

#### Ironbark Ridge PS

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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



## **Newsletter 2020**

Term 4 Week 1 16/10/2020

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

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

October

29<sup>th</sup> October – Student Leadership Capabilities Day

30th October - World Teacher's Day

\*\* Subscribe to our 'Ironbark Ridge - Public' Sentral calendar (see the Parent Portal)\*\*

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Term Four and the race down the final straight!

Welcome back for what will hopefully be a fairly straight run to the 2020 finish line. This year has been disrupted by a number of events, and many of us will not remember 2020 for positive reasons, however we cannot ignore

the fact that we have all grown and developed new levels of resilience as a result. The annual educational race consists of four terms, and I enjoy the 400m running analogy of coming off the bend to look down the 'straight' towards the finish line. On Monday morning I spoke to our students about the fact that we are ALL learners, even mums and dads, grandparents and teachers! As a result we must all continue to apply effort (be persistent) and stay focussed on the task at hand, pushing ourselves to use our last bits of energy and get over the finish line in the fastest time.

The *Ironbark Ridge Way* is to be a learner for all four terms, and this will give us the best chance of growing by more than a year in each class and calendar year.

#### What Works Best... using data!

At Ironbark Ridge we value the process of letting data and evidence direct our next steps. Evaluative Thinking is in fact one of our 5 Strategic Practices we employ in everything we do across all grade groups and in all key learning areas. Teaching teams constantly develop assessment tasks, observe students closely, and use tools to test students on their strategies and abilities. Teachers then use this information to revise learning, adjust the difficulty of tasks, offer opportunities for student to transfer knowledge into new areas, or move on to the next challenge. The research and evidence into What Works Best tells us that using data to inform our teaching practice improves student learning. Many industries and professions now employ this methodology to increase their own effectiveness, and teachers are no different (although in many ways I believe the process of learning to be an extremely complex one). This term we will complete the 'Situational Analysis' section of our school planning process... and at its heart is the need to collect, evaluate, validate and respond to data and evidence of our school's growth.

#### Last chance to give us your survey thoughts...

We will soon be closing our annual parent survey and would really like you to spend 10-15 minutes completing it so we can get a true indication of what the community value and desire from their school. The link is:

#### https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/IronBark20p

**Please find the time to complete it for us this weekend** so we can gather the most accurate 'consensus' of our school community's opinions. We have almost 90 respondents so far and would love to hit the 100 mark

#### Successful Learner Habit: Persistence

(We are all Ironbarkers... We are all Learners.)

Persistence is critical in students overcoming new and difficult learning. We all know the importance of practice and repetition in achieving mastery of a skill, and I am reminded of the great Michael Jordan's quote "I've missed over 9000 shots, lost 300 games, failed over and over... that's why I succeed!"

Students are trying to develop the Habit of not giving up, recognising times when they are stuck and using a different technique to solve a problem, of noticing and celebrating even our small improvements and gains despite continued difficulties. Successful Learners will keep going with the knowledge that they are capable of success if they are willing to fail, fall



over and still get back up to have another go. A slight change in technique might be all that is separating us from learning a new skill. Let's show the 'grit' required to grow and "Never surrender!" just like Ridgy the Frog.

#### Kindy next year!

We have received relaxed guidelines from NSW Health and the DoE allowing us to conduct on-site Kindergarten Orientation sessions from the start of November. This is exciting news for our new students, who can now experience two *practices* in the Kindy classrooms before next year's official arrival at 'Big School'. For our teachers, this provides an importance opportunity to meet new students and begin planning to support their transition. More specific details and invitations to our slightly revised Kindergarten Orientation program will be sent out early next week to families with currently enroled 2021 Kindy students.

Due to our rigorous enrolment policy and procedures, it's important that any more new Kindy 2021 enrolment applications are made as soon as possible and we can squeeze you into thei program if you are fast ©

#### Parenting: SParents

I have no doubt you've heard the old saying "It takes a village to raise a child.", but in our modern world we are in fact moving away from this idea with grandparents often geographically removed, many parents raising children on their own, and family life being so busy. The role of other critical adults in a young person's growing up journey cannot be underestimated – they can be Spare Parents!

