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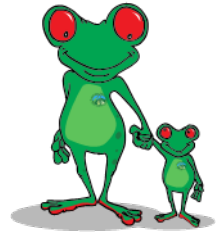
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Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



Newsletter 2023

Term 4 Week 9 8th December

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Celebrating learning...

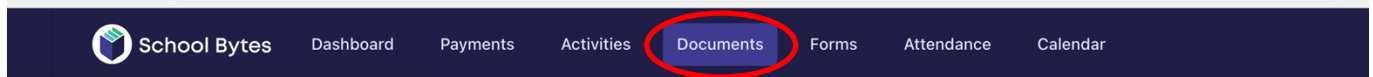
This week we have acknowledged the year's growth and achievement of all of our learners at Celebration Day assemblies, with special guests such as our NSW Dept. of Education Director, local NSW Member of Parliament, Hills Shire Councillor, Lions Club and P&C representatives greatly enjoying presenting special awards. I reminded our learners that although only a few students can be brought up onto the stage to receive an award, we are extremely proud of the growth EVERY learner at Ironbark Ridge has made in 2023. Almost every hand went up across our K-2 learners when I asked who had made a mistake in 2023 and had learnt from it to improve their performance – a sign they feel positive about this confronting part of the learning process. Learning is not easy, and can at times feel quite uncomfortable, but being *Agents of Learning* is the *Ironbark Way*!



Learning Progress Reports 2023

On Tuesday next week (12/12) we will for the first time use the **School Bytes** platform to publish every one of our 880-ish student *Learning Progress Reports*. The reports are not produced on paper, but rather published to you as a pdf document stored securely in your child's learning profile, under the Documents tab, in the School Bytes App and Parent Portal. It appears you will need to scroll down to find the last report in

portal.schoolbytes.education



2023 - Semester 2.pdf

the list, dated December and named "2023 – Semester 2.pdf". All of your child(ren)'s previous reports from the old online platform have been manually moved across by our fantastic admin staff so you have easy future reference with them all in the one place. For anyone departing the school, please ensure you download all reports and

documents from the School Bytes portal and save them into your own cloud or other digital storage to retain access after leaving Ironbark Ridge PS. However, if stuck next year, remember we are always happy to help as we have internal access to old documents long into the future for you ☺

Following on from discussions we had with you at Learning Partnership meetings early in Term 3, our learners and their teachers have been hard at work trying to achieve each new learning goal during Semester 2, even setting new and more challenging ones along the way. As usual, learners are measured against our Syllabus expectations for each individual key concept, skill and subject content point. We use three separate scales:

- Effort and Application (a five-point scale),
- Overall Achievement (in each subject), and

- specific Indicators of Learning (note the reversal of the previous arrangement of 'columns of ticks' with Working Beyond now to the left and Working Towards (ie. Not yet achieved) on the right.

Learning Progress Reports are due to be visible in your parent portal documents from next Tuesday afternoon 12th December. You will receive a notification in the School Bytes communication feed to alert and remind you that evening.

Student Leadership Team 2024

This week saw the exciting announcement of our Student Leadership Team for 2024. The team is:

Liam M (5L),	Rayya P (5K)	Aradhya B (6/5T)	Elina M (5K)
Maria J (5K)	Kiah B (5P)	Ansh M (5P)	Selin S (5L)
Madhav G (5H)	Anvitha B (5F)	Madison R (6/5T)	Ishan S (5H)
Cadel L (5F)	Esther S (5H)	Gabi W (5F)	Noyule J (5H)
Danni P (5K)	Stella C (6/5T)	Ineesha K (5H)	Eugene F (5F)

Our team for 2023 has been amazing, demonstrating sensational integrity, collaborative skill, enthusiasm and commitment to lead the ongoing development of our positive and inspired school learning culture. Our 2023 Leadership Team has set the bar extremely high for next year's team to aspire to, and I'm sure the new team are up for the challenge.

Goals for 2024

At Ironbark Ridge we have highlighted and developed the crucial idea that our learners are the main 'protagonist' or *Agent* in their *Learning Journey*. This has brought together several changes including the introduction of students setting specific and measurable Learning Goals in 2021, the addition of a Student Comment into their own Learning Progress Report from 2022, and Year 2 to Year 6 students included as central participants in the twice-yearly *Learning Partnership meetings* with yourselves and Teachers from 2023. Learner Agency will always be at the centre of *The Ironbark Way*. In 2024 we are focussing on the processes we use to involve students in authentic assessment of their learning progress and growth, along with further development of teachers' use of High Impact Assessment strategies.



