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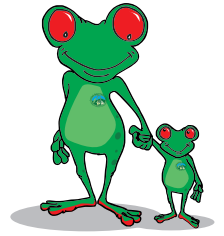
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Newsletter 2022

Term 3 Week 9 16th September

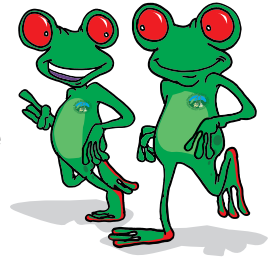
Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A Spring in our step!

Although the weather experts on TV are assuring us that Sydney's Winter was not particularly cold or long, I think we are all extremely happy to see these current days of warmer, sunny weather with the promise of Spring and then Summer on the horizon. Our Yr3-6 students have been excitedly trying out for Summer PSSA representative sporting teams such as Oz-Tag, AFL, Cricket and Softball... and the return to normal has continued with our recent successful Book Character Parade and next week's end-of-term whole school assembly. Practicing the School Song and National Anthem has become important as many of our younger students are quite unfamiliar with assemblies. It's great to be gathering together again to remind ourselves of the wonderful larger community we are a part of.



Obviously next term's **Ridgy-Didgy Fete – Together with our Mates!** will be further fun and opportunity to build connections and friendships with other Ironbarkers. Make sure you put the date, for the fete, Saturday 22nd October from 4pm, in your e-calendars!

If you are able to, we would also appreciate you mentioning the opportunity for businesses to get on board and sponsor our Ridgy-Didge Mates Fete as well. Have them contact our school Admin office or our P&C directly through their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/IRPSPCA

Donations of items for the White Elephant stall can be sent in anytime up until the week before the event.

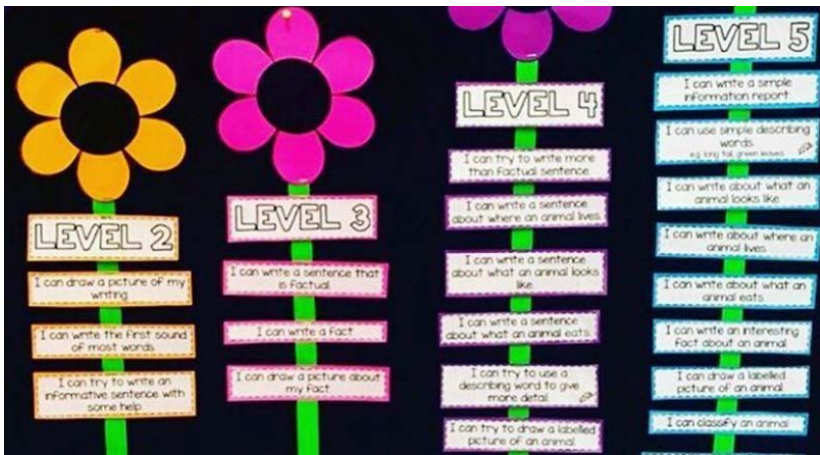
Staying Safe in Cyber-Space



We regularly get reminders of the importance of learning to manage our online passwords safely and effectively. Teaching our children this skill, and providing them with appropriate tools and support, is not easy since we as adults have only had to learn this recently ourselves! There are many useful and secure password management tools and apps that can set your family up for success in this area, so I encourage you to search them out and find one that is right for you. Eventually no doubt we will simply use our facial recognition or fingerprint technology, but in the meantime, don't use one simple password for multiple logins, and be careful who you share any password information with. Even our Kindergarten children should be taught how to manage and keep secret one or two passwords; even our best mates don't need to know our password!

Levelling up!

