

Ironbark Ridge PS

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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



Newsletter 2019

Term 4 Week 7 29th November, 2019

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

3rd – Public High Schools Orientation Day, 9.30am - OC Orientation Day, 6.00 pm - Year 6 Farewell

4th – 2.00pm - Whole School Assembly)

10th – 9.30am -11.00am – Yrs 3-6 Celebration Day,

11.30am - 1.00pm - K - 2 Celebration Day

13th – K - 2 Movie Day, Stage 2 Movie Day, Reports home

via Sentral

18th – Last Day for Students, Year 6 Leaving Assembly

20th - Staff Development Day (No Students)

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

19th – Staff Development Day (No Students)

A Year's Learning Partnership

I hope to see many of you for one (or both) of our *Celebration of Learning* assemblies on Tuesday 10th December. These assemblies will recognise and celebrate the wonderful learning and growth that has happened across Ironbark Ridge in 2019. As usual we will be in the Rouse Hill HS hall.

This Wednesday 27th November we held a <u>special morning tea</u> celebration to say *Thank You* to all of the parents and carers who have supported our school through volunteering in classes and at activities, including P&C events and fundraisers. Each year our school operations are supported by you all in so many important ways.

Traffic Signals

11th - No Assembly

16th - Stage 3 Party Day

On Wednesday morning we were very surprised to notice that the traffic signals at the intersection of Ironbark Ridge Rd and Withers Rd had been switched on overnight! Many motorists were also taken by surprise and in fact for a few days we have had many cars and trucks ignoring the red lights and driving straight through the intersection... thankfully with no accidents so far. Due to the long delay, many locals will find the change difficult as they are not used to having to stop. As a result, we are working together with you all to train our students to wait and watch before crossing, even with a green 'Walk' signal showing, to be absolutely sure the cars and trucks are stopping and waiting at their red light for us to cross. It may take a few weeks for habits to shift, and some of our school Executive staff will be in attendance to assist students in crossing, particularly Withers Rd. Students and families should now walk on the school side of Ironbark Ridge Rd rather than crossing with Kim at the Children's Crossing outside the school gates.

We also seek your assistance in reminding students to use the traffic lights to cross Withers Road when leaving the school through the top gate. This is another habit that we will need to un-teach, with a much safer option now available to us all. Thank you in advance for assisting us to teach our students the safe and lawful way to cross the road.

Paving The Ironbark Way

"Rome wasn't built in a day... but they were laying bricks every day!"

With a relentless drive to improve the learning outcomes of our Ironbark Ridge students, change becomes the constant... if that tautology is OK with you all. Our ongoing focus on maximising time engaged in purposeful learning, removing obstacles to effective implementation of rich learning programs, and enabling

expert teachers to do what they do best – these priorities and principles have meant decisions made to realign *The Ironbark Way*. A couple of recent examples might be the conclusion of Chinese language teaching (in school time) at Ironbark Ridge in 3 weeks time, and an improved process for selection of our Student Leadership team (we have just completed the second iteration of this new process). Change is obviously disruptive, forcing us to reimagine the way we work in unexpected ways, but remember that we are constantly collecting and analysing evidence and information about the impact of these changes. Over time, with ongoing small twists and tweaks to *The Ironbark Way*, new bricks being constantly laid every day, we are confident that the growth of our learners will show impressive positive improvement... more than a year's growth for every year of learning!

Tools to help us be better Learners

I spoke briefly to our students recently about our collective task in 2020 to become Successful Learners. As we develop each Habit and become more proficient in its use, we are going to imagine it as a tool in our backpack. Our classroom poster for the Habit of *Focus*, for instance, will be a Camera. What other tools might we carry in our backpacks as we head off on our Learning Journey into the jungle or swamp? One creative young Year 3 student immediately suggested a <u>deck of cards</u> might be a good symbol for *Collaboration*, with many different types of cards, all of which can help us in different ways in a game. What an excellent metaphorical link!

So in 2020 we'll be working in classrooms to imagine 12 specific tools to represent our 12 Successful Learner Habits. Each tool should assist us all in understanding what each of the behaviours look like in learning situations, to remind us when to get it out and how to use it!

