Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We are all enjoying the fantastic stretch of beautiful sunny weather lately and students are finally out on the grass playground area each day. Recent events such as our Athletics Carnival days have been a big success in providing opportunities for you all to visit and be a part of your children’s educational lives. Developing a positive connection between school and home is crucial in ensuring a successful school journey for all of our students so we encourage you to take as many opportunities to visit the school and share in events as possible.

Dance-a-thon
Our annual school fundraiser is well underway and we are encouraging students to bring their sponsorship cards to class every day so they can keep a running tally of the ‘pledge’ total for each class - we are also adding up a whole-school pledge total to show at morning lines and the students are excited by this growing tally. While it is fine for you to send money in already I suggest that since the students have not actually done the work (dancing!) to earn the sponsorship it is best to wait until after next Friday’s Dance-a-thon event before collecting and sending money in to the school office. We hope to raise enough money to purchase a new sound, light and portable staging setup for use under our Hangar for concerts to entertain you all and showcase our superstars!

Canteen
With the school taking the reigns of our Canteen this year and securing the marvellous Doris as Manager we have seen an extremely successful move to operating five days a week. Doris will now be joined three days a week (Wed-Fri) by the awesome Kim! Yep, from the school crossing… straight into the Canteen 😊 We will still rely on parent volunteering to support Doris and Kim, mainly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays (our busiest day of the week), but whenever you are free. If you can spare a few hours, or even a whole day to volunteer in the canteen please contact Doris in the Canteen and add your name to the roster. It’s great to see so many parents making our school a better place through volunteering.

Chess Champions
Our Championship Grade chess team, consisting of Yifu, Winston, Alan, Vasu and Roshan, recently placed 1st in the Blacktown Zone of the NSW Junior Chess competition. They will now play off against the other best four schools from the whole of Western Sydney for a chance to make the state finals. Congratulations on a fantastic effort already, boys, and good luck in the finals!
Grandparents Day, Literacy & Numeracy Week Celebrations!

Week 8 of term is the official Literacy and Numeracy Week for 2015 and we will be holding a fun celebration to also invite our students’ Grandparents (and Grand-friends) into our school. We will be playing maths games and reading quality literature together as well as showing off in a Book Character Parade. Please put Thursday 3rd September into your diaries. Parents, as well as Grandparents, are obviously also invited to share in the fun with us all 😊

Your work connections and support are needed…

With our 10th Birthday Fete approaching (24th October) the school needs your support! We want our fete to be a massive success and huge fun for everyone. We had a meeting last night to discuss planning and were joined by a fantastic group of interested and dedicated parents and teachers. Here’s how you can help to support Ironbark Ridge Public School’s celebrations:

- Hassle your boss/work to financially sponsor a ride at our fete and support your kids’ school! It will be excellent advertising and is a community-minded thing to do!
- Organise your business to run a stall at the fete to promote your products or services in our local community!
- Have all of your workmates support our school through the donation of prizes for the Chocolate wheel!
- Tell everyone you know to save the date - 24th October 4pm-8.30pm, and come along for a great celebration of 10 Years of ‘Strength, Respect, & Excellence’!

Workers in the Community – inspired learning!

Students in our Stage 1 classes spent Thursday dressed up as, and learning about, many of the different occupations held by people in our community. Thank you all for supporting this activity through assisting your children to dress up – the enthusiasm and creative flair shown was amazing as usual. Some stand-outs included farmers, singers, teachers, medical staff, chefs, constructions workers, an explorer, an astronaut and a software designer! Ms Pho even found a ‘mini-Deputy Principal’ in the crowd 😊 Check out the photos below…

Thankfully it will be another 12 months before we see Mr Horn in his ‘Personal Trainer’ outfit again!

See you all soon at our school,

Nick Thomson
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PULSE Choir
Performing Arts, Understanding and Learning by Showcasing Excellence. 12 of our students did exactly that last night – showcase excellence in the performing arts - when they had the opportunity to perform on the Opera House stage. They sang beautifully as part of the Pulse Public Schools Massed Choir. Miss Hoggan, the proud parents and I thoroughly enjoyed the concert. I believe events such as this not only allows students the chance to perform in a prestigious arena, but also provides opportunities to form new friendships and gain a deeper appreciation of the talents that exist in NSW Public Schools. Our thanks to Mrs Barton and Mrs Robson for all of their organisation leading up to last night, and for ensuring our students’ enjoyment of the evening.