Learners at Ironbark Ridge are being constantly encouraged to take more control and 'agency' in their growth and learning journey. We are setting personal learning goals. We are meeting with families in partnership to support and guide them to take control. In classrooms our students are being presented with criteria and explicit descriptions of the next steps to success so they can choose to aim at a more complex or difficult challenge – a chance to level up! We are amazed by the honest and accurate way our students are choosing this learning challenge – placing themselves in the *Zone of Proximal Development* (ZPD) in edu-speak, or in *The Goldilocks Zone* as we like to call it at Ironbark Ridge, where the learning challenge is not too easy, not

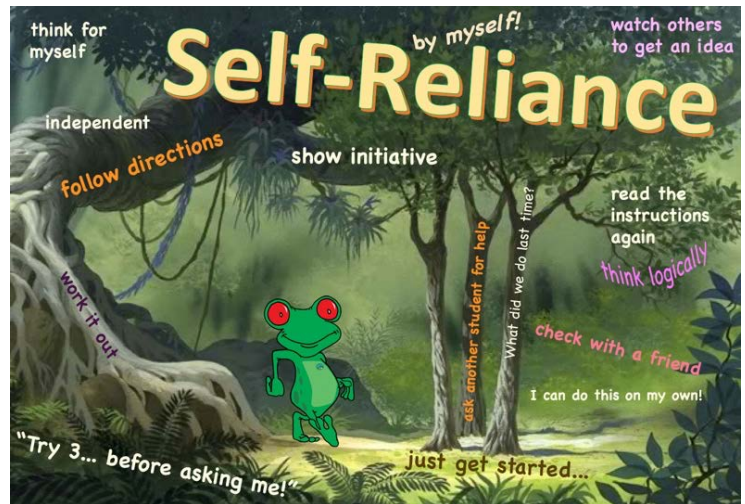


too hard, but just right! Teachers are constantly questioning, observing, probing and testing their students to ensure the tasks are in this zone of maximal learning challenge, but the students themselves are obviously in the best position to place themselves at the correct 'level' of challenge, and to then try to push themselves to level up. In many of our younger classes the students might talk about showing their *first-to-five*, where the first signals a limited or no understanding of the task, and five fingers up indicating they find the task quite easy – mastery already.

With a three finger task the student will be trying to show evidence to their teacher (or a peer, and always themselves) that they are ready to move up by one finger towards the five level of understanding – also a chance to level up! When each level of complexity is visible on the classroom board or walls in the form of a chart, example, poster, list or labelled diagram, the students are able to lift their head and see where they are going in their learning journey! It's so encouraging and exciting to see our learners at Ironbark Ridge so keen to level up!

Self-Reliance – a Successful Learner Habit

Successful Learners must do it all on their own sometimes, without their teacher or parent reminding them, without asking questions and just by working it out for themselves. Successful learners will use their knowledge of familiar places and routines to make a 'best guess' about what they should do next without interrupting parents or their teacher if they are busy. They take responsibility for their own actions and participate in activities without being prompted. Watching others around us can support our decision-making when we are unsure, and self-reliant learners get themselves back on track using this simple technique sometimes. As our learners develop more expertise in reading and comprehending they are able to read instructions, even multi-step, complex details, to determine answers and solutions on their own. Developing this independence and *Self-Reliance* is one of the major tasks for parents and teachers alike as we guide our young learners along their learning journey. That's The Ironbark Way!



Language learning excellence

Congratulations to Nithum (5J) and Jayden (6H) who were recently awarded by the Minister for Education for outstanding learning in their community languages – studied on the weekends and outside of regular school. With our wonderful multicultural and progressive nation, it's important we are able to maintain these languages alongside our Australian way of life, keeping the rich tapestry of beliefs, cultures, celebrations and even foods that we can all sample and enjoy. Congratulations for all your effort and hard work, boys!



Return to Term 4 - reminder

Just a quick reminder that student and teachers will all return to school for Term 4 on the same day, Monday 11th October. In most other terms we have a student-free day for staff professional learning, however in Term 4 this day is at the end of the term. So enjoy some time over this coming vacation period to be together with your children. With my own two daughters nearing the end of their schooling journeys I can attest to the fact that this time of their lives flies by so fast and is so precious – so grab it while it's there! We look forward to returning on Monday 10th October for a growth-filled Term 4.



Nick Thomson
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Thank you!

To all of our Ironbark fathers and father figures, we hope you had a wonderful Father's Day and the opportunity to celebrate the joys of fatherhood with those closest to you.