Successful Learner Habit – Empathy

In life and learning we are constantly in social situations with our peers and colleagues. Effective learners must develop **empathy** - the ability to understand and *read* the emotions, opinions and desires of others around them, described through the metaphor of **walking in somebody else's shoes**. This provides the learner with important information to support choices about their own behaviour in the interest of effective teamwork and collaboration; to create a more powerful team. Being sensitive to others' needs and acting to encourage, listen and understand helps to build positive relationships based on trust and respect. Ridgy the Frog also finds that in order to authentically listen to others in their group or class they sometimes have to block out their own opinions, judgements, memories and experiences, and ask "What does this mean to them?"



Empathy is different to sympathy, by the way, and means we can understand our friends and family while remaining able to help them and make good decisions about our own learning journey.

After-school activities – enrol now for 2024!

A new option in addition to our current after-school activities will begin from the start of Term 1 next year – Coding!

Enrolment for all of our weekly after-school classes is managed by each independent supplier, so please look out for details of their online enrolment and payment options. In 2024 your children can benefit from enrolment in:

- Chess coaching, Sydney Academy of Chess – Mondays 3.10-4.10pm
- Chinese language, Peiji Chinese School – Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (age classes)
- Drawing and Visual Arts, Art on Canvas - Mondays 3.15-4.15pm
- Coding, Code Camp - Tuesdays 3.15-4.30pm
- Public Speaking and Drama, Talent Club – Wednesdays 3.15-5.15pm
- STEM with Lego, Young Engineers – Thursdays 3.10-4.10pm
- Physical culture and dance and NorthWest United Physie – evenings vary
- Music lessons & school band (private tuition possible), Teaching Services Aust. - Tuesdays

In addition, a new branch for the Sydney Punjabi community school will be commencing in 2024 at Rouse Hill Public School (not at the High School next door). This is a great chance for learning the Punjabi language and I know some of our Ironbark Ridge families are involved in setting up this new school branch. Contact our school office for further details to be passed on to you.

2024 – New classes and teachers!

On Wednesday next week we will spend the middle session with our new class, meeting our new teacher, getting ready for a wonderful year of learning and growth next year in 2024. This first meeting is always highly anticipated and a lot of fun, with teachers planning get-to-know-you and team-building activities to help create a supportive, trusting and inspiring classroom environment. Our students always go away to the vacation period with positive mindset and return ready to learn. It also allows our teachers to prepare over the break for a running start with their new class.

Year 6 – Farewell assembly and tunnel

As is tradition at Ironbark Ridge, we will spend the final session of school next Friday afternoon (15th December) holding a farewell assembly in our Hall for our 2023 Year 6 students. All Year 6 parents are invited to enjoy the fun as each student is presented to our Year 2-5 students who have a chance to wave, sing, and finally form the farewell tunnel across our playground at the completion. This is always an emotional experience for everyone involved!



I trust you will all make the time in your busy schedules to relax for a few days over the Christmas vacation period, where possible with friends and family.

Stay safe, and return refreshed,
and join us for another wonderful year
of growth and learning together in 2024!

Nick Thomson

Principal, Ironbark Ridge PS

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Celebration Day Assemblies

Tuesday's Celebration Day assemblies were a wonderful way to reflect upon and acknowledge the outstanding teaching and learning for every one of our students and some remarkable achievements from 2023. In the 3-6 assembly, we recognised our students' outstanding academic, citizenship, sporting and creative achievements. Our sincere thanks are extended to the following guests for their support and attendance at our assemblies:

- Councillor Rosemarie Boneham, The Hills Shire Council
- Mr Ray Williams, MP for Kellyville
- Mr Terry Child, from the Kellyville Lions Club
- Mr Simone Kelly, Principal Rouse Hill High School
- Mr Mark Sutton, Director, Educational Leadership of The Ponds Network
- Mrs Angela MaCaulay and Ms Rameek Kaur

Both the 3-6 and K-2 assemblies were brightened by performances from our school band, choir, the 2A and 2R recorder group and topped off by our very cute Kindergarten students singing 'On My Way'. We also had the chance to thank and farewell our outgoing 2023 student leadership team and introduce our incoming 2024 leadership team.

Congratulations to all our wonderful Ironbark students for an outstanding year of growth and learning. To our Ironbark learning community members who joined us at one of the assemblies on the day, we say thank you, not only for your attendance but also for your support of our wonderful school throughout the year.

