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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



Newsletter 2021

Term 4 Week 11 17th December

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

**** View our 'IRPS Events (Public)' calendar in the Parent Portal and Sentral Parents App ****

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Successful Learner Habit: *Observing* with optimism and curiosity

No-one would suggest 2021 has been an easy year, particularly following on from the walk-in-the-park that was 2020!! However within this time of difficulty we have all built new skills and achieved amazing personal growth... if only we take the time to stop and observe with a positive and open mindset.

I am reminded of the chance I had early in 2021 to look through a kaleidoscope. As I turned slowly to allow more light in, and carefully twisted my hand to adjust the focus and let the colours fall into place and settle, I was struck by the metaphor. When we pause to reflect, and look carefully inside with renewed purpose and clarity, we can't help but be struck by the beauty of life. I hope you get the chance before the end of 2021 to stop and with an open, curious, positive mindset, reflect on ways this difficult year has allowed, perhaps even prompted, learning and growth in yourself and in your family.



The Ironbark Community

At the final P&C meeting of this year we farewelled our wonderful President Jon. We are grateful for the couple of years Jon has worked tirelessly as our P&C President and are now looking to find a new leader early in 2022. In the meantime our several Vice-Presidents will keep the P&C ship sailing along. We also want to express our thanks to all of our wonderful P&C volunteers who are moving on to High School and other schools. Your contributions to the Ironbark Ridge community have been amazing and you will all be greatly missed. With a changing of the guard at the commencement of 2022 we will be looking for new and more volunteers so please keep the Wednesday evening in Week 5 of Term 1 free (7pm on Feb 23rd). At this stage we have a fete planned for early in Term 4, 2022, so a team of willing helpers is required to ensure a successful event for the whole community. See you then for our Term 1 P&C meeting, hopefully in our school Library, in person!

Student Progress Reports

Last week we were able to publish all student reports onto the Parent Portal for you to view and download. For Year 6 parents with students moving on to High School adventures we suggest you download and save each of their previous reports as well since you will lose access to the Ironbark Ridge Parent Portal towards the end of the holidays. We can always retrieve old reports for you anyway, but this saves you the time of an email and a wait as we process your future request ☺

For all families, please remember that 2022 teachers will be meeting with you all in Term 1 next year to plan learning goals and discuss areas of concern in your child(ren)'s educational journey, so make note of your questions and suggestions so you are prepared for these conversations in 2022. The Learning Partnership between home and school is a crucial relationship, and our teachers pride themselves on the way they foster this collaboration with you.

2022 preview

With the close of 2021 comes a chance to look forward to future directions and next steps for our wonderful school. Ironbark Ridge students have begun over these past few years to develop their skills as learners, developing knowledge about HOW to learn, not just WHAT to learn. In 2022 our school *Strategic Improvement Plan* will continue this important work towards developing learners who lead their own learning. Part of this picture will be growing students who are able to assess themselves; against their own goals and against standards set by their teachers and the curriculum. We need your help, Ironbarkers, so we can all become more *self-determined learners*!



Taking responsible risks

As the holiday season takes hold we should recall the ‘*Stay alert but not alarmed*’ adage. Increased movement of people has seen a rapid increase in COVID case numbers, but with our many protections in place, including small safeguards such as mask-wearing when indoors or in crowded locations, we should be able to keep healthy. For our youngest, however, until vaccination becomes a real possibility we must do our best to keep them out of harms way. It is this balancing of our responsibilities with the need to live our lives and ‘get on with it’ that makes us all walk this windy, narrow path at present. Each of us as parents must make decisions that affect more than just ourselves – our youngest and oldest citizens. The love and care of your children’s teachers and the many support staff at Ironbark Ridge goes out with you all across these holidays and we encourage you all to stay safe, and keep our precious children safer.

Yours in safety along The Ironbark Way,

Nick Thomson
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Wishing All Our Families a Safe and Happy Holiday

The teachers and staff at Ironbark Ridge wish all our families a very happy, safe and peaceful holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year, as we aim to make 2022 our best year yet.

Celebrating our Year 6 Students

Last week we attended our much-anticipated Year 6 formal. What a night it was! The party room was beautifully decorated, capturing the neon theme. Our students danced and celebrated the evening away. What makes us feel so proud is the behaviour of our Ironbarkers. Our teachers did a fantastic job and created a memorable evening that I am sure will be a highlight when remembering Year 6 2021.



