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DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE

10 th PSSA	11 th -13 th Long Weekend
14 th Hills Performing Arts Choir practice	15 th Assembly, 5/6 Jibbon; Regional Cross Country
17 th PSSA	20 th Sport in Schools
21 st ICAS Spelling and Writing	23 rd RHHS ACER test for Yr 6
24 th PSSA	Wk 10 Semester 1 reports to parents
1 st July Last day of Term 2	

CURRENT NOTES

Dear Parents and Friends,

Last week we issued a note to parents that has caused a bit of a stir. It was about **before and after school supervision arrangements** and clearly stated the responsibility that the school accepts and that which needs to be accepted by parents.

Parents should note that teachers are not obligated to provide direct playground supervision at all before or after school. Many schools have a sign in the office window indicating a contact teacher for before school and no teacher physically in the playground before the bell goes to go into school - we provide two teachers on duty: one from 8.30am and a second from 8.45am.

Likewise for after school: it is common practice to supervise bus duty for obvious reasons of safety, however, it is not common practice to provide additional supervision for students not collected straight after school. We have provided this service because we care about student safety and recognise that parking is not always easy straight after school. There are, however, car spaces by about 3.10pm on most days. This week at 3.20pm the teacher on this duty was still supervising more than 20 students.

We have cracked down because we have had an increasing number of students not collected till after 3.30pm and it is not unusual to have students not picked up until 4pm. In one instance this term I was here until 5.30pm with a student who had not been picked up. Often there are parents who have done the right thing and booked their children into KTOOSH collecting their children while teachers and office staff are still supervising students not collected. It demonstrates a degree of disrespect that some parents think that it is OK to treat us as unpaid childcare.

Regrettably, the lack of responsibility from just a few parents has meant that we have had to take a stand. We understand that sometimes parents get caught in traffic and are delayed and we have no issue with this, especially if we are notified about what has happened. It is those parents who blatantly take advantage of us day after day that has caused the problem.

If you are not able to get here by 3pm to collect your child/ren please consider the following:

1. Booking your child/ren into KTOOSH;
2. Organising for your child/ren to catch the bus;
3. Car pooling with neighbours or friends;
4. Volunteering to run a Walking School Bus route for your neighbourhood.

Some of our **Year 6 students** enjoyed a day at Rouse Hill High School this week. This was the first of three **transition sessions** offered by the high school. Yesterday students participated in dance and drama activities.

Transition programs from Year 6 to Year 7 and **pre-school to Kinder** both have a focus at this school. Next Wednesday night our school will host an evening for parents whose children attend Play Days, Scribbles and Dimples Pre-schools. The topic will be school readiness. Mrs Stokes initiated this evening as a way of bringing our “feeder” pre-school parents together in one venue rather than the traditional method of school personnel addressing sessions at individual pre-schools.

Usually by this time of the term we have had our first **non-local Kinder panel**. I have delayed this until Term 3 as at this point we are anticipating more local Kinder enrolments. I am not in a position to estimate therefore how many non-local enrolments we can offer places to. The sooner local enrolments get their applications in (including siblings of current non-local enrolments), the quicker I will be in a position to look at non-local places for Kinder 2012.

Best wishes to our **Hills Performing Arts Festival** choir for their practice next Tuesday and our **Regional Cross Country** team who are competing for Ridges next Wednesday.

This week I was delighted to watch the auditions for the Hills Performing Arts Festival. Kinder, Stage 1, Boy's Hip Hop and Stage 3 dance groups were all fabulous as was the concert band, percussion ensemble and guitar ensembles. What talented students we have. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Talati, Mrs Shorten, Mrs Kassis, Miss Penhall, Mrs Cauchi and Mitch Cauchi for their work with these performance groups. It is only possible to have a couple of our groups selected for the Hills Performing Arts Festival but I would like to put on record how impressed I am with all of our performance groups.

Mrs Stokes is in the process of planning **Education Week** performances at the Rouse Hill Town Centre. Education Week is from 1st to 5th August (Week 3, Term 3). We will be having Open Day and a special assembly on Wednesday 3rd. This will include a Book Fair organised by Mrs Paton. Education Week is an opportunity to have student work and performance on show to parents and the community. Please make a note of the dates in your diary.

One of our Year 4 students, **Smrithi Vaithalingham**, has been selected as one of 4 students in NSW to record a voice over for an Education Week TV advertisement. Depending on how the recording goes, her voice may or may not be used, but either way it is recognition of the strong reputation our school has for public speaking.

Regards

Kerry Poole,

Principal

Due to the Stage 1 and Stage 3 Excursions, there was no Assembly or Ridgy Didge Awards this week.

PSSA SPORT 10th May

Our games are as follows:

Soccer - played at Kellyville Park, Memorial Avenue, Kellyville

Newcombe Ball – played at John Palmer Public School

Rugby League – played at Kellyville Park, Field 2 (at the back near the baseball diamond)

Netball – Cancelled due to NSW Championships

WELFARE MATTERS

As part of our behaviour procedures at Ironbark, we have established a reflection room. Information about it is detailed below. If you wish to discuss your child's behaviour then please contact his/her classroom teacher in the first instance. The assistant principal's for each stage are listed below for further follow-up if required.