Week 10

Our final week for the term will be next week, Week 10. We have a busy week planned for our students. On Wednesday, children will get to meet their new teachers and class members for 2024. Between recess and lunch, 2024 classes will gather together in their new classroom and engage in a variety of 'getting to know you' activities. Please encourage your child to talk about their experience in their new 2024 class structure during the holiday break to assist with a smooth transition into the new school year. This transition organisation allows for our teaching and learning programs to commence from the first day of school in 2024. Please note that **students in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Thursday, 1st February, and our newest Kindergarten Ironbarkers, commence on Wednesday, 7th February. Monday, 18th, and Tuesday, 19th December and Tuesday, 30th and Wednesday, 31st January are School Development Days. Students do not attend on these days.**

Next Thursday, 14th December, our 2023 party days will begin with Early Stage 1, Stage 1, and Stage 3 classes heading down to Centenary Park to participate in a range of exciting activities organised by the Motiv8sports team. Our Stage 2 classes will be having their party day celebrations at Bungarribee Park Western Sydney Parklands, where they will enjoy a day of fun activities and challenges in the great outdoors on Friday, 15th December.

Also, on Friday, 15th December, at 2pm we will begin our 'Year 6 leaving' assembly in the hall. We hope to see many parents and friends join us for this special event.

Farewell Year 6

Congratulations to the students of Year 6, 2023, for your effort and success throughout the year. We have enjoyed taking the learning journey with you over the past seven years and as you now move into high school, we ask that you remain committed to making the most of every opportunity that comes your way. Your success in life is a direct result of the choices you make and the path you choose to follow, and remember that you can achieve anything your heart desires. We wish Year 6 every success and may their future education produce long-lasting happiness and fulfilment.

As a staff, we never cease to be amazed by the dedication of the Year 6 teachers who work tirelessly during one of the busiest times of the year to ensure the Farewell is an outstanding success. What a night it was! The students had a wonderful time dancing the night away and eating a delicious meal with their friends. The night finished with students having the opportunity to dance with their parents. Thank you to our parents and carers who ended the evening on such a high by conveying their kind words, their sense of connection to Ironbark and their deep appreciation of the teachers and the work done.

Geography Lessons at Ironbark Ridge

Each week throughout the year, all students K-6 have participated in geography lessons taught by our amazing specialist teachers, Mrs Turner, Mr McClenahan and Mrs Lewis. The aim of the Geography syllabus is to stimulate students' interest in and engagement with the world. Through geographical inquiry, they develop an understanding of the interactions between people, places and environments across a range of scales in order to become informed, responsible and active citizens. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed being curious and investigating the world around them during their geography lessons this term. Thank you to our Mrs Turner, Mr McClenahan and Mrs Lewis.



Daily Attendance

Ridgy has been closely following student attendance over the past fortnight. This fortnight, Ridgy reports a dip in our attendance data. Last fortnight, we had **539 students out of our 882** attending school, greater than 90% of the time. This fortnight, Ridgy reports that we had a drop of 55 students. We had only **484 students out of our 882** students attending school greater than 90% of the time. Ridgy knows that we can do a lot better than this! Ridgy's message for this fortnight is below, and in addition, Ridgy would like us to know that our executive team are continually monitoring student late arrivals.



Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

This fortnight's PBL expectation is **Responsibility**. Doing the right thing at the right time.

During this final week of term, students will focus on the following expectations:

1. Wear your hat in the playground at all times.
2. Be in the right place at the right time
3. Follow school expectations during Party Day activities.

It is almost the end of term and Ridgy is getting excited for the holidays! Even though he is looking forward to spending some time with his family and enjoying a rest, Ridgy still knows that he needs to be focused on ending the school year in the right way. He knows that looking for opportunities to demonstrate responsibility in the playground and classroom is one way that he can get better every day. Ridgy is planning to show this by wearing his hat in the playground at all times, by putting his rubbish in the bin and by taking care of his belongings. Party day and Meet the Teacher days are another fantastic chance for Ridgy to show that he knows being a responsible learner is just... The Ironbark Way.

To our Ironbark community, we wish you all a very happy and safe festive season and holiday. We look forward to your return in 2024. To those families leaving the Ironbark community, we wish you all the very best and know that you will be taking many fond memories on your journey with you.

Kylie Robson and Kerrie Pho
Deputy Principals



ADMINISTRATION

We would like to wish all our Ironbark community a very Merry Christmas, and safe and happy holidays!

Families Not Returning to IRPS in 2024

If your child is leaving the school at the end of this year (other than Year 6) or will be late returning next year, please complete and return the "End of Year School Leavers / Late Returners – Kindergarten to Year 5" form. This helps us plan our classes for next year. You will find the form attached to this newsletter as well as on the school website.