Dance-a-thon
The Dance-a-thon is only 1 week away! Mr Thomson and I have had the pleasure of drumming up support and enthusiasm for this, our major fundraising event for the year. Thank you in advance for your support of this event, and to Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Sayer and the SRC for their leadership of this initiative.

Workers in the Community Day
Stage 1 had their Workers in the Community Day yesterday – the playground was awash with pilots, policemen, builders and even some mini-teachers! I loved visiting the activities the students were involved in yesterday - building and designing houses, taking mug shots and fingerprints, discovering all about fire safety, going through drills with a personal trainer, and even painting a landscape and taking selfies! Great work, Stage 1! I know our future is in safe hands.

ICAS Tests
We have now had the last of the ICAS tests for this year. Certificates will be handed out in class time as they arrive. Students who achieve the award of Distinction or High Distinction will have their certificates handed to them at our end of term assembly.

Hills Performing Arts Festival – 27th August
Preparations are in full swing for the Hills Performing Arts Festival. This event has been organised to maximise our involvement, providing opportunities for more children to perform on a stage. Groups involved include the Hills Performing Arts Festival Choir and dance groups from Kindergarten, Yr 1, Yr 3, Yr 4 and Stage 3. If you haven’t already, please organise your tickets through ticketmaster or the Evan Theatre Box Office.

Blacktown District Debating Competition
Congratulations to our debating team of Bareen, Nandini, Vasu and Preston who represented our school in the semi-finals of the Blacktown District Debating Competition yesterday. They came up against Marayong South Public who had won their division of the competition without losing a debate. The topic for the debate was hard work is essential for success and our team was given the hard task of arguing against this statement. They presented convincing arguments and a number of strong rebuttals. As a result, our team were judged the winners by the three adjudicators. They will represent our school in the final of the competition which will be held in Week 8. We are very proud of their effort and achievement to
make it this far considering over 30 teams entered the competition. Thank you to Mr Pengelly for leading our successful debating program at IRPS!

Upcoming Events

**Kindergarten 2016 Information Evening:** 2016 Kindergarten families are welcome to come along and learn all about the wonderful aspects of life at Ironbark Ridge Public School on Monday 24th August.

**Grandparents Day and Book Character Parade:** Start thinking about your favourite book character and how to dress up like them for our Book Character Parade on Thursday 3rd September. We will be using this day to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week as well as Grandparents’ Day, so please add this day to your diaries. It should be a wonderful celebration of all things Literacy and Numeracy!

**School Photos:** These will be held in the first week back at school in Term 4 on Thursday 8th October for class groups.

**Night with the Stars:** Our own version of ‘Schools Spectacular’, this is a night not to be missed. The students are busy learning new dance routines and will be ready to perform at Hillsong Centre on Tuesday 20th October.

**10 Year Celebration:** The big one! Our fete, celebrating our tenth birthday. Tell your friends, family and neighbours to join us on Saturday 24th October for lots of community fun!

The **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey

This term our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey will be sent home with students next week. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 21st August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The **Partners in Learning** parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the **Partners in Learning** parent survey, another part of the **Tell Them From Me** suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

**Earn and Learn**

The school is currently collecting Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths. Please place your stickers on a sticker sheet (downloadable from [www.woolworths.com.au](http://www.woolworths.com.au)). There are boxes to drop them off in the front office, and at Woolworths supermarkets in Rouse Hill Town Centre and at The Ponds Shopping Centre.

Kind Regards,
Kerrie Pho
Well winter has certainly come this year, some lovely frosts to show the children and talk about. Kindy has finished a unit on Weather and it would be good to carry on conversations in the family to reinforce their observations, a good example that even though the sun is shining it can still be really cold.

As winter has come so have many of the illness connected. Please be sure you read any of the letters coming home that have information that will help you if your child becomes sick. The ones about slap cheek and whooping cough are there for factual purposes not to alarm anyone as most children have the common cold. With information comes confidence for you to deal with your child’s symptoms and of course if in doubt have a doctor check them out.

