAIDOC Week

• GWS GIANTS Big Kick inflatable target for kids and grown-ups! Prizes and giveaways for kids

Family Fun!

• FREE Craft Activities
• Leo’s BBQ
• Hills Daily Grind Coffee

Painting
Cake Decorating
Crochet & Knitting
Mah-jong & Chess
2nd Hand Book Sale
CWA Devonshire Teas available to purchase

One Good Day Mt Druitt Indigenous Choir
10.30am & 12.15pm

Boomerang Decorating demonstration

Hand Art Canvas

Thursday 2nd July & Tuesday 7th July

• Painting
• CD Craft
• Playdough Making
• Find It Game Making

$5 per child
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Ph: 02 9629 6038

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29th June – 3rd July and 6th July – 10th July

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