



Ironbark Ridge PS

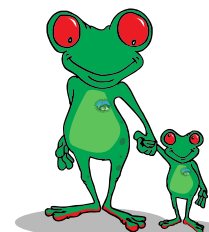
1 Ironbark Ridge Road, Rouse Hill, 2155.

Ph: 8814 5687 Fax: 8814 5698

Email: ironbarkrg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Webpage: www.ironbarkrg-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...



Newsletter 2018

Term 3 Week 7 7th September 2018

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

11th - 6pm Kindergarten 2019 Parent Information Evening

14th – **Fete Mufti Day**, Summer PSSA resumes

20th – Year 6 Fun Day

26th – Whole School Assembly

28th – **NO PSSA, LAST DAY OF TERM**

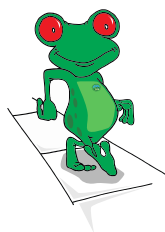
12th - Book Character Parade & Grandparent's Day, No Assembly

19th - K W & KG Assembly

21st – China Excursion departs, Summer PSSA

27th – Debating Team 1 v Team 2

*** Subscribe to our 'Ironbark Ridge – Events' Google calendar (see the app or the school website)*



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Peering at the weather forecast for this morning, we could see a slight rain-free 'window' from 8am until 11am... perfect. So despite an extreme dry spell (even here in Sydney), it's amazing to think that both our 3-6 Athletics Carnival and our K-2 Sports Day could be under threat from rain!

A very sporty morning!

Well, despite the possibility of rain, Bruce Purser Oval looked awesome covered with colourful and fun sports equipment and a host of delighted K-2 faces ☺

With great thanks to our wonderful crowd of supporter parents and friends, the whole scene looked like a festival to honour fitness, agility and fun! "We won four times!!" sang one line of students as I wandered past. "We're having fun!!" sang a second group. Nice.

Thanks to our team of teachers and support staff for ensuring our young students had a fabulous experience, developed their sporting skills, and dabbled lightly into some 'competition' with their friends.

A SASSy Week at Ironbark Ridge

SASS stands for School Administrative and Support Staff. At Ironbark Ridge this means our office staff, grounds staff, teachers' aides, canteen, pedestrian crossing and cleaning workers. This week was the special week we celebrate the important, complex and outstanding contributions that these wonderful people make in public schools across the state, and especially here at Ironbark Ridge.

Well done to all the parents and community members who sent in messages, emails and cards of thanks for special occasions when you noticed the great work they do to care for and support your children. If you can think of such a time, please let us know the details of what you are grateful for via the school email address:

ironbarkrg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Performing Artists

We are currently in the middle of 'performance season' here at Ironbark Ridge, with students this week dancing and singing their way across the stage at Penrith in the Hills Performing Arts Festival. Spread over three evenings, and showcasing the talents of students from over 20 schools in the Hills area, the HPAF continues to go from strength to strength each year. The level of creativity, talent and expertise shown by students is simply amazing! Well done to our Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 dance groups, as well as our choir students who sang as part of the combined choir.

Our fantastic Kindy and Stage 1 Choirs, and dance groups from Kindy to Year 6 all travelled to the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod last week to compete. As well as their excellence in performing to earn *winner* and special *honour* awards, our groups showed respectful behaviour – commented on again by the organisers of the event as well as our own parent crowd and teachers.

Early next term we will complete our 2018 performance season at the Ridges Festival, held at Norwest.

NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5

Individual student and whole-school results will soon be released for the 2018 NAPLAN tests. There is currently some discussion in the media about the validity of these results, as some students in NSW sat the tests 'online' while most (like Ironbark Ridge students) completed the usual pen & paper tests. We have been assured that the national level state-state comparisons are valid due to the very intensive and complex statistical modelling done by the national testing authority, however some anomalies may arise at the school-school level of comparison. Student results should still reflect an accurate picture of what each individual student can do already, and needs to work on next. At Ironbark Ridge we are concerned to measure each student's individual growth over time, so we will still be examining this picture very closely. We will give you more school information early in Term 4 after some time to consider... Results are planned for publishing to schools on Sept 13th, with individual paper reports being sent home to you all soon after.

