At Ironbark Ridge Public School we have a lot of fantastic opportunities for students to perform as part of the school choir. It’s great to see the many new faces who want to be involved in the school choir this year and we’ve expanded the program to give more students opportunities.

**Pulse Choir**

The Pulse Choir is well under way with their first rehearsal taking place the last week of Term 1. The students have some challenging songs to learn, however most have taken up the challenge and have continually been at school rehearsals. We are lucky enough this year to have Miss Penhall leading the Pulse choir and it is extremely important that Pulse students are turning up to every choir rehearsal. Pulse Choir rehearsals are Monday mornings 8.30am to 9.00am and Thursday lunch straight after eating time in the music room.

**Upcoming concert rehearsals are the following dates:**

Wednesday, 1st June @ Glenmore Park High School  
Wednesday, 30 July @ St Marys Senior High School  
With the final rehearsal and performance on 1st August.

*****IMPORTANT***** Please be aware that Hills Performing Arts Choir and Pulse Choir are on the same week this year. In previous years our school band has had the opportunity to perform at Hills Performing Arts Festival. Our band will be auditioning again this year and there is the possibility that if your child is in the band they will be expected to also perform at the Hills Performing Arts Concert which are on in the same week. This issue was discussed with the students and they were given the opportunity before the Pulse Choir was announced to discuss with their parents and withdraw.

**Hills Performing Arts Choir**

The HPAC will be steaming ahead full force in Term 2. We will have two practices a week. These will be on Wednesday straight after eating time in the music room outside the library where Mrs Talati will assist us in learning harmonies and Thursday mornings in Mrs McCarthy’s room at 8.15am. Rehearsals will start from Week 2 Term 2. It would be appreciated if you would attend the rehearsal promptly and ready to get to work. We have a large amount of music we need to learn and this year the choir will be split into alto and soprano and have the opportunity to sing harmonies.

**The rehearsal dates for HPAC are:**

Tuesday 14th June (T2 Wk 8) @ Kellyville Ridge Public School 9.30-2.00pm  
Monday 25th July (T3 Wk2) @ John Palmer 9.30 – 2.00pm  
Thursday 18th August (T3 Wk 5) @ Jasper Rd 9.30-2.00pm  
Tuesday 30th August (T3 Wk 7) @ Hills Centre 10-2.00pm Rehearsal and Performance night.

**Junior Choir – Years 1 and 2**

In 2011 we are having a junior choir. There are many interested Stage 1 students who have eagerly turned up to the first couple of rehearsals we had at the end of Term 1. These rehearsals are on Thursday lunch straight after eating time. We will be learning a variety of fun songs during this time and students are welcome to still join until Week 2 Term 2. Hopefully the junior choir will have the opportunity to perform during Education Week and at school functions. Mrs Barton and I will be running this choir and we are looking forward to the Stage 1 students enthusiastically participating in our school choir program.

Yours in singing,  
Mrs McCarthy – Choir Co-ordinator