

# IPECS INFORMER



*Here is the land, and here is the sky;  
You are my friends, and here am I.*

*Thank you to the Ngunnawal people for looking after the land in which we play on.*

### Save the Date

**Book Fair— Oct 22-26**  
**Whole School Gathering— Nov 1**  
**End of Year Celebration— Dec 6**

### Notes due back

**Josephine wants to dance—Jets & Corals**  
**The Gruffalo— Diamonds, Amethysts, Rubies & K-2**

### Term Dates

**Term 1 Feb 5 - April 13**  
**Term 2 April 30 - July 6**  
**Term 3 July 23 - Sept 28**  
**Term 4 Oct 15 - Dec 21**

Wk 10	Mon 24/09	Tues 25/09 Kindy Zumba	Wed 26/09 Parent Workshop-Digital Technologies—rsvp required	Thur 27/09	Fri 28/09 Preschool excursion to see Josephine wants to Dance
TERM 4 Wk 1	Mon 15/10	Tues 16/10	Wed 17/10	Thur 18/10	Fri 19/10
Wk 2	Mon 22/10	Tues 23/10	Wed 24/10	Thur 25/10	Fri 26/10
<b>CHILDREN'S WEEK</b>					
	Book fair opens 2.30pm	Book Fair P-2 Excursion to see The Gruffalo	Children's Week Breakfast Book Fair Garden and playground opening	Book Fair	Book Fair Birth to 8 Children's Week picnic.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Parents must sign their child in at reception or with their child's teacher if arriving after 9:10 in the morning or if their child needs to leave school early for any reason.**

### IPECS PRIDE

Play  
Resilience  
Integrity  
Diversity  
Effort

### Mission Statement

To engage and equip children as lifelong learners and empower families as partners in education and care.

**Acting Principal, Simon Barker.**

**Deputy Principal, Katie Brown.**

**Business Manager, Trish Coughlan.**

**Board Chair, Ewan Stewart**

**GEMS President, Michelle Ayers**

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## Farewell Kate

Last week we officially said goodbye to Kate who has taken up a new position as the Founding Principal of the new P-6 school in North Gungahlin—Margaret Hendry School.

Over the past 3 years Kate's passion and drive has seen some fantastic changes occur at IPECS including the introduction of a new school plan, the outdoor master plan with several stages in progress, growth of the partnership with Isabella Grands and introduction of Spanish (to name just a few).

We wish Kate all the best in her new position and look forward to inviting her back for several significant IPECS events later in the year.

goodbye coda  
thankyou bye-bye Auf-wiedersehen  
regards goodspeed  
farewell cheerio  
sayonara conclusion  
ciao adios  
seeya see-ya  
cheers Arrivederci  
so long culmination



Hello IPECS Families,

My name is Simon Barker and I am thrilled to be joining your school community in Week 10 as acting Principal. I have worked across many schools in Canberra as a teacher and school leader. Currently, I am the Deputy Principal at Kingsford Smith School however I have been acting Principal at Giralang Primary School for the past few weeks. I am passionate about creating inclusive learning environments where all children can reach their potential and hold strongly the value of collaboration in achieving positive outcomes for our children.

I grew up in Newcastle and have been living in Canberra for about 16 years. I love Canberra and cannot think of a better place to live. I have three gorgeous pugs who mean the absolute world to me. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, walking the dogs, reading and traveling all over the world!

I can't wait to meet all the children and families at IPECS and learn about your wonderful school!



Dear Families,

The children in Birth – Five have been having a great time mixing natural resources in our yards, stirring together sand, dirt, soft fall, rocks, leaves, and other exciting found items. This has really fuelled the children's imaginative play, and also assists them to develop their foundation understandings of mathematical concepts such as mass and volume. It's been exciting to see the children's enthusiasm as they share their ideas about their mixes with their friends.

Thank you to all families who contributed letters and notes to the educators for Early Educators Day, as well as a big thank you to the GEMS for a wonderful afternoon tea for the school. We really appreciated your words of support, encouragement and thanks – it meant a lot to myself and the team!

You will have seen some new faces as well, with Monique, Marija and Hayley, our newest ASCEND trainees joining the team. Over the next seven months, they will complete their Certificate III in Early Education and Care, and learn valuable skills on the job. Please join me in welcoming them to the team.

Emma Jayne

*It's about you. Always!*  
**Communities@Work**

Dear OSHC Families,

Thank you for welcoming myself and Kiara to the Out of School Hours (OSHC) team, and for your positive feedback so far.

In OSHC, the children have continued their interests in box construction, dancing, Pokemon, and Connect Four, and we have begun documenting the children's learning and play using the Storypark app. If you have not yet signed up for Storypark, we have forms available so that you too can share your child's discoveries and fun moments with us.

We are really excited about the School Holiday Program coming up, and have lots of fun experiences planned, from Pirate Day to trips to the movies, and of course, Battle Games, which is a child-friendly version of tough mudder! If you haven't booked for School Holiday Program before, or would like to book a day, please contact the Children's Services Enrolment Team (CSET) on 1300 212 273.

Have any ideas or suggestions? We'd love to hear from you!

Tegan, Kiara, and the rest of the OSHC team.