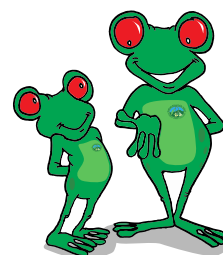
China

My column in the next school newsletter (Week 9) will be written a day early as I will be joining our 20 Stage 3 students on a plane! We fly out of Sydney on Friday 21st September at midday, travelling to the Great Wall and Emperor's Summer Palace in Beijing, Xian to see the terracotta warriors, then to our friendship school, Nine-Dragon Lake Primary in Ningbo, and finally across the bay to Shanghai before coming home on 3rd October. Along with the four teachers who are joining us on the trip, the students and I are all excited about our wonderful opportunity to practise our Mandarin and see amazing new things. This is the second time Ironbark Ridge have sent a group of students and teachers to visit Nine Dragon Lake Primary School, with the first hugely successful event happening with 22 students back in 2016. Huge thanks and congratulations to our awesome teacher and Mandarin Language Program co-ordinator Ms Przyrembel for organising the trip for our students! See the **Chinese News** segment later in the newsletter for a bit more detail.

Mufti-Day next Friday... Fete donation-raiser

Next Friday 14th September we are asking our Ironbark Ridge families to support our upcoming Fete – planned for next term, on Saturday October 27th from 4pm-8.30pm. Students can wear mufti clothes (non-school uniform) and bring in a donation of an item to stock up prizes for our numerous 'game stalls' planned for the event. Please read the flyer carefully to determine the items we are asking you to donate.

Thank you in advance, from us and our sensational P&C Events organising crew ☺



North Kellyville PS – community meeting

Later in the newsletter we have included an information flyer from Tom Moth, the newly appointed Principal of North Kellyville PS, set to begin operations from the start of next year, 2019. A meeting will be held here in our school hall on Tuesday 25th September, the last week of term. What an exciting time for Tom and the new school community! I'd love to help choose the school colours, logo, uniform, motto, vision and mission... but that's the inspiring and creative task set out for the new school community – to reflect the values and aspirations of the people of North Kellyville!

Check out the flyer, and RSVP to this link if you are moving across into the new school and would like to be a part of the foundational discussions: <https://tinyurl.com/North Kellyville>

Ridges Athletics

Our team of school athletics representatives performed amazingly well at the recent Zone carnival at Blacktown. Although our school placed about third or fourth overall, we had many standout individual performers who will now represent the Ridges Zone at the upcoming Sydney West Area Athletics Carnival on

Wednesday 19th September. See Ms Horsley's report a bit later in the newsletter. Congratulations to all of our team members.

Movie Stars

Students from our *Kindy Trolls* class have today been in filming with a professional crew who are creating a new short film about Anti-bullying for the Department of Education. There is no tolerance for bullying behaviours in any public school, and the film will examine the idea of supportive bystander behaviours, and the theme is *Follow your heart, not the herd!* The short film will be used to promote the DoE's Anti-bullying strategy on their website and through social media. Thanks to our little Ironbark Ridge movie stars!



Book Character Parade and Grandparents Day

Next Wednesday 12th September we will be celebrating Book Week and promoting a love of reading to our students and learning community. Reading continues to be such a crucial skill to master when growing up, even in this digital age, and the enjoyment we get when immersing ourselves in a good book should be something we demonstrate and celebrate with our kids. Please send students along dressed as a favourite book character and join in the fun! Teachers love to dress up and from what I've heard in the hallways around Ironbark Ridge we're going to be surprised by some fantastic, clever team costumes and book character celebrations. Considering the names of our classes this year, there's plenty of inspiration for all! See the special flyer a bit later...

Parenting ideas

Remember that in last fortnight's Week 5 Newsletter we gave you all a free voucher code for the upcoming webinar "*Managing Video Games and the Next Digital Craze*" to be broadcast at 7.30pm next Thursday September 13th: **BALANCE** - remember that the voucher code can be used by our school community in the *Parenting Ideas* online shop, where the webinars are sold. The voucher will reduce the webinar cost to \$0 at the checkout. A saving of \$37!!

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/product/managing-video-games-and-the-next-digital-craze/>

So I'm imagining **orange** in their new school uniform... maybe a **giant** as a mascot... the motto could include *Long Strides, High Leaps* and **Never Surrender!**... oops, I could get North Kellyville caught up in a copyright dispute here ;)

Go the Giants!!

Nick Thomson
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

It is clearly evident there is a lot to celebrate at Ironbark. This includes acknowledging the success of our choirs, dancers, debaters, public speakers, spellers, writers, problem solvers, musicians and sports people to name a few. A big congratulations go to the students for their outstanding achievements in so many areas. We celebrate your success, talent and exceptional achievement.

None of this would be possible without the support and dedication of the teachers who continually go above and beyond for the students of our school.

Tell Us What You Think

All parents are encouraged to complete the 'Tell Them From Me' survey. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/irps18>

SASS Recognition Week

During SASS Recognition Week we acknowledge all the work our important School Administrative and Support Staff do for our school. Whether it be in the office, the library, the classroom, out in the playground or any other role our staff in these areas do to support our school to run efficiently, help maintain our beautiful environment or support our students and teachers in the classrooms. We could not do it without you! On behalf of our entire school community, we say thank you for everything you do to help make Ironbark the wonderful school that it is.

