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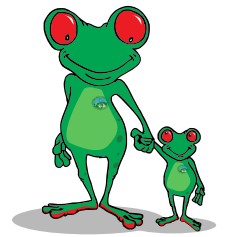
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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



Newsletter 2017

Term 3 Week 5 18th August, 2017

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUGUST

22nd – Ironbark Ridge v North Rocks (Met West Chess Final)

25th – Be Skilled Be Fit K-2, PSSA (Round 13)

29th – RHHS Transistion Day 2

31st – Fathers Day Stall

23rd – Hawkesbury Eisteddfod, KT Assembly

27th – Tournament of Minds

30th – 2C Assembly

SEPTEMBER

1st – Ridges Athletics Carnival, Jersey Day, Be Skilled, Be Fit K-2,

6th – 2/1J Assembly, Hills Performing Arts Festival – Rehearsal & Evening Performance, Evan Theatre Penrith

7th – Blacktown Debating (Semi-Final)

12th – RHHS Transistion Day 3

14th – K-2 Athletics Carnival, Stage 2 Incursion

20th – Book Character Parade & Grandparents Day, Whole School Assembly

21st – Yr. 6 Fun Day

5th – Kellyville HS GATS Challenge

8th – Be Skilled, Be Fit K-2

13th – 6/5F Assembly

16th – Be Skilled Be Fit – K-

22nd – Be Skilled Be Fit K-2, Last day of school for Term 3

*** Subscribe to our 'Ironbark Ridge – Events' Google calendar (see the app or the school website)*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At the half-way point of the term our students are deep into a wide range of learning activities and projects. Over the past fortnight I've witnessed some amazing writing from our Kindy students, creative presentations from Stage 3, outstanding speeches from Stage 2 students, and engrossed young readers independently researching in Stage 1. It's a real joy getting out into our classrooms and watching such inspired learning taking place!

NAPLAN results for 2017, Information session in Week 9

Student reports from this year's NAPLAN testing have gone home with all Year 3 and Year 5 students this week. Please read your child's report in the context of it being one test, on one day, and only a small part of the student progress information we use to inform our teaching and learning at Ironbark Ridge. Each year we spend considerable time analysing the larger set of *group* results as a school and it informs our future planning of programs and focus areas for all students. We are conducting a parent Information session about these insights from our whole-school data in Week 9, Wednesday 13th September, 6pm in the school Library – before our P&C meeting. Please join us for this learning session.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

We will be holding our annual K-2 Athletics afternoon here at school on Thursday 14th September so please join us for a fun afternoon from 1.30pm on our grass oval at school. All students from Kindy to Year 2 (born in 2010, 7-year olds) will be part of the action. Year 2 students who attended the 3-6 Athletics Carnival late last term will have lessons in combined Yr2 classes while the carnival is on that afternoon. More information will be sent home prior to the big event.

Admin Office

The school administration staff at Ironbark Ridge are outstanding at balancing their friendly customer service duties with ongoing finance and organisational tasks to keep our school ticking along so smoothly. Occasionally tasks like delivering left-at-home hats or forgotten lunches to students need to be carried out for

you, our parents and community, however we request that deliveries of this nature do not become regular as they can be disruptive if too frequent. Thanks ☺

NAPLAN Online – readiness testing

Our chosen school dates to complete the trial testing will be the week of September 11th to 15th, Week 9 of this term. This is an opportunity for the school to test out our devices and internet bandwidth to handle the number of simultaneous logins from students necessary to effectively conduct the assessment next year. It is not an extra student test and results from the students during the trial will not be collated and released to parents or the school.

Interested parents can access more information at the website: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

An official flyer about the trial is attached later in the newsletter.



U-Turns... and taking the long-but-safe route instead!

I recently received communication from a local resident who has witnessed several dangerous u-turns performed in our local streets, almost colliding with other cars. Please remember that our streets near the school are very narrow and often have centre-dividing gardens/drains. It is always safer to continue to the end of the street and turn with care where vision is clear. Sometimes this means driving an extra hundred metres or so however safety is our priority and we all know that students and other residents may be walking, cycling or driving past so please be safe and take the long way if necessary.