To Emma Andrews, one of our wonderful P & C members, and her army of parent helpers, thank you for your coordination and smooth operation of our Father's Day Stall on Thursday 1st September. The students were very excited to have the opportunity to select a special gift from a wide variety of choices. Although on camp, our Stage 3 students were also able to choose a gift before they left and then collect it once they returned home on Friday afternoon, if not organised beforehand. Our school community appreciates the many hours of work that our parent volunteers put into making such events a great success.

Please enjoy this poem written by one of our Stage 3 students in appreciation of and admiration for his father.

For You Father...

Midnight clock pounded.

But the day is not over for you yet,

You just go on quietly working

for us, you love the most.

You guide me to face my fears and

Carry me alone through the deadliest storm.

I know you are my shadow behind

to hold my head up high.

Mum is the foremost wall but you are the bricks on it.

And sometimes you can be the Mum for us all.

My best Cricketer, my best Chess player

Dad you are the "Hero" in my life now and forever.

*You always catch me before I fall with your warm arms and
melting heart.*

Come rain or shine my days are better with you always.

End of Term Assembly – Wednesday 21st September

We will be holding our end of term assembly next Wednesday, 21st September, at 12 pm, where we will acknowledge the academic, sporting and extra-curricular achievements of our students throughout Term 3.

We will be acknowledging students involved in the following events/activities:

- Ironbark Ridge PS Athletics Carnival- place-getters will be receiving their ribbons
- Ridges Zone Athletics Carnival - place-getters will be receiving their ribbons
- Athletics Age Champions
- Ridgy Didge Buddies (new badge recipients for their work in Term 3)
- Rotary Writing Competition
- Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking regional winners

Our Stage 3 Arts Alive choir will also be performing.

We welcome attendance by parents and carers, and look forward to sharing in the achievements of our students.

Public Holiday – Thursday 22nd September

Please note that our school will be closed on Thursday 22nd September due to this day now being a nationwide Public Holiday in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II.

Year 6 Fun Day – Friday 23rd September

Next Friday, 23rd September, our Year 6 students will be holding a range of Fun Day activities for all children to participate in to raise money for an end of year school gift. Students can wear their sports uniform on this day. The activities will commence at 11:30 am. Please note that this is a student only event. Refer to further information later in this newsletter.

Out and About at Ironbark (with Ridgy):

Much fun and celebration of literature were had at our Book Character Parade and Book Fair last Monday 5th September. Even our pre-school visitors from next door joined in on the fun!



Our Stage 3 students really enjoy the days when it is their turn on the interactive playground



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL):

This fortnight we are focusing on **SAFETY IN THE PLAYGROUND**. There are certain behaviours that help to keep ourselves and others safe in the playground. We are currently focusing on the following behaviours:

*Kerry De Jager, Kylie Robson and Kerrie Pho
Deputy Principals*

PBL FOCUS
Being **SAFE** in the playground

1. **Walk** on hard surfaces
2. **Hat on head**
3. **Stay inbounds**

FUN DAY

Fun Day is BACK!! On Friday, 23rd September, the Stage 3 students are hosting their much-anticipated annual Fun Day. As there will be numerous games and activities, please ensure that your child wears sports uniform to school that day.

Just a reminder that although there are a large number of activities being run free of charge, there are some optional stalls for which extra cash will be required on the day. Please try to send 'small' change (coins or small notes if possible) in a labelled purse or Ziplock bag. Showbags can be purchased at a cost of \$5. There is also a café that will be selling some delicious treats (50c - \$2), a Lolly wheel, guessing competition, the 'Spider Drink' stall selling tasty 'spiders' and a Lemonade stand. Students may choose to bring their own cup for these, remembering they'll have to carry it around with them. Other activities not requiring cash are Interactive maze, Games room, Minute to Win it, Oval footy, Detectives, Haunted House, nerf targets and many more.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile event.