Early Stage One – Cathy Stokes

Stage One – Kerry De Jager

Stage Two – Judy Burns

Stage Three – Alison Johnson

REFLECTION ROOM @ IRPS

What is the Reflection Room?

This is a place for students to reflect on their behaviours. Students will need to think about their actions in relation to our school's expectations of behaviour. They will record their reflections to help them assume responsibility for their behaviours.

Where is it?

It is located in a classroom that is easy to find.

Who is to attend?

The room will be supervised by an assistant principal. Students will attend when they have been referred by an assistant principal or classroom teacher. If a teacher refers a student then they need to escort the student to the room and complete a referral.

When will it be used?

The room will be used every lunch time from 1.10pm till 1.45pm from Monday through to Friday.

Procedures in the room:

When a student has been referred to the room their details will be recorded in a log.

The supervising AP will ensure that a referral form has been completed by the referring teacher. The data will be entered onto our STARS system by the AP supervising the stage for that student.

A parent slip will be completed by the supervising AP and given to the student. This will be returned the following day. The student will need to bring the signed slip to the referral room and hand it to the supervising AP. If it is not returned, the student stays in the referral room until it is.

PEER SUPPORT WEEK 7



We focus on the family this week in Peer Support. In order to encourage young people to be resilient, we need to help them find the people who can support them. The children are asked to remember the things they have learned to do with the help of various family members. This leads to an activity that shows the children how the support of members of their family can help them to be more resilient.

Thank your child for something they have done for you and discuss all the people within and outside your family that your child can turn to for support.



Schools and students are being invited to join in the **2011 MS Readathon**. By registering to take part in this annual reading event, schools across Australia unite to help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

There is also an added **bonus** for participating schools. Eligible schools have a chance to win up to \$10,000 in Apple products. They will also get 10% of the amount raised returned to them in Target gift cards. Go to www.msreadathon.org.au for more information, terms and conditions.

Here's how you can get involved...

First you need to register. You can do this by going to the MS Readathon website at www.msreadathon.org.au.

Second – Read for 30 days throughout June and July. Check the website to see when your reading period starts.

Third – Fundraise. Asking your family is a great way to start. They may even be able to help you think of other ideas to raise money for people with MS.

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.

P & C NEWS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow this year is going fast.

Fundraising continues this term with the Trivia Night and Pie Drive being the next events. I assure you that participating in these fundraisers will be the best thing you can do. Ivan's Pies are a big hit on everyone's table over winter.

Last Night the P&C approved the purchase of a new bbq and the installation of a new online canteen ordering system. I am sure that the Canteen Committee will provide you with more information on this when it is ready to be rolled out.

We have also commenced work on getting quotes for the extension of the path from the top gate down along the High School fence. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in the October holidays.

A bit of pre-warning that the November meeting will need to be moved from 9 November 2011 to 16 November 2011 as most of the Executive will be absent. Please mark it in your diaries.

I have attached to the newsletter a sheet that discloses the Loyalty Programs that the P&C are involved in. Please support these companies where possible.

Please stop by the P&C page of the school website as it has recently been updated with new information including additions to the Parent Directory. If you can, please support the parents of our school in their businesses.

Everything from fundraising notes, canteen price lists, minutes of meetings, constitution to uniform order forms will be in the P&C section of the website. Please make use of this website as much as possible to minimise extra work for the staff at the school.

Thanks

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IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C LOYALTY PROGRAMS 2011

The following companies provide P&C endorsed Loyalty Programs for Ironbark Ridge Public School:-

Franklins Rouse Hill

When you shop at Franklins Rouse Hill use your Franklins Loyalty Card for a percentage of your sales to come back to the school as a fundraiser. If you do not have a Loyalty Card you can ask at the checkout for your sales to be placed on the Ironbark Ridge Account.

IGA Beaumont Hills

Place your docket in the Ironbark Ridge Public School box and a percentage of your sales comes back to the school as a fundraiser.

Athlete's Foot Rouse Hill / Blacktown

Athletes Foot will give the school \$5 per pair of sneakers or school shoes purchased from either of these stores.

Good Guys Castle Hill

When purchasing something at Good Guys Castle Hill please ask for the school voucher and bring it in to the office. At the end of the year the P&C use these vouchers to purchase items for the school ie cameras etc

That's Mine Labels

That's Mine Labels provides 10% of sales back to the school as a fundraiser. Please write the school's name on your order form.

Mothers Day Stall

We still have a few outstanding IOU's for the Mothers Day Stall. Can you please arrange to have this money in as soon as possible. Thank you ☺

Entertainment Books

You would have all received this years Entertainment book flyer, another has been sent home recently.

The cost of the Entertainment books, are \$60 for Sydney Greater West, \$65 for Sydney and \$65 for Sydney North. \$12 from each book sold goes to the school fundraising.

Please drop your forms with the money into the office. This great offer closes 30 June 2011.