Earn & Learn

A certain supermarket chain currently has a purchase-reward program operating called 'Earn and Learn'. Upon a recent visit to the North Kellyville branch of un-named supermarket I noticed our school collection box was full to overflowing with generous community support of tokens. Thank you!!... and keep collecting as the school can order a range of educational materials and equipment at the finish of the program ;)

BBQ at Election Day Sept 9

We are looking for volunteers to help the school run the traditional Election Day BBQ fundraiser here on Saturday September 9th. Please drop in to the school office or phone us if you can volunteer for an hour or two on the day between 8am and 4pm. You can use the link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ofM9fKTgg0HSoodpKW_SWt-S4Em72CkTt9tHNI3e8/edit?usp=sharing

to access the online shared roster and add your name to a timeslot that way.

See you there for a fun time BBQing and raising money for our students' classrooms!



Dancer and ambassador...

Tara (6/5M) recently volunteered at the 'Do Something Day' Christmas in July Surprise Party at Ronald McDonald House, Westmead. Tara was noted by the organisers as a first class ambassador for our school and was even featured in some Channel 7 news footage. It's fantastic to see such community spirit in our students.

Well done, Tara!

Jersey Day

We will be recognising Jersey Day on the 1st September at Ironbark Ridge. Interested students and families should discuss the issue of organ donorship at home in the way you feel is most appropriate – usually dispelling myths and only delving as deep as the developmental age of your children allows. Please consider supporting such a worthy community initiative.



Little Athletics – Join the Rams!

Our local club is resting athletes to compete at Hills Centenary Oval each Friday night. Little Athletics is a fantastic way for our Ironbark Ridge students to stay fit and develop healthy lifestyle habits so consider registering your child at the Rams! You can register and pay online through the Little Athletics NSW website. See the flyer as well!

Yours in lifelong learning,

Nick Thomson
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Performance Season!

The season of performance is well and truly upon us. After very successful performances at Open Day and at Castle Towers, all 9 (yes, 9!) dance groups will be performing at Hawkesbury Eisteddfod next Wednesday. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 dance groups, as well as our Boys Hip Hop group and Hills Choir will perform at the Hills Performing Arts Festival on Wednesday 6th September. Then, in early Term 4, our Kindy, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 dance groups will perform their items at the Ridges Festival, which is held at Hillsong Church. Our Schools Spectacular group will begin their rehearsals in earnest later this term, in preparation for their big performance in November at Qudos Bank Arena. On top of this, our Pulse Choir will perform at the Opera House in November, and our Band will perform as part of Rouse Hill



High School's MADD celebrations. We are so fortunate to have many talented teachers and supportive parents willing to assist our many performance groups!

The School Photographer

The School Photographer will be at Ironbark Ridge Public School re-taking portrait and family photos on Thursday 24th August. If you would like your child / children to have their photo taken on this day, please complete the slip on the note included in this newsletter and return it to school with your child by Monday 21st August 2017. This service will be provided free of charge for re-shoots. Students new to Ironbark Ridge will also have their photo taken on this day. **You will not need to return the note if your child has started at our school since March.** Please ensure they come to school wearing full Winter uniform. The School Photographer will provide information to new families about how to purchase these photos (if desired). Please note that these will be portrait photos only.

Grandparent's Day and Book Character Parade

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date of our Book Character Parade / Grandparents Day. Schools are extremely busy places with many events competing for time, as well as competing for staff to run them! We were forced to make the decision to move the parade to the last week of term, a decision we did not make lightly. We do appreciate that this has affected some families who have had to change their plans, and for that, we are truly sorry. We do hope all grandparents have a chance to make their way to our school at one of our planned events this year.

From the P&C: Father's Day Stall Donations

This year our annual P&C Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 31st August during class time. We are sending a call out for anyone who would like to donate a gift to the value of \$5 or \$10 to please send it into the School office (in clear cellophane if possible). Donated gifts provide variety to our stall for the students to choose from, whilst also helping our P&C Events team to purchase less gifts.

Some great ideas of gifts donated in the past are: Keyrings, car cleaning gift packs, small pocket tool sets, funny socks, fudge packs, and car air fresheners.

