Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October
30th Oct – 2nd Kindy Orientation Day, SRC Halloween Disco

November
7th Nov – 3rd Kindy Orientation Day

CURRENT NOTES

Update Medical Form
PSSA Sports students to be at school by 8.45 on Friday mornings
Swim Scheme (Yrs 1 turning 7 this year, 2, 3 & 4) – due 31st Oct (deposit), 20th Nov (final payment)
Joffa's Toonschool – due 1st Nov

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Trivia Night - 26th October

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am currently attending the NSW State Principals Conference in town with over 500 fellow principals. It is always a great conference that allows us to catch up with what other schools are doing and discuss the current changes in education. One of the key speakers this year will talk about education in Finland, one of the most successful systems in the world. The speakers are always informative and inspirational so I hope to return to school with the latest information. Next week I will be attending further training in our new financial and student well-being systems so it will be a busy couple of weeks for me.

Mrs Fox has been attending training in our new financial systems as we prepare for the changeover date. We have realized that there is significant training to be completed in the next couple of weeks for our office staff. Mrs Fox and I have discussed how this will happen so don’t be surprised if you see familiar faces in different places over the coming weeks. Rest assured your children will still be well taken care of whilst this training goes on. Just a reminder that there will be a two week no transaction period commencing 4th November. We will not be able to handle any money during this time.

Bushfire Readiness

Our school remains in a zone that is deemed to be at risk of bushfires. We have a plan in place in case of emergency for contacting parents and ensuring the safety of students and staff. If the State Emergency Services decide that our school is at risk the school will be closed as has been the case with several schools in the areas affected by fire at the moment. We will notify our community if this is to happen via the usual channels – school app, class contacts, web site and note. If for some reason there is an unexpected emergency, we would again contact our community through these channels and where necessary, students would be evacuated by Emergency Services to a safe place where parents would be able to pick up their children. Again this has happened in several schools this week in fire affected areas. I believe it is unlikely to happen but just wanted to reassure you that we have plans in place should an emergency arise.
Our thoughts and wishes go out to all those families who have lost their homes and belongings during the current bushfires. We will be having a day shortly to raise funds to support them in their time of need.

**P&C Fundraisers**

Our P&C continue to work hard to raise funds in support of the school. Last week the family photo sessions were a great success and I would like to thank the parents who gave up their time so this could go ahead.

The P&C Trivia Night is coming up this Saturday with lots of fun and great prizes to be had. I’m sure everyone is looking forward to an amazing night!

**Halloween Disco**

Students are very excited about the upcoming disco night next week. Halloween is always a popular theme and I’m sure the SRC will do a wonderful job of managing the night. So get those Halloween costumes out and have a great night.

**NAPLAN Results (Yrs 3 & 5)**

You should have received your letter containing student results last week. If you have not received yours or if you have any questions please contact us. We are happy to arrange a time to discuss results or any concerns.

The staff have looked at results and are working to help students in areas of difficulty. We use NAPLAN results to inform planning for the following year but also to help individual students in areas where they might improve. We also celebrate our students' great achievements as mentioned in the last newsletter.

**Enrolment for 2014**

In order to plan as accurately as possible, I would appreciate you letting us know if your child will not be returning to Ironbark Ridge in 2014. This is a fairly stable community but there will be some families on the move. So just send an email or give us a call so we can plan confidently for 2014. Don’t forget to enrol your child for Kindergarten if you haven’t already done so. Believe it or not one child can make a difference to how our classes are formed.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

**Ms Anne Forbes**  
Principal

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**Deputy Principal’s Report**

**School Photos – groups and teams (Nov 5)**

Our next day for photos is approaching with leadership groups, performing groups, sporting teams and other school extra-curricular photos being taken on Tuesday 5th November. The usual ordering procedures will be used but in an attempt to move away from paper and cash an online viewing and ordering system will also be trialed. A separate note explaining the procedures will be sent home as soon as details are finalised and we encourage parents to use this new facility as it will assist the school office staff greatly.

**Parenting 3 x 2**

As you are no doubt aware, our school’s three PBL expectations are “Be safe, be responsible, be respectful”. This set of three expectations can be used to ‘measure’ behaviour choices at any time or place – hence their usefulness and power!