FUNdraising

The next fundraising meeting will be 7pm, 14 June 2011 at Mungarie House, Bellcast Road, Rouse Hill. All we ask is that you bring along a smile and a positive attitude! If you are unable to make it but would like help in some way please forward your details to fundraising.ironbark@gmail.com and we will be in touch.

Commonwealth Bank Student Banking

School banking does not STOP!

Just drop off your child's Youthsaver passbook with the money they wish to deposit into the office by Friday morning and these deposits will be processed and your child's book will be returned to them.

Each year the Commonwealth Bank runs an incentive program to encourage children to bank regularly. This includes collecting tokens for prizes.

This is a great way to start teaching your children great saving habits for the future as well as helping to raise some money for our school. We receive \$5 for every new account that is opened through us and the Commonwealth Bank will donate to the school 5% of the value of the deposits made to student's Youthsaver accounts through Student Banking.

If you want more details or an account application form please email Lisa at fundraising.ironbark@gmail.com



Help get more equipment for The School's Veggie Garden!The McCain Veggie Patch Promo is back!

We are again collecting bar codes from McCain Frozen Vegetables and Purely Potato products to trade for equipment for the school's veggie garden.

There is a box in the office so just drop them in between now and October.

For more information or to see how many points we have go to

www.mccainveggiepatches.com

It's here ...



Ironbark's 6th Annual Pie Drive!



Don't miss out!

DUE – TUESDAY 14th JUNE !!

Please have all orders forms in by next Tuesday 14th June.

Delivery date is - Friday 24th June, so you can enjoy some delicious pies during the school holidays!

Please make **any cheques payable to “Ironbark Ridge Public School P&C”**, and place **your order forms and payment in the green box** in the office.

There is a delicious array of savoury pies, quiches and sausage rolls – available in standard sizes or larger family sizes, and some yummy dessert pies as well! Pies are delivered fresh, which gives the perfect opportunity to order up BIG, and **stock up the freezer** for all those sport / activity filled wintery afternoons when you're **searching for a quick dinner option!!**



If you need another order form, you can find one on the school website under P&C /Fundraising.

These pies are definitely delicious ... (just ask **anyone** who has bought them previously) ... and well worth stocking up your freezer!

Usual comments are . . . **“I wish I ordered more!”**

ANY QUESTIONS, don't hesitate to contact **Sharyn Latham-Callcott on 0438 010 387** or at: sharyn.lc@hotmail.com



Happy Pie Driving !!!

Only 1 week to go until ...



Ironbark Trivia Night!



Saturday, 18th June!!

Thank you for such a FANTASTIC response to our Trivia Night - we have **sold 20 Tables!!**

There are **4 tables left** if you'd still like to come along!!

It will be a great night with games and prizes and lots of fun to be had by all!!



We are putting out a call for helpers for the trivia night please!!

Please let us know as soon as possible, if you can help in any way with :-

- **Set up of hall – from 2pm**
- **Raffle ticket sellers on the night – need 6**

If you can help, please contact Sharyn Latham-Callcott at: sharyn.lc@hotmail.com

Your help will really help to the success of a great night!! 😊

We are getting prize donations together . . . so if **anyone** knows of anyone who is interested in **promoting their business name**, **or individual families** who would like to donate a gift voucher or prize etc, **(no matter how small)** ... please send them our way it would be **GREATLY appreciated!!** Please contact Jacqii Pilarski at: jacqii@aspireearlyintervention.com so we can organise, and list your name in the sponsorship acknowledgements. **Thank you !!**

Don't forget to BYO drinks & nibbles, and come along ready **for a great time in a relaxed & social atmosphere!!**

Not long to go now the excitement is mounting !!!

We hope to see you join parents, friends and teachers for a fun night out, with plenty of laughs . . . And all for a great cause . . . to raise money for our wonderful school!!

Trivia Night Committee



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Information on Winter School Holiday Activities conducted by the Hills Shire Council can be found on their website: ww.thehills.nsw.gov.au

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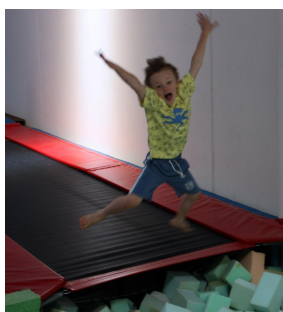


School Holiday Gymnastics Clinics

For school aged boys and girls

**Come and experience gymnastics in our exciting
gymnastics facility**

- Loads of fun in a safe environment
- Qualified and Professional Coaches
- Olympic Standard Equipment
- Foam Filled Landing Pits
- Trampolines
- Affiliated with Gymnastics Australia and NSW



Monday 4th July – Friday 8th July
Monday 11th July – Friday 15th July

Cost :

\$40 per day (9.00am – 3.00pm) or
\$30 per half day session (9.00am – 12.30pm)

Term 3 Enrolments Now Being Taken

Classes for Boys and Girls 18 months and above

**Book Now On 9620 8323 or sydacgym@hotmail.com
Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills
www.sydneygymnastics.com.au**