



Ironbark Ridge PS

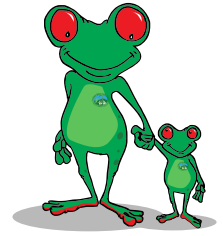
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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



Newsletter 2020

Term 1 Week 3 14th February, 2020
Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY

- 18th – 5.15 to 6.00pm Meet the Teacher (all classes Yr1-6)
- 19th – 2.20pm Assembly Student Leadership Induction Assembly, SRC
5.00pm – Welcome to Kindergarten BBQ,
7.00pm P & C Meeting (Kindy 2020 families only)
- 21st – PSSA Sport commences
- 26th – 2.30pm 5C and 2N Assembly

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Out of the blocks!

Our year of learning has begun and it's been lovely to have such settled, enthusiastic students across our whole school. Our grass play area has been out of action due to the rain, however even when 'geographically compressed' with their play options our students have continued to be safe and responsible with their friends. I feel we've been extremely successful this year in maximising time spent by our students across these opening weeks engaged in purposeful, challenging learning. To see classroom routines already including guided reading and targeted maths teaching is remarkable given the limited time teachers have had to get to know their students. The many hours spent by our Ironbark teachers over their holiday break in analysing assessment data provided by last year's class teachers has provided a big head start! Our *Collaborative Planning Conferences* have provided further opportunity for our teaching teams to share ideas in designing and targeting learning activities to meet individual student needs. Well done to our teachers, our Assistant Principals, and especially to Ms Pho and Ms De Jager, Deputy Principals, for this 'explosion out of the starting blocks' we've seen in 2020!

Meet your child's 'Lead Learner' (aka Teacher)

On Tuesday (and Wednesday for Kindy students) next week we will be holding our start of the year Meet-the-Teacher sessions. This is an opportunity to get to know a bit more about how your child's programs for learning will be organised for 2020, and to personally meet the 'Lead Learner' in their classroom – their Teacher (don't worry - although the concept is important for our mindset, we won't be using the term Lead Learner much ;)) All Meet-the-Teacher sessions will run from 5.15pm until 6.00pm in classrooms. If you have multiple children, please split your time between the different classrooms. All important organisational information for each 'Stage' of learning is published for you to download and refer to as the year progresses – in a pdf slideshow format here (and in the Notes / 2020 Classroom Information section of our website):

- [Early Stage 1 \(Kindergarten\) classes](#)
- [Stage 1 classes \(Year 1 and Year 2\)](#)
- [Stage 2 classes \(Year 3 and Year 4\)](#)
- [Stage 3 classes \(Year 5 and Year 6\)](#)

What is RFF?

Each classroom teacher receives weekly 'Release from Face-to-Face' (RFF) teaching time. During this time the classroom teacher engages in *Collaborative Planning Conferences* with their teaching team (usually organised in grades), as well as using time for lesson preparation, marking, student assessment analysis, classroom organisation and communicating with you all about their students. Assistant Principals also receive additional time to complete administrative and wellbeing tasks for the whole Stage of classes, students and teachers. Class learning programs continue during this RFF time, often planned and delivered by our specialist teachers...

Creative Arts & Physical Education

In 2020 we have three specialist teaching programs operating at Ironbark Ridge. The Creative Arts Key Learning Area – Music and Visual Arts (with integrated Dance and Drama) will be taught by Ms Pratt, Ms Przyrembel, Ms Katopau, Ms Turner and Ms Kaur. These teachers will cover learning outcomes across two separate semesters, with each class studying either Music or Visual Arts this semester (Term 1 and Term 2), then swapping for the second semester (Terms 3 and 4).

Ms Przyrembel discussing an artist's techniques this week.



Information Skills will be taught in the Library by Ms Bryce, Ms Paton and Ms Weekley. Students will learn a variety of skills to assist in their research and presentation of information, as well as learning about quality literature and author craft.

Physical Education (part of the PD/H/PE Key Learning Area) will be taught by Ms Jones and Ms Sider, and makes up part of the 150 minutes per week our students are engaged in healthy, vigorous physical activity.



6H and Ms Sider preparing to get active this week!

Communication

For our close partnership in learning to operate effectively, we use a range of methods for communication. The school website is the storeroom for most of our information, with documents, calendars and links derived from this internet platform.

Sentral is a powerful in-school database and application system that enables us to manage student attendance, progress reports, student wellbeing incident details and organisation for activities such as

excursions and representative groups. The central Parent Portal therefore provides an important *link* for all families to this student data. Through the portal and smartphone app you can see and communicate with us about student attendance and reports, and we will later this year be enabling the online parent consent function to further reduce paper forms. If you have the smartphone app linked to your student accounts we can also **push** notifications and reminders to you. For our new parents, please contact us if you have trouble accessing this portal and app. Family 'keys/codes' are being currently sent out to all new families, so please be patient. The school Facebook page provides a 'drip-feed' of Ironbark Ridge information, celebrations, reminders, and links to resources. We realise not all parents use Fb as a social media so we will always use the central app notifications as well.