I've included an article by Michael Grose, parenting expert from www.parentingideas.com.au

Looking forward to a rewarding Term 4,

Nick Thomson Principal

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

A big warm Ironbark welcome back is extended to all our wonderful returning and new families for Term 4. As usual, we have a busy term ahead and look forward to working with you to continue the learning growth of our students, teachers and school community. Things may look a little different under the current COVID guidelines; however, we look forward to partnering with you to support the learning and wellbeing needs of the students at this amazing school. Please make sure that you stay in touch with school news by reading the newsletter and watching for Facebook alerts that will be sent out. The updated Parent Planner is attached in this newsletter so you are kept in the loop with all the Ironbark happenings!

#### **Staff News**

Mrs Pho will be leaving us in Week 2 to begin her maternity leave. There are no words to express what a wonderful experience it has been for me to work alongside her. She is such a dynamic leader and the most exceptional colleague and a beautiful soul. We eagerly await news of the birth of our new Ironbark baby and wish her and her husband all the very best. Precious Baby Pho could not wish for better parents. With the leaving of Mrs Pho, we are very fortunate to have Mrs Robson relieve as Deputy Principal.











Mrs Allsopp and Ms Reber have recently joined the Ironbark teaching team. We extend a warm welcome to both of them.

#### **Student Leadership**

Ironbark Ridge Public School provides excellent opportunities for students to demonstrate their leadership skills in many different ways. In addition to class-based leadership opportunities, we have many formal options for students to show their skills, including being an SRC representative, a buddy or as our official student leadership team. Once again, we have had an outstanding team of student leaders who represented our school in a highly professional manner in 2020. Unfortunately, due to the unusual year that we have had with all the guidelines around COVID, our leaders haven't had the opportunities to lead Ironbark in the regular manner. However, all of our current leaders have been amazing in supporting the school and the students through these difficult times. As we draw towards the end of the year, we will soon start the process to identify the 2021 student leadership team. We acknowledge and wish all of the current Year 5 students who wish to begin the application process all the very best. Please keep your eye around important dates outlining the application process and interview timeline.

#### **PSSA**

PSSA organisers have advised that all games and competitions have been cancelled for the remainder of the year.

#### 2021 Enrolments

With Term 3 almost at an end, we remind parents that enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are now due to be returned to school. If you live in our school catchment area and have a child who will be starting Kindergarten next year, please visit the front office or our website for an enrolment form. This will ensure the school can plan appropriately for our students. Thank you to those families who have already completed their enrolment details. Families who live outside of our catchment zone are encouraged to visit our website for information about non-local enrolments. 2021 Kindergarten families are encouraged to enrol as soon as possible to ensure they do not miss out on vital information. We have a dedicated page on our website with information about starting school.

https://ironbarkrg-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/kindergarten-2021.html

#### **Orange Bidgerees**

Each week, we recognise students playing safely, respectfully and responsibly on the playground by handing out Orange Bidgerees. These tokens are then put in the House letterboxes, ready for the Wednesday draw by our Student Leaders during the School Spirit Meeting. We did not have a draw last week due to the Book Parade. Congratulations to the following students: Grace KA, Yashika 2R, Nia and Tiana 2C, Nishika and Ariana 2K, Ciana 3C and Mark 6H.

#### **Term 4 Guidelines**

Social distancing measures from Term 3 will remain in place at school until otherwise notified. These include dropping off and picking up students, contacting the school by phone or email (rather than face to face), using social distancing measures and providing regular opportunities for students and staff to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day. As per the advice from the NSW Department of Education, students who are unwell need to remain at home. Parents of students who arrive at school unwell will be contacted to take their child home. Please socially distance while dropping off or waiting for your child in the afternoon. You are encouraged to wear a mask when entering the school. We understand that all of this will continue to require considerable planning, organisation and cooperation from all involved. We truly appreciate your support.