We have had another successful year with our chicken hatching project. Children have related the life cycle of a chicken with other animals and themselves. The children have observed and recorded facts about the chickens that they have been able to see. Hear and touch first hand, a great experience for them. Please continue to discuss what they have seen and done with the chickens. Happy new homes to them all.

Homework continues to be returned on Thursday and new work sent out on Friday.

Footsteps dancing is on Wednesday and it is great to see the progression already and the enjoyment the children are getting from the course.

Dance group performances for children in Kindy dance group is working towards our performances in week 7 at the Hawkesbury eistffoed on the Tuesday and Hills Performing Arts festival on Thursday and Thursday night. They are practising very hard.

Keep up the excellent work with helping the children learn their sight words it is reflecting in both their reading and writing in the classroom.

Looking forward to our wonderful excursion to Calmsely Hill Farm, it really is a wonderful experience.

The Early Stage 1 Team
STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

Term 3 is flying by so fast. Week 5 is an exciting one with Thursday being our “Workers in the Community” Day. Eight rotations throughout the day will allow students to experience different occupations with each Stage One Teacher. On the day we encourage students to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up. Both students and teachers are super excited to take on a different job for the day. It is going to be fun!

Another up-coming event in week 6 is the yearly ‘Dance-a-thon’; this will be an entertaining event that will be enjoyed by the whole school. Students will be moving and grooving to a range of both new and familiar dances on Friday 21st August. Don’t forget to continue to collect sponsors, as there are major prizes that will be awarded to the 5 highest fundraisers in K-2, and a pizza lunch and ice-block for the class that raises the most money. Students are also allowed to wear mufti on the day. It promises to be an entertaining day.

The Athletics carnival went off brilliantly last Monday and was a very successful day. Stage One should be congratulated on their safe, respectful and responsible behaviour and participation on the day. Well Done Stage One!

Congratulations to our Shinning Lights for the last few weeks.

Aurora – Oliver, Lucas and Brianna
Bright Sparks – Eloise, Jayee, Lucia and Harry
Fireflies – Giselle, Mitch, Aiden, Stephan and Sophia
Illuminate – Zak, Ali and Maddison
Jiemba – Adit, Sanaa, Lachlan, Suzi and Meer
Northern Lights – Tailor, Alex, Jay and Shelby
Sparkles – Lucas, Zara, Oliver and Amber
Translucent – Riley, Rohin, Paige and Romeo

Stage 1 Teachers
STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

Term 3 and we have already finished Week 5. The term is going so fast. This week the Stage 2 students participated in our annual spelling bee. Our finalists are as follows:

3/4 Galileo – Sarah D and Lily S
3/4 Constellations – Daniel F and Noah A
3/4 Winter Circle – Jordan A and Keyan K
3/4 Kaleidoscope – Ethan R and Natasha P
3/4 Spectra – Tegan C and Ethan J

The finals for Stage 2 will be held today. Watch this space for our Stage 2 representatives!!

When writing this some of our talented singers are representing our school at the Pulse Choir performing at the Opera House. Goodluck!

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Week 7 is promising to be an extremely busy week for our Stage 2 students. The dance groups will be performing at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod, their new dance costumes and routines look amazing! We also have our Book Week Parade where students come dressed as a character from their favourite book. We may be seeing lots of Harry Potter’s running around!!

Some ideas to think about -

1. Thing One and Thing Two from The Cat In The Hat by Dr Seuss
2. Wally from Where’s Wally by Martin Handford
3. Harry Potter or Hermione from Harry Potter series of books by J.K. Rowling
4. Olivia the piglet from the Olivia books by Ian Falconer
5. Angelina Ballerina from the Angelina Ballerina books by Katharine Holabird and Helen Craig
6. Pearlie the fairy from the Pearlie series of books by Wendy Harmer
7. A witch from Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
8. A princess like Rapunzel by the Brothers Grimm
9. A rabbit from Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
10. A pirate from The Night Pirates by Peter Harris and Deborah Allwright

Our excursion to Fort Denison is fast approaching. More details and information will come home shortly.

Stage 2 Teachers
STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

It is already the middle of the term and Stage 3 students have been incredibly busy thus far. After a very successful Open Day and Art Show, the enthusiasm and hard work has continued.