Our Class Contact system is an email group set up each year for your child's new class and managed by a parent volunteer, in collaboration with the class teacher. As we do not give your details out in any circumstance, the Class Contact email group is an opt-in system, so please let your class teacher know your details so they can be added to the group.

This Newsletter, being only fortnightly, provides updates and celebrations of Ironbark Ridge learning and events, as well as an ongoing stream of learning for you about the way schools and education in general is delivered in the 2020s ☺

Term Account Statements

You will soon receive your Account statement from our School Admin Office via email. The email includes a link to the secure online payment portal, and also to documents explaining the various items on the statement. It is important to note that while public schools provide free tuition to all students, and at Ironbark Ridge we manage to reduce all extra costs charged to an absolute minimum, our operations are greatly enhanced by the financial contributions the families in our learning community choose to make through voluntary contributions and payment of the Equipment and Technology Levies each year. Please read the explanations and thank you in advance for the support you provide to your children's education at Ironbark Ridge.



Here is Ms Davis with the lovely 4B.

Teacher Profile

Each year we welcome new staff to our school, and this year we are very fortunate to have had Ms Ariel Davis join our team. Ms Davis is currently having a great time teaching 4B, Mr Brent's class, while he is on leave this term. Ms Davis brings experience from working at a number of local schools both on class and in specialist positions. She is a great communicator, hugely caring, and is making an important contribution to our Stage 2 teaching team. She will fill a number of roles for our students across the rest of the year so look out for Ms Davis and help her to feel welcome as part of the Ironbark Ridge learning community.

School Executive Profile

At Ironbark Ridge we have Five Assistant Principals. This role is crucial to the effective operation of our teaching teams, with instructional leadership, mentoring, program development and professional growth being their focus.

The amazing Ms Jenni McCarthy, (pictured here at one of her weekly grade *Collaborative Planning Conference* meetings) leads and inspires our Year 5 and Year 6 teachers. Ms McCarthy has been at Ironbark Ridge since 2010, originally as a teacher, and for the past three years as Assistant Principal. Her emotionally intelligent, dedicated and nurturing approach to her role makes her extremely highly regarded by all students, staff and the many parents lucky enough to spend a year as part of her class cohort.



Ms McCarthy (Assistant Principal – Stage 3)

Welcome to Kindy BBQ

Our annual 'Welcome to Kindy' BBQ will be held next Wednesday evening from 5pm. All families with a child in this year's new Kindy classes are invited to join us for what is always a wonderful social occasion and opportunity to meet other parents with whom you will be journeying for the next 7 years together.

Meet-the-Kindy-Teacher sessions will begin in the classrooms at 5pm as we warm up the 'Barbie', and by about 5.30 we should all be gathered under the 'Hangar' roof for a chance to chat, enjoy a sausage (all dietary options will be available) and a drink, and meet new friends and families. We hope you can all join us for this community experience ☺

Our six Kindergarten classes have all settled into the routines of *Big School* amazingly quickly. Congratulations to all families on this achievement... nine days down, only a couple more to go ☺



Kindy Daffodil



Kindy Ferns



Kindy Wattle



Kindy Azalea



Kindy Sunflower



Kindy Gardenia (and 3 Citrus buddies)



more of Kindy Gardenia (and their 3 Citrus buddy class)

Swimming Carnival

This week we held our annual Swimming Carnival at WAVES Aquatic Centre in Baulkham Hills. The forecast rain (following an *extremely* wet weekend) never really bothered us, thankfully, although we chose to attend with only the most competitive swimmers. Our students participated amazingly in cheering their House-mates on and giving their all when in the pool. As always, it was a fun community day, and thanks to the usual efficient organisation and management from Ms Paton and her team we were finished slightly early and are ready to take on the other Ridges Zone PSSA schools in a few weeks time.

As WAVES pool will be shortly closing for renovations, this was the last year at this venue. In 2021 our carnival will be held at Hawkesbury Oasis Aquatic Centre.

High School considerations

Each year the large majority of our students move to Rouse Hill High School for Year 7 after they leave Ironbark Ridge. Kellyville High School should be considered an alternative option worth investigating (although an 'Out-of-Area Application would need to be made). On Tuesday 3rd March, Kellyville High School is offering an opportunity for you to visit and experience their facilities through guided tours, forums and student displays (see the flyer later in this newsletter). I encourage especially our Year 4 and Year 5 students' families to take these chances to visit other schools. We are extremely fortunate, and should be proud of the selection of top quality public high schools on offer around the Hills local area.