#### World Teachers' Day - Friday 30 October

World Teacher's Day was celebrated during the September school holidays, so in Australia, we commemorate the outstanding work of our teaching staff on Friday October 30. At Ironbark Ridge, we are truly blessed with our dedicated, hardworking teachers and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the many hours spent in and out of school planning for outstanding learning experiences for our students. We encourage you to find a few minutes to reflect on the teachers who work with your children and the positive impact that they have not only on learning but overall development. At our school we are fortunate to have amazing teachers who care deeply about our kids. I am so proud to work alongside such a wonderful team of professionals. This is no more evident than what has occurred this year when teachers had to quickly adapt to teaching students online, as well as adjust to the impact COVID has had in 2020. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank all Ironbark Ridge Public School teachers for their outstanding service to students. Teachers, together with our administration and support staff, make this school a great place for students to learn and grow. As there are many guidelines in place at the moment, we will be looking for ways to recognise our incredible staff in some manner on Friday 30 October.

#### Being kind to our neighbours and each other

Picking up and dropping off children at school can at times be a test of patience. As a community, we ask that you are mindful that everyone is experiencing the same feelings, especially at those peak times. It is essential that parking happens within appropriate designated spots and not illegally or in places such as private driveways. We thank you in advance for your consideration of others.

#### Applications for selective high school placement for Year 7 in 2022 - Important information

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020. Parents must apply online at <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7</a>

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

#### Year 6 Fun Day

On the last Thursday of Term 3 the Year 6 students held a very successful fun day for our school. The students worked hard with their teachers to ensure that the day ran smoothly, and encouraging the involvement and fun for the rest of our students. The money raised from the day will go towards the end of Year 6 activities. Well done to Mrs McCarthy and the Year 6 team for your organisation and support of such a successful event. We would also like to thank the parents for supporting our Fun Day and Year 6 children in the preparation of the many stalls.

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



# Ironbark Ridge Public School Parent Planner τerm 2 2020

\*\* Note: All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school. **Updated 16.10.20** 

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1 October	12 Students return for Term 4	13	14	15 Whole School (TBC) and Leadership group photos	16	17/18
2 October	19	20	21	22	23	24/25
3 Oct/Nov	26	27	28	29 2021 Student Leadership Capabilities Day	30 World Teachers Day	31/1
4 November	2	3 Melbourne Cup	4 9.20am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation #1 7pm P&C Meeting via Zoom	5	6	7/8
5 November	9 IRPS Athletics Carnival (students only)	10	11 Remembrance Day	9.20am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation #2	13	14/15
6 November	16	17	18 OC Placement Test	9.20am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation #3 2021 Student Leadership Selection Interviews	20	21/22
7 November	23 Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm	24 Band demonstration concert via Zoom	25	26	27 No PSSA	28/29
8 Nov/Dec	30 Whole School Photo	1 NSW High Schools Orientation Day	2	3	4	5/6
9 December	7	8 Celebration Day 9.30am 3-6 11.30am K-2 Year 6 Farewell (TBC)	9	10	11 Semester 2 Student Reports Published	12/13
10 December	14	15	16 Last day for students 2.00 Year 6 Leaving Assembly	17 Staff Development Day	18 Staff Development Day	19/20

#### ADMINISTRATION

Welcome back to Term 4!

#### **Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion**

We are excited to advise that the Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm is going ahead on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. New consent forms will be emailed to families shortly.

#### **Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Days**

We have exciting news for our new Kindergarten 2021 starters! We are now able to go ahead with our orientation sessions. These sessions provide a great opportunity for your child to get to know our school and for us to get to know your child.

There will be three sessions held in November – each Kindy child will be invited to attend **TWO** of the three scheduled dates.

Due to COVID restrictions, the dates for these sessions have changed slightly from those previously advised. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding these dates via email. This information will be sent out to enrolled families only. If you have not enrolled your child to start school in 2021, please do so as soon as possible so that they are able to attend our valuable orientation sessions.





