

#### Ironbark Ridge PS

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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



### **Newsletter 2019**

Term 4 Week 3 1st November, 2019

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#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

#### **NOVEMBER**

5<sup>th</sup> - Dance Sport Championships

8<sup>th</sup> - Summer PSSA

6th - 9.30am - Kindergarten Orientation No. 2, 2.20 pm - KA & 3S Assembly

11<sup>th</sup> - Longneck Lagoon Excursion – Stage 2 7.00pm - P & C AGM (Note: *date change*)

13<sup>th</sup> – 2.20pm – KN & 3K Assembly

15<sup>th</sup> – Summer PSSA

22<sup>nd</sup> – Summer PSSA (Last week)

14<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am –Kindergarten Orientation No. 3 20<sup>th</sup> – 2.20pm – KW & 4I Assembly

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

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

12<sup>th</sup> – 2.00pm – Instrument Demonstration Concert

#### **Personal Growth: Student Reports**

Semester 2 learning progress reports are currently being 'built' by our wonderful team of teachers. The many hours spent designing specific assessment tasks to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and understanding turn now into the job of analysing, discussing in teams to ensure consistency of judgement, then representing each student's level of achievement against the standard curriculum 'benchmarks'. In reports you will see lists of behaviours and skills under subject headings. Each has a tick reporting that the student has 'Achieved' this level of skill/understanding, or is either 'Working towards' it, or 'Working Beyond' that level. All very well... particularly if your child is achieving at a level approximately average for their age. Some students, however, see a report with *all* 'Working towards' ticks. What level of skill or understanding CAN this student perform at? We certainly know what they can't do, but that is far from helpful! Similarly, others are 'working beyond' almost every single benchmark... and again we could ask "So what exactly CAN they do?"

Much work needs to be done in this space for us as a school, and indeed for the entire primary education and curriculum sector. Our current report format just can't cope with such an idea as reporting on a student's 'personal growth' rather than just on 'achievement against benchmarks'. A combination would be worth investigating!

In the meantime, please remember the enormous effort our Ironbark Ridge teachers invest in crafting each student's comment, for it is in these descriptive paragraphs that they attempt to highlight some of the specific areas of growth individual students have made in 2019, and the next steps they will need to make and challenges to overcome on their **personal growth** learning journey into 2020.

In short, it is far more healthy for Ironbark Ridge students to compare themselves against who they were last week and at the start of 2019, rather than comparing themselves with what other students can do today...

#### Collaboration (a Successful Learner Habit)

The ability to work effectively as a member of a team is crucial in almost every facet of our modern lives. When learning in a classroom environment, this skill can be of huge benefit. A collaborative learner is open to new ideas and the chance to learn from others. They take the attitude that everyone else might know something that they don't... so they listen to others!

A successful learner actively contributes their own thoughts, knowledge, opinions and skills to the team in a methodical, sensitive and constructive manner, encouraging others and facilitating sharing to maximise collective wisdom. The collective ideas of a group will almost always trump the singular idea of an individual. Successful learners seek the best outcome or solution for their group to adopt through discussion and the reaching of consensus. They are accountable, and fulfil their own role within the group. An extremely high level

learner will even be aware of, and suppress their own agendas, allowing the truth and best ideas to emerge. Trusting and building respect through integrity and hard work, successful learners can make a group, team or organisation far more than the sum of the individuals within it. These sorts of organisations take on an identity and life of their own! Acknowledging and using each others' strengths is the foundation for successful collaboration.

Students will be developing their collaborative skills in class over the next fortnight.

#### **Halloween Colouring Champs**

Congratulations to everyone who entered our Canteen Halloween colouring competition. I had such trouble choosing the winners with so many quality efforts on display. I will announce the winners on Monday morning at our start of the week assembly...

#### Interrelate - your opinions

Huge thanks to the participants (and presenter) at our recent Interrelate sessions here at Ironbark Ridge. There was a huge number of attendees and an extremely positive response to the way such sensitive, vital topics were presented to our students. A quick poll conducted by our parents (thanks Deanne) through their Facebook chat group showed that we should definitely book a session of Interrelate for 2020. Easy!



#### Planning for 2020

Please let us know if you are planning on moving your children to a new school for next year by returning the form included in this newsletter. With current new Kinder enrolments continuing to grow we expect our school will be very similar in size to current, however to assist us in accurate class formation for 2020 we ask that you let us know if you are planning on moving away to less Ridgy pastures ©

#### **Traffic Signals?**

'Go live' for our Withers Rd traffic signals and pedestrian crossing remains "imminent", with the big day still to be advised by the RMS. Once they are turned on, however, I'd think that it might take some time before cars and trucks are aware... old habits... especially since the physical light posts have been in place for so long now without being operational. In simple terms, please watch carefully and **check that traffic is actually going to stop** before stepping onto Withers Rd, even if you have a green walk signal! Stay safe!