For those new to the school, you can purchase "Stall vouchers" on your Flexischools account under "P&C Events" to the value of \$5 or \$10 (purchasing as many as you like for your child to spend) and the vouchers are handed out by the teacher on the day of the stall, so the child can go "shopping" at their class's allocated time throughout the day. When pre-purchasing Flexischools vouchers, the kids can purchase gifts for Dad, Uncle, Pop, Grandad, Step-Dad... As many vouchers as they would like (only when pre-purchasing, as we are able to estimate gift numbers required - No cash sales on the day). So, jump onto Flexischools now to purchase your vouchers, and remember, any gift donations are welcomed and appreciated and can be handed to the office from today onwards.

Operation Christmas Child – Leading and Helping Others

Because of the initiative of one of our student leaders, Chelsea Wright, our school will be supporting Operation Christmas Child. It's a very simple way to teach our students the joy we gain in sharing our fortunes with others. To get started, we encourage all families to start filling and decorating a shoebox with some





Ironbark Ridge Public School

Parent Planner Term 3 2017

As at 17.8.17

** Note: All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	17 th July Staff Development Day	18 th July Students return Parent Teacher Interviews	19 th July 1G Assembly	20 th July	21 st July Be Skilled Be Fit K-2 Winter PSSA
2	24 th July Parent Teacher Interviews	25 th July	26 th July OC Placement Test 2P Assembly P&C Meeting	27 th July	28 th July Be Skilled Be Fit K-2 Winter PSSA
3 EDUCATION WEEK	31 st July Kindergarten Chicks arrive – Henny Penny	1 st August 7.45am ICAS English OPEN DAY	2 nd August Whole School Leadership Induction	3 rd August 11.30am Performances at Castle Towers	4 th August Be Skilled Be Fit K-2 Winter PSSA
4	7 th August	8 th August Kindergarten 2018 Information Evening	9 th August KB Assembly	10 th August Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm One Day Chess tournament Blacktown Debating Competition	11 th August Be Skilled Be Fit K-2 Winter PSSA
5	14 th August	15 th August 7.45am ICAS Maths	16 th August 10am HPAF Combined Choir Rehearsal BHNPS KS Assembly	17 th August RHHS Transition Day 1	18 th August Be Skilled Be Fit K-2 Winter PSSA
6 BOOK WEEK	21 st August	22 nd August Western Sydney Wanderers Cup	23 rd August Hawkesbury Eisteddfod KT Assembly	24 th August Touch Football Gala Day School Photographer portrait photos for new students	25 th August Be Skilled Be Fit K-2 Winter PSSA Sunday 27 th August Tournament of the Minds
7	28 th August	29 th August RHHS Transition Day 2	30 th August 2C Assembly	31 st August Stage 2 Longneck Lagoon (4 students) Father's Day Stall	1 st September Be Skilled Be Fit K-2 Jersey Day Ridges Athletics Carnival
8 SASS WEEK	4 th September	5 th September Kellyville HS GATS Challenge	6 th September Hills Performing Arts Festival Day Rehearsal and Evening Performance – Evan Theatre, Penrith 2/1J Assembly	7 th September Blacktown Debating Competition Semi-Final at Blacktown South PS	8 th September Be Skilled Be Fit K-2 Winter PSSA 9 th September Local Council Elections
9	11 th September	12 th September RHHS Transition Day 3	13 th September 6/5F Assembly P&C Meeting	14 th September Stage 2 Incursion 'New Inventors' in IRPS Hall	15 th September Be Skilled Be Fit K-2
10	18 th September	19 th September MADD - RHHS	20 th September Book Character Parade & Grandparents' Day Whole School Assembly	21 st September Year 6 Fun Day	22 nd September Be Skilled Be Fit K-2

CHANGE OF DATE

Book Character Parade

and

Grandparents Day

DATE: Wednesday 20th September 2017

TIME: 9.15am Activities in Classrooms

10.00am Character Parade

11.00am Morning Tea



Ironbark Ridge P&C Presents

Trash 'n' Treasure

Sunday 22nd October
10am - 2pm
Ironbark Ridge Public School



Clean out your unwanted items such as books, toys, clothing, homewares, plants, bikes, baby items and more!