The athletics carnivals appeared to run smoothly, with many of our students achieving their personal bests. Thank you to all the parents who supported these events, to the teachers who organised and assisted, and to the students for their enthusiastic participation. These days are all about showcasing our students’ abilities whilst encouraging teamwork and a sense of individual personal achievement.

Year 6 students are cheerfully busy with the planning of the annual Fun Day. Year 5 students are creatively involved in a group art project. We look forward to seeing the hard work of all our students coming to fruition at the end of the term.

What a treat it was to be entertained at the Opera House by our Pulse choir members! They, along with the massed choir of 700 students from various schools, sang beautifully. With the slogan, ‘PULSE… listen to the heartbeat of the Arts’ we certainly did just that.

Our other choirs and performance groups are also very busy refining and polishing their items for the upcoming festivals. We wish them all strong, clear voices and the best of luck.

Spelling Bee fever has overtaken Ironbark. Some of our eager students were keen to emulate the contestants they’ve seen on the TV program. Throughout the classrooms, the strains of spelling have been heard. Congratulations to all the Stage 3 finalists – we are proud of you.

We also wish our Tournament of Minds teams the best of luck. They will be competing against other teams on Sunday 23 August. This inspiring, creative, problem-solving challenge has kept the 5 teams engrossed and super-busy but the end is in sight.

Just a reminder for your diaries:

Mon Week 7 we are fortunate enough to be hearing from local heroes, Daniel and William Clarke, here to tell us all about what they have done and continue to do regarding the plight of the orang-utans and other apes. Tears in the Jungle is a moving presentation with items available for sale at the end. Please ensure that if you are pre-ordering their book, the order forms are returned to the office so we can confirm numbers. A group of boys from 6H have researched the links between deforestation and orang-utans, and have decided to arrange a mufti day for Stage 2 and 3 students to coincide with the Tears in the Jungle presentation. The gold coin (or note) donation will be handed to Daniel and William Clarke on the day to aid their organisation’s outstanding work.

Thank you for supporting your children through a busy term.

Stage 3 Teachers
ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

The following excursions have now closed off – Calmsley Hill, RAPs for Kids, Fort Denison and Tears in the Jungle. As numbers have been confirmed no late payments can be accepted. Thank you to all the parents who paid for these excursions by the due date.

All current notes have been uploaded on the school website. In order to cut down on school photocopying costs, we ask that parents reprint notes at home if they have been misplaced. Current notes on the website include Fun Day permission notes and Dance-A-Thon information and sponsorship forms.

We would also like to request that permission notes are not returned to the office without the payment. The Administration staff are constantly having to chase up payments for notes for school activities and as the school continues to grow this is becoming increasingly time consuming. We will now be returning these notes via the students and will not be able to mark the students as attending the activity until the payment has been completed. Thank you for your understanding.

Just a reminder that Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 should be given to the school office as soon as possible, the sooner we have a clearer idea of expected numbers for next year we can take the necessary steps required to make sure we have enough classrooms ready to go at the start of the school year and minimise disruption for students and teachers. Please view our school enrolment policy which is on our website for our new requirements for proof of address and citizenship of parents and students. The first parent information night is on Monday 24 August and we have recently sent out invitations to this event.

Finally, the school uniform shop is open three times a week and is run solely by parents of the school who give up their time for free. The opening times are on our school website, on the window of the uniform shop and are regularly included in the school newsletter. Please ensure you allow enough time to get to the uniform shop to make your purchases within the set opening times and do not harass the volunteers when they need to close up the uniform shop on time. The volunteers are parents too and often have other commitments they need to attend.

Thank you for your understanding.
Have a good weekend!!
Allison Batten
Rel. School Administration Manager
The students have all bought home their note and sponsorship form regarding the Dance-a-thon. The SRC are so looking forward to hosting our main fundraiser for 2015.

We are doing a running pledge tally daily this year and would appreciate if your child brings in their Sponsorship form every day so we can add to our total which is announced each morning at assembly.

Students will be dancing their socks off for the middle session on Friday 21st August. We ask that parents support their kids by giving an amount for completing all 10 dances on the day as well as help them collect sponsorship amounts from family and friends.