#### Representatives

Sanish (2D) has been training and competing in high level karate competitions for several years now and the dedication and self-discipline have paid off. He has been placed 1st in *Point Sparing*, 2nd in *Sword Combat*, and recently won 1st place in his age of the *Sumo* discipline at the ISKA Australian Open championships...That's a huge trophy, Sanish! Well done ©

I've also included a quick snap of Suzy (6/5M) here with our local NSW State Member of Parliament, Ray Williams. Suzy was presented with an official state government certificate to acknowledge her representation of NSW at this year's National Swimming Championships. Well done, Suzy!



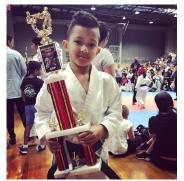
Our Parent and Citizens Association AGM and end-of-year gathering will be held in our Library at 7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please consider becoming part of this great school support group.

#### Student Leadership 'Trials'

Yesterday we held our day of collaborative trials for the 58 students applying to be considered for the Year 6 Student Leadership team in 2020. It was a fun and exciting day with an amazing bunch of young people. Well done to all!

Yours in lifelong learning,

Nick Thomson Principal





#### **DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

#### **Books**

Often we are reminded about how lucky we are to have access to wonderful equipment, resources and texts such as those in our school. If you have any children's books that you no longer need and are willing to donate to children in Sri Lanka, please hand them in to our office. This worthy cause is being supported through our SRC and school community. Pick up date will be 13<sup>th</sup> November. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



#### Save the date - Important dates to mark on your calendar

There a few important dates that you make like to pencil in your diary. They may impact on your need to apply for leave.

Date	Event	Time	Place
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteers Morning Tea	11 am	TBA
Nov	_		
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	NSW High School Orientation Day	All day	As advised by your local
			high school
	Year 6 Farewell	Evening	Rydges Norwest
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Day Assembly (3 – 6)	9:30 – 11 am	Rouse Hill High School
Dec	Celebration Day Assembly (K - 2)	11:30 – 1 pm	hall

Celebration Day will be held on Tuesday 10th December at Rouse Hill High School. Parent invitations will be sent home later in the term for those students who will be recognised on the day.

#### **Kindergarten Orientation 2020**

Our Kindergarten students for 2020 completed their first orientation session on Tuesday. It was beautiful to see so many happy and enthusiastic students ready to begin their educational journey. Meeting our new families and developing a rapport with members of our community is a privilege and we look forward to working with you in the future. Please don't forget that we have our next sessions coming up soon.

Session 2: Wednesday 6th November (9.30am – 10.30am) Our wonderful librarians have organised a book fair for this day from The Children's Bookshop in Beecroft. Come along and visit the book fair after the Orientation session and purchase a quality picture book to commemorate the beginning of your child's educational journey!

**Session 3: Thursday 14th November (10am-11am)** At this session, we will distrubite information packs to all parents. This will also be the outdoor session, so please bring a hat and water bottle for your child.

We look forward to welcoming all our new families over the coming weeks.

#### **Student Work**

Over the past few weeks, we have been delighted by the level and quality of writing presented by some of our students. We have been persuaded and entertained and hope you enjoy reading the work as much as we did.



#### Why Should You Have a Pet Fish? by Darren 2C

To be truly brilliant I strongly believe you should have pet fish because they can show it to their friends when they come over.

Not only that but also they do very cool tricks in the water. To give an illustration other pets just run around while pet fish do cool water tricks.

Another key thing to remember is that fish add a lot of vivid colour to your house. For instance there are fish that are blue, green, red and black and so on.

What else? Well it gives children a great leaning opportunity. For instance kids learn about different species of fish and what lives on earth.

Not to mention that they are much calmer than other pets. For example they do not make a tornado in the house like dogs do.

With this in mind you can also share information with other beginners. You can tell them about fish sicknesses and how to maintain their fish tank. With all these things considered I believe that every kid should have pet fish.

