Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a flurry of activities over this past fortnight where our whole community has been involved in one way or another. As always, these events continue to be very well supported and I am very grateful for this. No wonder why Ringrose PS is a great place to be!

Mr Walker and Miss Smajlagic along with the Information Communication Technology (ICT) committee have been collecting information from everyone over these last few weeks about what the future of technology could look like here at Ringrose. I would like to thank you all for the feedback given either through the ICT surveys, Parent ICT Forums and/or through the Parent’s and Citizens Association (P&C) meeting. Some feedback from the information collected appears later in this newsletter.

As a result of many conversations, the school will be purchasing x200 ‘XO’ laptop machines for use across the school in 2015. The XO Laptop machines bring with them more opportunities for students to access an ICT device as part of their daily class program as well as supporting and enhancing the delivery of strong Literacy and Numeracy programs. Staff will also be trained in the use of the XO’s to continue to explicitly deliver quality teaching programs. We are very excited about the prospect and future opportunities this will bring in enhancing 21st Century Learning!

Last Tuesday, we held our combined school Walkathon and Year 6 Activity afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Elliott, Miss Meese and Mrs Atkinson for organising the day’s events and superb weather! Our students had a great time and I would like to congratulate all the Year 6 students for the amazing job they did running the activities. My thanks also to the ladies in the canteen who ensured that our Sausage Sizzle went smoothly!

Last Wednesday, Kindergarten travelled into Darling Harbour to visit Sydney Aquarium to compliment recent school work on Sea Creatures. Their jubilant faces and excited chit-chats verified that they had a great day and saw many unique creatures! My thanks to the Kindergarten teachers and attending staff for organising this excursion.

Our 2015 Kindergarten KickStart orientation programs continues to provide valuable opportunities for our attending students and parents to familiarise themselves with both the Kindergarten curriculum and routines of starting big school. Thank you to Mrs Stroud and her team as well as Mrs Willis and Miss Conroy for leading the parent sessions.

My thanks also to Miss Meese, Mrs Elliott and Mrs Crowe and our Parent Year 6 Farewell Committee for their organisation for the upcoming Year 6 Farewell event. This committee have been meeting regularly on a Monday evening to ensure that our students have a wonderful time.
Congratulations to our Summer PSSA teams who competed in their Semi-Finals last Friday. I am always very proud of not only our performances but also our strong Sportsmanship across each of our Winter and Summer PSSA teams. Good luck to our Senior Cricket Boys and Boys T-Ball teams who are in the Grand Finals this week!

In Week 10, we will be holding a number of Parent Forums to discuss our future aspirations, dreams and initiatives for the 2015-2017 School Plan. Thank you also for responses to the Quality of School Life Surveys. Information from this will give us a starting point for future discussions. Next week, we will be surveying parents/carers around the school and asking two questions:

- Can you give 3 words to describe our school.
- Can you give a sentence to describe what you think Ringrose Public School should look like in 5 years’ time.

Coming up in the next few weeks, there will be many activities and events taking place. Don’t forget to keep an eye out for information notes being sent home detailing these events further. These will include:

- Year 6 Public High School Orientation Day - Wednesday 3 December.
- The School Awards and Sports Presentation Day - Tuesday 9 December.
- Combined Scripture Service and Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea - Wednesday 10 December.
- School Movie Activity Day - Tuesday 16 December.

On 20 November the Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced the next stage of the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding process for 2015. Under this next stage schools will receive funding for all four equity loadings. The Socio-economic background and the Aboriginal background equity loadings first delivered in 2014 will be supplemented by new equity loadings for English language proficiency and Low level adjustment for disability. Remote and/or isolated schools will also be the first to receive a new location loading, as the first element of the base school allocation, in recognition of disadvantage due to distance from population centres and other schools.

Our school has been advised that we will receive $214,311 RAM funding to support our students with additional learning needs in 2015. This includes our school’s equity loadings. The School Executive will be working with our school community to determine the best ways to use these resources to support student learning.

Finally, we would like to pass on our congratulations to Miss Casey who has been successfully appointed to a new school position in Canberra in 2015. Miss Casey has been a tremendous teacher at our school these last few years and her commitment and dedication to our school in so many ways has been greatly appreciated. All the best Miss Casey in your new appointment!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Loughhead
(Principal)

Last day of Term 4, 2014 - Wednesday 17 December
PSSA Draw Term 4 - All Sports

(Cricket, Softball & T-Ball)

Congratulations to our Boys T-Ball and Senior Cricket PSSA teams, who will be playing in the PSSA Grand Finals this Friday. Both games will be played at Jones Park.

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Uniform Shop News

Attention all Year 6 pupils and parents:

Do you have Ringrose uniforms that you will no longer require after this year?