Hope to see you all soon at our *Meet-the-Teacher* events,

Nick Thomson
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Meet the Teacher Evening

Staff at Ironbark look forward to 'Meet the Teacher' sessions which will take place next week. They are a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with your child's classroom teacher. During this time you will be provided general information about the class, including routines, expectations and events for the year. Thank you for understanding that teachers will not be in a position to discuss specifics about your child's academic progress. There will only be one session this year, but as it is an informal meeting, please feel free to move between classrooms. Years 1- 6 will meet on Tuesday 18th February 5:15pm – 6 pm in classrooms.

Welcome to Kindergarten at Ironbark Ridge

Congratulations to all of our Kindy students who had a fantastic start to big school. We are very proud of the amazing start you have made and we look forward to seeing your wonderful learning journey. All Kindergarten parents are encouraged to meet their teacher on Wednesday 19th February at 5.00pm in the classrooms. Please join us for a barbeque following the meeting. It will provide a time for us to catch up and enjoy a sausage sandwich.

Partners in Learning - P&C – Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm

Within every school the P&C Associations play a vital role in supporting and building our school community in partnership. Parents and carers complement the work of our teachers to support our children. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. It is a wonderful way to be an active member of our school community, meet new people and enjoy a quiet cup of coffee or tea.

Student Leadership Induction Assembly

Our SRC and student leaders will attend a formal induction assembly on Wednesday at 2:20 pm in the hall. We apologise for the change of dates and any inconvenience that may have caused. Unfortunately in a big school this was unavoidable.

PSSA Sport

Summer PSSA sport will begin next Friday for Stage 2 and 3 students. Teams will be finalised this week as selection has taken a little longer than usual due to the weather. Students will compete in softball/T-ball and Oztag, AFL and cricket. We wish all our students success for their summer competition.

Building Healthy Relationships with Teachers – Research Article by Michael Grose

Studies show that healthy parent–teacher relationships are a more significant factor in student success than parent income levels or social status. Parent–teacher relationships require effort and energy from both parties if they are going to really benefit children and young people. Here are some strategies to help you build a healthy working relationship with teachers in the year ahead.

Get to know them: For your partnership to be meaningful and successful, you need to meet with your children's teacher(s) with the goal of forming a respectful professional relationship. Be willing to share your aspirations for your child and be willing to build the teacher's knowledge about your family. For balanced perspective, also gain an understanding of the teacher's approach and what focus areas they have for their particular year group. This can be done formally by attending start of the year information evenings and informally through conversations, reading newsletters and staying in touch in digitally and in real-time.

Trust their professionalism: Children need to know that their parents are fully behind what their teachers are trying to achieve if they are going to commit fully to learning. The best way to support your child's teacher is to trust their knowledge, professionalism and experience. Avoid the temptation to question the expertise of teachers in front of students, particularly when the teachers use methods that you are unfamiliar with. Initiate conversations with teachers around methodology to give them the chance to explain the approach they are taking.

Go through the right channels: Despite the best teaching practices things do go wrong at school. Children experience learning difficulties. Conflict and peer rejection happen. Kids will often come home from school with grievances, and call on you for assistance. Resist the urge to react emotionally. If you need to contact teachers do so respectfully, calmly and through the correct channels. A measured response will generally achieve the best result for your child.

Utilise their resources: Teachers and schools often put a lot of work into sourcing and sharing credible resources that they think will help parents. Take the time to read, utilise and enjoy the information provided to you. It's intended to make your parenting journey easier, which will also benefit your child not just at school, but at home.

Build links to student learning: There's a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent engagement in student learning and their educational success. If you want your child to improve their learning, take an interest in what they are doing. Follow school and teacher guidelines about helping at home and attend as many conferences, meetings and events involving your child as possible. This strategy has a significant, long-term impact on your child's attitude to learning.

Stay in touch: Life's not always smooth sailing for kids of any age. Family circumstances change. Friends move away. Illness happens. Mental health challenges can hit anyone at any time. These changes affect learning. Make sure that you keep teachers up to date with significant changes or difficulties that your child or young person experiences so they can accommodate your child's emotional and learning needs at school.

Support the teacher: Show your support to your child's teachers by being an advocate. Talk positively about your child's teacher and school, rather than being negative about them when speaking in the wider community. Teachers hold very public positions and generally work hard to build good reputations both within their school and their wider education community. Consider a teacher's reputation among the community and also with children when you discuss educational matters with others.

Building healthy parent-teacher relationships doesn't just happen. It takes goodwill from both sides, a commitment to setting aside the time necessary to support the home-based learning tasks that are expected, and a willingness to communicate both concerns and commendations through the correct channels.

