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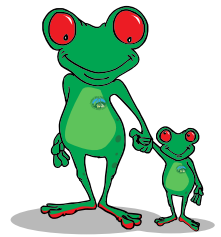
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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



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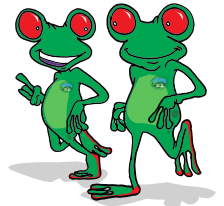
Term 2 Week 9 24th June

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The sunny days and clear chilly nights of late have been refreshing and beautiful, with the longest night of the year, the winter solstice, just earlier in this week on 21st June. Our amazing teaching staff have been up late and working long hours as they manage to analyse student assessments, judge each student's capabilities, write student comments and compile reports for you to read and discuss at home. This is all on top of ensuring learning in each classroom rolls on without a hitch. It is truly a busy time of year for our teachers and we thank them all for the additional hours that go into these tasks. The coming holidays will be well-received as they get a chance to switch off and relax for a few days at least before turning their eyes towards the second half of 2022 in the classrooms.



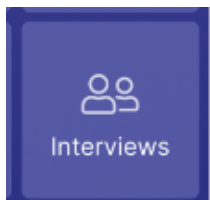
Progress? For who?

Our vision at Ironbark Ridge is "Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning", and the '*personal growth*' part is crucial in understanding the direction we have been moving with learning at Ironbark Ridge over these past years: *Differentiation*. Growth needs to be viewed individually because each student begins the year at a slightly (or vastly) different point. Measuring 'attainment' at this half-way point of the year against eg. mid-way through the Year 3 syllabus, is meaningless for the students who started the year already beyond that point in their learning journey, or for students who are working on end of Year 2 outcomes in some areas! Only personal growth matters. That's why our students are setting their own learning goals in consultation with their teacher, according to their own starting point and areas of challenge, strengths and weaknesses. Our Ironbark Ridge students are developing a keen understanding of the next steps they 'personally' need to work on in order to advance their learning journey to the next stage.

In Learning Partnership with you...

Parents and Carers, this afternoon you have received the e-published Student Progress Report for learning in the first half (semester) of 2022. In Term 1 classroom teachers met with you all to discuss each child's individual learning goals, and we hope you have been able to "cheer on from the side-lines" as students have applied their *Learner Habits* to make growth, hopefully achieving their learning goals and even setting new and more challenging aspirations along the way. With a Student Progress Report in your hands this weekend, I encourage you to discuss growth and achievement with your child(ren). Be positive and supportive of their efforts so far, and ask them "What goals will you set next?" Are the new goals measurable and achievable? Take special care to read and discuss the 'Student Comment' in the report.

In Week 2 of next term we offer another chance to meet with you to review students' learning progress and to renew our Learning Partnership in support of their personal growth in the second semester – the final half of the year. Class Teachers will be contacting you, perhaps they have already! They will be giving you information about the dates of next term's Learning Partnership Meetings, and about their 'mode' and location. Some will be online, using Zoom, while others might be in person in your child's classroom. Please read this information carefully so you can make an informed booking using the 'Interviews' tile in the Sentral Parents App from midday next Monday 27th June.



Courage – a *Successful Learner Habit*

Successful learners know that making a mistake is a great chance to find out what doesn't work. When we try to solve a problem or complete a task, we need to have the courage to have a go, to try out our best effort... but we might fail!! Oh no! Actually – it's "Oh, yes!!" if we miss the mark, because we can always try again in a different way. Our teacher might be able to give us some instruction to set us on the right new path towards success. Using our courage, we can stick at it for longer as well. Using extra courage we can be the first in our group to try new and unfamiliar challenges. We can also challenge ourselves by setting new, difficult learning goals. Asking for feedback from others, especially our teachers and parents, takes a lot of courage...

because they might tell us that we got it wrong, or that we have more growth to make, more improvement in the way we are doing the task. However, this then gives us clues about how to get better! We are all learners and 'better' is the goal! So this week and next, show your courage and know that making a mistake is a chance for learning and personal growth.