If your child is permanently leaving the school at any time during the school year, please make sure that you download all academic reports from the School Bytes system. Once your child leaves the school, you will no longer be able to access this documentation from the School Bytes system.

Michelle, Allison, Beverly, Jan-Marie, Jill, Nicole and Trish
The Administration Team



ADVANCED LIFE

These school sports and co-curricular groups were photographed on 12/10/2023:

SRC Semester 1
SRC Semester 2
Student Leaders
Year 6
Whole School
Year 6 Muck Up

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above.

Images can also be viewed by visiting www.advancedlife.com.au entering the code: BCL PXG JLJ and clicking on "Group Photos"

Important

- Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online. **PLEASE DO NOT** return payment to your school.
- If your child's group or team is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered.
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available at your school's **advancedorder** and your child's **advancedyou** photo sites **advancedlife** would like to express our appreciation to Ironbark Ridge Public School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money-back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

KINDERGARTEN CAPERS

Today marks five days until the end of term and the end of what has been an amazing first year of learning for our littlest Ironbarkers. Well, we guess they aren't so little anymore. Over the past 12 months we have watched our Kindergarten students learn, grow and become agents of their own learning. In only a few more days they will meet their Year 1 teacher and peers for 2024 and we know that next year will be just as successful as their first.

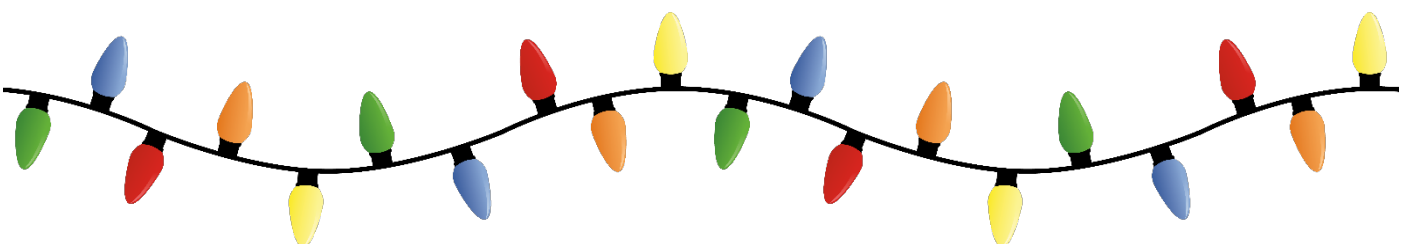
As we approach the end of the year and the craziness of the Christmas season, students have been engaging in fun hands-on activities and crafts. It has been lovely to see students reflecting and using the skills and knowledge they have gained throughout the last year. Check out the pictures below to see some of the fun activities from the last fortnight.



Our ES1 Party Day is coming up on Thursday the 14th of December and we are very excited to have a day of games, laughter and of course FUN. Just a reminder that we will be outside for long periods of time and with the summer heat kicking in, it is very important that you layer on the sunscreen before coming to school. Each classroom does have a sunscreen bottle and it will be available throughout the day, however, with many children having sensitive skin or allergies, it is safer to apply a layer before they arrive at school. As well as sunscreen, please ensure your child has a water bottle and their school hat on the day. Students should wear their school sports uniform.

One final reminder for the year, if your child has any home readers or library books at home, please send them in as soon as possible so that we may sign them back in and get them ready for next year. Thank you 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 a Happy New Year!

Early Stage 1 Teachers



STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

What warm weather we have had lately! Please make sure that your child is bringing plenty of water and a hat to school and that they have these items clearly labelled.

Congratulations to all students on their achievements in 2023. It was great to see all parents and families who came along to our Celebration Day on Tuesday. It was a delight to see that so many students had distinguished themselves and received awards on the day.



Students at Ironbark Ridge Public School will find out their teachers for 2024 in Week 10. On Wednesday 13th of December, they will go to their classrooms to meet with their new teachers and classmates. How exciting!

In the lead up to the end of the term, we are taking the opportunity to enjoy a variety of special activities together. Something we are all very much looking forward to is our Motiv8 Party Day on Thursday 14th of December! Please don't forget to send your child dressed in their sports uniform on this day and with a hat, sun-cream and plenty of water as well as some party food and a blanket to sit on with friends (if desired) for a picnic lunch.

If your child is missing any personal items, please check lost property located in the walkway between the hall and the canteen.

One final reminder for the year, if your child has any home readers or library books at home, please send them in as soon as possible so that we may sign them back in and get them ready for next year.