All students are able to wear mufti for the day (comfy, enclosed shoes) but please ensure they wear their school hat for recess and lunchtime play. If your child plays PSSA they should still wear their sports uniform and then change into mufti clothes at recess.
2015 Premier's Reading Challenge

Only one week left until the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge ends! Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 11:59 pm on 21 August so, with not long to go, now is the time to make a final effort to finish reading the required number of books and enter the details.

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

All K-2 students have now completed the challenge during library lessons and will be eligible for a certificate - congratulations!

Congratulations also to the following 10 students in years 3-6 who, since our last update, have completed the challenge and will be eligible for a certificate:

Year 3-4: Brodie A, Kaitlin C, Thomas S.
Year 5-6: Annabel K, Connor M, Steven Y, Angad A, Tori J, Rayna S, Edison Y.

I look forward to seeing more students make a final effort during these last few days to meet the challenge.

Happy reading :)

Mrs Carter
WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL
Ridgy Didge Buddies – caring for others

K BOREALIS
Shyla, Eliyas, Mariam

K SUPER NOVAS
Chase, Sharon, Charlotte

1/2 BRIGHT SPARKS
Coby, Liam, Lucia, Molly

1/2 JIEMBA
Harlan, Adit, Emily, Scarlett

1/2 ILLUMINATIONS
Macayla, Sanjana, Anmol, Ramsey

3/4 CONSTELLATIONS
Jack, Jasmine, Lateisha, Olivia

3/4 GALILEO
Felicity, Akrisha, Yug, Jemma

3/4 SPECTRA
Daniel, William, Millie, Josh, Rachel

5/6 MIN MIN
Matt, Abi, Oz, Zahrah, Mitch

5/6 PARALLAX
Carlo, Jack, Mackensie, Shivani, Monique

CHINESE
3/4 Spectra

LIBRARY
5/6 Min Min

WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL
Pulse Choir – for their hard work and dedication

K GALAXY
Ruan, Lachlan, Addison

K PULSERS
Hunter, Erica, Caitlin

1/2 AURORA
James, Kate, Lara, Dev

1/2 NORTHERN LIGHTS
Jay, Sahil, Este, Alex

1/2 SPARKLES
Alex, Harmony, Rachelle, Jayden

3/4 KALEIDOSCOPE
Jamiel, Tom, Daniel, Jaymes, Jade

3/4 WINTER CIRCLE
Leanne, Cassie, Mitchell, Kyle

3/4/5 COSMOS
Jay, Liam, Arden, Amithi, Hayley

5 STELLAR
Yifu, Akshat, Meejee, Grace

5/6 WHITE DIAMONDS
Sami, Manal, Ryan

6 HELIOS
Aryan, James, Neha, Bareen, Matthew

CHINESE
1/2 Jiemba

LIBRARY
5/6 Pulsars
PSSA

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/

TERM 3 WEEK 6 – 21st August

NEWCOMBE BALL: Ironbark Ridge Public School
BOYS SOCCER: Schofields Park, Station Street, Schofields
NETBALL: Baulkham Hills Netball Courts, Court 8, Commercial Rd, Kellyville
GIRLS SOCCER: Patterson Reserve, Torbert Avenue, Quakers Hill
RUGBY: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill

TERM 3 WEEK 7 – 28th August

NO PSSA DUE TO ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

TERM 3 WEEK 8 – 4th September

NEWCOMBE BALL: Ironbark Ridge Public School
BOYS SOCCER: Connor Greasby Park, Perfection Drive, Kellyville Ridge
NETBALL: Baulkham Hills Netball Courts, Court 8, Commercial Rd, Kellyville
GIRLS SOCCER: Hills Centenary
RUGBY: Wrights Reserve, Quakers Hill
Scaffold your kids to independence...

A friend told me recently how his neighbour’s 9-year-old daughter used to sell him a dozen fresh eggs each week. At 50 cents an egg the young girl made a neat profit. The catch was that she had to feed the chickens, collect the eggs and clean out the pen in return for the money she made from selling eggs.

After a couple of years she had enough and passed the job on to her 7-year-old brother.