Here's the list:

Focus (camera) Observing Thinking-Monitor
Persistence Questions Feedback

Courage Connections Collaboration (deck of cards)

Self-Reliance Goal-Setting Empathy

Have a talk to your children about the 12 Successful Learner Habits over the Christmas break and you might have a few fun suggestions for them to bring back in their learner backpacks ready for the start of the new school year!

Uniform

With the imminent release of culottes as an option for girls in our school uniform, we will be making 2020 a 'year of discussion' about our school uniform. We may in the end simply add this new item to the options and leave the rest of our uniform unchanged, however in order to make the best 'collective' decision for our community you will need to be a part of this information sharing and opinion gathering. Other possible outcomes include moving to one all-year uniform with a girls' mid-thickness material dress & culottes rather than a summer and winter change in materials, having different polo-shirt options for boys and girls, and simplifying into a single unisex uniform. I can't wait for these fun conversations... but remind you that the principles behind any change should be to improve equity and functionality, and to maintain the neat, formality of our wonderful school uniform. More in 2020, but look out for ordering options for culottes very soon \odot

Chess Success

Congratulations to our 'A-Team' of chess players who represented Ironbark Ridge at last Sunday's finals of the NSW Primary Schools team challenge. Our three boys played extremely well to be placed in a tie for second place, half a point behind the team from Beecroft PS. It was an extremely exciting day, with any of four teams able to clinch the Champions trophy going into the final of 8 rounds. Congratulations to our team.

Yours in lifelong growth and development,

Nick Thomson Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Celebration Day – All Welcome

Our Celebration Day will be held in 2 assemblies on **Tuesday 10th December** in the Rouse Hill High School Hall. The **3-6 assembly will start at 9.30am**, and the **K-2 assembly will begin at 11.30am**. During these assemblies, we will present P&C Citizenship Awards, Class Merit Awards, several major awards (3-6) as well as announce our student leadership team for 2020. You will have been sent in the mail an invitation to attend if your child is due to receive one of these special awards. During the assemblies, our students will be performing songs and items in celebration of a wonderful year of learning and growth at Ironbark Ridge Public School. We would like to invite and welcome **all members** of our school community to attend.



Parent Helper Morning Tea

Over the year, we have enjoyed the enormous support of our parents and community in our classrooms, on excursions, in the canteen, during Scripture lessons, on the P&C and at fundraisers. It was lovely to have some of our wonderful parent helpers attend our Thank You Morning Tea on Wednesday. Our teachers put on an impressive spread as a small token of our gratitude. To those who were unable to make it on Wednesday, we send our heartfelt thanks for your time, energy and support of our students and school in 2019.

Important Reminder - Student Reports

Please ensure you have access to the Sentral Parent Portal as your child's Semester 2 Report will be sent home electronically via the portal later again this term. If you are having issues accessing the Sentral portal, please contact the office.

Public High School Orientation Day & OC Orientation

On Tuesday, all public high schools will be holding their Orientation Day. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to get to know their new school before they make the leap to Year 7. We look forward to hearing many positive and excited stories about their day on Tuesday.

This is also the day of the OC Orientation, when we at IRPS welcome our new Opportunity Class students. I know our community send a very warm welcome to all of our new students and their families.

Term 4 Planner

Please keep an eye on the planner and school calendar for our busy end of year events. A snapshot of upcoming events is below:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
8	2	3 Public High Schools Orientation Day	4	5	6 Green Bidgeree Morning Tea	7/8
December		10am OC Orientation Day 6pm Year 6 Farewell	No Assembly			
	9	10	11	12	13	14/15
9	ğ	9.30 3-6 Celebration Day	11	12	K-2 Movie Day	14/15
December		11.30 K-2 Celebration Day	No Assembly		Stage 2 Movie Day Reports home via Sentral	
	16	17	18 Last day for	19 Staff Development	20 Staff Dovolonment	21/22
_ 10_	Stage 3 Party Day		students	Day (no students)	Staff Development Day (no students)	
December			Year 6 Leaving Assembly			

2020 School Start Dates:

Monday 27 th January	Australia Day Public Holiday (no students)
Tuesday 28 th January	Staff Development Day. No students at school on this day.
Wednesday	Years 1-6 students return to school.
29 th January	Best Start Assessment (Kindy 2020)
Thursday 30 th January	Best Start Assessment (Kindy 2020)
Friday 31 st January	Best Start Assessment (Kindy 2020)
Tuesday 4 th February	Kindergarten students begin school (staggered start times, early finish)

Have a wonderful weekend,

Kerrie Pho and Kerry De Jager **Deputy Principals**

ADMINISTRATION

If your child/children will be returning to school after the start date of 29th January or leaving Ironbark Ridge to go to another school, could you please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible, as we are in the process of organising classes for the 2020 school year.