The last day that students will come to school is Friday 15th of December 2023. The first day of 2024 for students will be Wednesday 31st January 2024.

We look forward to our last week with our 2023 students. They have been such a pleasure throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a safe and memorable holiday break,

Stage 1 Teachers



STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 have been enjoying a wonderful time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp over the last few days in Lake Macquarie. Camp is a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves, build confidence and relationships with peers and celebrate a great year of learning.



Celebration Day

Well done to all Stage 2 award recipients at the Ironbark Ridge Celebration Day this year. We are so proud of your achievements. It was also great to hear Stage 2 perform 'Memories' with so much enthusiasm. Thank you to our fabulous creative arts teachers for teaching our students this song during music lessons this term!



End of Year Housekeeping

- If you have not already, please send in a large bag by Monday 11th December, for students to take home school books, pencil cases and artworks.
- All library books are now overdue. If you still have library books at home, please return them to school as soon as possible so that stocktake can be completed.
- Please encourage students to check for any lost property, especially hats and jumpers before the end of the school year.

Stage 2 Party Day

Next Friday (15th Dec), we will be enjoying our end of year party at Bungarribee Park. Students will be participating in a range of fun activities, run by Ranger Jamie. All students must bring their own recess and lunch, water bottles and hats. Lunch orders will **not** be available. We also encourage all students to bring sunscreen. Students will return to school by 2pm, in time for our Year 6 farewell.

2024 Transition Sessions

On Wednesday of Week 10 (13th December), students will have the opportunity to meet with their new class and teacher for 2024. This can be both an exciting and nerve wracking experience for many!

2024 Preparation

Resource lists for Stage 2, 2024 are available on the school website. Please take the time in the holidays to gather all required materials and check that pencil cases are stocked.

From all of the Stage 2 teachers, we thank you for supporting us in what has been another great year at Ironbark Ridge Public School, and we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!



STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

During term 4, the Year 6 students engaged in the Footsteps program, which geared them up for their Year 6 Farewell event last Monday. Throughout this period, students explored various dance styles. The farewell was held at Castle Hill RSL. The room was adorned with bursts of white and blue, perfectly capturing our 'Winter Wonderland' theme. It was an emotionally charged evening. We trust it was a night filled with lasting memories, laughter, and funky dance moments. A thank you to our Farewell Committee and the Year 6 teachers for organising the evening. Without your hard work, the night wouldn't have been as amazing as it was.



Celebration Day Assembly

On Tuesday, we commemorated the accomplishments of our students during the Celebration Day Assembly. While not every student took the stage to receive an award, it served as a moment for collective reflection on our learning journeys and the achievements we've experienced as Ironbark learners this year. A shout-out goes to all students and teachers in Stage 2 who bravely sung a beautiful tribute to all students. A special congratulations to our Stage 3 students who received awards; your dedication and commitment to learning are truly commendable and certainly do not go unnoticed. It was also lovely to have so many parents and friends in attendance to witness the accomplishments of our students.

Graduation Assembly and Party Day

On the 14th of December, Stage 3 students will partake in their **party day** at Hills Centenary Oval, organized by Motiv8. Students must wear their sports uniform and bring a hat, water bottle, and a spare change of clothes (school uniform) as they will be engaging in water activities. Subway will be provided to those students who paid for lunch. Students who did not order Subway will need to bring their own lunch to school on that day.

At 2 pm on Friday 15th, Year 6 students will take the stage for their final graduation ceremony in the hall. We extend our best wishes to all Year 6 students as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. Please ensure your child wears their summer uniform for the ceremony while receiving their graduation certificate. From then all students at the school will come together to form an arch to send off the Year 6 students who complete their journey at Ironbark Ridge. All parents and family are welcome to join us for this event.

Year 6 Leaders 2024

A very big round of applause for the Year 5 students who actively participated in the leadership selection process for 2024! Witnessing the development of numerous students in terms of their leadership skills has been truly gratifying. The leadership committee faced a challenging task, but we extend our congratulations to the 20 students chosen to form the 2024 leadership team! A heartfelt thank you goes out to our outgoing 2023 leaders; your dedication and commitment throughout the year have made us proud.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone! See you in 2024

Stage 3 Teachers



RIDGY DIDGE BUDDIES

Sincere congratulations and an ENORMOUS thank you to our Buddies for the role they play in our school. Our younger students value the time and energy you bring to daily lunch time play. This term, we get to recognise 21 students who have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to our Buddies program, having done every term for two years – that's 8 terms in a row! This speaks volumes for their willingness to help others selflessly. The following students will be recognised at Monday's assembly:

Our 8-term Buddies:

6/5T - Amelia, Quinn **6A** - Emily, Zara **6B** - Lily, Sofia **6J** - Anay, Bella, Kyra, Lucas, Calvin, Ekam, Sreekanth, Aadit **6S** - Aavyan, Ashley, Laura, Nithum, Sahas **6W** - Juni, Samim



We also congratulate the following students for their commitment to three or six terms:

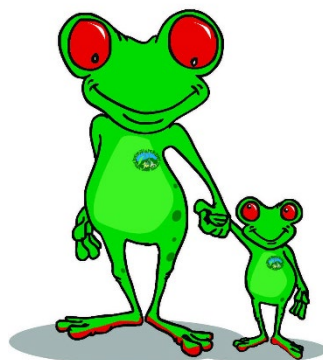
Silver badges (6 terms): **6/5T** – Brylee **6J** - Harsha, Niranjana, Tangyue, Fatima
6S - Sienna **6W** - Alannah.



Green badges (3 terms): **6W** – Niya **6A** - Brynn Akshara **6B** – Chelsea **5F** - Anvitha, Cadel,
5G - Adam, Joanna **5H** - Alexander, Karen, Maggie, Miranda, Yisub
5P – Aneeka, Prameya **5K** - Dineth, Emma, Pretika, Varin, Mahi **5L** - Arshiya



Thank you to everyone for your support. We have had between 150 and 170 buddies volunteering each term which is amazing! Next year, we hope to see the same enthusiasm and commitment from our fabulous Year 5 and 6 students.





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END OF YEAR SCHOOL LEAVERS / LATE RETURNERS KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 5

We are starting to plan classes for 2024. If your child/ren will not be returning to Ironbark Ridge next year or will be returning late at the commencement of the 2024 school year, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Nick Thomson
Principal

END OF YEAR STUDENT LEAVERS – KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 5 OR LATE RETURNERS

My child _____ Class _____

My child _____ Class _____

My child _____ Class _____

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Will not be returning to Ironbark Ridge PS next year.

Destination School _____

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Will be returning late. Date returning _____

Parent or Caregiver Signature: _____

a community of safe, responsible, respectful learners

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, Saturday

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

Teaching Services Australia (music) – Tuesday during school hours

[Teaching Services Australia](#)

Art on Canvas – Monday 3.10pm to 4.10pm

Email: Artoncanvaskids@outlook.com | Facebook: [ArtonCanvasForKids](#)

Code Camp After-School Coding – Commencing Term 1 2024 – Tuesday 3:15 pm to 4:30pm.

[Code Camp - Ironbark Ridge PS](#)

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Code Camp After-School Coding – Commencing Term 1 2024 at Ironbark
Tue 06 Feb to Tue 26 Mar 2024
3:15PM-4:30PM

Parents will receive a \$15 Early-Bird saving if they enrol by January 5th. They just need to use the following discount code when booking on the Coding Camp website: **AST1EB**



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IRONBARK RIDGE SCHOOL BAND

JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2024 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

What do you need to do?

Complete an online [Expression of Interest](https://www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI) form. Your child will then meet with a music teacher at school to determine to which instrument they may be best suited.

www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI



More detailed information will then be sent home, prior to online enrolment for 2024. If your child is an existing band student with TSA, no need to re-enrol.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered Creative Kids provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.



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- Promotes discipline
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- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Ironbark Ridge Public School Chess Classes, 2024 Mondays 3:10PM - 4:10PM in the Library

Term 1	Cost: \$132	12th Feb - 8th Apr*
Term 2	Cost: \$132	6th May - 1st Jul*
Term 3	Cost: \$148.50	29th Jul - 23rd Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$165	14th Oct - 16th Dec

*No chess on 1st Apr and 10th Jun (Public Holidays)

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneycademyofchess.com.au/payment

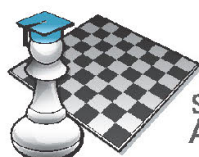
Enter the code **NXVEOMATAH** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, teacher strikes or change of mind. Any missed classes can be made up at one of our online chess classes. Please visit <https://sydneycademyofchess.com.au/online> for more information.*

Payment must be made the day before attending the first lesson of the commencing term. The participant will not be allowed to join the class until payment has been received. Joining midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery) <i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>		
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$25 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$40 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$25 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]

*Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set** or **workbook 2**. Offer expires 31st March, 2024.*