#### The Big Wave by Rachel 5H

The ravenous wave, consuming everything it craves,
Building up higher and higher, into an uncontrollable rage, merging and towering monstrosity, a harbinger of havoc,
Not leaving until achieving what it desires
Chasing fleeing people, dragging them back where the monster cauging uneil A nightmare has come alive

The waters are stone cold, freezing innocent souls
Drowning them maliciously
Knocking anything in its path unconscious, flooding cherished homes,
Then swallowing them whole with no warning
The land is contaminated, now stagnant and decayed
A crowning achievement for the waves

The people are despondent, debilitated, filled with doubt and disbelief Frozen in their tracks, filled with despair

Frozen in their tracks, filled with despair Their desperate pleas for mercy ignored, The tsunami gloats, it has no regrets Its heart is an icy cold dagger, dark and malignant Like a destructive missile of the sea

The monster finally recedes, leaving a trail of annihilation behind Content of its glorious victory
Homes eradicated, loved ones lost
No trace of regret or sympathy for those suffering
Leaving everyone believing all is lost
But there is always light at the end of the tunnel...



#### Applications for selective high school placement for Year 7 in 2021

Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2021 opened on 8 October and close on 11 November 2019. Parents must apply online by the due date.

Application information can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Team website at: <a href="https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/eafa8804-3a28-4730-9fc0-0ee49dd90f83/1/SHS-application-information.pdf">https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/eafa8804-3a28-4730-9fc0-0ee49dd90f83/1/SHS-application-information.pdf</a>

Have a wonderful week. Kerry De Jager and Kerrie Pho **Deputy Principals** 

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

If your child/children will be returning to school after the start date of 29<sup>th</sup> January or leaving Ironbark Ridge to go to another school, could you pleae complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible.



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#### END OF YEAR SCHOOL LEAVERS -KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 5

We are starting to plan classes for 2020. If you know that your child/ren will definitely not be returning to Ironbark Ridge next year or will be returning late at the commencement of the 2020 school year, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Please disregard this letter if your child/ren are continuing at Ironbark in 2020.

Nick Thomson Principal

#### 2019 END OF YEAR STUDENT LEAVERS – KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 5 OR LATE RETURNERS

My child	Class
My child	Class
My child	Class
Will not be returning to Ironbark Ridge PS next year.  Destination School	
Will be returning late. Date returning	
Parent or Caregiver Signature:	

a community of safe, responsible, respectful learners



# Ironbark Ridge Public School Parent Planner Term 4 2019

\*\* Note: All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school. Updated 1.11.19

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
4 Nov	4	5 Dance Sport Championships Melbourne Cup Day	6 9.30am Kindergarten Orientation #2 2.20pm KA & 3S Assembly	7	8 Summer PSSA	9/10 RHTC Santa Spectacular
5 Nov	11 SHS Applications close Remembrance Day Longneck Lagoon Excursion –Stage 2 7pm: P&C AGM	12 2pm: Instrument Demonstration Concert	13	14 10am Kindergarten Orientation #3	15 Summer PSSA	16/17
6 Nov	18	19	2.20pm: KW & 4I Assembly	21	22 Summer PSSA (Last week)	23/24
7 Nov/Dec	25	26	27 11am Parent Helper Morning Tea 2.20pm: Buddies Assembly	28	29	30/1
8 December	2	3 Public High Schools Orientation Day 10am OC Orientation Day Year 6 Farewell	2.00pm: Whole School Assembly (if needed)	5	6	7/8
9 December	9	10 9.30 3-6 Celebration Day 11.30 K-2 Celebration Day	No Assembly	12	13 K-2 Movie Day Stage 2 Movie Day Reports home via Sentral	14/15
10 December	16 Stage 3 Party Day	17	18 Last day for students Year 6 Leaving Assembly	19 Staff Development Day (no students)	20 Staff Development Day (no students)	21/22

#### **Kindy Capers**

Another two weeks have just flown by! The Kindergarten students have been busy learning to design, refine and analyse in science. We are still needing recyclable materials to complete our science lessons, so please collect and send into your child's class as soon as possible.

In maths we have been working on how many more to make 10, 20 and even 30. We have been saying things like, "I have 12 blocks, I need 8 more to make 20."

The K-2 Sports day was a huge success. It was great to see our students confidently rotating through a variety of activities and engaging respectfully and responsibly with all of the K-2 teachers. We especially loved returning to our air conditioned classrooms after such a hot morning!

This week our Kindergarten students had the opportunity to not be the 'little' kids of the school. They successfully ventured to other classrooms to complete their work while their classrooms hosted the first orientation session for the new Kindergarten students. It was wonderful to reflect on how far they have come and listen to the advice they would give to the new students. A big thank you to the 12 students who shared their thoughts/advice on starting school with the new group of Kindergarten parents. Next week during the second orientation session (Wednesday), our very own Kindergarten dance group will put on a showcase performance for our new parents. Dance group students will receive a note asking them to arrive at school in their dance costume ready to perform.

A reminder that our end of year movie excursion note and payment is due by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.





