Dear Parents/Caregiver,

As we venture into the second half of Term 1, I have been very proud of how well students have settled into their class routines. Classes are well established and quality teaching is engaging our students in their curriculum work. I would also like to thank our amazing teachers who are so dedicated to our student body!

Recently, we had 26 swimmers attend the zone swimming carnival under the coordination of Mrs Elliott and management of Mrs O'Neill. Congratulations to our swimmers not only on their swimming efforts but also their behaviour. I would like to wish Courtney, Caitlin and Zachary good luck as they have successfully progressed to the Regional Swimming Carnival. We are very proud of your achievements so far.

My thanks to the many parents who have returned their Culture survey back to the school. I am currently in the process of analysing the data which has included feedback from teachers and students as well. The dissemination of collected information and future directions for the school will be included in the 2013 Annual School Report currently being finalised.

My thanks also to Miss Smajlagic and all the parents and volunteers who attended our Working with Children information session recently. The contributions and help parents make at our school are very much appreciated! If you would still like to assist in the school, please see Miss Smajlagic for further information. Similarly, our dedicated Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) are always looking for assistance in our Canteen and Uniform shop where possible.

Tonight the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the P&C association will be held at 7pm in the staffroom. We would welcome all of our parents/caregivers to attend. Preceding this at 6pm will be a meeting for any volunteers who’d like to be part of the school's Fete-Day committee which is coming up in October. At our P&C meeting, Miss Smajlagic will also be going through the school's amended Student Management Policy to seek the P&C's endorsement of this document. My thanks to Miss Smajlagic and her committee for the tireless amount of time they've spent pulling this document together and aligning it to the school's commitment to our embedded Positive Behavioural Interventions Strategies (PBIS) program. The PBIS program is one of our school target areas and is aimed at keeping students positively engaged in all areas of their schooling.

On Tuesday 25 March, the school will be holding our Harmony Day. Students will have the opportunity to come dressed in orange and be involved in a visiting dance performance, special activities and a concluding assembly. My thanks to both Mrs Willis and Miss Casey for their organisation of this day. Year 6 have also arranged a number of activities on this day centred on their Japan unit of work they’ve been studying this term.
Coming up in Week 11 will be our parent/teacher interview afternoons. On Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April, parents/caregivers will have the opportunity to discuss the progress of their child with their class teacher. Today, I have sent out an information form about these interviews. This year, to simplify the timetabling of interviews, we have engaged the use of an online booking system. All parents/caregivers will need to book their interview time on the online system.

Finally, on Friday 4 April, the school will be holding the term’s Disco Night for students. Our P&C coordinate this evening and an information note will go out shortly with further details. Historically, our students love to dance the night away at this event! There will be a K-2 and Yrs. 3-6 session.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Loughhead

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**Harmony Day 2014**

On Harmony Day (Tuesday 25th March) there will be a stall that has been organised by Stage 3. The stall will be selling small art and craft works as well as cupcakes. There will be some students who will be running “workshops” on how to count to ten in Japanese and how to fold a paper shuriken. The idea is to help promote a sense of value for what the Stage 3 students have learned this term. These will all cost less than $2, with many costing as little as 20c-50c.

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**Book Club 2014**

The Second 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 Tuesday, 1st April, 2014. For payments:

- By Cheque: Cheques (made out to Scholastic) can be placed in the money box in the School Office.
- By Credit Card: Please ring the number on the order form and after receiving your payment they will issue you with a receipt number to hand in with your order.

**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. Delivery is within 10 days of closing date. Books are given to the child to bring home.

By buying books the school earns rewards points for books for the library. The last issue of Book Club raised over $170 worth of books for the school – an awesome achievement!

Mr Walker
Librarian
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2014

The University of NSW has conducted the Australian Schools Competitions for over 22 years. Ringrose will once again participate in the competitions this year. We will be participating in Mathematics, English and Computer Skills in 2014. **These competitions are not compulsory.**

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Please ensure the note and money are returned to the School Office before **Monday 24 March. No late payments can be accepted.**

**P.S.S.A Draw - Term 1 2014**

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- March 19: P&C AGM - 7pm in the Staffroom
- March 21: K-6 Assembly (2-3pm in School Hall)
- March 24: ICAS money and note due
- March 24: **Parent/Teacher Bookings open (5pm)**
- March 25: Harmony Day
- April 1: Book Club money due
- April 4: P&C Dance Party
- April 4: **Parent/Teacher Bookings close (5pm)**
- April 8: Hot Cross Bun Day
- April 8 & 9: **Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- April 11: Last day of Term 1
Thank you to all the children who took part in our St Patrick’s Day Jelly Day, it was a great success.

Our Sushi Tuesday is going well so don’t forget to order sushi on Tuesday.

Hot Cross Bun Day will be held on **Tuesday 8 April**. Notes have gone out so please ensure the note and $3 payment are in the Canteen Money Box by **Friday 4 April**.

Ann Brett
(Canteen Manager)

**Helpers for Weeks 9, 10 and 11 of Term 1, 2014 are:**

**Week 9 - Monday 24th March**
- Tuesday 25th March: Susan Porrello until 11:30
- Wednesday 26th March: Lamitta Finianos
- Thursday 27th March: Cheryl Ryan
- Friday 28th March: Sue Wilson-Deeth

**Week 10 - Monday 31st March**
- Tuesday 1st April: Amanda Taylor
- Wednesday 2nd April: Jessica Viles
- Thursday 3rd April: Cheryl Ryan
- Friday 4th April: Heather Nicholas

**Week 11 - Monday 7th April**
- Tuesday 8th April: Martina Giorgi until 11:30
- Wednesday 9th April: Lamitta Finianos
- Thursday 10th April: Melissa Galea
- Friday 11th April: Amanda Caine (Last Day of Canteen)

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**CANTEEN VOLUNTEER**

YES I can help one day a month 9:00am – 1:30pm __________

YES I can help one morning a month 9:00am – 11:00am __________

Please tick preferred day to help: __

MON   TUES   WED   THURS   FRI
NAME: _______________________________________  PH: ____________

CHILDS NAME: ______________________________________  CLASS: ____________
3rd March, 2014

P&C Annual General Meeting

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the P&C Annual General Meeting which will be held in conjunction with the next P&C meeting.

Date:  Wednesday, 19th March, 2014
Time:  7.00pm
Place:  The Staffroom, Ringrose Public School

During the AGM the financial figures will be presented from 2013 and a new committee will be elected for the coming year. Positions to be elected include:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Fundraising Coordinator
Canteen Coordinator
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Each year the P&C raises a substantial amount of money that is contributed towards the purchase of resources for our children’s education, and without the involvement of more parents we run the risk of losing this support group.

So please come along and get involved - we would love to see you there.

P&C Committee
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Email: ringrose-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.ringrose-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
17 March 2014

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April

Dear Parents/Carer,

Our Parent/Teacher interviews are coming up in Week 11 this term. The details are:

- Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April, 2014.
- 12noon – 5pm
- In the School Library.

At these interviews, parents/carers will have the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with their teachers. Please note that interviews are strictly 10 minutes long.

This year to ease the complexity of numerous bookings and separate teachers, we are using an online booking system for interview times.

Class teachers are available for interviews on the following days:

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On the next page are instructions on how you can book your online interview time with your child’s teacher.

Please note:

- **BOOKINGS OPEN ON MONDAY 24 MARCH**, at 5pm.
- **BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 4 APRIL** at 5pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Loughhead
(Principal)