Book Character Parade – Wednesday 12th September

There has been great discussion and costumes planned for our upcoming Book W

"He's dreaming now," said Tweedledee: "and what do you think he's dreaming abo

This may provide a hint about our possible characters in the upcoming parade.
We encourage everyone to dress up as their favourite literary character.



Grandparents, you are welcome to bring along a favourite text to share with your grandchild and their friends. It is so important for our students to see their parents and grandparents modelling a love of reading and literature. Come along and share in our love of books from 9.15am.

Father's Day

What a wonderful day was had by all last Thursday. The support of our community ensured that many dads and hundreds of children received a hotdog as well as some well thought out presents picked for Sunday. We are so appreciative of your ongoing support.



Tournament of Minds

It is with great pride that we congratulate our Tournament of Minds (TOM) teams for 2018. We were incredibly proud as they fiercely competed by demonstration of outstanding critical and creative thinking to solve complex activities. Of our three teams, one received honours and was awarded the Kenworthy Memorial Shield for best historical reference during their spontaneous challenge. Ironbark is the only primary school to have won this prestigious award in the competition and we have won it twice. The teams comprising of students from Year 5 and 6 were trained and supported by Ms Hoggan and Mr Maffey. We are all very proud of this wonderful achievement. The level of support they received from their parents and carers was also greatly appreciated.



What Matters? 2018 NSW/ACT Shortlist

Each year we enter the Whitlam Institute's writing competition called 'WHAT MATTERS?' It is a catalyst for young thinkers and young writers to develop a perspective, a point of view on where we're heading as a society. Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in the shaping of Australia's future. The competition is open to NSW, the ACT and Tasmania school students in Years 5 to 12. Responding to the simple question what matters? entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about. Brianna in Year 5 is a finalist in the competition. We eagerly await the results.

Keeping Cool

Drop off and pick up times can be stressful. This is most likely to happen during peak times, when it is raining or when we have multiple busses transporting students to and from events. Being courteous is so important especially when behaviour is being modelled for our young people. A cause for concern is the number of parents who are not ensuring their children are adequately strapped into their seatbelts before stopping or leaving. Please consider the safety of all our pedestrians, drivers and most of all our precious children.

Kerrie Pho and Kerry De Jager

Deputy Principals



Ironbark Ridge Public School

Parent Planner Term 3 2018

** Note: All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school. **Updated 4.9.18**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
8 Sept	10	11 6pm Kindergarten 2019 Parent Information Evening	12 9.15am Book Character Parade & Grandparent's Day No Assembly	13	14 Fete Mufti Day Summer PSSA resumes	15/16 Orange Blossom Festival
9 Sept	17	18	19 KW & KG Assembly	20 Year 6 Fun Day	21 China Trip begins Summer PSSA	22/23 China Trip
10 Sept	24 China Trip	25 China Trip	26 China Trip Whole School Assembly	27 China Trip Debating Team 1 v Team 2	28 China Trip NO PSSA Last day of term	29/30 China Trip (returns Wed 3 rd Oct)

Semester 2 Performance Groups

This term, we have many opportunities for our various performance groups to show off their talents and skills. We hope the table below helps clarify the details of their upcoming performances:

What	When	Where	Who	Contact staff member
Orange Blossom Festival	Sunday 16 th September – Scheduled to perform at 4pm.	Bella Vista Farm Park	Kindy Dance Year 1 Dance Year 2 Dance Year 3 Dance Year 4 Dance	Mrs Ingrey and Mrs Pho
MADD Concert	Tuesday 25 th September – daytime rehearsal and evening concert	Rouse Hill High School	*Pending acceptance* Band Year 5 Dance Year 6 Dance	Mrs De Jager
Ridges Festival of the Arts	Thursday 18 th October – all day rehearsal and evening concert	Hillsong, Norwest.	*Pending auditions* K-2 performance groups	Mrs Ingrey and Mrs Pho