#### Ironbark Ridge

Public School

Transition to School Program

#### **CANTEEN**

We'd like to welcome everyone back to school!

Now that it's term 4, we have our Summer Menu back. Including slushies!

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Keep an eye on Flexischools as we are doing some new pastas and salads this term.

Please remember that cupcakes need to be ordered at least three days before the desired date.

Doris & Mel
Canteen Team

#### KINDY CAPERS

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you have had time to rest and recharge after what was definitely a busy Term 3. Before we know it, our Kindergarten students will be making their way into year 1 and will no longer be the little ones of Ironbark Ridge.

This week Kindy teachers will be sending home information about Weekly News Topics for your child. All students will be provided with a day that they can share their feelings, thoughts and experiences on set topics. This is not a formal speech and teachers will assist students where needed. The opportunity to share these thoughts verbally with their classmates is aimed at building their confidence to speak in front of a known audience.

Sport will remain on Wednesdays this term so all Kindergarten students are expected to wear their sports uniform. A reminder that Library and Fitness for **KA**, **KD**, **KF** and **KW** occur on Mondays and **KS** and **KG** on Fridays. Please ensure that sport uniforms are also worn for fitness due to the physical nature of the activities completed. This term in sport we are participating in games using the many skills we have been learning throughout the year.







This term, a lot of our learning will be based around our new topic of 'Fairy Tales'. It is an enjoyable unit where we get to explore many stories such as Cinderella, Rapunzel, Goldilocks and Little Red Riding Hood. As part of this integrated unit, students will participate in STEM activities for science where they will need to solve a range of problems in small groups. These science lessons will involve the need for collaboration and lots of materials. The Kindy teachers would greatly appreciate if your child could bring in any recyclable materials (such as cereal boxes, milk bottles (washed), empty paper towel rolls etc.) to assist with the creation of their designs.

We look forward to what should be an amazing last term of Kindergarten.

#### **ES1 Teachers**

#### STAGE 1 SNIPPETS



Welcome back to Term 4! We hope that you all enjoyed having your beautiful children at home for the school holidays.

All Stage 1 teachers are ready and excited for a busy and exciting term of teaching. We know all the students will be highly engaged and challenged in the classroom with their teachers.

This term as part as part of our Geography unit, students will have the opportunity to use Virtual Reality headsets as they look at many different places on the land and in the water. These VR headsets create immersive and engaging experiences whilst increasing knowledge of the specific place being looked at.

2A had a great time using these headsets!









As it is the beginning of the term, please check with your child that that they have all the necessary stationary such as glue sticks, scissors, lead pencils and crayons.

With the ongoing requirement of washing hands due to COVID, teachers are always appreciative of soap, paper towel and hand sanitizer.

Thank you if you have kindly sent any of these items in with your child.

The weather is warming up, so please ensure your child packs their hat and water to help keep them sun safe and hydrated.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the year with all the students.

#### STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

Welcome to Term 4!

We trust our students enjoyed their break and are ready for another productive term.

#### **Classroom Stationery & Supplies**

Please ensure students are well equipped for learning with the stationery essentials to last until the end of the year. Many thanks to families who have sent in classroom supplies. They are greatly appreciated. If you haven't already done so, please send items in as soon as possible. Classes are in desperate need of **glue sticks**, **tissues**, **hand-wash** and **paper towel** so please replenish items, if possible.

#### Sport

This term, Stage 2 students will participate in two sporting sessions throughout the week. Stage 2 sport will be on a Friday morning. Year 3 will have a fitness session each Thursday afternoon and Year 4 will have a fitness session every Monday afternoon.

Year 3 students will need to wear their sports uniforms on Thursdays and Fridays.

Year 4 students will need to wear their sports uniforms on Mondays and Fridays.

With our hot summer weather, please ensure your children have a water bottle and a school hat, both clearly labelled with your child's full name and class.