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2024

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K - Yr 8	The Ponds High School	08/01 - 09/01	\$210	www.trybooking.com/CNDWA
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K - Yr 8	Hills Grammar School	11/01 - 12/01	\$210	www.trybooking.com/CNDWI
K - Yr 8	William Clarke College	15/01 - 16/01	\$210	www.trybooking.com/CNDXR
K - Yr 8	Penrith Sports Stadium	17/01	\$110	www.trybooking.com/CNDYS
K - Yr 8	Rouse Hill Public School	22/01 - 23/01	\$210	www.trybooking.com/CNDWQ

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IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL MANDARIN CLASS

- Chinese characters
- Sentence structures
- Dialogues
- Pinyin pronunciation system
- Chinese culture

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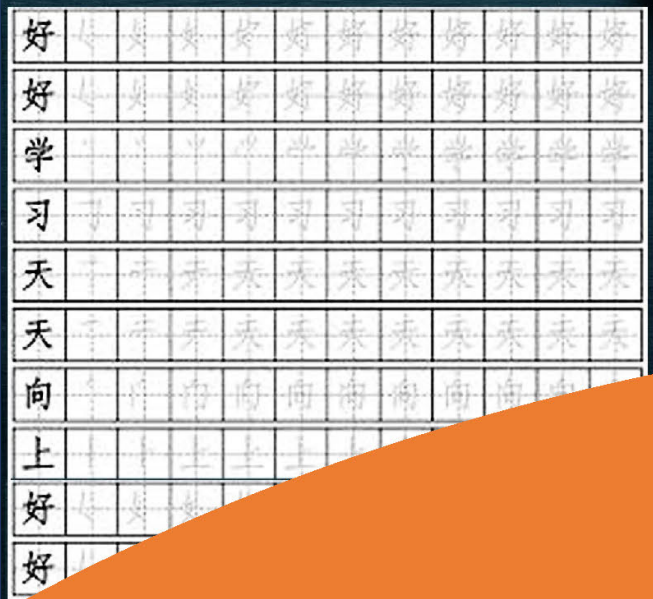
- Monday (3:00 – 5:00): Non-Chinese background or Chinese background students
- Monday (3:00 – 5:00): Chinese background students (Beginner Level)
- Wednesday: Chinese background students (3:00-5:00)
- Thursday: Chinese background students (3:00-5:00) (Beginner Level)

Starts on the 5th Feb, 2024



Learning Chinese

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Term 1/2024 After-school Drawing Class at Ironbark Ridge Public School!!
Now enrolling! Limited spots available! Every Monday 3.10pm - 4.10pm.

👤🎨 Help your child learn to be creative after-school!

🧠 Great for:

- Building creativity
- Relaxation
- Learning art techniques
- Making new friends
- and more!

*NSW Creative Kids voucher accepted.

🔑 To book a spot, please click here >> grco.de/beE9vH or contact: Art on Canvas for Kids 0424 093 991

TERM 1/2024

After-school art classes

**BOOK A
SPOT
TODAY!**



After-school Drawing Program

AT IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

GREAT FOR:

- ✓CONCENTRATION
- ✓CREATIVITY
- ✓RELAXATION
- ✓BUILDING RESILIENCE
- ✓FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- ✓AND MORE!

TIME: MONDAY 3.05PM-4.05PM

STARTING: TERM 1/2024

FEES: \$225 (9 WEEKS)

REGISTER NOW



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ME!**





IRPS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

OPERATING FROM IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11th DECEMBER	12th DECEMBER	13th DECEMBER	14th DECEMBER	15th DECEMBER

WEEK 1

LAST DAYS OF TERM 4 2023

KT OOSH BSC & ASC SESSIONS

18th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DECORATE AND CREATE

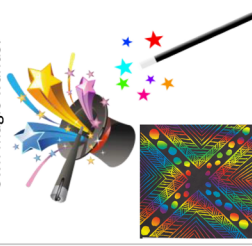
All things Christmas. Decorate your own Christmas party hat, while we make, eat & decorate gingerbread men and Christmas trees we made and decorated throughout the day!



19TH DECEMBER

MAGNIFICENT MAGIC MAN

Enter the world of magic as Magnificent Magic performs his magic and lets us in on a few of the secrets of his tricks. We will get to do some scratch art and make our own magic wands!



INCURSION COMMENCES AT 1PM

20th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND CARDS

Decorate biscuits in Christmas colours for Afternoon Tea and make wonderful Christmas Cards for family and friends!



21st DECEMBER

DEAR SANTA

Write a letter to Santa, Create a Christmas Candle and shrinkable Christmas ornaments. Get into the spirit while we watch a Christmas Movie with lots of other fun Christmas activities.