On a similar note, I recently read a thought-provoking article (and challenge) about the ‘big picture’ goals and aims we have in our parenting journey. The author put out the challenge to express what you see as your three most important values, messages or ideals to teach your children. Here’s his attempt:

> “These three messages say a lot about mental health, contribution and fitting in:
> 1. Go play
> 2. Please help
> 3. Be kind”

Taking the time to contemplate the direction your parenting is travelling in can be a powerful and rewarding experience. Having the ‘impulse control’ to steer correctly in the heat of the moment when reacting to our children’s behaviour choices (and manipulations) can be far more difficult!

Using only 3 two-word phrases, what would your Parenting 3 x 2 be?
Selective HS applications for 2015
Applications for students seeking selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015 are now available online. Parents are expected to apply at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
All students applying will be required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 13 March 2014. Parents who wish their child to sit the test will need to apply by Friday 18 November 2013. The school does have several paper application forms if enquiries are made at the office but please be aware that this information will then need to be taken from the paper forms and entered online by school staff. Access to the online site is available at school for parents who do not have internet access at home.

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation program
On Tuesday Mr Brent’s amazing Kinder staff welcomed over 60 of next year’s Kindergarten students with an hour of fun activities to help them become accustomed to the school environment and procedures. It was a great pleasure for me to see such an enthusiastic, curious (and remarkably confident) group of new children in the school. Many of our P&C representatives took time out of their busy lives to meet the new group of parents and caregivers – another example of the generous and welcoming community we work amongst here at Ironbark Ridge PS. Congratulations also to Mr Brent and his team of teachers for the outstanding program they are running.

Starting school resources...
The ‘KidsMatter Primary’ website has a host of fantastic resources to support parents with children who are preparing for Kindergarten in 2014. Use the link below to read fact sheets, view videos, and even print off activity books to help ease the transition over the next few months. Head to the website at: https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school

‘Speed Conversations’ – Community agencies
On Thursday 7th November a Rouse Hill community event will be held at the Town Centre for people to meet local community service providers (eg. health, cultural, family assistance, behaviour support, etc.) Parents are invited to attend from 4-7pm. A flyer has been included in this newsletter.

Happy Children’s Week!

Nick Thomson
Deputy Principal
Moving beyond resilience-building…….to character development

“Talent or persistence. Which would you choose for a child?”

I often ask this question and the responses are fascinating. Parents naturally want both. If that’s not an option... when pushed most people choose talent over persistence, which in many ways reflects the current thinking around achievement. Intelligence, sporting prowess and ability in whatever it is we value will only get a child or young person so far. They need more than talent to achieve sustained excellence in anything they do. It is the character traits of hard work combined with their ability to stick at a task and see it through that makes all the difference.

“Renee has grit.”
Malcolm Gladwell in his book Outliers, described twenty-something American student Renee, who took 22 minutes to work out a complicated maths question.

The average student gives up after THREE minutes, preferring to ask for help than work through a problem. Renee is unusual as she persisted for 22 minutes until she got the solution. The funny thing is that she doesn’t describe herself as a good maths student. But she is highly successful at Maths. Grit rather than pure maths talent are her forte.

Character matters...
Cognitive skills by themselves aren’t enough for children to succeed over the long journey. Many recent studies (most notably the work of US-based Angela Duckworth) have found that character not cognitive ability is the single most reliable determinant of how a person’s life will turn out.

These traits include:
- the inclination to persist at a boring task (grit);
- the ability to delay gratification (self-control) and
- the tendency to follow through with a plan (conscientiousness),
All are invaluable traits at school, in the workplace and in life in general.

Character works as an indicator of success when it’s seen as set of strengths and personality traits rather than personal values such as loyalty, tolerance or forgiveness.

Character is forged under difficulty
The key character traits of grit, self-control and conscientiousness are forged under hardship and duress. This makes our current propensity to over protect and over indulge kids problematic. When kids continually experience easy success we set them up for failure because when they finally face up to difficult situations many lack the capacity to push through the tough times.

Encouraging kids to step out of their comfort zones and take learning and social risks is a massive challenge at the moment.

It’s critical that we challenge children and young people to attempt activities where failure is a significant option. Overcoming set-backs and pushing through difficulties is how character is formed.
Speed Conversations  
7 November 2013

Form valuable links to your community:
- Youth Engagement
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Risk of homelessness
- Family financial hardship
- Domestic violence
- Learning difficulties
- Trouble with the law
- Racial and cultural barriers
- Language barriers
- Behaviour and anger management

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Join us for a showcase with a difference
Introduction to Service Providers

Why: To identify Service Providers and to see the range of services offered to the community and meet the staff. This is an opportunity to meet the current person in that role and how to stay in contact.