Thank you,

Allison Batten School Administration Manager



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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

Kindy Capers

Wow! The weeks are really flying by as we approach the end of the year and our little kindergarten students are not so little anymore. They have grown so much in size and knowledge over the past 11 months and are now becoming very excited to think of themselves as "big kids" ready for Year 1!



To celebrate the end of the year, Kindergarten will be going to the movies with Stage 1 on Friday 13th December. Children will need to come to school at normal time, dressed in their **school sports uniform**. They do not need to bring recess as this will be supplied for them. Lunch will be as normal back at school. By this time all money has been paid, however, if you have not yet returned your child's permission note please do so as soon as possible.

The end of the year also means that students will be bringing home their art and workbooks for you to see their growth and development. As you can imagine, this will not fit into their school bags, so we ask that students bring a "recyclable shopping bag", labelled with their name to carry workbooks home.

In STEM this term students have been developing creative ways to help our fairytale characters. Rapunzel needed a parachute to get out of the tower without a prince, Jack wanted a slide as a quicker escape than the beanstalk and we thought a 'cookie catapult' might keep Red Riding Hood out of the forest and away from the wolf. It has been lovely to see the students collaborating with each other to design, make and test their creations.

Enjoy our photos.















ES1 Teachers

Stage 1 Snippets

Stage 1 have had a wonderful term of learning so far. We are really enjoying coding on the iPads using the Scratch Junior application and we are currently creating our own Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme. We look forward to sharing these with you soon.

As the end of the year fast approaches please start to send any home readers and outstanding library books back to school in readiness for our stocktake. We would also like each child to bring a Woolworths or Aldi bag so that we can start to send their books and art home.

Stage One movie day is coming up on Friday 13th December, where we will be going to see Frozen 2. The required consent form can be found on the school website. If you have not already done so, please ensure you return the required permission note as soon as possible.

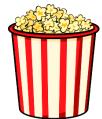
Our K-2 Celebration Day will be held on Tuesday 10th December at Rouse Hill High School in the school hall. Parents and carers of award recipients will be notified in writing. All students are required to wear their full summer uniform. Stage 1 teachers are looking forward to the remaining few weeks with your child.

Stage 1 Teachers

Stage 2 Snippets

Stage 2 have been busy engaging in some very exciting learning over the last few weeks and trying to use our 'Successful Learner Habits' to be productive in the classroom. As the year beings to wrap up and summer holidays is within reach, we have a couple of special celebrations coming up first.

On Tuesday the 10th of December Year 3-6 students will have their Celebration Day from 9:30-11am. Please join us in celebrating the achievements of our students have upheld our school values of strength, respect and excellence throughout the year.



On Friday the 13th of December Stage 2 will be ending their fabulous year with a trip to the cinemas and then follow up with a delicious sausage sizzle back at school.

To continue on the celebration of your child's achievements during Semester 2, their reports will be going home via the Sentral Parent Portal on Friday the 13th December. Please ensure that you are signed up to the portal. If you are having any issues, please see one of the staff in the office.

The teachers all know how much the students are looking forward to celebrating the end of another fantastic school year and are looking forward to an exciting last couple of weeks. Even with all this excitement, students are still engaging in important lessons right up to our last day. The last day for students will be Wednesday the 16th of December.

With the weather becoming warmer each week, please remember to pack a hat and water bottle every day. Students are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and require their hats at all outdoor times.

If you have been missing any items, please take the time to check lost property. There are a lot of unclaimed items - from hats to jackets, bottles and containers.

Looking forward to 2020 - Don't forget about our Year 4 Broken Bay camp from Monday the 23rd of March to Wednesday the 25th of March 2020. Students need to have paid their deposit and the next payment instalment will be due early in Term 1. If you still want to go it's not too late!