Please note the Summer PSSA competition will not resume this year.

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

#### Stage 2 Teachers

#### **STAGE 3 SNIPPETS**

Welcome back to Term 4! Stage 3 have another busy term ahead and are ready to take on new opportunities and experiences with a growth mindset.

Thank you to all students, parents and families for your support of the Year 6 Fun Day. Students worked very hard to ensure the event was a great success. Well done to our outstanding year 6 cohort for raising \$7 123.40 on this day.

Some exciting news regarding the year 6 farewell. It has been given the go ahead and is booked in for the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. In light of the current situation, anything can change between now and then but we will keep you up-to-date with all the information.

Stage 3 sport will now take place on Friday mornings. Students are expected to dress in their sport uniform on this day. Year 6 students will also begin participating in the Footsteps dance program this Friday.

Year 5 Parents -A reminder that if you are considering applying for Year 7 Selective high school placement test in 2021 to complete the online application.

We are looking forward to a busy but exciting term. Please keep an eye on newsletters, the school App and Facebook page for updates and reminders of activities.







# Ridgy Didge Awards

#### Focus

#### Respectful

KF	Amy, Angus, Monica		Grace, Olivia, Tegfatehyab, Cooper	
KG	Enya, Kody, Ziva, Henry		Shareena, Daksh, Ryan, Max	
KW	Diyan, Aanya, Stella, Aaryan, Ananta	KS	Ashley, Enzo, Yash, Logan	
1C	Charlie, Zaynah, Kethanaa, Ophelia	1B	Emma, Ethan, Ronon, Kayla	
1L	William, Kopano, Ayan	1R	Isabel, Isabella, Omr, Sophie	
2C	Kylie, Raphael, Miya		Sifath, Albert, Marcus	
2D	Anna, Shreya, Danni, Medina	2H	Matteo, Logan, Olivia, Madison	
2K	Isla, Gabriel, Irene, Stylianos	3K	Cooper, Piper, Jasper, Lachlan	
2R	Lanah, Danilo, Emma, Nuwaan	4B	Ciara, Megan, Joey, Hashir	
3C	Charlotte, Vinuk, Damon, Jemima	4F	Ken, James, Abhijay, Felix	
3H	Kihara, Sahas, Samim	4W	Vaihola, Benjamin, Benita, Samantha	
3J	Tangyue, Juni, Lawson, Angelica	5B	Olivia, Lida, Eliyas	
41	Shrravan, Laila, James	5C	Tristan, Thanishka, Bhavna, Fudail	
48	Himanshu, Yousef, Sadya, Bianca	5W	T'miah, Jarred, Lola, Ashlee	
5J	Lanna, Cheuk, Terry	6C	Jayson, Halle, Vansh	
5K	Ben, Bella, Lachlan, Lexi	6E	Andie, Arya, Suphi, Navpreet	
6H	Hannah, Samadhi, Rishi, Zaara	<b>6S</b>	Jaden, Sanjana, Tegam, Rani	
6/5M	Jack, Cleo, Erica, Zara			



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

#### Annual General Meeting in the school library on 4/11/2020 at 7pm

We hereby advise that the Annual General Meeting of the Ironbark Ridge Public School P&C Committee will be held on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. Immediately follow the AGM at 8pm we will hold the P&C General Meeting where we will elect the office bearers for the 2021 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 2020,
- to receive the Annual Committee Reports regarding the activities of the P&C during the last preceding financial year and
- sign up new members for 2021
- to elect office bearers of the P&C for the 2021 financial year.

All parents and carers are encouraged to volunteer for the following positions on the P&C committee in 2021:

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

Only Financial P&C members can be nominated or voted in. Memberships can be paid via Flexischool. Cost \$2 per year.

Application for these roles can be made on the application form that follows this letter and emailed to <a href="mailto:secretary@irpspc.com">secretary@irpspc.com</a>.

You contribution to the P&C in 2021 will be greatly appreciated and we look forward to receiving nominations for these positions.