Who: School Representative(s), who are able to build networks and linkages and share the resources to support young people and their families. Counsellors, Year Advisers, Pastoral Care Leaders, Principals and Deputy Principals.

When: Thursday 7 November 2013
Where: Rouse Hill Town Centre

Time:
- 1.00pm – 3.00pm for school representatives
- 4.00pm to 7.00pm for students, parents and community members

RSVP by 28 October to kara.olver@aussip.com.au
Week 2

PRINCIPAL: 3/4 Pelicans for their co-operative learning
K Blinky Bill Miguel A, Darcy S, Ryan S
K Dreamtime Maddy K, Harrison S, Arnav K
1 Blue Tongues Lauren J, Daniel F, Ananya K
1 Tassie Devils Donny C, Tasmyn P, Jayden McR, Ahyan S
2 Marsupials Saffron B, Troy H, Justin T, Anlu O
3 Jabiru Cooper S, Molly D, Liam W, Preston A, Alana C, Zack S
4 Wobbegong Emily G, Makkai L, Nick S, Curtis A
5/6 Kirribilli Justin S, Elisha M, Kavishay P, Ajay D
5/6 Minties Nicholas S, Shantelle X, Joshua P, Magro O, Conrad D
6 Daintree Joy K, Shivani M, Shahrooz N, Zane S, Kush S, Divya Y

Week 3

PRINCIPAL To Kinder dance group for a great performance for Kinder 2014
K Walkabout Indya W, Harlan E, Emerson P, Lachlan C
K Budgies Lucas S, David V, Chloe S, Liam L
1 Ned Kelly Akash G, Cameron G, Allura C, Natasha P
1/2 Cassowary Ava, Daniel P, Joshua, Nicola, Annaliese
2 Kingfisher Montana W, Ankana D, Alannah LC, Joshua D
2 Bilbies James N, Andrew Z, Emily N, Sasha M
3 Surfers Paradise Joel G, Ryan J, Amber H, Tishya P, Layne C
4 Sturt Jack C, Monique D, Neha N, Joshua F, Tye L
5/6 Magpies Sophie A, Evie B, Nicole P, Nabeel A, Anthony S
5/6 Speedos Natalie P, Jacob C, Tahlia L
CHINESE: Kindy Walkabout
KINDY CAPERS:

What a fantastic job our Kindy Dance Group did on Tuesday at our first 2014 Kindy Orientation session. The new children were great as were all the Mums and Dads who bravely waved off their little ones. The P&C also did a fantastic job and created a brilliant first impression of our Ironbark Ridge community.

In all Kindergarten classes in Term 4 homework will continue to be sent home on Friday and returned on Thursday of the following week so that students have time over the weekend to complete some of it. If homework is sent in to teachers on Friday instead of Thursday it may not be marked until the following week as teachers can’t always find time during the day to mark homework and rely on having it on Thursday night to check over it. The same applies to home readers. Sport clothes need to be worn on Thursday. Library is still on Tuesday.

Please continue to send in money and notes for our upcoming cartoon workshops. Once again we are very short on glue stick supplies in Kindy rooms. If you can send a bostick glue stick along to class with your child it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend! We all hope that family and friends have made it through this crazy week of bushfires. Our thoughts go out to all those who have lost homes and property as a result of this natural disaster.

The Early Stage 1 Team
STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

Once again Stage 1 have been enjoying a busy start to the term. Last week we took part in the Chinese National Day celebrations. Students were wonderfully entertained by our visitors performing a range of dances, music and martial arts displays.

As part of our Workers in the Community topic we will be having a focus day during Week 6 where students are asked to come dressed as a worker they have learned about, know about or want to be when they grow up. There will be various activities for the students to try in each of the Stage 1 classrooms to give a taster of the many jobs we are learning about. Please also look out for an invitation for you to share your occupation with your child’s class during the term.

Please be reminded that the ‘Push and Pull’ homework task is due in Week 4. We look forward to sharing all the wonderful creations the students have been excitedly working on over the last few weeks.