Pushing oneself (*Strength*)... and the Ironbark fairplay Spirit (*Respect*)!

Last Friday a number of our best long-distance runners competed at the Sydney West Area Cross-Country as representatives of our Ridges Zone. We all know how hard it is to maintain a fast running pace over a long distance such as 2 or 3km; it takes self-discipline and persistence, perhaps even a bit of courage even showing up to the start knowing how much it is going to hurt! Congratulations to Hayden, Olivia, Rhys, Savannah, Carter and Nikita for your outstanding efforts in your races against the best in Sydney West. Rhys (3B) came 1st in the 8/9yrs boys' race, Savannah (4S) came 6th in the 10yrs girls' race, and Carter (5C) came 1st in the 10yrs boys' race. Sensational grit and toughness, boys! The amazing Olivia (4P) was commended by a number of staff and parents at the event after an inspiring act of sportsmanship and fairness when she re-ordered herself correctly in the finish area as she noticed another competitor had been given a lower finish number by mistake. It's such a proud moment getting the news of both sorts of wonderful Ironbark Spirit – Strength and Respect! Well done, Ironbarkers 😊

Colour Explosion Fun-draising

On Tuesday next week (not Thursday – see story below) our students will all enjoy a fun time negotiating the obstacles, inflatables and tunnels in our 'Fun-Run' before getting sprayed with water and splashed with colour. I'm sure you can already imagine the sounds of excitement and delight! Please ensure students are dressed in multi-clothes, and importantly a white t-shirt. It will be clean and white in the morning, but not by the afternoon! Students in years 3-6 will need a plastic bag and a change of shirt for after their turn.

And a Correction...

Fundraising for our Colour Explosion Fun-day will still end on Thursday 30th June at 8am and all cash donations can be brought into the school Admin office from Wednesday morning, please. Prizes are able to be ordered after this time until the 7th July, but not before Thursday 30/6.

*Also, don't forget to give permission via the App. You are letting your child get colourful on Tuesday! 😊



Teachers' Strike – Thursday 30th June

Next Thursday, 30th June, many of our teachers will be joining NSW Teachers Federation colleagues from other public schools in taking Industrial Action in the interests of getting an increased salary and working conditions deal from the government. We will communicate more details about our school's operations for Thursday early next week, however given the significant support for the action shown at the previous strike, I am anticipating that only minimal supervision will be possible for us to provide. We will do our best to ensure the school remains open for the day but will need to ensure sufficient staff for safe supervision of students before making that commitment. Your support for our wonderful teachers is always gratefully appreciated.

Basketball excellence

On the recent long weekend, Ethan (3N) competed with his basketball team in Melbourne and they managed to win the U12 championships. Awesome effort, Ethan!

Chess excellence

Maadhur (5C) has been practicing his chess moves and entered a recent competition where he won 5 of 7 matches – an outstanding achievement. Keep playing, Maadhur! New players of all ages are always welcome to come along to Chess Club for fun games at lunchtime on Fridays in the Library.

This afternoon was also the final round of our interschool Chess competition that runs each year in Term 2. We have some outstanding Championship level players, as well as up-and-coming rookies who will receive awards at next Wednesday's special assembly (see below for more info).



Rest and recharge

After a busy Term 2, I trust that all of our students will have a good chance to rest and recharge their energy so they are ready for learning in Term 3.

Stay safe and enjoy some family time,

*Nick Thomson
Principal*



DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

As the term draws to a close, we would like to remind you of some important upcoming dates:

End of Term, Whole School Assembly – Wednesday 29th June (Term 2 - Week 10)

Parents are welcome to attend our end of term assembly, where the following achievements will be celebrated:

- Ridgy Didge Buddies
- Chess
- Ironbark Ridge Cross Country
- Ridges Cross Country

This assembly will commence at 12 pm under our school Hangar. Our Stage 3 Choir will also be showcasing their wonderful singing.