#### **ES1 Teachers**

### **Stage 1 Snippets**

Term 4 has already been a few busy weeks for Stage 1. Last week K-2 attended the Athletics Carnival. It was a hot day but all students were very enthusiastic as they participated in a variety of activities. Students actively got involved in running races, ball games and games with a parachute. Thank you to all the parents, family members and friends who came along and watched. it was nice to see you all there.







Last Friday was Diwali which is a significant celebration for our school. Thank you to Mrs Dhillon for organising some fun activities for our students and thank you to all the mums who volunteered their time to come to school to make the Rangoli which was truly beautiful!









This term for Science and Technology our learning is centred around the Physical World, Energy and Forces. Students will be involved in many hands on activities that will provide them opportunities to investigate forces such as pushes and pulls.

Students are also learning to code using the app Scratch Jr, which is free to download. They will be coding an animated version of Humpty Dumpty. I'm sure that your children will be happy to show you what they have

learned so far.

During Term 4, the Year 1 sports day will continue to be Friday.



The weather is warming up, so please remember to send your child in with a hat and drink. Classroom supplies such as glue sticks, pencils and scissors are always a must so please ensure your child has adequate supplies of these items.





#### Stage 1 Teachers

#### **Stage 2 Snippets**





We hope you have enjoyed the first few weeks of this term. The weather has been warming up. Please ensure that all students have a school hat and a water bottle.

#### **Stage 2 Party Day**

On December 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 Stage 2 will be having their end of year movie party day. Could all parents kindly ensure that when they have made invoice payments that they print off permission notes and return them to class teacher's.



#### 2020 Year 4 Camp



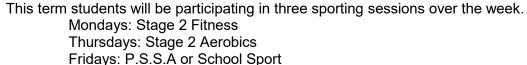
Students in **Year 4 (2020)** will be attending a 2 night, 3 day camp to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp on the Hawkesbury River from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.** Deposit information has been out with Term 4 invoices.

#### Goals

Throughout the year students have had goals that they have all been working towards. As the year draws to a close it might be interesting for parents to ask their students to share how they are going achieving their goals.



#### Stage 2 Sport



Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform on these days.

#### P.S.S.A

The PSSA Summer competition resumed Week 1 of Term 4 and concludes in Week 6 (22<sup>nd</sup> of November). Please ensure students bring their school hat and a bottle of water to their P.S.S.A games.

Have a good weekend!

#### **Stage 2 Teachers**

#### **Stage 3 Snippets**

It's nearly impossible to believe that we are heading into Week 4, Term 4 at Ironbark Ridge PS. Stage 3 teachers have been so impressed with our students settled and focussed approach to the last term of school.



Term 4 accounts were emailed out last week. We have a few exciting events coming up including the Stage 3 party (Year 5 and 6), The Farewell with Signature Owl (Year 6) and Footsteps Dance Program (Year 6).

Permission notes and final payments are due by 8<sup>th</sup> November. These are wonderful, fun-filled events. If you are wanting your child to attend, please ensure you make payment by the above mentioned date and return the permission notes to the class teacher. Thank you to those parents who have already done this. Term 4 is one of our busiest times of the year for our Stage 3 students. To keep yourself up to date with everything going on, we encourage you to regularly visit the school app, website and Facebook page.

#### Stage 3 Teachers

# Ridgy Didge AwardS

#### WEEK 2

KG Angus, Omr, Sinneyjaa KA Madison, Ryan, Carly, Abeer **KW** Aadhya, Farah, Tirtham KK Charlie, Autumn, Ella-Rose Sara, Sayomee, Ridam 1L 1C Emaan, Smyan, Rhys 2C Tyler, Emma, Darren 2M Max, Nethuki, Jeremy 2D Emaan, Sarah Melody, Annie, Amelie

2W Melody, Annie, Amelie
3C Ethan, Reva, Kiana
3A Roshan, Jisha, Vaihola
3S Nate, Felix, Bree
4I Lola, Ryan, Tristan
4P Lida, Sarvin, Charlotte
5E Olivia, Jason, Annabelle
5H Angus, Elizabeth, Mila

**6L** Henry, Isabell, Aaryan, Sehaj

**6/5M** Eloise, Suzi, Stephan **6J** Brianna, Julia, Yoona

LIBRARY 3K. 4I

#### WEEK 3

KN Aariz, Hannah, Yuna **KD** Omar, Lana, Brendan 1T Whyad, Owen, Shrihan Salma, Jenon, Kitty, Will **1Y** 1J Mason, Prameya, Jessica 1E Eugene, Leila, Shakiya Miles, Harriett, Quentin 1R **2A** Piper, Lily, Ernest 2K Samim, Anirvan, Sienna

**3K** Sarim, Oliver, Akansha

**4/3B** Riona, Amber, Samantha, Hesham

**4H** Nika, Dheer, Teo, Ruby

**4E** Aks, Noah, Marina, Toby, Olivia

5B Molly, Maddison, Amber 6C Liam, David, Sophia 6S Cooper, Dylan, Kate 6A Puatonga, Tori, Anmol

CHINESE 5W

**LIBRARY** 6A, 4H, 1Y, KD

#### **PSSA SPORT - TERM 4**

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN PSSA TEAMS 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.