\$25-00 per stall
pay on FlexiSchools
www.flexischools.com.au
Pay by 15th October

Bring your own
gazebo, tables and chair





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16th August 2017

THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

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If you have any queries, please contact me via the school office.

Kind Regards,

Kerrie Pho

Deputy Principal.

The School Photographer

I would like my child, _____ (name) of class _____ to have their portrait re-taken by The School Photographer on Thursday 24th August.

Please tick one:

☐

Portrait only

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Family photo

Sibling names and classes: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent / Carer) Date: _____

This form is also available on the school website.

Ridgy Didge Awards

WEEK 4

KBB	Jack, Ali, Ruby, Ava
K C	Brynn, Sophie, Aydin, Prajuarn, Nicholas
K T	Max, Riley, Jemima, Michelle, Emily
1 B	Leila, Akshata, Cooper, Damanpreet, Taeseo
2/1 J	Cage, Emily, Madelyn, James, Selina
2 P	Eliyas, Shyla, Natalie, Fudail
3 W	Halle, Annabelle, Ben, Zakary, Khye
4 L	Christian, Ruben, Hayden, Jayden, Lexis
5/4 K	Jasmine, Ayan, Kayvaan, Hannah
6/5 A	Dilan, Kaitlin, Kirsten, Erica
6/5 P	Ryan, Tasmyn, Joshua, Anlu, Aury
Principal	3W for Environmental Initiative
Library	1B, 5/6A, 5/6P
Chinese	5/6A, Jayden (5/6A)

WEEK 5


K M	Samin, Eric, Tangyue
K S	Amelie, Jasper, Zoe, Alex
1 E	Logan, Francesca, Bonnie, Koby, James
1G	Ved, Isabel, Ethan, Amalia,
1R	Roshan, Imogen, Kiana, Addison, Isaac
2 C	Ariel, Sarvin, Ruby, Tristan
2W	Blake, Charlotte, Oliver, Xzyra
3 S	Arya, Eloise, Tailor, Darius, Julia
4/3 B	Rachit, Eham, Soham, Leah
4 K	Oliver, Khematip, Jesse, Sienna, Mitchell
5 K	Amudha, Aadie, Oliver, Anthony, Bryan
6/5 F	Kyle, Chelsea, Imran, Cassie
6/5 S	Skye, Jordan, Josh, Daniel, Eloise
6 H	Struthee, Ethan, Martin, Megan, Ryan
Principal	Ridgy Didge Playment Buddies – Negotiation Skills
Library	4T, 1E
Chinese	3Sloths, Ben (3S), Jaden (3S)
Art	Halle, Francesca, Megan, Jeremy



We are now taking enrolments for local students who are starting Kindergarten in 2018. We are also accepting Out of Area mainstream Kindy applications who have siblings that are already at our school.

We have been notified that we have had a case of "slapped cheek" in the school. Attached is a fact sheet on the illness so you can be aware of any symptoms that you think your child may be experiencing or if you feel you should seek medical assistance.

Allison Batten
School Administration Manager

**Health**

Communicable Diseases Factsheet

Parvovirus B19 (Fifth Disease)

Last updated: 1 July 2012

Parvovirus B19 infection is a mild rash illness that occurs most commonly in children. The ill child typically has a "slapped-cheek" rash on the face and a lacy red rash on the trunk and limbs. The child is not very ill, and the rash resolves in 7 to 10 days.

What is Parvovirus B19 (Fifth Disease)?

Parvovirus B19 is a common childhood viral illness. It is also called fifth disease, "slapped cheek" or erythema infectiosum. About 50 per cent of all adults have been infected sometime during childhood. Parvovirus B19 only infects humans and cannot be transmitted to or from animals.

What are the symptoms?

The ill child typically has a "slapped-cheek" rash on the face, which may be followed by a lace like rash on the trunk and limbs. Occasionally, the rash may itch. The child may have a low-grade fever, runny nose, and nausea and diarrhoea a few days before the rash breaks out. The rash resolves in 7 to 10 days but may recur in when exposed to sunlight or heat for 3 weeks or longer.