The handover wasn’t straightforward. Miss 9 was a confident visitor, politely knocking on the front door before entering and placing the eggs in the fridge. She even knew where he kept his cash. After a friendly chat about school, the neighbourhood and spilling the beans on what her parents were up to she usually departed. Job done.

Her younger brother, however, needed a lot of help when he took over. He was anxious about going in next door on his own and wasn’t sure about what to do once he got there. His mum did step up to help him out. Here’s what she did.

The first time, his mum accompanied him inside the neighbour’s house, prompting him about what he should say and do. He did and said what needed to be done. Mum just coached him along the way.

On the second visit his mum gave him some handy reminders about what he should do but she waited at the front door and left him to go inside. She was there when he came back out.

On the third visit she walked him to my neighbour’s door, made sure he felt comfortable and then she left so that her neighbour could greet the ‘Eggman’ on his own. (Yes, the neighbour gave him the ‘Eggman’ moniker on the first visit)

The ‘Eggman’ spent some time chatting to my neighbour as he put the eggs in his fridge, before coming home and greeting his mum with a triumphant grin. He was on his way to independence as a fully-fledged ‘Eggman’ and budding entrepreneur.

This is just one example of this boy’s mum scaffolding her son to independence. She makes it easy for him to succeed by being close but not too close when he needs her, and then gradually stepping back to give him the space to succeed on his own. Scaffolding is deceptively simple strategy that works well with nervous, anxious kids as well as for granting independence when there is an element of risk involved.

Here are 3 ways to build scaffolds to independence for your child:

1. **Look for simple, safe options to start.** Allowing your son to go to the public toilet on his own at the local swimming pool is easier and safer than in a large shopping centre.
2. **Do activities together.** Making a cup of tea with your daughter is a great way to teach her about safety.
3. **Break complex activities into simpler activities.** Catching trains with friends on short trips is good practice for kids who are itching to do some activities with friends without parental supervision.

My suggestion is to be on the lookout for opportunities to use scaffolding to move your kids towards independence, without smothering them and also keeping them safe.
Hills Performing Arts Festival
Ticketing

Tickets for this year’s Festival will go on sale on Friday 7th August from 10am

Price: $20.00
No concession or children’s prices.

Ticketing info
Tickets CAN be purchased from the box office or by phone and internet. The details are as follows:

1. Ticketek website  
   www.ticketek.com.au  (booking fees will apply)
2. Ticketek call Centre  
   Phone bookings 132 849  (booking fees will apply)
3. Penrith Panthers
   Reception Desk  
   In person - 9am to 10pm daily
   (No booking fees for cash or eftpos transactions)

Please note there are no bulk school bookings accepted
The Hills Shire Council’s Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking regulations at your school.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance.

When an offence is detected, you will be fined.

The Hills Shire Council’s Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking regulations at your school.
There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.

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Fines current as of July 2015

For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au
You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway.

You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

**SCHOOL ZONE**
Penalty from $177 and 2 demerit points

Council’s Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.
For more information please contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0145

The Hills Shire Council
PO Box 75, Castle Hill 1765
Ph: 9843 0555
www.thehills.nsw.gov.au
You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods

and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes

and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from $177 and 2 demerit points

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You must not STOP at any time
Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from $319 and 2 demerit points

Council’s Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.
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Recess Specials

Monday
Party Pies & Party Sausage Rolls

Tuesday
2 x Mini Pancakes with Topping

Wednesday
Assorted Mini Pizzas

Thursday
Mini Hot Dogs

Friday
Cheese Toasties

Just $ 1.00
Are you a Business owner wanting to promote your business on Ironbark’s 10th Birthday Celebration day/Fete?

Ironbark P&C in conjunction with the school will be having a big celebration afternoon, filled with fun Fete style activities as well as the school showcasing some of the school group’s performances, to Celebrate Ironbark’s 10th Birthday on **Saturday 24th October 2015**! This will be an event that the whole Community are invited to, as well as our very own school Community, past and present. 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.

We are looking for Businesses that want to promote their business on the day, by way of a stall or by donating towards the event, and having your business advertised throughout the day on banners, or on rides and prior to that in newsletters. **This is a great way to advertise your business as well as help our school.**

We are approaching the school community first, as it is “First in best dressed” – so before going to our wider community for Sponsorship, we are asking our Parents first!