Please check the draw and venues for PSSA sport on the Ridges website: https://ridgespssa.com.au



### **IRONBARK RIDGE BOOK FAIR**

DATE: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

TIME: 8.00am until 4.00pm LOCATION: School Library



To coincide with Kindy orientation, we are

holding a small Book Fair organised by the Children's Bookshop, Beecroft.

Many current and well-loved titles will be available.

Students <u>WILL NOT</u> preview the books as we only have the books for the day. However, throughout the day students will be able to purchase books. Parents are welcome to visit the library with their child. Cash or credit card are the payment options. Books will range from \$5 to \$20.

A blank credit card slip is attached if you cannot attend on the day.

### Please state the maximum amount your child can spend.

Many thanks

Judy Paton (Teacher Librarian)

Credit Card Coupon
Book Fair
Mrs / Miss / Ms / Mr
Contact phone number
Payment Details:
Please deduct \$ from my nominated credit card as payment for Ironbark Ridge Public School's Book Fair - The Children's Bookshop
VISA MASTERCARD
Card Number:
Expiry Date:
Signature Date
Child's Name: Class: Amount:

(Please state the maximum amount your child can spend)

#### **CANTEEN**

Just remember, our Summer menu is now up and running. Keep up to date with any changes or additions to our menu through the Fleischools app.



Thank you Doris and Mel



#### Ironbark Ridge Public School P&C Committee Notice of AGM

#### Annual General Meeting in the school library on 11/11/2019 at 7pm

We hereby advise that the Annual General Meeting of the Ironbark Ridge Public School P&C Committee will be held on Monday the  $11^{th}$  November 2019 at 7pm in the school library. Immediately following the AGM at 8pm we will hold the P&C General Meeting where we will elect the office bearers for the 2020 year.

All parent and carers are invited to attend.

The purpose of the AGM is to:

- confirm the minutes of the last preceding AGM,
- present the Audited Financial Accounts for 2019,
- to receive the Annual Committee Reports regarding the activities of the P&C during the last preceding financial year and
- to elect office bearers of the P&C for the 2020 financial year.

All parents and carers are encouraged to volunteer for the following positions on the P&C committee in 2020:

Executive Positions
President
Vice President x 2
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee Positions
Uniform Committee
Events Committee
Grants Committee
Student Banking Committee
Traffic Committee

Application for these roles can be made on the application form that follows this letter. You contribution to the P&C in 2020 will be greatly appreciated and we look forward to receiving nominations for these positions.



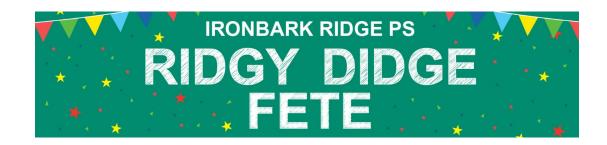
# IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION 2020 NOMINATION FORM

Executive Positions  President  Vice President  Secretary  Treasurer	Please Tick
Vice President Secretary	
Secretary	
l'reasurer et l'acceptant de la company de l	
Committee Positions	Please Tick
Jniform Committee	
Events Committee	
Grants Committee	
Student Banking Committee	
Fraffic Committee	

Please hand nomination forms to the front office or to the P&C Secretary on or before the AGM to be held on **11th November 2019**. Inquiries to <a href="mailto:president@irpspc.com">president@irpspc.com</a> or <a href="mailto:secretary@irpspc.com">secretary@irpspc.com</a>

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

Please be aware that the uniform shop opens Mondays and Wednesday from 8.30am - 9.30am. On the "odd" weeks of the term, the Uniform Shop is open in the mornings, (8.30am - 9.30am) and on the "even" weeks in the afternoon (2.00 pm - 2.50 pm)



# Ironbark Ridge P&C Association would like to thank our Platinum & MAJOR Fete Sponsor

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#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



# **CAR SHOW**

**Sunday 17 November** 

car entry 8am to 9am \$10 public entry 9am to 2pm \$2



General enquiries contact Helen 0407 364 925 Car queries contact Doug 0407 296 125







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