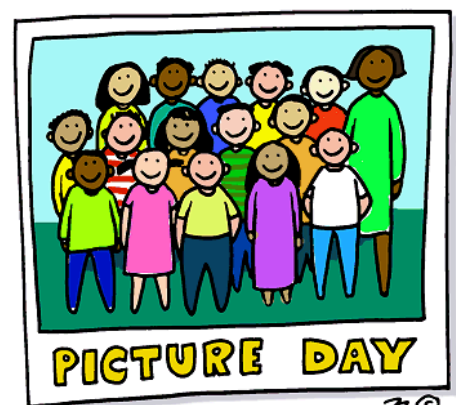


GROUP PHOTOS

On Thursday 13th October (Term 4 Week1), AdvancedLife Photography will be returning to our school to take the following photographs:

- * Whole School Photo
- * SRC members
- * Year 6 Photo
- * Student Leaders

All students should wear full summer uniform except for Year 6 who may wear their Year 6 shirt.



Kind regards,
Nicole Cameron
Photo Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN CAPERS

Wow! The year is continuing to race along and after a very busy term, Kindergarten are looking forward to a rest. The last fortnight has been a blast as we enjoyed dressing up as some of our favourite book characters, trying to identify our "Messy Jellyfish" Kindy teachers and parading for family and friends to admire our creativity. The celebrations also meant sharing reading time with older buddy classes and enjoying some books "just for fun".



In science we have continued learning about living things and how they meet our needs for food and this week we made butter from cream. A lot of shaking was involved but nearly everyone agreed the hard work was worth the tasty treat at the end.

Term 4 means we are back into our summer uniform. There has usually been quite a lot of growth in many students so remember to use the holidays to check what still fits. We know their brains have certainly been growing and developing as they move towards the end of their first year at "Big School". Have a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to more fun and learning together when we return.

Early Stage 1 Teachers

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

As we begin the approach to the end of Term 3, another successful two weeks have elapsed in our learning journey at Ironbark Ridge.

Students across the school celebrated and participated in our book parade dressing as their favourite book character. Here are some photos of how your child's class participated in Book Week.



2C



2D



2G



2N



2P



2A



1A



1B



1C



1D



1R

Year 1 and 2 have been busy discovering the differences between capacity and volume with lots of fun hands-on water activities. Year 2 have been learning how to make and use informal calibrated measuring devices to measure the volume and estimate how many units they will need to measure a containers capacity. Year 1 have been busy constructing buildings using blocks to determine volume and capacity.

Just a quick reminder to check around the lunch and recess areas, classrooms and outside the hall for any lost or missing property. Fresh mornings and warm afternoons lead to many school jackets being misplaced or left at school. To aid the return of any missing property, could parents and care givers ensure that all items are clearly labelled with the student's name and class.

Stage 1 Teachers

STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

Book Character Parade

The Stage 2 teachers had lots of fun dressing up as British settlers. It was wonderful to see students engage in meaningful discussions about their book character costumes, sharing and expressing their joy for reading.



Reading with Buddies

As a part of Book Week, Stage 2 students had the opportunity to meet and read with their buddy classes.

Indigenous Literacy Day

Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples. In light of Indigenous Literacy Day, students watched a YouTube livestream in which they learned about the different languages and participated in meaningful discussions that helped dispel misconceptions and stereotypes about our First Nations people.



Class Supplies

Many classes are running low on paper towels and tissues. It would be greatly appreciated if you sent some of these class supplies with your child so that our students can remain hygienic and safe.

Headphones for Check-In Assessment

Our Year 3 and 4 students will be completing their Check-In Assessment in Term 4 week 1 and 2. If your child does not have any headphones, please ensure you send one in by the end of term.



A well deserved break...

Happy holidays! Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to an enriching and exciting Term 4!

Stage 2 Teachers

STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

BOOK WEEK & BUDDY READING

After a few virtual book character parades, we were thrilled last week to see students in a range of costumes to celebrate our 2022 book week *"Dreaming with eyes open"*. Below are some classes who participated in shared reading throughout the week and enjoyed quality literature together in the sunshine.



STAGE 3 CHOIR

On Monday, our Stage 3 choir ventured into the Opera House for the Arts Alive Choral Festival. It was a very long day, and our students were amazing! Thank you to all the students, parents and carers that came to support our group. Well done boys and girls, you sang beautifully.