Working with Children Check (WWCC)

All parent helpers who are working in the canteen or in classrooms or on school excursions and events must have a valid Working With Children Check. For volunteers, this WWCC is free and valid for five years. Please be aware that you are unable to assist in classrooms, working with children if you don't have a valid WWCC. Application forms for applying for a WWCC are accessed online through the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. A link to the website can be found below. Once again we appreciate your support and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check

Have a great weekend
Kerrie Pho and Kerry De Jager
Deputy Principals



Ironbark Ridge Public School

Parent Planner Term 1 2020

** Note: All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school. **Updated 14.2.20**

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|--------------|---|---|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 4 Feb | 17 | 18 <i>Years 1-6 Meet the Teacher Evening 5.15pm-6pm</i> | 19 <i>2.20pm Student Leadership Induction Assembly 5pm Welcome Kindergarten BBQ 7pm P&C Meeting</i> | 20 | 21 <i>PSSA – Round 1</i> | 22/23 |
| 5 Feb/Mar | 24 | 25 | 26 <i>2.20pm 5C & 2N Assembly</i> | 27 | 28 <i>PSSA – Round 2</i> | 29/1 |
| 6 March | 2 | 3 <i>Ridges Swimming Carnival</i> | 4 <i>2.20pm 2C & 6/5M Assembly</i> | 5 <i>School Photos</i> | 6 <i>PSSA – Round 3</i> | 7/8 |
| 7 March | 9 | 10 | 11 <i>2.20pm 1RK & 6E Assembly</i> | 12 <i>Selective High School Test</i> | 13 <i>PSSA – Round 4</i> | 14/15 |
| 8 March | 16 <i>Stage 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm</i> | 17 <i>Stage 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm</i> | 18 <i>2.20pm 1L & 3H Assembly</i> | 19 <i>Stage 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm Sydney West Swimming Carnival</i> | 20 <i>PSSA – Round 5</i> <i>National Day of Action against Bullying</i> | 21/22 <i>Harmony Day</i> |
| 9 March | 23 <i>Year 4 Camp to Broken Bay</i> | 24 <i>Year 4 Camp to Broken Bay</i> | 25 <i>Year 4 Camp to Broken Bay</i> <i>2.20pm 1BR & 5B Assembly</i> | 26 | 27 <i>PSSA – Round 6</i> | 28/29 |
| 10 Mar/April | 30 | 31 | 1 <i>2.20pm 5J & 2D Assembly</i> | 2 | 3 <i>No PSSA</i> | 4/5 |
| 11 April | 6 <i>Year 5 Leadership Day</i> | 7 <i>IRPS Cross Country</i> | 8 <i>ANZAC Day Assembly</i> <i>Whole School Assembly TBC</i> | 9 <i>Easter Hat Parade</i> <i>Last day of Term 1</i> | 10 <i>Good Friday</i> | 11/12 <i>Easter Weekend</i> |

Administration

We will be sending out the Term 1 Accounts today and all fees are due by Friday 6th March. Please remember to print off the consent forms from the school website for any excursions and send to the school with your payment. Both the payment and consent form are required to confirm your child's participation in the activity

We wish to advise all our new families to the school that access to the Sentral Parent Portal will be set up within the next couple of weeks. Please keep a check on your school family email account. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Allison Batten
School Business Manager

KINDY CAPERS

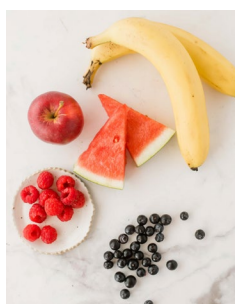
Welcome to Kindergarten 2020!



We are excited to be teaching your children this year and hope that you have found it a smooth transition to big school so far. It has been a lovely start to the year with a very settled group of students. A few tears here and there that usually turn to smiles quickly.

Do not be surprised if your child is extremely tired during the first few weeks of school. They are learning a lot in these beginning weeks about their new school and making friends. We are busy establishing daily routines and expectations that will be followed throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to give their children space to develop independence and routines at this time.

Students will be joining the whole school morning assembly next Monday. They will still place their bags in their class line on the basketball court and then proceed to the handball court area to line up. This morning assembly takes place **each Monday**. We have also come to the end of our early pick up arrangements. It has been wonderful to meet so many parents/grandparents each afternoon and become familiar with the pick-up procedures for each student. **From Monday, students will be walked to the basketball court in the afternoons for collection at 3.00pm.** Please do not wait near the classrooms.



Next week we will be beginning our Crunch n Sip time (also known as fruit break). Students are able to eat a small fruit or vegetable snack during the morning learning time. The snack needs to be packed separately and be something that is easy to eat whilst completing activities.

Library day for Kindergarten classes is as follows -

- KA, KW, KF and KD - Tuesday
- KG and KS - Friday

Borrowing will commence in Week 5, students will require a library bag to be able to borrow.