There are various types of Sponsorship available, from small to big. We can cater for any means that you are interested in. If you are a smaller or “home run” business, you may be interested in a stall on the day to promote your product? If you are a bigger business, you may want to sponsor a ride or provide a monetary donation?

Whether you are looking at holding a stall or sponsoring on the day, please fill out the below applicable application forms and return email them to events@irpspc.com

Please email: events@irpspc.com for more information.

**Also, we are still on the lookout for a cake maker/s to help make a big 10th Birthday cake! What is a birthday without a cake? Can you help?**

Thank you in advance.

Monica Calderwood & Emma Andrews

2015 “P&C Events” coordinators
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THE EVENT: Ironbark Ridge Public School is turning 10 years old and we are holding a huge community event to celebrate the school’s last 10 successful years. This 10 year Celebration Fete is our major fundraiser for the year, being held on Saturday 24th October 2015.

THE SCHOOL: Ironbark Ridge Public School’s motto of “Strength, Respect, Excellence” encapsulates the values that underpin the culture of the school. IRPS is located on the corner of Ironbark Rd and Withers Rd, Rouse Hill, one of the busiest roads in Rouse Hill, with several other schools and sports grounds located on it.

Currently there are 600+ students from 350 families enrolled at the school. These families create a strong demographic and have consistently proven that they are extremely supportive of and involved in the day-to-day running of the school, whilst also being active members of the wider community.

SPONSORSHIP: We are looking for sponsorship to help fund our celebration which will include rides, performances, stalls and will finish the night with fireworks. There are several ways you can sponsor our 10 year Celebration Fete.
SPECIALISED SPONSORSHIP

There is opportunity to sponsor a specific event at the celebration. Each event has a different value. Below is the list of opportunities:

- Dodgem cars- $4050
- Yoyo (swinging chairs) $4050
- Fireworks- $3300
- Rollercoaster- $3000
- Giant slide- $2125
- Kanga drop ride- $1750
- Jungle Run jumping castle- $1500
- Photo booth - $800 (with opportunity for your company name to be printed on the actual photo strips.)

- **Certificate of appreciation** for you to display at your companies premises
- **School newsletters**: publication of your company name, logo and telephone number in each of our school newsletters for 1 year.
- **School App Business Directory**: sponsor details published on the schools official App page.
- **Sponsor wall**: Display of your company name and telephone number on our sponsor wall (A4 sized) which will be located on the celebration day at the front gate of the school, for the public to view upon entry.
- **Advertorial**: Publication of an advertorial on your company in one newsletter.
- **Stall**: a 3m x 3m stall at our celebration day free of charge.
- **Signage at event**: A sign will be displayed at the entry to the event you have sponsored (fireworks, ride or photo booth) stating- this activity is sponsored by......(your company name and logo)- provided by yourself.
## MAJOR SPONSORSHIP
Cash, goods or services over the value of $1000.

- **Certificate of appreciation** for you to display at your companies premises
- **School newsletters**: publication of your company name, logo and telephone number in each of our school newsletters for 1 year.
- **School App Business Directory**: sponsor details published on the schools official App page.
- **Sponsor wall**: Display of your company name and telephone number on our sponsor wall (A4 sized) which will be located on the celebration day at the front gate of the school, for the public to view upon entry.
- **Adverstorial**: Publication of an advertorial on your company in one newsletter.
- **Stall**: a 3m x 3m stall at our celebration day free of charge.

## DIAMOND SPONSORSHIP
Cash, goods or services to the value of $500.

- **Certificate of appreciation** for you to display at your companies premises
- **School newsletters**: publication of your company name, logo and telephone number in each of our school newsletters from when payment is made, until the end of 2015.
- **Sponsor wall**: Display of your company name and telephone number on our sponsor wall (A4 sized) which will be located on the celebration day at the front gate of the school, for the public to view upon entry.
- **School App Business Directory**: sponsor details published on the schools official App page.