Development Day - Monday 18th July (Term 3 - Week 1)

The first day back next term, Monday 18th July, is a **Pupil Free Day**. Students do not attend school on this day. Staff will be partaking in professional learning around curriculum reform and working in stage teams to continue planning engaging learning opportunities for our students for the remainder of the year. Students will return to school on **Tuesday 19th July**.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival – Monday 15th July (Term 3 - Week 2)

Students in Years 3-6 and those in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year will be participating in the school Athletics and Field Events Carnival to be held at Centenary Oval, Rouse Hill. They will need to bring their school bag packed with their recess, lunch, hat, sunscreen, hand sanitiser, a plastic bag to sit on and plenty of water. There are no canteen facilities at the carnival. A limited lunch menu will be available for purchase via Flexischools prior to the day of this event. Lunch orders will be delivered to the carnival. Students are to wear their sports uniform to this event. A shirt in the colour of their house may also be worn. If students require an asthma puffer, they should carry their own on the day. Students will be leaving school at 9:00am and walking to the oval. **Any child wishing to participate in the 800m races will need to be at school by 8:00 am for an 8:15 am departure.**

K-2 Sports Fun Day – Date and Organisational Details to be Advised

Sports in Schools Australia (SiSA) K-2 Gymnastics Program Commencing – Monday 15th July (Term 3 -Week 2)

All students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be participating in a 40 minute gymnastic session run by professionally trained SiSA Staff on a Monday throughout Term 3, except for the following variations:

*Early Stage 1 will not have a session a Monday 15th August (Week 5) due to their excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm.

*Both Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will not have a session on Monday 5th September (Week 9) due to our Book Character Parade and Grandparent's Day being held on this day.

Students can wear their sports uniforms on a Monday during Term 3.

Learning Partnership Meetings – Monday 25th July (Term 3 - Week 2)

Please refer to Mr Thomson's Principal's Report in this newsletter for further details of these meetings. Watch out for a video of Mr Thomson explaining our reporting processes as well!

Education Week Open Day – Tuesday 2nd August (Term 3 – Week 3)

The IRPS learning community is invited into our classrooms to observe and participate in our engaging teaching programs on this day from 11:15 am. The theme for Education Week this year is '*Creating Futures*'.

Resource Hub for Parents:

The Department of Education has a parents and carers resource hub available online, providing access to wonderful tools and information, including learning and wellbeing resources, advice, study skills, and support for students with additional needs. Parents may find these resources helpful at this time of the year while we are reviewing student Semester 1 progress through school reports and our partnership learning meetings. Please take some time to look into the resources which you may find useful for supporting growth in all areas of your child's education and development.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers>

We wish our learning community a safe and restful holiday.

Kerry De Jager, Kylie Robson and Kerrie Pho
Deputy Principals

KINDERGARTEN CAPERS

Another busy two weeks have flown by with lots of exciting learning taking place.

Each week, students have the opportunity to go down to the library with other Kindergarten classes. We have been learning how to collaborate with our peers in small groups when using the Beebots and Dashbots, as well as using our manners when borrowing our books from the library with Mrs Aldred.



In maths lessons, we have been learning about capacity and have been having fun playing with water and blocks whilst we investigate.



The Colour Fun Run will take place next week on **Tuesday, June 28th**. Kindergarten classes have done an amazing job fundraising with **3 Kindergarten students currently in the top 10 of the whole school!!!** It's really important you register your child online so that they are able to collect and win prizes, even if you are collecting cash donations. Please ensure you have given permission for your child to participate via the parent portal. Don't forget about a white shirt to wear on the day and mufti pants. The students have already spotted their fancy coloured glasses and headbands that they'll get to wear on the day and the excitement is building! Hot chocolate and fairy bread will be available for sale throughout the event for \$1 each.