# SANTA RESPECT EXCELLED

#### **IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION**

#### **2021 NOMINATION FORM**

Date:	
I wish to nominate myself	for the position* of;
P&C Positions	
Executive Positions	Please Tick
President	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Committee Positions	Please Tick
Uniform Committee	
Events Committee	
Grants Committee	
Student Banking Committee	
Traffic Committee	
* Please nominate only one position per form. Complete ad positions. Nominee must be present at the meeting.	ditional forms for multiple
Name and signature of person making nomination	
Name and signature of person accepting nomination (Nb it is not necessary to obtain a seconder and it is ok to no	ominate yourself

Please email your nomination form to the P&C Secretary on or before the AGM to be held on **4th November 2020**. Inquiries to <a href="mailto:president@irpspc.com">president@irpspc.com</a> or <a href="mailto:secretary@irpspc.com">secretary@irpspc.com</a>

### Make way for sparenting

Positive Parenting by Michael Grose



Raising children has always been best when it's a community affair. In previous generations, aunts, uncles, grandparents, god parents and family friends – spare parents, or sparents –all played a part in raising kids. The last decade has seen the rise of parenting as an individual endeavour, which can place crushing pressure for parents to always be at their best.

The saying 'it takes a village to raise a child' needs to be updated to 'it takes a town or suburb full of healthy adults to look out for kids at different stages of their lives.' A mouthful, but you get the gist. A child can never have too many spare parents.

#### Sparenting at different stages

When kids are very young, most parents want a break from the relentlessness of child-rearing. It's the time for other adults to step up to offer a smattering of advice, a touch of moral support and plenty of babysitting relief.

As kids move into primary school they are primed for finding their place in the world. Spending time with other adults such as family, friends and parents of their friends broadens their horizons, hastening this important socialisation process.

Developmentally, teenagers benefit enormously from relationships with men and women outside their immediate family. Sparents make great confidantes and coaches for young people at a stage when they are seeking independence from their parents while undergoing significant emotional and physical changes. Some years ago my daughter loved babysitting her young niece, constantly phoning her brother with babysitting offers. Now as a parent she still takes a keen interest in her nieces and nephews because deep in her bones she knows that sparenting enriches a child's life in so many ways.

#### The benefits of sparents

#### Filling a talent or interest gap

Kids usually appreciate having an adult to share their interests, but it's hard for parents to be across all their children's hobbies and activities. Relatives or family friends are well placed to fill the interest void that occurs in some families.

#### Filling a gender gap

If you are raising a son in an all-female household then an uncle, grandfather or male family friend can be a great additional role model. Similarly, girls in all-male households can benefit from sparenting by a female friend or relative.

#### Bringing a fresh voice

Ever noticed how kids will listen to other adults more than they listen to their parents, even though the message is the same? It's frustrating, but that has always been the reality of raising children and young people.

#### Bringing some emotional detachment

As strange as it may sound (hear me out), being your child's parent can be an obstacle to parenting them rationally. When we are heavily invested, rightfully so, in all their hopes and dreams as well as our own wishes for them, it's inevitable that we won't always use logic and reason, especially in the heat of a challenging moment. The presence of another calming adult without the emotional investment that comes with parenting provides a different perspective, particularly when kids behave poorly or when academic results can disappoint.

# **School Travel for 2021**



#### 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now <u>apply</u> online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <a href="https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails">https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails</a>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### **New Concession Entitlement Cards**

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at: https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

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# IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

- AFTER SCHOOL MANDARIN CLASS
- Chinese characters
- Sentence structures
- Dialogues
- Pinyin pronunciation system
- Chinese culture

#### **ADDRESS**

IRONBARK RIDGE Public School

Time: 3:10pm-5:10pm

- Monday: Non-Chinese background students
- Tuesday: Grade 3 on Chinese
- Wednesday: Grade 2 on Chinese
- Thursday: New 2021 kindy students

Starts on 1st Feb 2021



## Peiji Chinese School CONTACT US:

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