Stage 3 Snippets

After a few weeks of smoky air and lots of indoor play, Stage 3 have loved being outside again this week for their breaks. The infamous Stage 3 Newcombe Ball competition, run by Mrs Przyrembel, is well underway under the hangar during long breaks. There is some stiff competition this year and it always draws quite a crowd, where many students come to cheer on their favourite teams. Good luck to all students competing and we look forward to finding out who this year's winning team will be.

This term in Visual Arts, Stage 3 have been looking at American pop artist, Keith Haring, who uses simple 'outline' style drawings of characters and symbols. Each class has drawn some dancing figures in this style and are currently in the middle of constructing 3D papier mâche sculptures inspired by the same artist. The students are loving this process and the end products look fantastic.









Year 6 are also getting excited about their Farewell, which is being held next Tuesday. It is a very exciting night seeing all the students dressed up and having fun with their friends (& teachers) to celebrate the end of their Primary School years. Have a great night Year 6!

Stage 3 Teachers

LIBRARY



Dear Parents / Carers.

As the term draws to a close, students need to bring back overdue books as we have to start preparing for end of year procedures.

Could you please start searching your bookshelves at home for all Ironbark Ridge School Library Books that have not been returned and send them back to school.

Thank you

Judy Paton Rachel Bryce Amelia Weekley

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WEEK 6

KA Jasveen, Purav, Joceline
KG Lianna, Ahmad, Olivia
KW Lexie, Ethan, Ariya
KK Kai, Phoenix, Naisha
1L Matteo, Idhant, Rayya

1C Skylarm Kiara, Philip, Ineesha, Terence, Bryan

2M Zoe, Rayan, Aavyan

2D Mikayla,m Hamza, Maddie, Ali2W Adena, Eric, Alannah, Bella, Sophie

3A Sadev, Khadija, Logan, Cage, James, Youna

3C Youssef, James B, Reeva

3S Vipra, Isha, Zara
4I Jack, Finn, Chanae
4P Manulya, Mars, Sophie

5E Anay, Riley

5H Arnodh, Riyon, Anna, Angelina
6/5M Ben, Mel, Dianna, Alisha
6L Rachit, Junseo, Aaryan
6J Patrick, Vigram, Opal, Ben

LIBRARY 1L

KN

CHINESE 2W, 4P, KA, 3C

WEEK 7

KD Christopher, Mishika, Ayan
1E Zara, Eugene, Nevan
1J Savannah, Celena, Jeeyaa
1T Jackson, Annabelle
1R Danish, Sayan, Chelsea
1Y Anvitha, Megan, Alyssa
2A Ben, Katherine, Dylan
2K Amelia, Jordan, Chloe

Aariz, Ariana, Vito

2A 2K Neyli, Selina, Kelvin 3K 4/3B Rylan, Elena, James 4H Olivia, Liam, Loki, Lachy 4E Teegan, Ben, Taneisha 5B Jaden, Ramsey, Miya Natalie, Robin, Jonathan 5W 6C Joshua, Mitchell, Lexis **6S** Eden, Lauren Jason **6A** Ken, Ashleigh, Isabelle

CHINESE KD, 1J, 1Y

LIBRARY 6S

CANTEEN

The canteen will start to have certain items unavailable as we prepare for the end of the term. Please check Flexischools to see what we have available.

Items such as sushi, hotdogs, sandwiches, chicken nuggets etc, should still be available until the end of the year.

At this busy time of the year, if you wish to place an order on a Friday, could you please try and place your order the day before as quite often the Flexischools site gets overloaded and "crashes". Any calls after 9.00am re flexischool lunch orders will only be able to be a sandwich, due to the time constraints.

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Could all outstanding payments due to the canteen, please be paid up prior to the end of term.

Thank in you advance.

Doris and Mel

P & C

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)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

IRPS DEC 2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM OPERATING FROM IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL





KT OOSH Services Out Of School Hours Care

Bookings & Enquiries only via MY FAMILY LOUNGE APP

BOOK IN EARLY!!

Early Bird Bookings close on 12PM FRIDAY 6™ DECEMBER

Bookings taken after this date will be classes as casual bookings and will incur an additional \$10.00/session/child.

FINAL BOOKINGS CLOSE 12PM FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

""Please note once the booked sessions are payable regardless of attendance"

Programmed activities are subject to appropriate weather and changes maybe out of our control.