Kindergarten students have some wonderful experiences coming up in Term 3. These include an excursion to a farm, a visit from some chickens and weekly gymnastics lessons. Please keep an eye out in the parent portal for information and payment options over the coming weeks.



Kindergarten teachers would like to thank all parents for their support throughout our first semester and wish you all a happy and safe holiday period.

Early Stage 1 Teachers and Creative Arts Teachers Mrs Buda and Mrs Coulburt

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

Time has flown so quickly, only one more week until the end of Term 2! Stage 1 has worked hard this semester and should be proud of all the progress they have made so far this year!

In Week 8 and 9, students had a great opportunity to experience a science incursion. We learnt about sustainability, and the importance of making Earth's resources last forever. We even looked at how renewable energy can be made and why it is sustainable.

Thank you to Mr Crowhurst for coming in and sharing your love for science with us!



Don't forget the Colour Run has been moved to Tuesday the 28th of June! So keep raising money and remember to wear your white t-shirt on Tuesday.

Stage 1 Teachers

STAGE 2 SNIPPETS



OC Class Placement Test

The **2022 Opportunity Class Placement Test** will again be conducted at Ironbark Ridge Public School. Candidates will be required to sit the test on **Thursday 28 July 2022**. The test will be a paper test and will not be online.



Colour Explosion Fun Run

As Term 2 progresses, excitement is building at school for the SRC Colour Explosion Fun Run which will now be held on **Tuesday 28th of June 2022**. We have seen some exceptional fundraising happening so far and look forward to this continuing throughout Term 2. All funds raised will go towards a new playground space being constructed to replace the cricket nets.

On the day students will **wear mufti**. Students will need to wear a **white T shirt to school** so that the colours will be accentuated. In their bags they will need to bring a second shirt to change into after the run. **PLEASE ALSO SEND ALONG A PLASTIC BAG FOR YOUR CHILD TO PUT THEIR COLOURED SHIRT IN.** This will avoid school bags getting coloured powder in them.



Library Books

Could you please return any library books that you have at home so that they are available for other students to borrow in Term 3.



Lost Property

Currently, there is quite a lot of clothing in lost property. If your child is missing a drink bottle or a jacket that is not labelled, please take a look on the racks between the hall and the canteen.



Ironbark Ridge Public School Athletics Carnival

On Monday the 25th of July Ironbark Ridge Public School will hold its athletics carnival at Hills Centenary Park Rouse Hill. All students in years 3 and 4 are expected to attend. They may wear sport clothes or a T-shirt in their house colours. Please ensure that children bring a water bottle, their hat and a robust plastic bag to sit on at the oval.

School resumes for Term 3 on Tuesday 19th July 2022

Have a lovely weekend,
Stage 2 Teachers



STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

What a wonderful and busy term it has been in Stage 3, with many exciting learning activities happening. The end of Term 2 has come around quickly, and the well-deserved holidays are fast approaching.

Science

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been investigating contact and non-contact forces, and how these are seen in everyday life. Collaboratively, students have used their scientific skills and knowledge to conduct fair tests on how to increase and decrease these forces and drawing conclusions from their results.



History

In history, we have been learning about the colonisation of Australia, and the impact on both the Indigenous peoples and the settlers. Recently, students applied their understanding of Aboriginal housing structures to create mud huts using a variety of natural materials. Different groups used various amounts of the materials to create their bricks, and simulating weather conditions, we saw which bricks could withstand the natural elements best.

Sports in Schools Australia

Each Monday, students have been participating in the Sports in Schools Program (SISA), where they have been learning technical skills based around athletics in preparation for the Athletics Carnival next term. It has been pleasing to see the development of these skills as the term progressed. The SISA program will be concluding at the end of this term, so sport uniform days will change.