ROTARY WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ahana and Xylia for their achievements in the Year 6 Rotary Writing Competition! Their topic was *'You'll never believe what happened to me.'* At the awards ceremony held at Castle Hill RSL, Ahana achieved 3rd place overall and Xylia was awarded Highly Commended, one of three handed out. As a result, Ironbark Ridge was awarded the trophy for the best school of the 15 that participated. With bookstore vouchers and cash prizes on offer, the girls were smiling. Their efforts also meant the school received a cheque prize, which I'm sure they'll have some ideas as to how it will be spent 😊 Thank you to Kellyville Rotary Club for organising the competition. We are extremely proud of our talented writers.



YEAR 6 FUN DAY

Don't forget to click 'permission given' on Sentral for the Year 6 Fun Day next Friday.

Stage 3 Teachers

RIDGY DIDGE BUDDIES

A HUGE thank you to our awesome Ridgy Didge Buddies for all the fun they provide for our younger students. The following Buddies will all receive their green badges for doing three terms at our Assembly next week. Keep up the great work!

Kyra 5B	Vaishnavi 5P	Stephanie 5W
Zoe 5B	Aavyan 5P	Skylla 5W
Bella 5B	Juni 5P	Akira 5W
Lucas 5B	Laura 5P	Lily 5/6S
Carter 5C	Quinn 5P	Julie 5/6S
Brylee 5C	Sofia 5P	Emily 5/6S
Evan 5C	Amelia 5P	Ethan 6/5S
Adena 5C	Ritika 5P	Avanthi 6A
Alannah 5C	Angelica 5P	Richelle 6H
Lucy 5C	Kasey 5P	Anabelle 6H
Sahas 5C	Claire 5W	Faye 6H
Sienna 5J	Annie 5W	Alex 6R
Shamiso 5J	Aska 5W	Joey 6R
Nithum 5J	Piper 5W	Ishita 6S
Emma 5J	Sophie 5W	
Samim 5P	Alexis 5W	

Ridgy Didge Awards

WEEK 9

KD	Amrita, Thomas, Mia, Soluchi, Taj, Jesse
KF	Rumaisa, Mia, Ang
KL	Shenuth, Aariz, Zoe, Claire
KP	Thomas, Sam, Arielle, Manha
KS	Charlotte, Sofia, Cooper, Wilson
1B	Mariam, Aaron, Kaiyan, Jamie
1C	Micah, Marco, Rachel, Salote
1D	Lily, Mekail, Enrico, Yajat
1R	Isabella, Leroy, Amelia, Chloe
2A	Devansh, Madeline, Raine, Ananta
2C	Manay, Sailee, Aubree, Aaryan
2D	Zac, Matthea, Lyla, Max
2G	Anusha, Ashley, Baibars, Luke
2P	Vinudi, Joshua, Andru, Shareena
3B	Akkshath, Kethenaa, Isaac, Eva
3C	Zohan, Farah, Akshithaa, Ayden
3D	Dhanvi, Autumn, Lianna, Danica
3N	Hunter, Yolanda, Sharon, Yuna
4I	Arshiya, Taylor, Gabi, Riley
4/3K	Holly, Krisha, Kyle, Yuktha
4L	Amos, Danilo, Elina, Isabel
4P	Mahi, Aaradhya, Nimrat, Savanna
4S	Samritha, Lucas, Cameron, Arnav
4Z	Eshaal, Kiara, Rayan, Mustafa
5B	Calvin, Caren, Taqee, Zoe
5C	Arayna, Lacey, Jasper, Aryan
5P	Juni, Chloe, Alex, Sofia
5W	Alexis, Charlotte, Kristijan, Sophie
6A	Youssef, Max, Braxton, Maisie
6H	Darren, Richelle, Harry, Tanya
6W	Kiah, Amber, Nate, Imogen
6/5S	Darren, Bree, Mackenzie, Damanpreet

KTOOSH VACATION CARE

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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 BASIC VOUCHER FROM SERVICES NSW & SEND THE QR CODE TO US BY NO LATER THAN 25th SEPTEMBER 2022



MONDAY

26th SEPTEMBER
KT OOSH'S GOT TALENT & DISCO

Show us your amazing talents and dance moves at KT OOSH's got talent and Disco! Glow sticks, disco lights, party food and so much more!