Ironbark Ridge Public School

Parent Planner Term 4 2018

** Note: All dates on this planner are subject to change at the discretion of the school. Updated 4.9.18

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1 October	15 Students return for Term 4	16	17 <i>School Leaders Assembly</i>	18 Ridges Festival of the Arts	19 <i>Summer PSSA</i>	20/21
2 October	22	23	24 OC New Inventors <i>KM & KB Assembly</i>	25 Group Photo Day Debating semi-finals	26 <i>Summer PSSA</i> World Teacher's Day	27/28 IRPS Ridgy Didge Fete
3 Oct/Nov	29	30 <i>Kindergarten Orientation Session 1</i>	31 <i>KP & KS Assembly</i>	1	2 <i>Summer PSSA</i>	3/4
4 Nov	5	6	7 <i>Kindergarten Orientation Session 2</i> Star Award Assembly – 5/4W & 1F 5.30pm Police Presentation on Cyber Safety 7pm P&C Meeting	8 Debating competition finals	9 <i>Summer PSSA</i>	10/11 IRPS Band Camp
5 Nov	12	13	14 <i>Star Award Assembly – 6M & 2A</i>	15 <i>Kindergarten Orientation Session 3</i>	16 <i>Summer PSSA</i>	17/18
6 Nov	19	20 SRC Disco	21 Last Scripture lesson <i>2D & 4/3B Assembly</i>	22	23 <i>Summer PSSA</i>	24/25
7 Nov/Dec	26 Swim School begins	27 Swim School	28 Swim School <i>Student Leaders Assembly</i>	29 Swim School <i>Awards of Excellence Morning Tea</i>	30 Swim School <i>Summer PSSA</i>	1/2
8 Dec	3 Swim School	4 Swim School OC 2019 Orientation Year 6 Farewell	5 Swim School <i>KT & KCB Assembly</i>	6 Swim School	7 Swim School	8/9
9 Dec	10	11 <i>Celebration Day</i> 9.30am – 3-6 11.30am – K-2	12 <i>No Assembly</i>	13	14	15/16
10 Dec	17	18	19 <i>Year 6 Leaving Assembly</i> Last day for students	20 Staff Development Day	21 Staff Development Day	22/23

Ridgy Didge Awards

WEEK 6

KBB	Rhys, Estelle, Riya
KCB	Amelia, Mason, Sifath, Lucas
KM	Shreya, Lucas, Noah, Madison
1F	Samim, Darren, Brynn, Gurfatehyab
1D	Sienna, Ciana, Max
1J	Jordan, Katrina, Madison, Travis, Adena
2/1C	Ryan K, Ryan M, Richlyne, Olivia
2D	Ryan, Ishita, Imogen, Taeseo
2W	Amelia, Omair, Liam
3DH	Riona, Jasmin, Finn
3F	Charlotte Y, Lucas, Mars, Addison
4/3B	Amber, Lachlan S, Jayden, Lachlan F.
4F	Allegra, Jessie, Veer, Daniyal
5/4W	Aaron, Zakariah, Kate, Paige, Umar
5F	Vivan , Trinitee, Sara H, Miguel
5P	Nethya, Sanketh, Aryan S, Aryan A
6A	Hareb, Sana, Shahan, Amira
6C	Akash, Cameron, Jamiel, Akrisha, Jemma
6H	Faris, Giaan, Riya, Lily, Oliver
Library	KT, 5F
Chinese	4F, 2D

WEEK 7

KG	Harper, Olivia, Rihanna
KP	Bryan , Gurik , Kiara
KS	Rehan , Taylor ,Stylianios
KW	Leila, Khushal, Albert
1I	Sanish, Amelia S, Sofia, Ethan
1R	Quinn , Eason, Cooper , Lily , Ben
1S	Lucy, Mikayla, Aryan, Cameron, Evan, Jade
2A	Cage, Hantian, Selina, Luke
2M	Nate, Ella, Neyli
2TL	Youna, Oscar,Chloe
3HM	Hoyeon, Deeyana, Nadia
4S	Molly, Harnoor, Ramsey, Ben
4T	Rani, Parth, Rafay
5B	Mary, Giovanni ,Ali, Lucas, Dianna, Zara
5W	Malachi, Alex B, Shaan, Dev
6M	Ryan, Devkrish, Jack, Jaymes, Kristine
Library	2A, 5/4W, 4S
Chinese	5S



Bidgeree Award Prize Draw

Safe
Respectful
Responsible *learners!*

The following students' Bidgeree Awards were chosen during morning assembly. They have won a \$5 canteen voucher. Congratulations!

WEEK 6		WEEK 7	
Mansour	KP	Riya	KB
Nishika	KB	Chelsea	KS
Seth	KCB	Estelle	KB
Jackson	KG	Cooper	1J
Claire	1F	Caitlin	3H
Mackenzie	4S	Andie	4T
Jasmine	6A	Annabelle	4S
Jayden W	6C	Jayden C	6C

ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in the recent ICAS tests.

Science

Distinction

Josias C - Year 2

Mihir N - Year 5

KINDERGARTEN

Term 3 is certainly flying by! We have had such an exciting and busy couple of weeks.

The Kindergarten choir sang their hearts out at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod last week and they came first place. Thank you to Mrs Woodbury for spending many hours preparing the students for the performance.