On Thursday afternoon, we will hold our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to acknowledge and celebrate our senior students and their time in primary school. We wish all our graduating Year 6 students the best as they get ready to enter high school. Their tenacious approach to challenges will prepare them for whatever may lie ahead in their future. Good luck to all our graduating students.

Getting to Meet Our 2022 Classroom Teacher

On Wednesday, our students met their new classroom teacher for 2022. As we walked around the school, it was easy to see the excitement and how settled our little people were in their new classes. This practice makes a big difference in reducing anxiety about change during the school holiday and upon returning to school. Some children may still find change difficult, and they will need adult guidance in exploring the positives. Remind them how much they have grown over the year and the resilience and skills they have gained. Others may require additional time to settle. We ask that you provide the time and opportunity for your child to adjust to the change and learn to make new friends.

Returning to School After the Official Commencement Date in 2022

Ironbark Ridge staff would like to remind all parents that school resumes for students in Years 1-6 (2022) on 1st February 2022. If you plan to extend a family vacation (or other) beyond that date and your child will not be at school for the official first day of the 2022 school year, you must inform the school in writing.

Have a wonderful holiday.

*Kylie Robson and Kerry De Jager
Deputy Principals*

KINDERGARTEN CAPERS

Week 11 of Term 4! It has been a crazy year and our students have pivoted and adapted to every change and challenge thrown their way! On Wednesday, our Kindergarten students (Year One's in training) met their 2022 teachers and spent some time getting to know their new classroom, peers and teacher. It was a fantastic session and many smiling students came back excited for the new year.

Earlier in the week, Kindergarten students took part in their sports fun day, celebrating a year of learning with hands on activities and games. Check out all the amazing pictures from the day as well as some fun in the classroom making reindeer cookies!



Thanks again to all parents for your ongoing support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to share in your child's learning journey.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ES1 Teachers

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

There was a lot of excitement in the air this week as our Stage 1 classes started their last week of school with their Sports Fun Day. The Year 1 and 2 students took part in a range of activities that tested their physical and gross motor skills to lift, run and catch items as well working together as a team. You couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces!

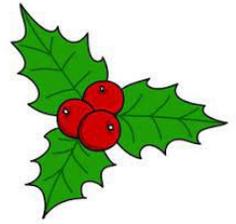
All of the Year 1 and Year 2 teachers wish their students and families a safe and relaxing holiday break, we will miss seeing our classes beautiful faces each day so we hope you come by to say hello next year 😊



Stage 1 Teachers

STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

The past few weeks have seen lots of celebrations in Stage 2. Congratulations to all students in Year 3 and 4 who have steadfastly worked to achieve their learning goals. Last week at Celebration Day, achievements were recognised and awards presented to students who had distinguished themselves as good citizens and role models for our successful learner habits. This week all students had the opportunity to reflect on their success and achievement this year during our Stage 2 Party Fun Day.



As the end of the year draws near, we would like to thank all parents and students for their persistence and flexibility during online learning this year. You all did a great job at helping us support students during lockdown – please take a bow and a moment to reflect on this incredible achievement.

On Wednesday afternoon this week all students had the opportunity to meet their 2022 teachers and get to find out about new classmates. The Stage 2 requirements list is located on the school website for your reference when purchasing classroom supplies for next year.

We hope that you get the opportunity to enjoy a peaceful December and January and look forward to seeing you all in 2022. Have a safe and happy festive season!

Stage 2 Teachers



ADMINISTRATION

FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO IRPS IN 2022

If your youngest child is finishing up at Ironbark Ridge Public School at the end of this year (or if you are otherwise leaving the school), please make sure that you **download all academic reports** from the Sentral Parent Portal. Once your youngest child leaves the school at the end of the year, you will no longer have access to the Sentral Parent Portal.

SEASONS GREETINGS

School Administration and Support Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. We wish all of our school leavers the very best for the future and look forward to welcoming all of our current and new students in 2022.



CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE

In 2022, Our Lady of the Angels Church invites Year 2 Catholic students to receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation. If this applies to your child, please contact Our Lady of the Angels Church to obtain a reconciliation enrolment form.

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM OPERATING FROM IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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BOOK IN EARLY!!
EARLY BIRD BOOKINGS CLOSE MIDDAY WEDNESDAY 8th DEC 21

Booking taken after this date will be classed as LAST-MINUTE bookings and will be charged at the current fee schedule
****Please note once booked, sessions are payable regardless of attendance****

Programmed activities & incursions are subject to appropriate weather and changes may be out of our control. Programmed activities may also be subject to change due to COVID restrictions and are based on bookings of 30+ children.