22nd DECEMBER

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Let's celebrate a the wonderful year we've had at KTOOSH with a pizza party for lunch, cupcake decorating and all things party.



Bookings only via
"MY FAMILY LOUNGE" APP

BOOK IN EARLY!!

EARLY BIRD BOOKINGS
CLOSE MIDDAY
WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2023

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.

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

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Due to mandatory Educator/Child ratios being required in all childcare settings, last minute requests cannot always be accommodated.

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JANUARY 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM OPERATING FROM IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parent / Children Feedback
Children's Choice
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KT OOSH Services
Out Of School Hours Care

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<p>8th JANUARY TIE DYE FUN \$6.00</p> <p>Design your own tie dye cap for your holidays and colour your own pencil case ready for when school returns!</p>	<p>9th JANUARY BALLOONY LOONY INCURSION \$19.50</p> <p>Balloony Loony will be at KTOOSH to create wonderful creations from balloons. We are going to paint balloons and make some mosaic hot air balloons</p> <p>INCURSION COMMENCES AT 1PM</p>	<p>10th JANUARY WACKY WEDNESDAY Come ready from home or create your look at KT OOSH with crazy hair & face paints - drawing competitions & paint by numbers on your own canvas.</p>	<p>11th JANUARY THE BIG CHEMISTRY SHOW \$19.50</p> <p>Join us as The Big Chemistry Show who will teach us about all things science. Make & take home slime and stress balls.</p> <p>INCURSION COMMENCES AT 1:30PM</p>	<p>12th JANUARY CONSTRUCTION CREATIONS Come and spend the day constructing things like make cup catch games, kites and pencil cup holders!</p>
<p>15th JANUARY D.I.Y DESIGNS \$5.50</p> <p>Decorate your own drink bottle and plater figurine to take home. Lots of creating things from scratch today.</p>	<p>16th JANUARY RADICAL REPTILES \$19.50</p> <p>Meet some interesting animals at our Radical Reptile Incursion and later we will make out own slithering snakes, pom-pom spiders and bugs in a box!</p> <p>INCURSION COMMENCES AT 1:30PM</p>	<p>17th JANUARY DRESS UP DAY Come dressed as your favourite character, superhero or sports star. We will also make our own crown or tiara and decorate eye masks with various craft items!</p>	<p>18th JANUARY ULTRA GAMING INCURSION \$19.50</p> <p>Ultra Gaming Bus is coming, so you can test and show off your skills and race against your friends. You can also create your own game idea and design your own gaming controller!</p> <p>INCURSION COMMENCES AT 1:30PM</p>	<p>19th JANUARY SENSORY OVERLOAD Let's get creative today with slime, kinetic sand, play dough and and more....</p>
<p>22nd JANUARY GROW AND GLOW Today we are going to grow our own crystals and create mini pots for gardens at home!</p>	<p>23rd JANUARY SUPERCARGED KIDS BOOTCAMP \$19.50</p> <p>Come and get active with Supercarged Kids Bootcamp. Jump through hoops, climb over obstacles and balance on beams.</p> <p>INCURSION COMMENCES AT 1PM</p>	<p>24th JANUARY UNDER THE SEA Dive and discover the underworld of the sea today! We will make fish, turtles, whales and use watercolours to paint under the sea murals.</p>	<p>25th JANUARY MOBILE LASER TAG \$19.50</p> <p>Who can hide and be the last person standing? This incursion will prove who it is! We will also prepare for Australia Day with Bracelets, Kangaroos and Maps of Australia</p> <p>INCURSION COMMENCES AT 1:30PM</p>	<p>26th JANUARY AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>
<p>29th JANUARY COOKING GALORE Let's celebrate the beginning of the week with pizza and baking and decorating mini cupcakes for a afternoon tea!</p>	<p>30th JANUARY WATER PLAY DAY Who will be the first team to get their beach ball through using a noodle squirter, or have the most amount of water in the team cup!</p> <p>INCURSION COMMENCES AT 1PM</p>	<p>31st JANUARY MOVIE DAY Bring your own device today and relax with a movie before we return to school tomorrow!</p>	<p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p> <p>+ ** Please note that additional costs for incursions/activities occurring on the day are not optional and are payable along with Vacation Care fees regardless of attendance **</p>	

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

WEEK 4

ETHICS VOLUNTEERING



Do you have half an hour a week? Volunteer as an ethics teacher!

In ethics lessons, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to think and listen carefully, to make decisions backed by good reasons and evidence, to discuss and disagree without putdowns. As an ethics teacher, you'll get a lot out of it too!

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