Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 of the school year. Already we have been busy both in classrooms, around the school and in preparation for our Biannual School Fete this Saturday!

Over this last week and a half, 60 of our boys and girls have been attending the Learn to Swim Program at Wentworthville Public School. Reports received indicate that they are all progressing well and that their behaviour has been exemplary. I am very proud of their efforts and representation of our school! Thank you to Miss Sayers and Miss Antoniolli for coordinating this program.

Last Wednesday we held our mufti ‘Crazy Hair Day’ in order for students to donate a bottle ready for our fete. Thank you to our whole school community for supporting this day. Our collected number of bottles has been well supported.

As our Fete approaches this Saturday, I know all students are eagerly anticipating the commencement of the day! I am hearing from very excited boys and girls about the rides and activities that they’re going to be participating in. I may even meet them on some of the rides!

A couple of reminders for this Saturday’s Fete:

- The fete is between the hours of 10am – 3pm.
- Our P&C Association Fete Committee are still in need of more parent volunteers to help out for the day. If you’re available for an hour or two on Saturday to assist, I know that it will be very much appreciated. A return slip for parent helpers went out last week.
- White Elephant Stall Items – please remember to leave them outside the gate door located under the OOSH rooms.
- Ride armbands can still be purchased through the office.
- Don’t forget to bring along family and friends! It promises to be a great day!

Tonight, our P&C Fete Committee meet at 6pm to go over final logistics. Our P&C Meeting will then commence at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents / carers are most welcome to attend.

Our Dance2bFit program commenced this week for all Stage 2 (Years 3&4) and Stage 3 (Years 5&6) classes. This valuable program assists students in developing their creative dance skills. Further, our Years 5&6 students also work together to choreograph their end of year dances for the Year 6 Formal.
Currently, the executive team are leading staff through analysis of our recent NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 students which was conducted back in Term 2. This analysis of data is part of the overall analysis the school takes in looking closely at student progress and growth in English and Mathematic’s areas and the formation of future academic targets for the school.

Coming up on Tuesday 28 October (Week 4) will be our Grandparent’s /Book Fair/Book Parade day. This is a wonderful day and I’d ask that families put this in your diary! More details are found below.

Coming up in Weeks 5 to 8, our 2015 Kindergarten enrolments commence their KickStart orientation program. If you still are to complete your child’s enrolment form for next year or you have friends / family interested in their child starting at Ringrose PS in 2015, please return or pick up a form from the office. We are all very excited to meet our new students for next year!

A big thank you to parents/carers and families who have donated plants for our gardens. Our wonderful garden club have been busy planting and looking after these gardens. We are also starting to set up our vegetable garden area near the preschool. The gardens are looking fantastic!

Did you know that we have quite a few parents who are assisting the school in the classroom with a range of activities? I am very grateful to these mums, dads and grandparents who give their free time assisting in our school! A big thank you to you each!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Loughhead
(Principal)

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**Stranger Danger**

There have been some reports received lately of incidents involving strangers approaching students in the local area and the police have been informed. Please discuss with your child/ren procedures for travelling to and from school in a safe and vigilant manner. Teachers have also discussed this with classes.

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**Grandparent’s Day and Book Week Parade**

On Tuesday 28th October Ringrose Public School will be having our annual Grandparent’s Day and Book Week Parade.

Where: Ringrose P.S classrooms & COLA

When: Tuesday 28th October 2014

Times: Book Fair 8:30am in the Library
Open Classrooms 9:15 - 9:45am
Book Parade 10:00 - 11:00am
Cake Stall 11:15 - 11:45am
School Swimming Scheme 2014

60 Students from Ringrose Public School have been attending School Swimming Scheme at our local pool, Wentworthville. These students have been going each day during the middle session of the school day. Both Miss Antoniolli and Miss Sayers have been assisting with swimming lessons and supervising them for their lessons in week one and two of this term. The students have displayed fantastic behaviour and choices in the two weeks they have been attending swimming lessons, with members of the public even commenting how lovely our students were behaved and what great manners they had.

Well done swimmers you have shown great behaviour representing Ringrose Public School and have become better swimmers too!!

- Miss Sayers & Miss Antoniolli

Gardening Club

A big thank you to the volunteers who came in the school holidays to help fill our new vegetable garden beds. Thank you Lisa Harvey, Matthew Dalley and ex students George Harvey and Jason Omega for your hard work. Thank you also to Mrs Sharp, who has donated plants for us. Next time you are in the School Hall have a look at the new garden in the courtyard.
Enrolment forms for next year’s Kindergarten students can be picked up from the School Office any time. Please complete the form and return it with the original birth certificate, immunisation certificate (or blue book) and proof of address, which will be copied and returned to the parent.

Kindergarten News

Welcome back to Term 4! The students have learnt so much and it has been very rewarding for everyone to see the changes in our Kindergarten students since their first day of school in February. Term 4 is going to be another busy term at Ringrose.