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

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.

Families Government CCS % entitlements are applied to all vacation care bookings including additional incursion and excursion costs.

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	MONDAY 13th DEC	TUESDAY 14th DEC	WEDNESDAY 15th DEC	THURSDAY 16th DEC	FRIDAY 17th DEC	
WEEK 1	LAST DAYS OF TERM 4 2021 KT OOSH BSC & ASC SESSIONS					
WEEK 2	20th DEC BIKE/TECH DAY Bike/Tech Day is back! Bring your bikes, scooters and devices for a day of fun! Remember: No helmet, no riding!	21st DEC 9D CINEMA The 9D Cinema returns to KT OOSH! With over a hundred 9D movies to choose from, turn the magic of movies into a reality.	22nd DEC CREATIVE BUILDZ A day filled with creativity and building! Forts, tents and castles plus your very own DIY Newton's Cradle!	23rd DEC CHRISTMAS PARTY Christmas is just a few sleeps away and it's time to celebrate! DIY Ornament, Nutcracker, and a special Christmas lunch!	24th DEC KT OOSH CLOSED KT OOSH RETURNS MONDAY 10th OF JAN 2022	17th DEC WATER PLAY DAY Let's kick off Vacation Care with a day of fun water play activities! Don't forget to bring along a spare change of clothes!

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JANUARY 2022 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM OPERATING FROM IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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WEEK 1	10th JAN NEW YEARS CELEBRATIONS Happy New Year! Let's celebrate the start of 2022 with dancing, fun games and activities! Create your own Tic Tac Drum! 	11th JAN BIKE N BLEND Pedal as fast as you can, Bike n Blend is here! Make your own smoothies on smoothie bikes! Don't forget your bikes and scooters. Remember: No helmet, no riding! 	12th JAN WACKY WEDNESDAY TALENT SHOW Wacky Wednesday is back for a fun filled day of games, partying and more! Come dressed in your wackiest costumes and get ready for the KT OOSH Talent Show! 	13th JAN MARVELLOUS MASTERCHEF Calling all chefs! The Muffin Break Cookie Workshop is coming to KT OOSH! Baked treats, party bag and party lunch included! 	14th JAN CAMP KT OOSH Grab your torch and roll out your sleeping bags, Camp KT OOSH is here! A day of camping fun, yummy smores, pizza and campfire stories!
WEEK 2	17th JAN MONDAY FUNDAY Monday Funday calls for all things fun! Face painting, hair spray, disco and dance party and more! 	18th JAN REPTILE SAFARI Join us for an interactive reptile workshop from Raptor Reptile! Get up close and personal with some scaly reptiles and learn about wildlife conservation. 	19th JAN ULTRA GAMING A state-of-the-art gaming theatre is here! Children will be able to play the latest games in this high-tech experience. 	20th JAN BIKE/COMMUNITY DAY Today, we celebrate the amazing contributions of the people of our community. A special visit from our local fire brigade. Remember: No helmet, no riding! 	21st JAN PJ/MOVIE DAY Come dressed in your best PJs and onesies for a relaxing day of movies!
WEEK 3	24th JAN THE AMAZING ESCAPE Amazing Race meets Escape Room! Join us for a day of puzzles and races! 	25th JAN AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE Today, let's celebrate all things that make living in Australia what it is today! 	26th JAN AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY KT OOSH CLOSED 	27th JAN BIG TOP CIRCUS Step right up and join the Big Top Circus! Children will be rolling with laughter as they learn to juggle, hula-hoop and more! 	28th JAN CYCLE & SCIENCE Grab your lab coats and beakers because it's time to experiment. Science experiments and a cycling obstacle course. Don't forget your bikes and scooters. Remember: No helmet, no riding!
WEEK 4	31st JAN WATER PLAY/GARDENING DAY Water activities to enjoy outside! Spend some time in our KT OOSH garden, tending to our plants and fairy garden. Don't forget to bring along a spare change of clothes! 	1st FEB BACK TO SCHOOL 		3rd FEB Henny Penny Hatching will be delivering the opportunity to watch eggs hatching in a specially designed incubator, and then to observe the hatched chicks at play in a large, clear sided brooding pen. HPH will be at KT OOSH from Monday the 17th - Friday the 28th If your child attends Week 2 &/OR Week 3 , a one-off charge of \$5/child for Henny Penny Chicks will apply, regardless of how many days you attend** 	4th FEB

Bookings only via "MY FAMILY LOUNGE" APP

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