The Stage 1 Team
CHINESE NEWS:

Nǐmen hǎo! 你们好
Our Chinese National Day celebrations were a wonderful success! The children watched some colourful, traditional folk dances from different parts of China, an amazing sword dance and martial arts fan dance. They listened to a Chinese harp, and participated in a song and dance called ‘Zhāo péngyǒu 找朋友.’ Above all, the favourite was the Lion Dance which amused and entertained us all. Guóqing jié kuài lè!

A reminder about our first after-school Chinese Mandarin class beginning this term. It will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:10 – 4:15 and is open to all students K-2. It will be taught by an experienced native speaking teacher and supervised by myself. Cost is $10 per lesson. If you are interested in having your child/children participate in this class could you please email me at linda.barbaro@det.nsw.edu.au with their name and class.

And finally, I will see you all on my return from China. If you have any questions in the meantime please see Ms Forbes.

Zàijiàn再见
Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher K-6
SRC NEWS:

The SRC Halloween Disco will be on Wednesday 30th October. The cost is $10.00 per child, or a family ticket for $25.00, which includes entry, supper, glo sticks, lollies and a chance to win a lucky door prize.

Come dressed in Halloween fancy dress.

K – 2 will commence at 5.00pm and conclude at 6.15pm
3 – 6 will commence at 6.30pm and conclude at 8.00pm

Pre-sale tickets will be available from Week 3.

Hope to see you then!

Mrs Walker and Mrs Nahirny
S.R.C. Walkathon Co-ordinators

PSSA SPORT:

WEEK 3 25.10.2013

Due to the health concerns with air quality, PSSA sport has been cancelled for this Friday, 25th October.

WEEK 4 1.11.2013

OZ TAG: Russell Reserve, Rouse Hill, Field 4
CRICKET: Hills Centenary Oval
TBALL/SOFTBALL: Hills Centenary Oval
AFL Wrights Reserve, Quake

ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
Applications for Non Local Kindergarten Enrolments for siblings need to be handed into the Office A.S.A.P.

Enrolments for our In Area Kindergarten Students for 2014 are now also being accepted.

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS:

If you have not yet returned the new medical form to the office, could you please do so, as soon as possible as we need to update all our records. Thank you

Therese Fox
School Administrative Manager
SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER:
Don’t forget that Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

P&C NEWS & FUNDRAISING

PRESIDENTS NEWS
I am sitting here after the first Kindergarten Orientation morning feeling tired and satisfied. I am surprised at just how much time and desire I put into making it a special day for the kindy parents. It makes me think about just how much all our volunteers give to help others, to make them feel good, and all without expecting thanks. So if you see someone who has been volunteering give them an unsolicited Thank You. They deserve it.

Kindy Orientation
I would like to make a special thank you to the wonderful mums who volunteered their time and provided lovely cakes and refreshments for the kindy parents. A special mention to Belinda Pupo for supplying her lovely organic teas and coffee for everyone to enjoy. Thank you Audrey Currie, Fiona Griffith-Arnold, Anita, Sarah McBrien, Nicole Southall, Sadia Abid. Other helpers on the day were Kelly Jenkinson selling more cookbooks, Karen Lynch (our P&C Secretary) helping to set up, Lisa Backhos helping to pack up, and Deanne, Nicole, Rebecca and Trisha running the flat out uniform stall.

IGA Rouse Hill
We were very fortunate to secure a sponsorship agreement with the IGA at the Rouse Hill Village. They will be providing our P&C with a $2000 store account each year that we can use to purchase our needs for events like sausages for BBQs. Every dollar we save on sourcing our produce is profit in our account. So this is a great opportunity for us. There is a BONUS as well. The IGA has a loyalty card program where shoppers earn points for anything they purchase. Those points earned (or a portion of) can be allocated to IRPS that will convert into cash and be added to our in-store account.

Simply shop at IGA Rouse Hill and pick up a loyalty card in store. Login to IGA.com.au and go to the my account area where you can specify what percentage of points you want to allocate to schools or clubs. I have mine set so IRPS receives 50% of my points, or if you have kids at other schools you might allocate 25% to IRPS and 25% to the other school or club. It could be 50/50, 20/80 it is entirely up to you. Then just shop like you normally would.

Canteen Training Days
We have had feedback from some parents saying they feel nervous walking through the canteen door for the first time. They are not sure what to expect and therefore are a little nervous. So we have listened to your feedback and arranged for training days each term.