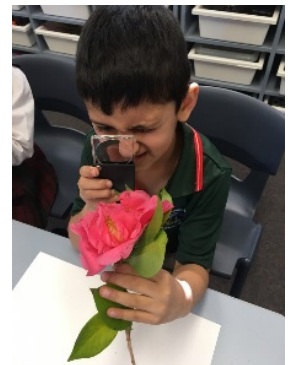


Kindy enjoyed the visit from Constable Rob who spoke to us about road safety and stranger danger. He showed us how the police work in the community in many different ways and demonstrated some of his police equipment, which we all thought was awesome.

The weather held out for the K-2 Athletics Carnival this morning and it was a great success. All students participated with enthusiasm and it was lovely to see so many parents at the oval cheering their children on.



Last Wednesday, Kindy Gruffalo were fortunate to have Luca's "Gramps" come and teach them all about plants and seeds, which ties in with our science "Living things" unit. The students were fascinated as they used magnifying glasses to examine the parts of plants and seeds. It was a thoroughly engaging experience. Thank you Mr Crowhurst (Gramps) for sharing your knowledge and helping our students learn.

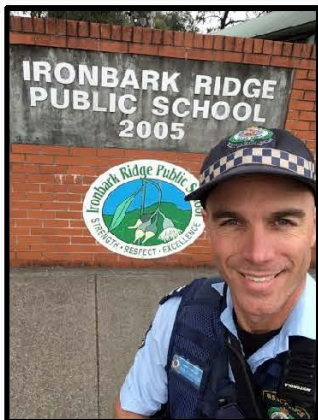


Wednesday the 12th September is Grandparents day and the Book Parade. Grandparents are invited to the classrooms from 9.15 to 9.45 to share their love of reading and read a book with their grandchild. The parade will begin at 10.00am. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful book character costumes.

Kindy Teachers

STAGE 1 SNIPPETS

What a very busy couple of weeks we have had; dance and choir performances, Father's Day stall and Hot Dog Day, Jersey Day, Senior Constable Rob visit and our K-2 Sports Day. Phew!



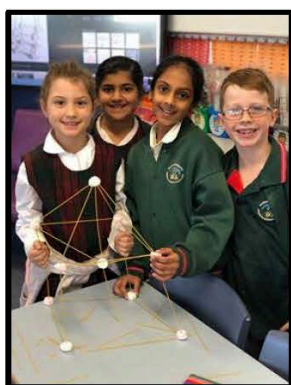
We are very grateful for the time that Senior Constable Rob, The Hills Youth Liaison Officer, spent at Ironbark Ridge last week. Topics covered included social media, gaming and internet/mobile phone safety, safe people and safe places, road safety and the police role in the community.



Please take the time to ask your children about Senior Constable Rob's visit and the messages he delivered to help keep them safe.



Some of our Stage 1 students creating spaghetti towers during science lessons.

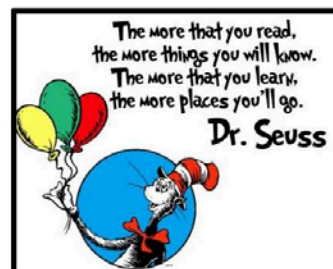


Please ensure that your child continues to have the classroom equipment necessary for each day, especially items such as lead pencils and glue sticks which need to be replenished regularly.

Thank goodness the rain held off for our K-2 Sports Day. With lots of running, kicking, jumping and laughing everyone had a great time. Well done to all of our little athletes!



Don't forget our Grandparent's Day and Book Character Parade will take place on Wednesday 12th September. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Grandparents are invited to visit classrooms from 9.15am and then stay to watch the parade from 10am. It promises to be a wonderful day celebrating the magical world of books!



Stage 1 Teachers

STAGE 2 SNIPPETS

WOW! It's the end of Week 7 already and Stage 2 have some exciting things to look forward to in the next few weeks.

DANCE NEWS

On Thursday 23rd of August, our Year 3 and Year 4 Dancers attended the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. These talented dance groups did not disappoint with Year 3 delivering an enthusiastic routine that earned them a highly commended. The Year 4's continued the exceptional dancing, winning third place with their jazzy, energetic routine to "Feel this Moment".



The Hills Performing Arts Festival this past Wednesday saw our amazing students wow us again. Stage 2 represented Ironbark Ridge beautifully and demonstrated our school expectations of being safe, respectful and responsible, while dazzling us with their talent once more. A big thank you to our lovely Stage 2 Dance Teachers Miss Bartholomew, Miss Furnell and Mrs Sayer for all their time spent creating these amazing dances.