Sport this term will be on Tuesdays and we are asking for volunteers to help with the activities, can you please see your child’s teacher if you would like to help out. Kindergarten students should wear their sports uniforms and sport shoes to school on Tuesdays.

In COGs this term Kindergarten is learning about conservation and the environment in the unit “Under the Sea” and later on in the term we will be going on an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium.

All the Kindergarten teachers are looking forward to exciting activities and experiences we are going to have in our final term of Kindergarten.

- Mrs Stroud

Book Club - Term 4 2014 #7

The seventh issue of Book Club in 2014 has been distributed to students this week. If you wish to purchase any books please have your orders and money back by Friday, 31 October 2014. Please note that we are no longer accepting cash payments.

Please make sure you put your child’s name on the front of the envelope. Orders are delivered to the school ten days after order closing date.

By buying books the school earns rewards points for books for the library. The last issue of Book Club raised over $150 worth of books for the school – an awesome achievement!

- Mr Walker

Ringrose Public School P&C Fete - White Elephant Stall

Ringrose’s School Fete will be held on Saturday 18 October. Donations for the White Elephant Stall can be left opposite the Uniform Shop. We would appreciate items such as books, toys, DVD’s and appliances that are in good, working condition. Please do not bring in clothing, furniture, broken items or McDonalds toys.

Thanks for your support!
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 17 October: Stewart House bags to students
- Friday 17 October: Years 3-6 Assembly - 11:30am in the School Hall
- Saturday 18 October: Ringrose Public School Fete
- Wednesday 22 October: Stewart House bags returned to Uniform Shop
- Friday 24 October: Years K-2 Assembly - 2pm in the School Hall
- Monday 27 October: Canteen Halloween Treat order & money due
- Tuesday 28 October: Grandparent’s Day / Book Fair / Book Parade
- Thursday 30 October: Canteen Halloween Treat
- Friday 31 October: Book Club Orders due

CERTIFICATE AWARDEES

Gold
- Taleisha 3/4A
- Lisa 4/5C

Silver
- Ella KM
- Brooklyn KM
- Sid Charbel KM
- Alanah KM
- Sarah KM
- Amelia KM
- Lucia K/1H
- Tory K/1H
- Summer K/1H
- Arad K/1H
- Kaleb 1M
- Ryan 1M
- Hava 1/O
- Ethan 1/O
- Khoda 2/3S
- Amelia 2/3S
- Keiralee 2/3S
- Matthew 2/3S
- Sophia 3/4A
- Eleanor 3/4A
- Gian 3/4R
- Madison 3/4R
- Johnathon 3/4R
- Arash 3/4R
- Sebastian 4/5C
- Gian 4/5C
- Kiana 4/5C

Students/Families Leaving in 2015

In order for the school to plan future staffing and classes for 2015, can you please fill out the information below indicating the non-return of your child/ren for next year and return to the Office.

LEAVING RINGROSE / STARTING LATE 2015

My child ___________________________ in class ______________ will either be: (Please tick appropriate one)

☐ Leaving Ringrose Public School at the end of 2014
☐ Starting after Wednesday 28th January 2015, returning on _______

Signed: ___________________________  Date: ___________________  
Parent/Guardian
This term, our Halloween Jelly Treat Day will be held on Thursday 30th October. The flyer and order form will be distributed to students next week. Also look out for Slice Drive notes, which will be distributed in November.

The Kindergarten Sydney Aquarium excursion takes place on Wednesday 19th November, 2014. The Canteen is providing an excursion meal package for all Kindy students. Order forms will be sent out in the next few weeks.

If your child is leaving school early and has placed a recess or lunch order, please notify the Canteen staff before 10.30am so they do not prepare the food. The Canteen number is 0411 143 609.

We are still looking out for more helpers in Term 4. If you are able to help please call me on 0411 143 609.

-Ann Brett
(Canteen Manager)

The helpers for weeks 3 & 4 of Term 4 are:

**Week 3** - Monday 20 October
Tuesday 21 October
Manda Dalchiranis until 11.30
Wednesday 22 October
Martina Hulbert
Thursday 23 October
Melissa Galea
Friday 24 October
Heather Nicholas

**Week 4** - Monday 27 October
Martina Hulbert
Tuesday 28 October
Susan Porrello until 11:30
Wednesday 29 October
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Here is our canteen roster for Term 4, 2014. If you are unable to come in on your rostered day please call me on 0411 143 609. Thankyou for all your help through out the year, enjoy term 4.

Regards, Ann Brett.
GIRRAWEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Invitation To Open Night 2014

To Year 5 Students And Their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective high school which offers a curriculum for students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes and well-equipped facilities.

You are invited to attend an Open Night which will be held at the school. The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance.

The Open Night will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Tuesday, 4th November 2014
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gilba Road
GIRRAWEEN NSW 2145
Tel: 9636 7293 or 9636 7303
Fax: 9896 3274
Web: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer;
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE = It takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER = download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate
Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015
*eligibility criteria apply

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS
2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
APPLY ONLINE NOW!