Sport day is Wednesday for all classes. Students are to wear sports uniform and running shoes. Each class also participates in a 40 minute fitness session with a specialist teacher. Students can wear their sports uniform on their designated day -

- KA, KW, KF and KD - Tuesday
- KG and KS - Friday

Classes for 2020

Kindergarten Sunflowers
Kindergarten Daffodil
Kindergarten Fern
Kindergarten Gardenia

Mrs Katrina Sexton – Assistant Principal
Mrs Melissa Davies
Miss Erin Fox
Mrs Vanessa Goddard

We are looking forward to seeing all of our parents on Wednesday 19th February at 5.00pm for our Meet the Teacher and Welcome BBQ evening. After meeting with your child's teacher in their classroom, we will all come together to meet other teachers and families at our BBQ dinner.



Kindergarten teachers would like to thank parents for their support during the first couple of weeks. It has been wonderful to work together to ensure the best possible start to school life for our students! We are looking forward to the year ahead!

ES1 Teachers

Stage 1 Snippets

The Stage One teachers would like to welcome all our families to Stage One 2020. Our students are busy establishing new friendships in their new classes and we are enjoying getting to know your children. Stage One has 13 classes this year.

Classroom Stationery Supplies

Many thanks to all the families that have sent in classroom supplies. If you haven't already done so, please send the items in as soon as possible. We will send some reminders throughout the year to replenish various items such as glue sticks, lead pencils, hand wash and paper towels.



Crunch 'n' Sip



During each morning session, students will participate in Crunch 'n' Sip. Please ensure you pack your children an adequate amount of fruit or vegetable to be consumed in 10 to 15 minutes. Fruit or vegetable that is easy to eat and not too messy is preferable. Please remember that food contacting nuts, fish, honey and eggs should not be consumed at school as some students have severe allergies to these items.

Hats

With our hot summer weather, please ensure your children are coming to school with a school hat. The hats should be clearly labelled with your child's full name and class.



Meet the Teacher Night



In week 4, teachers will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher Night' in their classrooms. Please come along and get to know us 😊

Rouse Hill House and Farm Excursion

In Semester 1, Stage One students will be learning about the past in the present as a part of our history program. Students will be attending an excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm in Term 1. Please watch out for permission notes, which will be sent home in the upcoming weeks.



Stage 1 Teachers

STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

We welcome back all Stage 2 students who have settled into their 2020 classes with ease. They are setting themselves up to be successful learners by setting meaningful and achievable goals for the year ahead. The students on Stage 2 are demonstrating their enthusiasm to develop their learning routines to support their engagement. In English, students have been learning to appreciate the value of having a growth mindset to then develop their own by studying *The Magnificent Thing* and *The All New Must Have Orange 430*. Their skills in making connections to their own experiences and strengths in writing persuasively has been so impressive and inspiring already.

Personal Stationery Items



Thank you to those families who have sent their children with all the necessary stationery supplies. This enables your child to begin their day feeling organised and ready for learning. Please ensure your child has **headphones** and a **student dictionary** (preferably an Oxford Student Dictionary ISBN: 9780190319342) to use in daily literacy sessions. We will send some reminders throughout the year to top up on various items. **Glue sticks, lead pencils** and **paper towel** run out quickly so please replenish items each term if possible. If you are unsure of what your child's class requirements are, please check the school website for a complete list for each grade or contact your child's class teacher via the office.

On the requirements list sent to students last year, the atlas that was listed is no longer in print. Students don't need the atlas until Semester 2. We will notify you of an appropriate atlas to purchase that is ***in print!*** later in the semester.

Crunch 'n' Sip

Each day students will participate in Crunch 'n' Sip during the morning session. Please remember that food containing nuts, fish, honey and eggs should not be consumed at school as some students have severe allergies to these items. This includes some snack and muesli bars.



Library



Borrowing books from the Library will commence in the next few weeks. Students will require a library bag for borrowing.

Class Contact

If you are interested in becoming a class contact please inform your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Year 4 Camp to Broken Bay



Year 4 students will be attending a camp at Broken Bay Sports and Recreations Centre in Week 9, Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th March. Further information, permission notes and payment details will be released shortly.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year of learning,

Stage 2 Teachers

STAGE 3 SNIPPETS



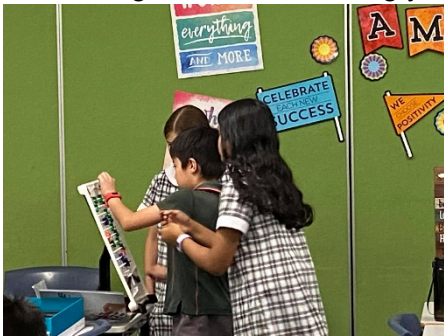
Welcome to Stage 3, 2020 - a year that promises to be full of fun with a whole lot of work thrown in too.