The Book character Parade and Grandparents Day is on Wednesday 12th September. The stage 2 Teachers have been working hard on their costumes and we can't wait to see all the creative costumes our students (aka. Parents) have created inspired by their favourite book character. If you haven't done so already, please ask Grandma and Grandpa to come along and be part of the day.



A couple of reminders for the coming weeks:

- ✚ Summer PSSA will resumes Friday Week 8.
- ✚ Year 6 Fun Day is Thursday 20th September (Week 9). Cut off for the show bags has finished but students who have not paid still have the opportunity to pay the \$5 and return their note as soon as possible to join in with this very exciting day of events.
- ✚ Any library books floating around the house will need to be returned before the school holidays commence.
- ✚ Homework for Stage 2 will finish with the final set of homework to be sent out Monday of Week 8 and returned Friday of Week 9. We still encourage students to utilise their online accounts to Prodigy and Reading Eggs and to continue to read, however, please still relax and enjoy the school holidays.

Stage 2 Teachers

STAGE 3 SNIPPETS

Stage 3 has continued their busy term of learning, competing and performing.



Our Choir, Year 6 and Year 5 Dance groups all performed at the Hills Performing Arts Festival on Wednesday night. They really were a credit to our school, both in their performance and conduct at the rehearsal and the festival. Congratulations, performers.

Well done to our Spelling Bee and Public Speaking representatives – Aadie, Dylan, Eden and Khematip. They held their own against tough competition. We are proud of you.

The Tournament of Minds teams did a fantastic job representing our school on Sunday 26th August. It was lovely to hear the positive feedback from the judges about their teamwork and creativity. The STEM team - Giaan, Lily, Nicola, Riya, Adhya, Nethya and Isini did exceptionally well. Not only did they win Honours, but they were also the recipients of the prestigious Kenworthy Shield. This shield is awarded to the team that makes the best historical reference in the Spontaneous Challenge. We are super proud as this is the second time Ironbark Ridge has won it, and the only primary school to have ever done so. Well done, Team STEM; what an amazing result!



Year 6 have been busily planning or organising their Fun Day activities which we are all looking forward to enjoying, later in the term. Thank you for your contributions thus far. We are sure it will be a successful fundraiser.

Most Stage 3 classes have been looking at Sculpture as part of the Visual Arts curriculum. The students have found this to be an interesting and engaging topic that has promoted a lot of discussion. Many classes are in the middle of creating wonderful Relief Sculpture pieces that have been carefully designed and constructed.

Dear Diary, 15/6/18
My dad is acting fiery,
Blaming Woolworths and their mistakes,
Says we give and give and all they do is take,
I used to play and play and play,
Now we sulk and work all day,
At least my favourite cow, Becky, is still alive,
Whilst all day we strive to thrive,
We used to have a luscious field,
Now dried out lakes and death we wield,
"There is no help left, my family" the farmers say sighing,
"We are fine" we all say, lying,
As the drought passes the horizon,
I wish I could stop working and lie in.

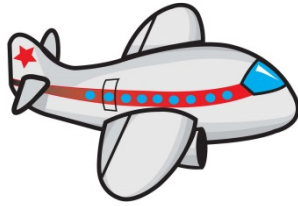
Hello again I'm back, 17/7/18
I know any day Dad will get the sack,
My best friend Becky is slowly dying,
I want to heal but I just keep crying.

I'm here again with no good news, 18/8/18
I'm sad as sad can be, I've got the blues,
As I sit outside and watch Becky's skeleton,
I think, "This is hell but times ten,
When will things be normal again?"

Just as I expected Dad got the sack, 24/8/18
For all we have, money we lack,
We have no choice now; sadly, we are moving to the city,
It won't be fair to complain since we're all drunk with pity,
Dad is taking it as if it were a crime,
We've had the farm since the beginning of time,
Sister is in loads of shock,
She stays in her room and shuts the lock,
But mostly I'm worried 'bout mum,
She's a bloody mess!
But being sad she won't confess,
We have nothing, but there is hope for us yet,
Hope is something we must not forget!

- Taylor W

CHINESE NEWS



Nǐmen hǎo! 你们好!

There's only 2 weeks to go before we head off to China!

