Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an amazing past fortnight at our school with many tremendous examples of student success, achievement and citizenship!

Recently, both our Senior Boys Cricket and Junior Boys T-Ball teams competed in the PSSA Summer finals. Whilst both were just beaten, the boys should be congratulated on not only the level of skill they displayed but also on their outstanding sportsmanship. Congratulations to you each! Our school is very proud of you. My special thanks also to all the teachers who have coached a PSSA Team this year. These sporting opportunities you have given our students are very much appreciated.

Yesterday, we held our Presentation and Sports Awards Ceremonies where we recognised student achievement, effort and citizenship. My congratulations to all award recipients for your perseverance in school and sporting endeavours. Well done to our student leadership teams (School Captains/ Vice Captains, House Captains/ Vice Captains) for compering our ceremonies so well! My sincere thanks also to Miss Smajlagic and Mrs Elliott who magnificently coordinated both of these events.

In our two Ceremonies, the new school leadership teams were also announced. Congratulations to:

2015 School Leaders:
- Boy School Captain: Jonathan
- Girl School Captain: Ellia
- Boy School Vice-Captain: Nicholas
- Girl School Vice-Captain: Georgia

Sport Houses

- **Bradman**
  - Boy and Girl Captains: Emre and Anastasia
  - Boy and Girl Vice Captains: Sebastian and Gabby
- **Parkes**
  - Boy and Girl Captains: Max and Jasmyn
  - Boy and Girl Vice Captains: Jahnbek and Natasha
- **Gilmore**
  - Boy and Girl Captains: Cody and Lilly
  - Boy and Girl Vice Captains: Jamal and Caitlin
- **Flynn**
  - Boy and Girl Captains: Jordan and April
  - Boy and Girl Vice Captains: Stephen and Natasha

I look forward to working with our leadership teams in 2015!
This morning, we held our final Combined Scripture Service for the year. My thanks to all the Scripture Teachers who volunteer to come into the school each work and present their lessons. We also held our Helper’s Morning Tea to thank the many mums, dads, families and community members who assist around our school in so many ways. Your input into the life of the school is very much appreciated.

This afternoon and tonight, I am also meeting with interested parents to look further at the school’s vision for the future. Any parents or carers still wishing to attend can come tonight at 5:30pm in the Library where we will be discussing various aspects of what the vision could look like.

This Friday students will receive their Semester 2 School Reports. The reports give a summary of student academic progress this year. Of particular note is also the indication of effort applied to their classroom work. If parents have any queries, please feel free to see your child’s class teacher.

Next Monday evening, we will be hosting our Year 6 Farewell. For many of our students, Ringrose Public School has been their school since starting here in Kindergarten. I am very proud of our senior students and their progress this year and I know they will enjoy their evening together. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their future High School years.

Next Tuesday is our end of year Excursion to Reading Cinemas at Auburn where we will be seeing the movie ‘Big Hero 6’. Can you please make sure that all return permission notes and medical forms are returned completed by this Friday 12 December. Class Parties will also be held later in the afternoon.

Next Wednesday (17 December) is the last day of school for students this year. On this day, our departing Year 6 students will be entertaining us in their special Year 6 Show Assembly. The Year 6 Arch at the end of the day is our final thank you to them as they embark on their High School journey next year.

I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to our whole school community for your support of our school this year. We have achieved many great things together and your commitment to our school is very much appreciated. Ringrose Public School is a magnificent school and together we continue our strong reputation in the community as a school of excellence.

Have a safe, restful and prosperous Festive Season and we will see you back here next year for the first day for Years 1 -6 students on Wednesday, 28th January 2015.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Loughhead

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**Last day of Term 4, 2014 - Wednesday 17 December**

**Semester 2 Reports – Reporting Student Achievement in English**

This year as part of the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum, the new NSW English Syllabus is being implemented across the Department of Education and Communities schools. As a result, the Department’s current Curriculum Planning, Programming, Assessing and Reporting K-12 policy is currently under review.

As in Semester 1, English progress in the Semester 2 Reports for Years 1 - 6 has also been reported using an overall English grade. Teachers have also provided a detailed comment on the overall student achievement in English.

If you have any queries, please feel free to see me.