Various activities / outdoor/ indoor games/ drawing / dancing / craft / sports etc. are available every day.

To learn more, visit www.ktoosh.com

Refer to our Facebook page
"KT OOSH IRPS" for daily updates during Vacation Care.

Due to mandatory Educator/Child ratios being required in all childcare settings, last minute requests cannot always be accommodated.

CCS is applicable for all vacation care bookings and additional incursion/excursions charges.

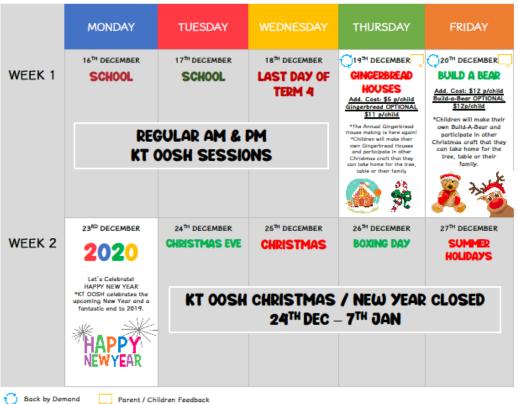
28[™] JANUARY

2020

GET READY FOR SCHOOL

Children get creative and participate in a wide range of activities to get ready for back to school

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IRPS SCHOOL 15020 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

OPERATING FROM IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL





DEVICE DAY

Bring your helmets, bikes and scooters. "NO helmet, NO riding

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*Students travel to the local

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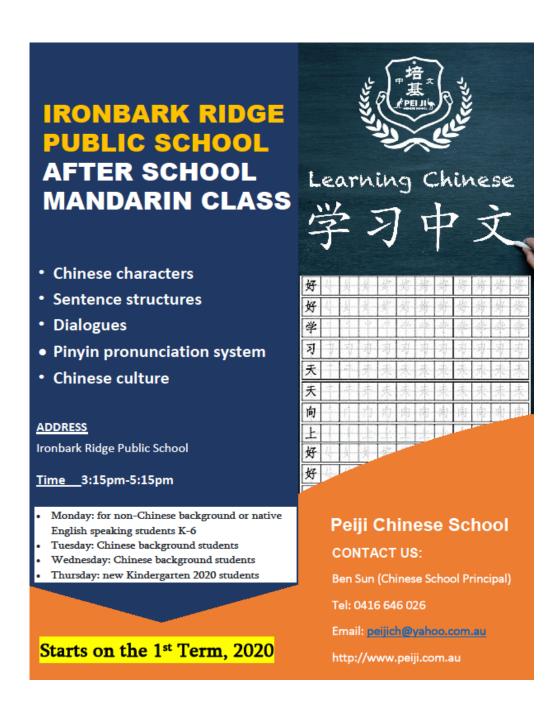
"Come dressed in your traditional, cultural or native heritage clothing. "Tradition Carth/Dress parade "Eat snacks and meals from around the world

*Let's celebrate Australia Day at KT OOSH. *Children will participate in a wide range of Great Aussie Games & Activities

DOG INCURSION

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Baulkham Hills Council has a Holiday Gude for a variety of activities that are held over the January holidays. You can access it by going to the Hills Shire Holiday Guide from your search engine to see what is available.

TRY HOCKEY! FREE SESSIONS





HOCKEY IN THE HILLS SINCE 1968

SESSION 1

SATURDAY 30TH NOV 2019 SESSION 2

TUESDAY 14TH JAN 2020 SESSION 3

SATURDAY 8TH FEB 2020

5:30PM - 7:00PM

Pennant Hills Park Hockey Fields

For Boys & Girls Aged 5 to 12

REGISTER ONLINE NO LATER THAN 28TH NOVEMBER 2019 baulkhamhillshockey.org.au

WHAT TO BRING

○ Hockey Stick ○ Water Bo

No stick? No problem, we'll lend you one. Mouthguards (\$5) and shinpads (\$10) will also be available

come Join Us!

Hockey is an inexpensive and familyoriented sport kids love. Our annual pre-season hockey clinic is a great way to try hockey and get a feel for our club. We hope to see you there!

For Enquiries, please email: communications.bhhc@gmail.com