Uniform

Just a friendly reminder that as the weather becomes colder, please make sure your child is bringing warm clothing to school and that these items are clearly labelled so any lost clothes can be returned. With SISA coming to an end, our sport uniform days have slightly changed, so students need to make sure they are wearing the correct uniform on the correct day. On non-sport days, the winter uniform should be worn. Year 6 students can still wear the Year 6 shirts, with the correct uniform e.g. boys wearing grey school shorts or pants, and girls wearing culottes.

The class sport days/sport uniform days are listed below:

Wednesday- 6H, 5B, 6S, 6R, 6A, 6W, 6/5S

Thursday- 5P, 5C, 5W, 5J

Friday- All Stage 3

Classroom supplies

As the term ends it is important that students start Term 3 with the correct equipment. Please check with your child if they have enough equipment, including pens, pencils, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, and headphones. Students are also encouraged to bring classroom supplies including tissues, paper towels, hand soap and sanitiser, as there are regularly used, and we run out quickly!

Stage 3 Teachers

Ridgy Didge Awards

WEEK 9

KD	Kristy, Thomas, Suzain, Tiffany
KF	Ang, Carla, Jayden, Musa
KL	Xavier, Ryle, Claire, Emily
KP	Manha, Veronica, Sam
KS	Sumyee, Justin, Charlotte, Kayaan
1B	Zoha, Aydin, Kaiyan, Elicia
1C	Sarah, Liana, Krithika, Vaibhav
1D	Riya, Yajat, Ammar, Claire
1R	Anyu, Tais, Leroy, Bailey
2A	Ananta, Kiaan, Alexia, Elyas
2C	Zac, Aubree, Sophia, Manay
2D	Augus, Ivy, Averie, Manav
2N	Sudiksha, Lisa, Aiden, Aisha
2P	Joshua, Evie, Ethan M, Melanie
3B	Kethenaa, Aarav, Darcy, Rhys
3C	Rahil, Kayla, Manraj, Rohan
3N	Purav, Yousof, Joceline, Hailey
4I	Philip, Eva, Harrison, Arianna
4L	Danish, Liam, Phumulani, Shakiya
4P	Celena, Sophie, Anca, Lucas
4S	Aradhya, Madison, Arnav, Lukas
4Z	Sidak, Kiyan, Medina, Aria
5C	Harpreet, Lucy, Mehar, Madison
5W	Gurfatehyab, Hunter, Yuri, Aska
6A	Danya, Jisha, Ella, Eva
6H	Anabelle, Chloe, Minidu, Samuel
6W	Amber, Koby, Surya, Arav
6/5S	Vinuk, Lily, Akshara, Isabella

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

The student leadership team has been holding weekly meetings on Tuesday during lunch break and during this time, we focus on areas in which our school could be improved. Our focus for the past few weeks has been on the bathrooms and how we can make sure that all students are following Ironbark's core values: being safe, respectful and responsible learners. We split up into groups and made videos to reinforce the message of how we should be behaving in our school's facilities. Our team also asked for the students' opinions on the videos and received some great constructive feedback.

As well as this, we are trying to keep in our excitement for our annual school Athletics Carnival and we are busily thinking about new and unique chants to raise both house spirit and school spirit.

From next term, the student leadership team will also be leading the Monday morning assemblies. We are excited to be able to finally receive our weekly notices in a face-to-face environment rather than through screens in our classrooms!

We hope that you all enjoy your holidays!

Ahana
2022 Student Leader

CANTEEN NEWS

Dear Parents,

It's that time of the Term where items are starting to run out, so please be mindful when ordering that your favourite items might not be available. Please also note that some items may need to go up in price or be substituted for alternate products. We will try our best to maintain the pricing and product range, but some things are out of our control.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the Canteen. If you can spare some time between 12pm and 2.30pm Monday to Friday we would appreciate your help. You can e-mail me on maria.cull1@det.nsw.edu.au.

Sadly, one of our part time Canteen helpers, Miss Sally, is leaving us and moving on to other endeavours. We would like to thank you Miss Sally for all your help and wish you all the best.