If so, rather than throw it away, please donate to the Uniform Shop for our vintage & preloved collection, and we will resell it at a reduced price. All profits go directly back into the school.

You can drop off your uniforms anytime before the end of term or at the beginning of 2015.

Many thanks in anticipation.

- Alison Whittaker

Christmas Combined Scripture Assembly

On Wednesday 10th December 2014, from 9am to 10am the Catholic and Protestant scripture classes will be having their end of year Christmas assembly. This year however, we will be having a Christian organisation called Quizworx conduct the assembly. This will be an exciting presentation using puppets, drama, songs and loads of fun for everyone, younger and older. We hope you can join us.

If your child does not usually attend Catholic and Protestant scripture classes and you would like your child to attend this special presentation please see your child’s teacher or send a note to Mrs Stroud.

LEAVING RINGROSE / STARTING LATE 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.

My child __________________________________________ in class ________________

will either be: (Please tick appropriate one)

☐ Leaving Ringrose Public School at the end of 2014
☐ Moving to another school - School’s name______________________________
☐ Starting after Wednesday 28th January 2015, returning on ________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________
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 - Excursion to Sydney Aquarium

Kindergarten has been learning all about the sea and its environment this term. Last Wednesday all of Kindergarten went on an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium and everyone had a fantastic day. The students loved seeing all the sea creatures up close. The penguins were a big hit and we were amazed at how big the crabs’ claws were. We even got to see a platypus up close, but the favourite of the day was the shark. In the underwater walk-through the children were in awe of how big they were and how many teeth they had. The bus trip home was a little quieter than the trip into the city and I am sure all students (and teachers) had a great night sleep after their exciting day at the Sydney Aquarium. Thank you to Mrs Willis, Miss Conroy, Mrs Diab, Miss Scerri, Mrs Job and Mr Loughhead who all helped out on the day.

-Mrs Stroud
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 27 November  Slice Drive Fundraiser order forms and payment due
Thursday 27 November  Kindy Kickstart 2015 Session #4 - 9:15am in the School Hall
Thursday 27 November  Uniform Shop - Open 8:30 - 9:30am
Friday 28 November  Years 3-6 Assembly @ 2:00pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 3 December  Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Thursday 4 December  Uniform Shop - Open 8:30 - 9:30am
Friday 5 December  Years K-2 Assembly @ 2:00pm in the School Hall
Tuesday 9 December  Presentation Day - 9.30am in the School Hall
                    Sports Awards - 11.30am in the School Hall
Wednesday 10 December  Combined Scripture Service - 9am in the School Hall
                    Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea - 11.00am in the Staffroom
Thursday 11 December  Uniform Shop open - 8.30 - 9.30am (Last day for 2014)
Monday 15 December  Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 16 December  School Movie Activity Day

CERTIFICATE AWARDEES

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      Joesp  1/O  Mallee  5/6E
      Asrin  1/O  Nicholas  5/6E
      Callum  1/O  Claudia  5/6E

Silver: Stephen  5/6E
        Nithilhaan  5/6E
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        Michelle  5/6M
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        April  5/6M
-Thank you to all the families who have placed orders for the Ringrose Slice Drive Fundraiser. Please ensure all orders are returned to the Canteen Box by Thursday 27th November, 2014 at the latest. **No late orders can be accepted.**

- As we near 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.

-The Canteen Box can be found outside the Staffroom Steps every morning from 8:30am. If your child has a recess or lunch order, **it must be placed in the Canteen Box before 9:00am. If you child is bringing an order to school, please remind them to place it in the Box before school.**

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 Term 4. If you are able to help please call me on 0411 143 609.

-Ann Brett

(Canteen Manager)

**The helpers for Weeks 9, 10 & 11 of Term 4 are:**

**Week 9 - Monday 1 December**
Tuesday 2 December
Wednesday 3 December
Thursday 4 December
Friday 5 December

**Week 10 - Monday 8 December**
Tuesday 9 December

**Week 11 - Monday 15 December**
Tuesday 16 December

**Wednesday 17 December**
Gardening Club 2014

Our Ringrose vegetable garden is growing beautifully. After only 5 weeks, we are seeing lots of delicious vegetables, herbs and fruit. 4/5C and the Gardening Club are doing a great job watering and maintaining everything. Joseph in 4/5C and Miss Crowe tasted the first cherry tomatoes, which were full of flavour.

Please be aware that the fruit, vegetables and herbs are not for general use. Unfortunately, our first Lebanese cucumber was picked by someone, which was very disappointing for the children.
ICT SURVEY RESULTS 2014

Thank you to all parents and community members for your comments and feedback. Here are the results from our surveys.

Stage 3 Student Results:

Parent and Community Results:

Thank you once again for your participation in these surveys.

Miss Smajlogic & Mr Walker

ICT Forum Coordinators