We have 20 students, 5 teachers and 1 dad travelling this year and we are all very excited. We will be heading off on Friday of Week 9 (21 Sept) and returning on Wed 3rd October in the school holidays. The excursion will take 13 days and we will visit 4 cities – Beijing, Xi'An, Ningbo and Shanghai. Included in our visit are some amazing historical and cultural sites such as the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square in Beijing; we will climb the Great Wall and see the pandas at Beijing Zoo. Then we head off on the Bullet train to Xi'An where we will discover the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors, visit the Wild Goose Pagoda and go cycling on the city wall. Next we will fly across to our sister-school – Nine Dragon Lakes Primary School - in Ningbo, where we will spend 2 days enjoying some interesting lessons like dragon dancing, calligraphy and the traditional tea ceremony. On our third day in Ningbo we will visit the Giant Buddha at the Xue dou Monastery and then head back to the Howard Johnson Hotel for a special buffet dinner. Our last stop is in Shanghai where we will go up to the top of the Pearl Tower and see beautiful Shanghai harbour, visit the Science and Tech Museum and the picturesque Yu yuan Gardens and Old Town. Of course we will finish our trip with a little souvenir shopping before heading home tired but full of amazing stories to tell.

What a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the world around us and put our language skills into practice.

Mrs Przyrembel – Chinese Teacher K-6

PSSA SPORT – TERM 3

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN PSSA TEAMS, ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY MORNINGS IN TERM 3 AT 8.45AM, FOR A 8.50AM SHARP DEPARTURE. IF STUDENTS DO NOT ARRIVE ON TIME THE BUS WILL NOT WAIT AND YOUR CHILD WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN PSSA ON THAT FRIDAY.

WEEK 8	14 th September Summer PSSA RESUMES
AFL	Wrights Reserve, Pye Road, Quakers Hill
SOFTBALL/T-BALL	Hills Centenary
CRICKET	Hills Centenary
NRL/TAG	Russell Reserve – Field 4, Withers Rd, Rouse Hill
WEEK 9	21st September
AFL	Wrights Reserve, Pye Road, Quakers Hill
SOFTBALL/T-BALL	Hills Centenary
CRICKET	Hills Centenary
NRL/TAG	Russell Reserve – Field 5, Withers Rd, Rouse Hill
WEEK 10	28th September
	NO PSSA



Ridges PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival



On Friday 24th August, Mr Thomson, Mrs Pho, Miss Stewart and I had the pleasure of taking over 60 Ironbark Ridge students to the Ridges PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Park. All students performed to the best of their ability, doing themselves and their school proud with excellent results and wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship. We had some exceptional top 3 results on the day, with our individual placegetters all qualifying for the Sydney West carnival on Wednesday 19th September.

Chanae G	Girls 9 Year Olds 100m	3 rd place
Wenny G	Girls 11 Year Olds 100m	3 rd place
Jasmine J	Girls 11 Year Olds 200m	2 nd place
Holly K	Senior Girls 200m	2 nd place
Dinali K	Senior Girls Discus	1 st place
Harrison F	Junior Boys 800m	1 st place
	Boys 9 Year Olds 100m	3 rd place
Carter J	Senior Boys 800m	1 st place
Liam V	Junior Boys Shot Put	1 st place
	Junior Boys Discus	2 nd place
Akash G	Senior Boys Shot Put	2 nd place
Carter J, Jayden D, Jesse U, Jayden C	Senior Boys 4x100m Relay	3 rd place

Congratulations to all students who competed and good luck to those selected to represent Ridges at the Sydney West Carnival.

Mrs Horsley



Book Character Parade

(Dress as your favourite book character)



Grandparents' Day

Wednesday 12th Sept

9.15 to 9.45am

Activities in Classrooms

10.00am

Book Character Parade

11.30am

Morning Tea

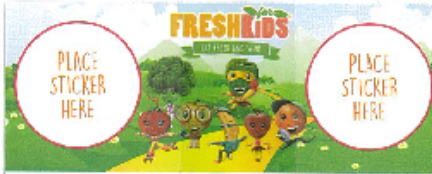




CANTEEN NEWS

How to Enter the canteen competition

1. Choose an option from the canteen that contains fresh fruit or vegetables and receive a sticker for your entry form.
2. Collect 2 stickers for your entry form and receive a trading card (7 to collect).
3. Submit your completed entry form to the canteen before Friday 21st September for a chance to win.

Doris Cull
Canteen Manager

ORDER OR BUY ONE OF THESE ITEMS TO COLLECT YOUR STICKERS	
Corn on a Cob	 <small>PLEASE GET your completed entry form to your school canteen or canteen manager by Friday 21st September 2015 for a chance to win.</small> Name: <u>MONBARK RIDGE</u> P.O. Box: <u>1501</u> School: <u>MONBARK RIDGE</u> Suburb: <u>ROUSE HILL</u> State: <u>NSW</u> Postcode: <u>2155</u> <small>PLEASE SEE WWW.FRESHKIDSKIDS.COM.AU FOR FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS</small>
Spinach & Ricotta	
Fruit Packs	
Fresh Fruit	
Chicken & Veggie Pie	
Sushi with Cucumber or Avocado	
Burgers with all or 1 Salad	
Potato Pie	
Fruit Salad Tubs	
Munch & Crunch Vegetables	
Sandwich or Wrap with any Salad	
Salad Tubs	

FIRST ENTRY FORM
RECEIVE STICKERS

Ridgy Didge Fete

MUFTI DAY



On Friday 14th September students can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a donation to our fete

IDEAS FOR WHAT TO DONATE ???

