Harmony Day
On Thursday 21 March we celebrated Harmony Day. The whole school assembly included a performance from stage 1, 2/35 and the Highland Dancers. The African Drumming group put on a spectacular performance which was enjoyed by all the students.
A big thank you to Miss Sayers and Mrs Taylor for organising the events on the day. (A Harmony Day report is included in this newsletter).

Easter Hat Parade
A fun time was had by all the students who participated in the Easter Hat Parade last Thursday 28 March. The students displayed the hats that they had made in class to all the students and families in attendance. Thank you to the ‘Easter Bunny’ who joined in with the students. Thank you to Mrs Willis for organising the parade.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on 9 & 10 April. If you wish to see the teacher for an interview please return the interview note as soon as possible. Parents who did not return the forms cannot be granted an interview on this evening. If parents are unable to make the allocated time and they wish to have an interview, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative time.

Dance Party
The school Dance Party will be held on Friday 5 April in the Assembly Hall. Notes have been sent home with further information regarding times and costs. All tickets will be sold at the door.

Cross Country Carnival
The school Cross Country Carnival for students in Years 3–6 will be held on Thursday 4 April and will be conducted in the school grounds. Please make sure your child has adequate sun protection and water if the weather is sunny. Students who suffer from asthma need to have their puffers with them. Notes need to be returned to school as soon as possible. If wet weather prevents the Cross Country from going ahead tomorrow we have a back-up date of next Thursday 11 April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –

Term 1
April 4 – Cross Country
April 5 – Dance Party
April 9/10 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
April 11 – Back-up Cross Country
Our ANZAC ceremony will be either on the Thursday or Friday 12 April, depending on the
Cross Country
April 12 – Last day of Term 1

Term 2
April 29 & 30 – Pupil free days
May 1 – Students return to school
May 6 – Stewart House envelopes due back
May 8 – M/DAY Breakfast BBQ
May 9 – Mother’s Day stall
May 12 – Mothers’ Day
May 14 – 16 – NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5
May 15 – P & C Meeting
May 21 – UNSW Computer Skills Comp.
May 22 – Zone Cross-Country/Stage 1 – Police/Fire visit
June 5 – UNSW Science Comp.
June 6 – Stewart House bags collected
June 10 – Queen’s Birthday holiday
June 14 – Regional Cross-Country
June 17 – UNSW Writing Comp.
June 18 – UNSW Spelling Comp
June 19 – P & C Meeting
June 21 – Dance party
June 24 – Reports home
June 28 – Last day of Term 2
**Canteen Information**

Thank you to everyone who has helped in canteen this term. We still need helpers for a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. If you are able to help please call me on 0411 143 609.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Hot Cross Bun Day. It was a great success.

Have a safe holiday and see you all back for Term 2.

Our helpers for the last week of Term 1 are:

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**Term 2**

**Week 1**

| Monday 29 April | Closed |            |
| Tuesday 30 April | Closed | Cheryl Ryan |
| Wednesday 1 May | Melissa Galea | Sue Wilson-Deeth |
| Thursday 2 May |            |            |
| Friday 3 May |            |            |

**Week 2**

| Tuesday 7 May |            | Helper required |
| Wednesday 8 May | Priscilla Lazanas until 11.30. Melissa Galea from 12.30 |      |
| Thursday 9 May |            | Helper required |
| Friday 10 May |            |            |

If you can help at any time please call 0411 143 609.

Thank you,

Ann Brett (Canteen Supervisor)

**Parking in Gerald Street**

We have had numerous complaints about parents blocking driveways in Gerald Street at school pickup time.

Please do NOT park across driveways as this is an inconvenience and courtesy should prevail when parking outside others' houses. Thank you.

**Crossing the Road**

If you are in sight of the school pedestrian crossing you MUST use it to cross Ringrose Avenue both going to school and after school.

This is a safety precaution to ensure all students crossing the road do so in a safe manner. There are Rangers doing patrols of the school at various times.

**Woolworths**

We are taking part once again in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program.

As from Monday 8 April stickers will be available when you purchase items from Woolworths.

There is a box in the school foyer for your completed sheets or just pop your stickers into the box and we will attach them to a sheet for you.

We had a wonderful response last year. Let's see what we can do this time.

**Certificates Awardees**

Silver

Chelsea
Giancarlo
Joshua
Matthew
Harmony Day—Thursday 21st March 2013

Harmony Day was a huge success! We all had a fantastic day wearing orange clothing, eating orange jelly, talking about our different family backgrounds and participating enthusiastically in African drumming and performing workshops.

A huge thank you to all the families who made orange jelly for us, we had an overwhelming response!! It was fantastic to have so much support from you all in helping Ringrose Public celebrate Harmony Day.

From the jelly sales we raised a massive $220!!! These funds will be used to purchase multicultural resources for the school.

Staff and students alike all had a brilliant time preparing our artworks, which are displayed in the hall and the office, and participating in activities on the day!

Harmony Day 2013—From the students!

Harmony Day was great! Everyone had lots of fun!