The students have settled quickly into their classes and routines, getting to know each other through a range of activities. Our focus for the beginning of this term has been reading quality literature to ignite discussion around how we can be our best self and the role of giving and receiving feedback for improvement. It has also been exciting to use our Film Making Kit with a green screen to record our inspirational messages – just like the “Kid President”. We have also looked at

how to handle social situations, what to do with a problem and how to collaborate and communicate with others. Ask your child about the Turing Tumbles – it was amazing to see them put their newly developed collaboration skills to the test. New concepts are introduced in Maths whilst prior knowledge is assessed in order to know each student’s level of ability and how to move them forward.



On Tuesday 18th February you have the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher between 5:15 pm and 6:00pm in their individual classroom. We are looking forward to meeting you then.



Try outs are being held for PSSA teams between the rainy weather and will be finalised this week with notes being sent out during Week 4. The first round of PSSA should start next Friday – weather permitting – so it is important notes are returned promptly. With over 260 students in Stage 3, PSSA spots are very competitive which means not everyone gets in.

We love that our students put themselves out there and have a go, and demonstrate resilience, good sportsmanship and their growth mindset if they don’t get in. Those who don’t make it into the teams will be involved in weekly school sport. We are looking forward to this busy but exciting term. Thank you in advance, for your support and for encouraging your child to always have a go and give of their best.



Stage 3 Team

Leadership Team 2020

The Leadership students have been busy getting to know one another and their new team. They have been brainstorming new initiatives for the year, starting with awesome cheering, dancing and encouraging their teams through the Swimming Carnival. Thank you for the wonderful feedback received from teachers and parents regarding the enthusiasm, commitment and overall creativity shown by the Leadership Team during this event. The students from Years 2-6 gave everything in supporting their peers in the pool as well as each other when chanting and dancing to house theme songs. The blast of colour from each house was exciting to see and it was evident that respectful competition was the aim of the day.

Our 2020 Leaders are embracing opportunities to connect with students from their House and this week saw the first of the House Spirit meetings. They are taking great pride in building spirit into the four houses: Bluegum, Casuarina, Waratah and Wattle, in not only sport but everything Ironbark. Feeling supported, valued, included, and part of a 'family' are just some of the words related to the building of house spirit. Every Wednesday will see students K-6 taking part in activities and discussions about the Ironbark Way and why it is so important for everyone to play an active part to ensure that the spirit of Ironbark thrives.

As co-ordinators of the Leadership Team Mrs Barton and Mrs Sayer are so excited to be working with such capable, creative and dedicated students. This year will see many new initiatives for leadership as a whole at Ironbark and these amazing kids are just the beginning.



Who are you going to call?

Samadhi Thiyansa Molly Alina Alyssa Jashanbir Bronte Paige

Rhea Ebony Avani Ella Elizabeth Ishita Annabelle Angelina

Anna Gurjivan Mackenzie Abhay

Our School Leaders!



**We are hot to go
H-O-T - T-O-G-O
AWOO hot to go
AWOO hot to go x 4**



**Supporting each other that's
our aim.
Victory is what we're here to
claim**



School Swimming Carnival



The inclement weather did not stop our annual school Swimming Carnival from going ahead last Monday; but only competitors attended. There were some outstanding performances by many of our swimmers.

Suzi A broke six records at the carnival. Some of the records had stood for over six years and in the 200 metres Senior Girls Individual Medley, she broke the record by an amazing 32 seconds.

The other records included:

Open Girls 100m Freestyle

11 Years Girls 50 Freestyle

11 Years Girls 50m Backstroke

11 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke

11 Years Girls 50m Butterfly

Congratulations on an outstanding effort Suzi.

Thank you to all participants, and congratulations to those who were successful in gaining a place on the Zone team. The Ridges Zone swimming carnival will be held at Blacktown Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 3rd March. Notes will be sent home with swimmers involved.

Best wishes to all Ironbark competitors.

A huge thank you to all helpers on the day; our carnival would not be a success without your assistance.

House Places:

1st Wattle

2nd Bluegum

3rd Casuarina

4th Waratah

Age Champions:

Junior Girls: Maisie L

Junior Boys: Liam M

11 Years Girls: Suzi

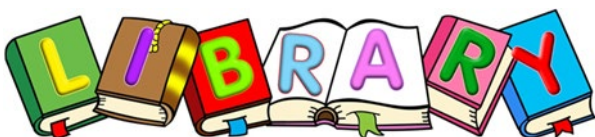
11 Years Boys: Daniel Y

12 Years Girls: Shelby J

12 Years Boys: Veer D

Thank You

Judy Paton



Borrowing from our School Library will commence next week (Week 4) for all students in Year 1 to Year 6. Kindergarten students will commence borrowing in Week 5.