WEEK 1

TUESDAY

27th SEPTEMBER
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST INDOOR PLAY CENTRE

KT OOSH is going to the ultimate play venue that caters for all ages. Children will have a blast exploring the different zones such as interconnected trampolines, a massive foam pit & a climbing wall to name a few.



MUST BE at centre by 8:45am

WEDNESDAY

28th SEPTEMBER
AMAZING RACE/ MINUTE TO WIN IT

Our favourite KT OOSH challenges are back!! Verse your friends in one on one or group challenges.



THURSDAY

29th SEPTEMBER
SEA LIFE ENCOUNTERS

Learn about the amazing sea life world. Hands on encounters with sea star, star fish, sea urchins, anemones, sea hares, elephant snails, hermit crabs and so much more.



Incursion commences at 1:30pm.

FRIDAY

30th SEPTEMBER
WHEELS/TECH DAY

Wheels & Tech Day is back!!! Bring along your bike or scooter and devices to KTOOSH for a fun filled day of riding and technology!



NO HELMET, NO RIDING

3rd OCTOBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
NO KTOOSH



WEEK 2

4th OCTOBER

ULTRA GAMING

Ultra Gaming bring the games to you! State of Art Mobile Gaming Theatre with all the latest & best games to give children the best gaming experience ever!!



Incursion commences at 10am.

5th OCTOBER

WHEELS/TECH DAY

Bring along your bikes/scooters and devices to KT OOSH! Burn some energy as you zip around on your wheels and take some time to chill out and play with your friends on devices before doing it all over again.

Don't forget to bring along your devices.



NO HELMET, NO RIDING

6th OCTOBER

IN-HOUSE MOVIE, PIZZA, POPCORN & PICASSO DAY

Using your creativity, you will be guided to paint your own masterpiece to take home. Once you have finished, relax & watch a range of in-house movies.



Incursion commences at 9:30am.

7th OCTOBER

PARK ADVENTURE RHAC V IRPS EDITION

Spend the morning at the Local Park and have the opportunity to explore the maze, playgrounds and other outdoor activities with your friends and educators.



MUST BE at centre by 8:45am

Bookings only via "MY FAMILY LOUNGE" APP
BOOK IN EARLY!!
EARLY BIRD BOOKINGS
CLOSE MIDDAY WEDNESDAY
14th SEPTEMBER 2022

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.

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

For all enquiries and queries email irps@ktoosh.com.au

Established in 1911, Sydney Technical High School, located in Bexley and close to several major transport links, is an academically selective secondary school for gifted and high achieving boys.

Many of our proud alumni are currently leaders in their field and our strong connection with them allows for authentic networking opportunities.

Our staff are experts in delivering highly engaging and challenging curriculum for our diverse learners with strong links to the UNSW's GERRIC faculty.

Sydney Technical High School



The STHS Performing Ensembles music program has over one hundred student participants playing over thirty different instruments and receive mentoring and specialised tuition.

We are highly successful members of the St George Sport Association with weekly grade competition each Wednesday afternoon in disciplines such as basketball, soccer, Oztag, cricket, volleyball, table tennis and tennis. This is complemented by our

recreational sport program and includes fencing, fitness, ten pin bowling and beach walking.

Our extra curricular program offers outstanding opportunities for every student to connect and thrive in our school's high expectations culture in many fields including public speaking, debating, chess, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, digital media, Latin, entrepreneurship, coding and much more.



Our Open Morning is 9:15am on Tuesday 11 October 2022



Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Team on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

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Open Day **For Prospective Year 7 2024/2025 Families**

On the day, there will be a Principal's Address and free school tours.

Address: 54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076
Phone: +61 2 94891077 **Fax:** +61 2 94895722

Friday 23 September 2022

Registration by 10:00 am on
Thursday 22 September 2022 is essential!

Register at:
<https://normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au/open-day-2022>

Web: normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au
Email: office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au

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.