In the morning we had a whole school concert where 2/3S did the Zorba dance, K/1M, 1P 1/2S, 2O and 2/3S did Heal the World and the African drummers performed.

Then we had orange jelly for recess because orange is the Harmony Day colour. It was really yummy!

After recess everyone wrote a story about 5 special things that happened in their life, we called them ‘My Story’. Also Hea’s Mum (Mrs Singh) taught us how to write our names in Hindu. Miss Sayers brought us some Indian sweets for us to try.

After lunch 2/3S, 3A and 3/4C did African drumming in the hall. The drumming was great. We had some turns using drums and shakers, it was really tiring.

It was a really excellent day!

By Charlotte 2/3S
I think Harmony Day was awesome! There was a variety of things like orange jelly, which was delicious, and a great display of artwork at the back of the hall and in the office hallway.

At the special assembly we got to hear about the stories of some kids lives here at Ringrose Public and there was also some cool items by classes at our school. The African drummers were awesome performers and best of all we got to play the drums with the African drummers! Also some of the teachers and kids danced on the stage because the African performers asked them to, it was hilarious!

All up it was a great day and I think everyone loved it!

_By Ethan 5/6E_

Harmony Day was on the 21st of March 2013. This was a day where we celebrate world peace and all the different cultures in Australia. Orange was the colour we wore. All of Ringrose celebrated it!

To start the day off, we had a special assembly. African drummers were there to perform. They were from Rhythm Connect. I loved it because they picked members of the audience to participate.

Then Stage 3 had a go of drumming. Everyone enjoyed it! After that we had recess. In addition to everything we’d already done there was jelly for sale for sixty cents. I thought it was delicious!

The thing I loved about Harmony Day was how everyone celebrated other people’s cultures. We also bought in some cultural food that was important to us.

The day was a great success; I really want to re-live it!

_By Simran 5/6C_
Photos from Harmony Day
The Good Guys Prospect
"Skool Is Kool"

For Every $25.00 Spent at We Get For

Ringrose Public School P&C has again registered for the 2013 “SKOOL IS KOOL” Fundraising Program with Karl Holdsworth GOOD GUYS at Prospect.

This program allows our school to earn a $1.00 voucher for every $25.00 spent at the Good Guys Prospect.

All you need to do is mention our School’s name BEFORE completing your purchase so that it can be recorded against the receipt. Unfortunately once the sale is complete they cannot go back and add it.

It might not seem like a lot but for a $1000.00 TV we receive $40.00 worth of vouchers, and it affects your purchase in no way at all.

So please encourage as many of your friends and family members to mention our school name as they pay for their purchase.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THIS NOTE FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT**

Head lice (Pediculosis) has been detected at school. It is IMPERATIVE that you check your child's hair carefully. Head lice can be found both at school and at other social gatherings.

This complaint is very contagious and under the Public Health Act once your child has been treated the affected person can return to school ensuring that a second treatment is carried out after 7 days. Careful daily combing of hair will eventually remove all lice and nits after treatment. The eggs (nits) will need to be pulled from each strand of hair either with a very fine toothed comb or fingernails.

Any chemist can recommend a suitable treatment, which IF USED STRICTLY ACCORDING TO DIRECTIONS will cure the complaint. Make sure any person who has contact with the infected person is treated on the same day and that all bedding etc is also washed.

If any lice or nits are found please inform the office or your child’s teacher. All such reportings are confidential.

Thank you for your prompt assistance.

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**Kids in the Park**

**Dear John**

Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this autumn, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained.

A range of activities are free or under $20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays!

- 25 Twitch
- All Day Vacation Care
- Archery and Gymnastics Lessons
- ARTEXPRESS workshops – FREE
- A Very Birdy Journey – FREE
- Gruss Skills and Flying Trapeze

- Fizzics Education- Lego Robotics
- Lodge ‘Super Safari’ Holiday Camp
- Monster Action Sports
- Soccer Camps
- Writing Workshops
- Urban Jungle Adventure Park... and lots more


It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

Thank you,

Sydney Olympic Park
FREE Family Fun

When: Saturday 20 April 2013
Time: 5.30 pm to 8 pm
Where: Telescopes located on Salter’s Field (in front of the Dairy)
        Free talk located at the Parramatta Park Café and Event Centre

What’s new at the cutting edge?

Come along and share the mystery of our place in the universe at Parramatta Park’s popular Star Gazing @ Parramatta Park. There will be up to 30 telescopes provided by members of the amateur astronomical societies who will be there to share their knowledge with you, or you can bring your own telescope and get pointers on its use from fellow enthusiasts.

In addition there will be a talk about what is happening at the “cutting edge” of astronomy in 2013 by the well known astronomer Fred Watson.

What’s happening?

- Talk at the Parramatta Park Café and Event Centre, by Fred Watson seating is limited so be prepared to come early to secure a seat.
- A Planetarium to get a close up look at the universe.

Refreshments are available at the Cafe, and the park will remain open to vehicles until 8.30 pm. Bring a torch, with a red cellophane covering to preserve night vision, and to light your way.

Info T 8833 5000 or www.parrapark.com.au

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Looking For Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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