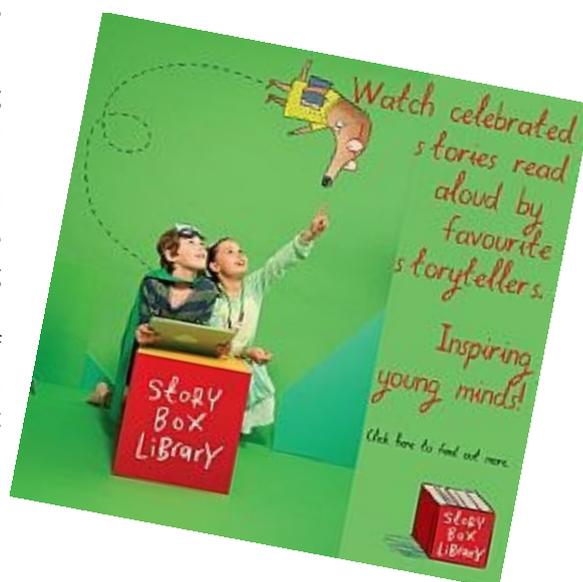
## Story Box Library

We are delighted to let you know about an education resource that is available to your child at home as part of our school subscription – **Story Box Library**.

Your child can watch their favourite stories, read aloud by fabulous storytellers, at home as well as in the classroom.

Reading aloud to children, in particular by diverse and engaging storytellers, greatly improves language and literacy skills, especially in the early years of a child's development. Story Box Library is committed to supporting and encouraging the practice of storytelling. It is intended for use as a complementary form of delivering the precious experience of being read aloud to, in order to improve children's lives. Connecting children with literature through the complementary medium of film providing a vibrant, interactive experience via a diverse range of everyday storytellers - sportspeople, musicians, grandparents, teenagers, comedians, actors, with varying accents and from different cultures - each sharing past and present book titles.

Please contact your child's teacher or the front office if you did not receive the email with the login details.



Artwork: Details of work from Preschool to Year 6

## Birds of a Feather

**A showcase of student art from Bonython Primary School, celebrating the collaboration of school and community.**

The pieces selected highlight the school's inquiry approach to learning and the collaborative spirit that nurtures a community of learners.

Opening at 6pm, Thursday 6 September with performances by the Senior Singing Group.

Exhibition continues until Friday 28 September.

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# GEMS

## PARENT ASSOCIATION

We hope everyone had a fantastic Father's Day and Early Childhood Educators Day because we sure did!

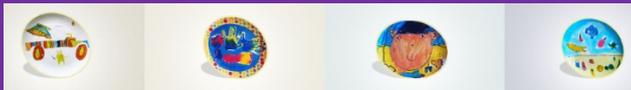


HUGE thanks to Liz Lindbeck in putting together an amazing selection of Father's Day Presents



TWO THUMBS UP as well for Michelle Ayers for the lovely spread for the early educators for their special day this month

Lastly, thank you, farewell & good luck from the GEMS to Principal Kate on her new north side adventures!



The children are busily working on their picture plates this term!

**Have you been looking for that unique Christmas present for someone special or some wonderful memories of your own?**

You can order your own (dishwasher safe!) Picture Plate of your child's art work! How beautiful! (A finished plate sample can be viewed at the front office near the sink)

**Cost : \$28 per Plate**



IT'S OFFICIALLY  
**SPRING**

**IT'S SPRING!** Doing some spring cleaning over the school holidays? Please keep our upcoming **SCHOOL FETE** in mind! Contributions of the following will be very much appreciated:

2nd hand **toys and books** in good condition

Tombola things - **Jars & itsy bitsy things** for tombola prizes

*(you may have some left over party favours or little craft/stationery items, for example)*

Kids! Talk to mum & dad about how you can help with the spring clean or other extra jobs and maybe **earn some \$\$ for the wet the teacher stall** too :) Or if you like looking through cookbooks, perhaps start thinking about (& testing) some **recipes for the cake stall**.

### HEADS UP:

#### Next GEMS meeting!

Wed, 7pm, 31 October  
at the Family Room

Come and discuss how things are going, add your ideas, hear from the Principal and other groups around the school.

### COMING UP:

#### Pictureplate Order Deadline

September 26<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

#### Last Day of Term Fun Day

September 28<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

#### World Kindness Day – Food Drive

November 13<sup>th</sup> (Tues)

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**Open Day Spring 2018**  
10am-2pm Saturday 6 October

**OCT 6** 2018 Spring Government House Open Day  
Public · Hosted by Governor-General of Australia

10am - 2pm, Saturday 6 October 2018. The 2018 Spring Government House Open Day at Government House is your opportunity to 'go beyond the gates' and discover the house and gardens of Australia's Vice-Regal residence.

Throughout the day, the Governor-General, Lady Cosgrove, Government House staff and volunteers from the Australiana Fund will be on hand to answer your questions and share perspectives of life at one of Australia's most iconic residences.

With free entry, and both the house and gardens available for you to explore at leisure, Government House Open Day is an ideal day out for the entire family.

IN-STORE APPEARANCE BY

# PEPPA PIG



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## Bunnings Tuggeranong

Saturday 6th October 11am to 2pm  
Lots of activities come and enjoy the fun



**We are smaller than adults and find it difficult to navigate illegally parked cars.**

**Please avoid parking on verges, in No Stopping zones, across footpaths and on crossings to ensure we stay safe.**



**#SafeParking**

# IPECS Families Business Directory

If you would like to advertise your business, send your the details to  
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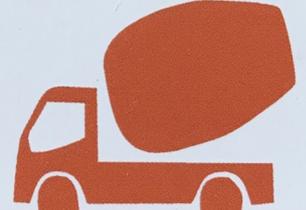
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## Learn Tae Kwon Do here at the school!



Walsh Martial Arts conducts Tae Kwon Do lessons for children and parents each Thursday at 6.30 pm in the Isabella Plains Early Childhood School hall. Fees are reasonable: just \$20 a week for a family. Contact John O'Keefe on 0415 150 670 or come along for a look any Thursday evening