## GOLD SPONSORSHIP
Cash, goods or services to the value of $250.

- **Certificate of appreciation** for you to display at your companies premises
- **School newsletters**: publication of your company name, logo and telephone number in each of our school newsletters from when payment is made until the end of 2015.
- **Sponsor wall**: Display of your company name and telephone number on our sponsor wall (A4 sized) which will be located on the celebration day at the front gate of the school, for the public to view upon entry.
SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Company name: __________________________
Address: ____________________________________
Telephone number: (advertised) __________________________
Email address: ___________________________________

I wish to become a:-

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Signed_________________________ Date: _____________________

Committee use only:

- Payment received YES/NO
- Goods received YES / NO
- Description of goods:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
Ironbark Ridge Public School
Cnr Ironbark Ridge Rd & Withers Rd, Rouse Hill, NSW, 2155.
Phone: 02 8814 5887 or 02 8814 5817
Fax: 02 8814 5998
Email: ironbarkridgep.school@education.nsw.edu.au
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10 Year Celebration Fete

Stall Application

Ironbark Ridge PS are celebrating their 10th birthday with a gigantic fete open to the local community for the first time. You are invited to apply for a stallholder’s position to sell & showcase your company’s goods and add to our party atmosphere.

**Date:** Saturday 24th October 2015

**Address:** Cnr of Withers and Ironbark Ridge Road, Rouse Hill

**Time:** 4pm – 8.30pm

**Requirements:**

- You must provide the Events Committee with a copy of your current insurance certificate with the completed application.
- You must provide your own table/chairs/gazebo/power on the day.
- You will be provided a 3m x 3m space on concrete.
- $75 booking fee needs to be paid on application, you keep all your sales on the day.

If you are interested please complete your details below and return to events@irpspc.com by 1st September 2015. We will then advise how to make payment & any additional details.

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**Ironbark Ridge PS 10 Year Celebration fete- Stall Application**

Store holder/ company name: ____________________________________________

Contact details: (name/phone/email address) ____________________________________________

Type of goods sold/advertised: ____________________________________________

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IRONBARK’s 10 YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

- Are you a printer or have access to a commercial printer where you can print in mass? We need lots of flyers and programs printed, and need your help!
- Do you know how to design flyers and can spare us some time in designing ours for us?
- Do you have contacts with external lighting and chair/table hire?

Whilst we have had a lot of offers of help with our fete, there are still many roles that we need to fill. Below is listed some of the roles that have yet to be filled. Most of these roles already have helpers, however we need more to fill in shifts. Can you let us know if you can assist in any of these please by emailing us at events@irpspc.com

- Parents to assist in running various stalls and manning the stalls in shifts (Book Stalls, Lolly/cake Stall, White elephant Stall)
- Manning a Lost Children table on the day
- Assisting with a letterbox drop in the lead-up (We have had quite a few people offer with this one, and are now looking for people who live in Rouse Hill (Near Village and RHTC)
- Program and leaflets design (and bulk printing)
- Someone with connections in Table/chair hire, as well as lighting
- Security on the night (mainly parents able to man the door and the grounds in general)
- Bathroom/Rubbish crew (replacing toilet paper/keeping grounds clean etc)
- Someone to assist with sourcing Sponsors and donations
- A set up and clean up Crew on the day

If you think you can assist with any of these, we would love to hear from you!

Thanks in advance!

Monica, Emma & Deanne
This year’s P&C Fathers Day stall will be held on **Wednesday 2nd September** during class time. The P&C Events committee are currently looking for Stall donations to add to the variety of gifts that we already purchase for the stall. These donations can be handed into the office from now until the Stall, and if possible, we ask that they be wrapped in clear cellophane to ease the extra wrapping by the volunteers and also so the children can see what is inside when they are choosing gifts. Some popular ideas to look out for include: Novelty bottle openers, hats, small tool kits, coasters, chocolates, fudge, licorice and BMW’s ;o)

The children have the opportunity to purchase gifts to the value of $5 or $10 for Dad, Step-Dad, Grandad, Uncle or that special male in their life. They can pre-purchase as many vouchers as they wish to, to spend on the day.

Flexischools is now open for orders, and the vouchers will be handed to the children by their class teachers on the morning of the stall. Flexischools will be closing for all orders on: **Friday 28th August**. This will be the last day accepted for orders to allow Jane and her team enough time to collate the vouchers and distribute them, so please get in early for your vouchers, before the cut-off.

If you have any questions, please email **events@irpspc.com**

Thank you,

P&C Events Committee
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