The first three Fridays of every term are canteen training days. Pop into the canteen and say “Hi” to Mel or Lisa who will show you the ropes and let you see first hand how the canteen runs and how much fun it is. Of course you do not need to attend a training day to volunteer some time helping in the canteen, but if you want to know what goes on behind the screen door to the canteen come along and find out. No need to book, just turn up. For more information please contact Lisa ironbarkridges.canteen@gmail.com or Mel canteen@irpspc.com.

November P&C Meeting
The upcoming P&C meeting on Wed 13 November is our last meeting for the year. I do hope you can come along especially if it is your first one. We meet in the library at 7pm till 9pm.

Good luck to all the trivia goers on Saturday night, I am looking forward to seeing some amazing costumes. Even if you aren't dressing up it will be a sensational funny night. Leave your grumpy pants at home (unless you are one of the seven dwarfs) and bring your esky and tons of gold coins to try your hand at the games.
Thank you very much to all our wonderful families that supported our “Laura Jean Portraits Fundraiser”

Held over the Friday night and all day Saturday, we had 53 families take up the $20 portrait offer. We raised a total of $1060 as well as an additional $70.00 bonus cheque from Laura Jean, so a total of $1130.00 was raised for our wonderful children and school! So thank you all for being involved and for helping us achieve this great amount! We also received a FREE 3 portrait package, which was drawn by Andrew our photographer, and was won by the Rintoul Family, who were very excited to have been chosen!

I would like to thank Andrew our photographer, very much for being so wonderful yet again! He has a real knack of making these days run so smooth and comfortable for everyone involved. From the snippets of proofs that I have seen on his camera, there are going to be a lot of very happy Ironbark families!

A big thank you also to Deanne Baronoff yet again for all her assistance with helping organize Flexischools and the payments system, and for allowing it to run so smoothly for me 😊. Thank you also to Nicolle Greentree for all her help with the organizing of all the paperwork and overall assistance with the event.

Thank you all again, and I look forward to seeing you next year!

Monica Calderwood – Portrait Coordinator x
It's HERE!!!

This Saturday 26th October!!

The scene is set … for a FANTASTIC night ahead!!!

We’ll have a wonderful turn out mums, dads, teachers, office ladies, partners & friends, keen to have a fantastic night out and “show us what they know”!!

There will be LOTS of fantastic raffle items and half-time fun & games, such as “Coin Toss”, “Shoot the Hoop”, “Hack Sacks”, “Guess the Number on the $100 note”, to try your luck at!! So please don't forget your gold coins!

1st Prize in our raffle, is a fabulous Samsung 32" 3D LED Smart TV & BluRay DVD Player, RRP $600.

2nd Prize is a 1995 Penfolds Grange RRP $300.

These items were very generously donated by Samsung and CPS Alarms.

And there are MANY other fabulous prizes in the raffle as well, that you will definitely want to get your hands on!!

There will be prizes awarded for our HOLLYWOOD THEMED best-dressed male and best-dressed female and best decorated table!!! Be as "out there" as you like! Can't wait to see what everyone comes up with!
Please remember that it is **BYO nibblies and all drinks.** Pre-Trivia Mingle starts from **6.15pm** and Trivia kicks off at **7.00pm sharp!**

*Looking forward to a great night out, whilst supporting our wonderful school !!!*

*Thanks again for all your support!*

*Have a fantastic Trivia-Filled Weekend – “and may the best team win”!!!*

**Trivia Night Committee** 😊

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**CANTEEN**

Ice blocks are now sold recess as well as at lunch times.

**GLUTEN FREE FOODS**

With many children having allergies and conditions we try very hard in the canteen to accommodate the needs of everyone in our community. Recently families in our school have told us their child either have a condition like celiac or are gluten intolerant. We will be adding a range of gluten free products throughout term 4.

Available straight away are Piranha Vege Crackers. These are very tasty and priced the same as our regular crisps ranges.

**RECESS SPECIALS ALL $1.00**

MON - Garlic Bread  
WED - Noodle Cups  
FRI - Cheese Toasties

**SUSHI ON MONDAYS**

Sushi is very popular on Wednesday and Friday so now sushi will be available Mondays from now on. Order online through Flexischools or over the counter before school. Orders cannot be taken at recess as the supplier cannot delivery the order in time.