Miss Doris and Miss Amilia



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL AT IRONBARK RIDGE?

The following activities are run in the school grounds by outside companies:

Sydney Academy of Chess – Monday 3.10pm to 4.10pm

[Sydney Academy of Chess |](#)

Young Engineers – Thursday 3.10pm to 5.10pm

[Engineering After School | STEM Australia - e² Young Engineers \(young-engineers.com.au\)](#)

Peiji Chinese – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 3.10pm to 5.10pm

[Blacktown Peiji Chinese School](#)

Talent Club Australia – Wednesday 3.15pm to 5.15pm

[Creative Kids - Talent Club Australia](#)

Northwest Physie – Wednesday 6.30pm to 9pm, Friday, Saturday

[NORTHWEST UNITED PHYSIE & DANCE - Home \(weebly.com\)](#)

Teaching Services Australia (music) – Tuesday during school hours

[Teaching Services Australia](#)

Please click on the links and contact these organisations directly if you would like more information.

KTOOSH HOLIDAY PROGRAM

IRPS JUNE-JULY 2022 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM OPERATING FROM IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parent / Children Feedback
Children's Choice
Back by Demand



*** Please note that additional costs for excursions/incursions/activities occurring on the day are not optional and are payable along with Vacation Care fees regardless of attendance **

DON'T FORGET TO CLAIM YOUR BASC VOUCHER FROM SERVICES NSW & SEND THE QR CODE TO US



KT OOSH Services
Out Of School Hours Care

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	4th JULY NAILED IT Get ready to participate in a cooking frenzy! The children will be engaging in a group to design their own nailed it cake! Spend the day showing off your cooking skills whilst participating in other cooking activities!	5th JULY NAIDOC WEEK ACKNOWLEDGMENT DAY Muru Mittigar will be bringing Aboriginal Artifacts to talk about at the centre and children will learn about Dream Time stories, the history of the Darug people & be involved in ochre face & hand painting.	6th JULY WACKY WEDNESDAY Hairspray, nail painting, face painting and more! KT OOSH will be creating activities all things Wacky! Group games, craft, cooking & so much more!	7th JULY NINJA/GYMNASTIC EXCURSION (Bus Included in cost) This program will challenge the children to run, jump, climb and swing their way through obstacles as well as learn the finer gymnastic techniques on apparatuses!	8th JULY KTOOSH DRESS UP DAY Come dressed up as your favourite book character or celebrity! The children will have the opportunity to engage in a range of experiences whilst embracing their fame.
	11th JULY KIDDIE KARTZ Do your friends and family say you could be the new Peter Brock? Then this is the day for you. Have a fun filled day Go Karting with your friends at KT OOSH!	12th JULY SCIENCE DAY Get ready to channel your inner scientist! The children will have the opportunity to create, hypothesise and make up their own experiments	13th JULY SPORTS CARNIVAL/ CULTURAL DAY Choose a country flag & come dressed in those colours, competing against all different countries in a carnival environment. Children will explore different cultures traditions, arts, dance	14th JULY SYDNEY ZOO EXCURSION (Bus Included in cost) Finally, KT OOSH is going to Sydney Zoo!!!! The children will have the chance to get up close & personal with the animals like never before!	15th JULY BIKE/TECH DAY Bike & tech day is back by popular demand! Don't forget to bring along your bike, scooter & helmets! Even your tech device!
WEEK 2	18th JULY PYJAMA DAY Pizza, PJ's, Movies + good old fashion games! Enjoy our movie day with the option to make your own emoji pillow to rest your head on during the movie!				
WEEK 3	BACKSCHOOL				

Bookings only via "MY FAMILY LOUNGE" APP
BOOK IN EARLY!!
EARLY BIRD BOOKINGS CLOSE MIDDAY
WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE 2022

Booking may still be taken after this date but be classed as LAST-MINUTE bookings

****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.

To learn more, visit www.ktoosh.com.au

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