Please ensure your child / children bring their library bag on their class Library Day.

Thank you

Library Teachers

CANTEEN

Just a reminder, that lunch orders for **Wednesdays only** have changed for 2020. A restricted menu of only Sushi or a simple lunch pack (consisting of a sandwich (ham, cheese, Vegemite, or jam) a drink (either water, apple juice, orange juice or apple and blackcurrant) and a snack (either a Mamee chicken or beef noodle pack) will be available on Wednesdays. As a service to our school community, we want to continue to provide you with a Wednesday lunch service, and this is a way for us to streamline the delivery of this service whilst also maximising on-site cooking time for the healthy and nutritious food we serve on the other days (Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri). There is no recess service on a Wednesday.

FlexiSchools ordering only as usual and the options will appear for Wednesday orders. Choose a sandwich filling, drink and a snack for the one reasonable price... or select a Sushi option.

P & C



Notice of P&C Committee Meeting 19 February 2020

All parents are welcome to attend the P&C meeting for Term 1 which will be held on 19 February at 7:00pm in the school library.

Attending this meeting is a great opportunity to meet other parents and become involved in the school community at Ironbark Ridge Public School. It also provides an opportunity to gain valuable insight into what is happening at the school and what can be expected in the year ahead.

The P&C committee currently has a position vacant. If you are interested in this role or joining the P&C come to the meeting next week.



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Secretary and Vice President's interested in this role or joining the P&C come to the meeting next week.

P&C Membership fee is \$2 a year and we encourage you to join so that you can have a say in your school.

All parents are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS – TERM 1

OPENING HOURS School Terms only

Mondays 8:30am – 9:30am

Wednesdays 8:30am – 9:30am

Fridays 8:30am – 9:30am

(14 Feb, 28 Feb, 13 March, 27 March)

Fridays 2:00pm – 2:50pm

(21 Feb, 6 March, 20 March, 4 April)

For online sales go to:

<https://ironbark-ridge-public-school-pc-association.square.site/>

- Payments are by VISA / Mastercard / Amex only
- If you would like to pick up from the Uniform Shop during opening hours choose "PICK UP"
- Choose "Shipping" if you wish to have your order sent to KTOOSH and include your child full name
- **"Note to Sender" please ensure that you put your child's FULL NAME & CLASS in this box for ALL orders**
- All receipts will now be sent electronically by text or email. You will need to provide this detail at time of purchase. If you choose not to then refunds/returns will be unavailable to you.
- Refunds/returns will now only be accepted strictly within 90 days of purchase & you will have to show your receipt. Goods must be in an as sold condition.
- We no longer accept Union Pay credit cards

** You can also check online what is currently in stock**

If you have any questions, please contact us on uniforms@irpspc.com or at the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



KELLYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

The Students and Staff invite you to
Guided tours, forums, displays & further insight into extracurricular activities offered at our school.

OPEN NIGHT 2020

Tuesday 3rd March

4:00PM – 6:00pm*

**Tea and coffee will be served from 3:30pm.*

Kellyville High School

Cnr York Rd & Queensbury Ave Kellyville 2155
8824 5955

<http://www.kellyville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>
Kellyville-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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Students will grow into global digital citizens."*



Education



Learning Excellence
Integrity

School zone at Ironbark Ridge Public School to include Caballo Street, Rouse Hill

Transport for NSW is extending the school zone at Ironbark Ridge Public School to include 200 metres of Caballo Street, Rouse Hill. The school zone along Ironbark Ridge Road would remain the same.

We will install new school zone signs and marking the road surface to show the extended school zone. The updated signs and marking will help ensure the 40 kilometres per hour school zone is clear to all road users.