**NEW PRODUCTS**

We have recently added some new products in addition to the gluten free Piranha Vege Crackers, there are also jumpy crisps in chicken and salt & vinegar in the shape of little kangaroos. We are also carrying the new Paddle Pop Dinoterra in conjunction with participating in the new Lick-A-Prize promotion. So kids can claim their free lick-a-prize paddle pop at the canteen.

We will be trialling a number of other new items throughout term 4 like frozen watermelon pieces at the same price as the frozen pineapple rings of 40 cents.

**CANTEEN SHIFTS**

If anyone can spare some time to help out in the canteen with any of the below shifts please email me at: ironbarkridgeps.canteen@gmail.com or go to [www.carebookings.com.au](http://www.carebookings.com.au) and enter the booking code YJP98 to book your shifts online.
Your help would be greatly appreciated and your kiddies will love seeing you there.

CANTEEN SHIFT AVAILABILITY Term 4 -Weeks 3 to 6 (as at 22/10/13)

Friday 25th Oct:
1 person 10.45-12.45

Monday 28th Oct:
1 person 8.45-10.45
1 person 10.45-12.45
1 person 12.45-2.45

Wednesday 30th Oct:
1 person 8.45-10.45
2 people 10.45-12.45

Monday 4th Nov:
2 people 8.45-10.45
1 person 10.45-12.45
1 person 12.45-2.45

Friday 8th Nov:
1 person 10.45-12.45

Monday 11th Nov:
1 person 8.45-10.45
1 person 10.45-12.45
1 person 12.45-2.45

As you can see Mondays are our most needy days, as the key people who used to do a Monday shift have moved away or found full time work. If you can commit to a weekly or fortnightly shift we would be most appreciative.
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
GIRRAWEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Invitation to our Open Night

To Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an Academically Selective High School that offers students a curriculum for those who expect to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced staff providing students with safe, well-disciplined classes and well-equipped facilities.

You are invited to attend our open night that will be held at our school.

Our school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance, as well as classroom tours, displays, presentations & the chance to meet students and teachers.

Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Tuesday, 29th October 2013
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gilba Road
GIRRAWEEN NSW 2145
Tel: 9636 7203 or 9636 7303
Fax: 9694 2874
Web: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

HSC 2012 Achievements:
- 54 students received an ATAR above 96.
- 5 students received the Premier’s Award for All Round Excellence (Over 90% in all their subjects).
- 227 Mentions in the Distinguished Achievement List (Band 6 Results).
- 100% of the students achieved the top two bands in English Extension 2, History Extension, Senior Science and Visual Arts.
- 75% of the students achieved the top two bands in Mathematics Extension 2 and 97% in Mathematics Extension 1.

BIG GARAGE SALES

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2013
9 - 10 SABAL PLACE
BEAUMONT HILLS 2155
(2 or 3 Houses)
Hip Hop at Ironbark Ridge PS
Thursday afternoons in 6D classroom. Classes $8.00 ea
3.15pm—4.00pm Hip Hop Groove—have fun
4.00pm—4.45pm Hip Hop—learn Choreography
4.45—5.30 Breakdance
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**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME - Week 1**

| 2/12            | 3/12    | 4/12      | 5/12              | 6/12 Student Banking          |
|                 |         | Combined Scripture Assembly | Presentation Day |                               |
|                 |         | 2pm Assembly Newsletter | (No swimming today) |                               |

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME - Week 2**

| 9/12            | 10/12   | 11/12     | 12/12             | 13/12 Student Banking         |
| Stage 3 Fun Day | Stage 2 Fun Day | Kinder Fun Day | Stage 1 Fun Day |                               |
|                 | Yr6 Farewell | P&C: (To be confirmed) |                 |                               |

| 16/12           | 17/12   | 18/12     | 19/12             | 20/12 School Development Day #2 |
|                 |         | Last day for students | School Development Day #1 |                               |

**Notes:**
- Public Holiday:
- Term 4 2013
- All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school.
- Students return:
- Assembly 2pm:
- Newsletter:
- P&C Meeting 7pm:
- School Photo Day:
- PSSA Summer - R6:
- Family Photo Day on Saturday 19th Oct.:
- Trivia Night on Saturday 26th Oct.:
- SRC Halloween Disco:
- Kindergarten Parent Information Evening #2:
- School Swimming Scheme - Week 1:
- School Swimming Scheme - Week 2:
- Presentation Day (No swimming today):