An adult who is infected with parvovirus B19 may have no symptoms at all, or may develop a rash, joint pain or swelling, or both. It is usually the small joints of both hands and occasionally ankles, knees and wrists that are affected. The joint symptoms usually resolve in a week or two, but can last longer.

Symptoms usually develop between 4 and 20 days after being infected with the virus.

How is it spread?

The virus is spread by contact with infected respiratory secretions (for example, by coughing), and from mother to unborn baby.

Persons are most contagious before the rash develops.

Who is at risk?

Any one who is not immune to it. (People who have had parvovirus B19 are usually immune to it for life).

What if I am pregnant?

Usually there is no serious complication for a pregnant woman or her baby following exposure to a person with parvovirus B19 infection.

About 50 per cent of women are already immune to parvovirus B19, and these women and their babies are protected from infection and illness. For women who are not immune, the infection usually only causes a mild illness. Rarely, miscarriages can occur usually when the mother becomes infected early in the pregnancy.

How is it prevented?

There is no vaccine or medicine that prevents parvovirus B19 infection.

- Frequent hand washing is recommended to reduce the spread of parvovirus.

- Excluding infected persons from work, child care centres, schools, or other settings is not likely to prevent the spread of parvovirus B19, since ill persons are contagious before they develop the rash.

How is it diagnosed?

A doctor can often diagnose parvovirus B19 by seeing the typical rash during a physical examination. In cases in which it is important to confirm the diagnosis, a blood test may be done to look for antibodies to parvovirus. A blood test for parvovirus B19 may show that you are either:

- immune to parvovirus B19 and do not have the infection
- are not immune and could be infected if exposed, or
- have had a recent infection.

How is it treated?

Treatment of symptoms such as fever, pain, or itching is usually all that is needed for parvovirus B19. Adults with joint pain and swelling may need to rest, restrict their activities, and take medicines such as aspirin or ibuprofen to relieve symptoms.

What is the public health response?

Parvovirus B19 infection is not notifiable in New South Wales. Infected individuals are not excluded from childcare, school or work but should be advised to rest at home until they feel better.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au

KINDY CAPERS

Our excursion last Thursday to Calmsley Hill Farm was a great success. The children were well behaved and enjoyed so many sights and sounds. There was a lot to take in. Some exciting features of the day were the tractor ride, which was bumpy and dusty but so much fun. Milking the cow was an experience many children will remember to tell for years to come. We watched the shearing show, the sheep roundup and the whip cracking. The bus ride went well with some very tired children on the journey home.



Our little chicks have gone back to the farm but the students learnt so much about the lifecycle of chickens and how to care for the baby chicks.

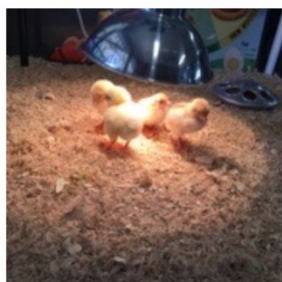
The children in the dance group have some important dates coming up. The Hawkesbury Eisteddfod is on Wednesday the 23rd of September and Ridges Festival Friday the 13th of October notes have gone home with the details.

Year 6 Fun Day is coming up on the 21st of September. The Year 6 students organise many fun activities for the other grades and any money raised goes towards a present that Year 6 students give back to the school.

Gymnastics on Fridays is such a positive activity. Already children are showing improvements with their Gross Motor skills and confidence.

With the Father's Day Stall approaching donations of gifts are very much welcomed and appreciated.

Reminder Grandparents Day and the book parade is on the 20th of September.





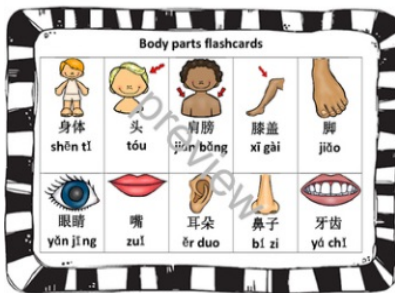
Kindy Teachers

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

After all the excitement of Open Day and shopping centre performances, our dancers are continuing to rehearse in readiness for the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod on Thursday 24th August. We are confident their enthusiasm and sparkle will shine on the day.