Kindy : Pantry food like pasta, sauces, biscuits, spreads, cake mix, jelly, spices, tea & coffee

Year 1 : Outdoor items like garden tools, car wash, fishing gear, outdoor games, torches, balls, sports equipment

Year 2 : Craft & stationery like pencils, notepads, textas, pencil cases, coloured chalk & craft kits

Year 3 : Toys, games & books like cards, board games & small toys & chapter, colouring in or picture books

Year 4 : Beauty products like soaps, candles, nail polish, skin creams, combs & hair ties

Year 5 : Homewares like glasses, mugs, tea towels, table cloth, oven mitts, photo frames & vases

Year 6 : Coloured hairspray, party food

**DONATIONS MUST BE NEW/UNUSED
& IN DATE. PLEASE PLACE IN THE
COLLECTION BOXES IN CLASS**

For more information email : Events@irpspc.com

14th

Sept

Friday

PBL Weekly Focus

G'day IRPS!

We all get flustered every now and then, come off the oval hot and bothered after an intense game of footy or tip. But it's important to remain respectful, both towards ourselves and others.

To do that, and regroup after becoming agitated we can remember to STOP. Stop, pause; Take a breath; Observe what is happening; and Proceed with positivity.

RESPECT

on the playground
and during transitions

Stop, pause

Take a breath

Observe what is happening

Proceed, with positivity

SAFE RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE



PBL Weekly Focus

G'day boys and girls!

We're continuing to look at how exactly we can be safe in our school by this week focusing on the handball court area. I mean, who doesn't love a ball game!

To keep ourselves and our peers safe on the handball court we need to walk, play the right game, at the right time, in the right place and wear our hat.

Happy and safe playing everyone!

SAFETY

on the handball court

Walk

Right game, right place, right time

Hat on head

SAFE RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE



North Kellyville Public School



Education



Community Information Session and Consultation

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2018 | IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL | 7:00PM

Future North Kellyville Public School parents/carers and community members are invited to an information and consultation session at Ironbark Ridge Public School on Tuesday 25 September 2018 from 7:00pm. To RSVP, access the QR code or visit the URL: <https://tinyurl.com/NorthKellyville>

MEET KNPS PRINCIPAL TOM MOTH AND DIRECTOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE PONDS NETWORK EMMA KRIKETOS. HEAR ABOUT AND PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS ABOUT SCHOOL NAME, COLOURS, UNIFORM, LOGO AND MOTTO. INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOUT ENROLMENT, ORIENTATION TOURS AND MORE.

CONTACT US: School email pending - TBA





Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

FREE

10 week program for kids aged 7 to 13 years, to become fitter, healthier and happier.



Local Programs
Register today

go4fun.com.au
1800 780 900



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

**MAKE
HEALTHY
NORMAL**



NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Fostering excellence in young men through holistic education



Open Day for Prospective Students, Year 7 2020

Friday 28 September, 2018, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

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

For further information, please visit our website.

Address:
Phone:
Web:
Email:

Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076
+61 2 94891077 Fax: +61 2 94895722
www.normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au
office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au

Your Parenting Ideas Webinar Voucher

**Webinar: Managing video
games and the next digital
craze**

Guest Speaker: Martine Oglethorpe

13 September 2018 - 07:30pm



VOUCHER CODE
BALANCE

VALID UNTIL 13 OCTOBER 2018

Attend this webinar at no cost

Valued at
\$37

parenting *ideas
schools



Northmead

Creative and Performing Arts High School

Audition Information for Parents and Students

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

Auditions – Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th October 2018

AUDITIONS FOR YEARS 7 to 11, 2019

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply for positions in the 2019 specialised pathways in either Dance, Drama, Music or Visual arts.

Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition.

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our outstanding CAPA programs.

Students in the specialised streams are afforded a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to fostering our gifted students' talents.

Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts on:

Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th October 2018.

The cost of auditions is \$50.00.

Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCAPAHS Monday 24th September 2018

Please register your interest via our school website or contact Mrs Stepic: on 9630 4116

Email june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au

Audition Application Forms can also be downloaded from our school website.

Principal: Narelle Vazquez

www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

28 Campbell St, Northmead NSW 2152

Ph: 9630 4116