Mr Loughhead
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11 December  
Uniform Shop open - 8.30 - 9.30am (Last day for 2014)

Friday 12 December  
Assembly - Years 3-6 @ 2.00pm in the School Hall

Monday 15 December  
Year 6 Farewell - 5.30 - 8.30pm @ Club Merrylands

Tuesday 16 December  
Movie Day - Whole School

Wednesday 17 December  
SCHOOL CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday 17 December  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-6 RETURN - WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2015

CERTIFICATE Awardees

Gold

Caidence  KW  Nastasia  5/6E  Gabrielle  KW  Zelyn
Brodie  K/1H  Georgia  5/6E  Christian  K/1H  Trent
Zoe  K/1H  Angelina  5/6M  Shantae  K/1H  Hussein
Yazmine  K/1H  Beau  5/6M  Yazmine  K/1H  Lizette
Madison  K/1H  Emily  5/6M  Ansh  K/1H  Cheyanne
Ansh  K/1H  Paden  5/6M  Madison  K/1H  Rory
Chloe  K/1H  Natasha  5/6M  Lucia Grace  K/1H  Simeon
Lucia Grace  K/1H  April  5/6M  Rita  K/1H  Natasha
Emeline  K/1H  Lilly  5/6M  Summer  K/1H  Ibrahim
Summer  K/1H  Anastasia  5/6M  Arad  K/1H  Nithilaan
Annalie  K/1H  Courtney  5/6M  Annalise  K/1H  Stephen
Rita  K/1H  Brooke  5/6M  Tory  K/1H  Amir
Nathan  1M  Ashley  5/6M  Monique  1M  Fadi
Jozlyn  1M  Grace  5/6M  Mia  1/O  Phillip
Bethany  1M  Matty  5/6M  Pathik  1/O  Jonathan
Matthew  1M  Silver
Zackery  1M  
Amelia  1M  Ujesh  KM  Lilyana  1/O  Jahn
Olivier  1M  Ricky  KM  Austin  1/O
Alexia  1M  Vasilios  KM  Ethan  1/O
Zuleikha  1/O  Yash  KM  Cooper  2C
Tommy  2C  Brooklyn  KM  Leticia  2C
Caleigh  2/3S  Ella  KM  Denzel  2C
Rose  2/3S  Mason  KS  Ryan  2C
Matthew  2/3S  Jacob K.  KS  Isabella  2C
Charlotte  3/4A  Umid  KS  Georgia  2C
Henry  3/4A  Lilyjana  KS  Aidan  2T
Cody F.  4/5C  John Paul S.  KS  Yasmine  2T
Mary  5/6E  Ege  KS  Christopher  2T

Silver

Ceyda  KS  Annalie  2T
Daniel  KS  Ella  2T
Alana  KS  Chelsea  2/3S
Anabelle  KW  Denny  3/4A
We just wanted to say thank you to the Gifted and Talented Team – Gabby, Natasha, Ellie, Courtney, Anthony, Zackery and Steven. We are very proud of your efforts and enthusiasm throughout the year.

A little bit about what we have done this year....

We did a couple of different activities to encourage the students to think ‘outside the box’ (as they all explained – it’s not a square). We began with the ‘brain training’ exercises and asked the students to solve lots of different puzzles. Some were pretty tricky but with a little help and some clues they were able to solve each one. Our recent project was one that we adapted from the Tournament of Minds competition. Recently, the students were asked to build a bridge that weighed less than 400 grams and could hold 2 kgs. With little less than a week they were able to build a bridge (with lots of paddle-pop sticks and double sided tape) that could hold a 2kg load. They don’t know this, but I tested it out with my pencil tins and it worked!

They have put in a fantastic effort throughout the year and we look forward to challenging them even more next year!
- Please note the School Canteen will be closed on the last day of school (WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2014).

- As we reach the end of 2014, I would like to thank all Canteen volunteers for your support throughout the year. The Canteen would not run without you and your tireless efforts. Also, thank you to all Ringrose families who have supported the Canteen in 2014. We look forward to your continued support in 2015. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

- I would also like to extend a special thank you to the helpers and parents who are moving on from Ringrose in 2015. Your unwavering support throughout your years at Ringrose has been much appreciated.

- The Christmas Slice Drive was a huge success. Thank you to all families who ordered delicious treats to raise money for Ringrose. We raised around $190.00 for the school!

- Finally, thank you to everyone who placed orders for delicious Fairy Floss! The Fairy Floss was ordered to be sold at the School Disco but as the disco was cancelled, we needed to sell the Fairy Floss before the school holidays. If your child has ordered Fairy Floss, the money will be returned to them this week.

- Towards the end of term the canteen will be running low on certain items. If the item you have ordered is out of stock, chicken wedges will be given instead.

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 for more helpers in 2015. If you are able to help please call me on 0411 143 609.

-Ann Brett

(Canteen Manager)

The helpers for Week 11 of Term 4 are:

**Week 11** - Monday 15 December  
Martina Hulbert

Tuesday 16 December  
School Movie Activity Day - CANTEEN CLOSED

**Wednesday 17 December**  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - CANTEEN CLOSED

The helpers for Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 1, 2015 are:

**Week 1** - Wednesday 28 January  
**Helper Required**

Thursday 29 January  
**Helper Required**

Friday 30 January  
Heather Nicholas

**Week 2** - Monday 2 February  
Martina Hulbert

Tuesday 3 February  
Martina Giorgi - AM

Wednesday 4 February  
**Helper Required**

Thursday 5 February  
Cheryl Ryan

Friday 6 February  
Toni Clements