We are continuing our learning journey in our classes, looking at families past and present as well as how our wants and needs affect various products and packaging we find in the shops. Be ready for lots of questions about your family tree.

Gymnastics also continues on Fridays with lots of tumbling, swinging on the bar, jumping on the trampoline and commando crawling along the mats. The students are growing in confidence. It is also great to see that more children are able to tie up their own shoelaces. Keep practising this important skill.



Part of our curriculum is our Chinese program. In Year 1 this term the classes have been learning how to say the parts of the body and have been practising using these words with a partner. For example leg is tui, nose is bi zi and tummy is du zi. In Year 2 students are talking about their family members. Thanks to Miss Gu and Mrs P for their continued enthusiastic instruction. Good luck to all our students over the next few weeks whether it be performing at the Eisteddfod, tumbling away at gymnastics or just being fabulous Ironbark Ridge students.

Stage One teachers

STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

What another wonderful week at Ironbark Ridge for our Stage 2 students! Years 3 and 4 continue to strive for their personal best in all aspects of their learning embodying Ironbark Ridge's core values of strength, respect and excellence. Keep up the good work Stage 2!

Public Speaking Competition

Stage 2 have been working very hard in literacy sessions this week to write and develop their own speeches on a topic of their choosing. All students presented their speeches during class this week and everyone should be extremely proud of their efforts!

Two finalists from each class were then selected to compete against each other at the Stage finals, which were held this Thursday. The level to which all the speeches were delivered was outstanding.

A big thank you is due to Mrs Pho who adjudicated this Thursday's competition, and of course congratulations to all the well deserving winners!



Monday Fitness

Just a friendly reminder that all Stage 2 students need to wear their sports uniform to school on Mondays for our fitness session.

This term years 3 and 4 are undertaking a fitness challenge designed to increase overall fitness, strength, and co-ordination. By tracking our progress each week, we hope to see some great gains by the end of the term!



Book Character Parade!

That time of year is just around the corner! IRPS's book character parade will be held on Wednesday of Week 10 this term and we are very excited! All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and take part in the parade. We can't wait to see everyone's amazing costumes. Get planning!



Stage 2 teachers.

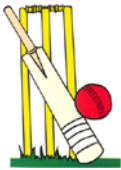
STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

Can you believe it? Half way through Term 3 already! With the rush of Education week over, we have settled down into our usual routine which involves plenty of learning and hands-on activities.

Maths problem-solving groups are producing fantastic results. There has been a lot of positive feedback from students about their levels of confidence in tackling these tricky tasks.

Speeches have been underway for the inaugural Hills Public Speaking Competition. Week 4 and 5 saw us being entertained by our speakers, with the Stage 3 finals on Monday morning. In Week 6, our two representatives will compete against speakers from local schools. We have been amazed at the high standard and wish all our students luck.

Congratulations to all the Chess players who competed at Beaumont Hills. How awesome for our team to be placed first, with special mention to Aditya (6H) and Dhvani (6H) who received trophies for being placed 3rd and 4th overall respectively.



The Milo Cricket Cup was a day of fun, fair play and sportsmanship. Well done to our participants who upheld the good name of Ironbark Ridge. Next week sees the Soccer Wanderers Cup and Touch Footy Gala Day happening. We know our students will continue to do us proud.

Our 'Tournament of Minds' teams are also busy collaborating, thinking critically and creatively, to solve a given problem. As a team, this can be both challenging and rewarding. The teams all seem to be on track, although there is still much to be done in the next week before the competition on the 27th August. Thanks to all teachers and parents for your encouragement and support in this regard.

We would like to wish Sussana all the best as she represents our region at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition on 24 Aug. What an amazingly talented speaker she is!

Stage 3 Teachers

Knitting is catching on in 5D and 6H



Funday

Year 6 will be holding their Funday in Week 10, and will be holding a White Elephant Stall as one of the activities. If you have any books, game or toys, in good condition, not broken and no missing parts that you would like to donate for the event it would be greatly appreciated. However, no electronic items can be sold. All items to be handed into Mrs DeJager's classroom by Thursday 14th September.



Thank you for your support.

Chinese News!

Nǐmen hǎo! 你们好!