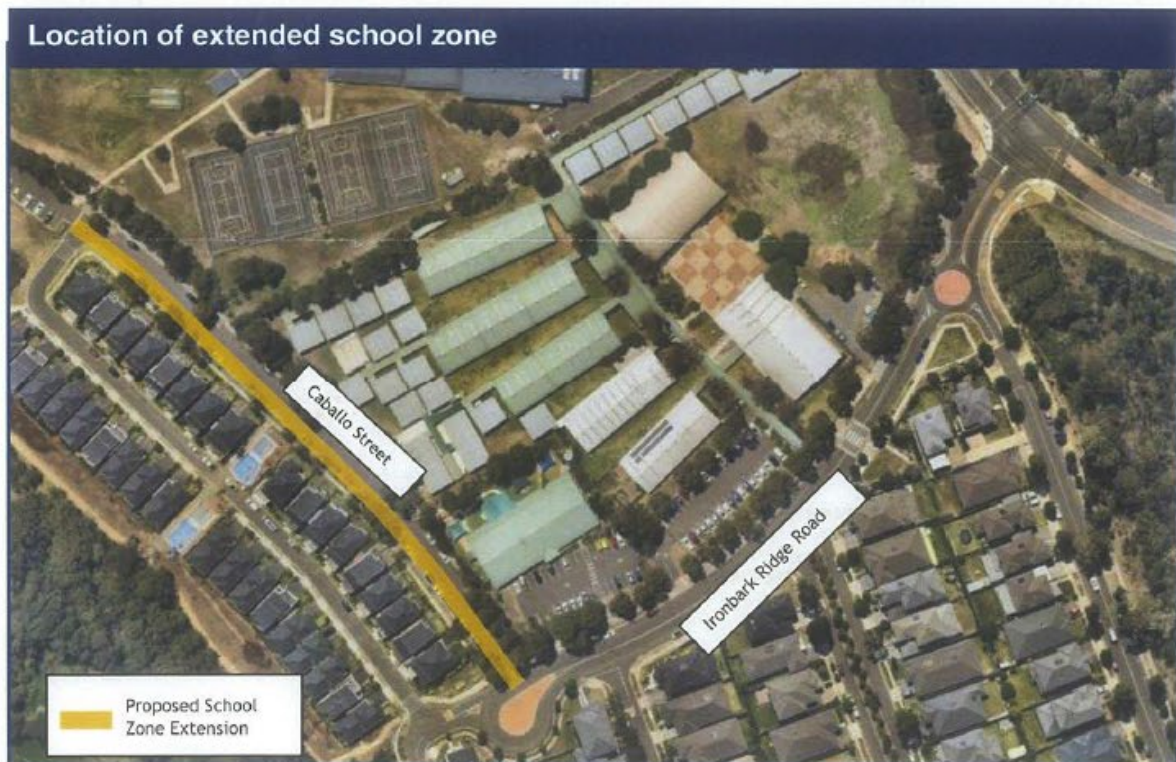
The extended school zone will start from **Monday 10 February**.

Hills Shire Council recently notified us that there is an entrance to Ironbark Ridge Public School from Caballo Street. After reviewing the school zone, we have decided to extend the school zone to include part of Caballo Street.

School zones provide a safe road environment for students near school premises. School zones are provided on roads with active, direct access points to a school and on roads where Crossing Supervisors work.

We will install the school zone signage and road marking on **Friday 7 February 2020**, weather permitting.

In school zones and during school zone hours, motorists can only travel at 40 kilometres per hour on days which are not a weekend, a public holiday or a publicly notified school holiday for government schools.



Our work schedule

We will be on site on **Friday 7 February**, weather permitting.

Our work hours during the day are between **7am** and **6pm**. We will also be working at night between **8pm** and **5am**.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact us on **1800 317 377** or at **networksafety@rms.nsw.gov.au**

For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

How will the work affect you?

The signs will be installed during the day and the road markings will be made at night. There may be some noise associated with this work, but we will make every effort to minimise the impact to residents, including completing noisier tasks before midnight.

How can you help?

Please look out for the extended 40 kilometres per hour school zone along Caballo Street from **Monday 10 February** and ensure that you drive to the speed limit to increase road safety.



Translating and Interpreting Service

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** and ask them to telephone TINSW Services on **1800 317 377**

Arabic

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مترجم أو تفسيرا فليطلب من خدمات مترجمي اللغة الوطنية (TIS National) على الرقم 131 450. ولتطلب من خدمات الطرق والبحرية (Roads and Maritime Services) على الرقم 1800 317 377

Cantonese

如果你需要口譯員，請致電 **131 450** 聯絡翻譯和口譯服務署 (TIS National)，要求他們致電 1800 317 377 聯絡 Roads and Maritime Services。

Mandarin

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Greek

Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνεία, παρακαλούμε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην Υπηρεσία Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας (Εθνική Υπηρεσία TIS) στο **131 450** και ζητήστε να τηλεφωνήσουν Roads and Maritime Services στο 1800 317 377

Italian

Se desiderate l'assistenza di un interprete, prego telefonare al Servizio Interpreti e Traduttori (TIS National) al **131 450** chiedendo di contattare Roads and Maritime Services al 1800 317 377

Korean

통역사가 필요하시면 번역통역서비스 (TIS National) 에 **131 450** 으로 연락하여 이들에게 1800 317 377 번으로 Roads and Maritime Services 에 전화하도록 요청하십시오

Vietnamese

Nếu cần thông ngôn viên, xin quý vị gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phiên Dịch (TIS Toàn Quốc) qua số **131 450** và nhờ họ gọi cho Roads and Maritime Services qua số 1800 317 377