We will be having an information night for all students and their families on Monday 4 September (Week 8) at 7pm in the Library. We will be discussing many aspects of the upcoming trip including the itinerary, cost, and what to do next if you would like your child to go to China. This will also be an opportunity to hear

from students who went to China in 2016, and to ask any questions you may have at this stage.



I look forward to seeing you all.

Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher K-6

Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that there is only **1 week** left to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. **The challenge will close on Friday 25th August 2017.**

Information, booklists, rules and reading logs are available at www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



Students in K-2 have had their challenge books entered at school based on the books shared together in class and library.

Years 3-6 will need to enter their own books via the website.

Please see your class teacher or Mrs Sexton if you need assistance accessing or updating your reading record.

Happy reading!

Mrs Sexton

PSSA SPORT: TERM 3

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN PSSA TEAMS (EXCEPT GIRLS SOCCER & NETBALL) ARE REQUIRED TO BE A SCHOOL ON FRIDAY MORNINGS IN TERM 2 AT 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 PASSA ON THAT FRIDAY.

ROUND 13 25th August

BOYS SOCCER	Schofields Park, Schofields
GIRLS SOCCER	Hills Centenary Oval (walking)
NEWCOMBE BALL	Rouse Hill Public School
RUGBY LEAGUE	Kellyville Park, Memorial Avenue, Kellyville (back field)
NETBALL	Baulkham Hills Netball Courts, court 7

Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
 - Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
 - This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
 - This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
 - Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.
- * Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



**NORTH SYDNEY BOYS
HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2017
9:15 AM - 12:00 PM



The North Sydney Boys community invites you to Open Day.

Join us to discover how we deliver excellence and innovation in boys' education. Our students, parents and teachers look forward to welcoming you to the school and sharing with you what makes North Sydney Boys so unique.

School Tours: 9:15am; 9:30am; 9:45am; and 11:15am

Principal's Address and student presentations: 10:45am



CORNER OF FALCON AND
MILLER STREETS, CROWS
NEST

PHONE: 9955 4748

PARKING IN THE
SURROUNDING STREETS IS
LIMITED TO 2 HOURS. THE
SCHOOL IS BEST ACCESSED
BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT. VISIT
TRANSPORTNSW.INFO FOR
TIMETABLE INFORMATION.

CASTLE HILL SOFTBALL CLUB

Play BLASTBALL, TEE-BALL, and SOFTBALL with our family-friendly club!

For all adults, girls, and boys aged four (4) and up -
we cater for everyone, regardless of experience!



Registration Day for the 2017/18 summer season:

Date: Sunday, 20th August 2017

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Stanhope Gardens Softball Fields (Stanhope Pkwy, Stanhope Gardens)

**Feel free to come on down and meet the club's Executive Committee
and register in a team for the upcoming season!**

***All newly registered players 12 years and under receive a FREE
glove and ball pack before the start of the season!!***

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the club or head to our website
(full season information can be found here with our online registration form):

Enquiries: Aimee Sutton (CHSC Registrar)

Telephone: 0400 393 260

Email: castlehillsoftball@yahoo.com.au

Facebook: @castlehillsoftball

Website: www.castlehill.softball.org.au



Parking Rules & Penalties

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs 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.



NO STOPPING

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 \$330 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

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

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

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 \$183 and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS

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 \$183 and 2 demerit points

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.

	NO PARKING You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty from \$183 and 2 demerit points
	NO STOPPING Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.	Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points
	BUS ZONE You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.	Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points

Double parking	\$330 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$183 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$439 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$549 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$439 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$183 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$439 & 4 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$257

FINES CURRENT AS OF JULY 2017

For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

3 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153
 PO Box 7064, Baulkham Hills BC 2153
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 Sydney's Garden State



ROUSE HILL RAMS LITTLE ATHLETICS

Centenary Park

Fridays 6.30pm

Register now www.lansw.com.au

Kids - Get fit, make friends and have fun!

Established for over 10 years, the Club will provide your kids with the chance to get fit, learn new athletics skills and develop great friendships.

Tots – u17yrs

For more info, 0417 020 126 or visit our website www.ramsathletics.com.au and follow us on Facebook for the latest news on coaching, competitions and events.

