Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I would like to extend my congratulations to our teaching staff for their commitment to the education of our students. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff that continually look for ways and initiatives to address and support the learning of all children. Next week, parents and carers will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with class teachers. Interview times are set via the online booking system we have introduced this year. A reminder that interviews are limited to 10 minutes. If you require longer with the class teacher, I would encourage you to set a separate time.

Last Tuesday, we celebrated Harmony Day and the school was a sea of orange at our morning assembly. Mrs Willis and Miss Casey did an amazing job in coordinating our many activities on the day. Students learnt to speak in French, dance the Zorba, created their own uniquely designed ancient pottery and participated in the drumming class! A concluding assembly recognised the richness of diversity in our school…and also the dancing abilities of teachers!

Last Thursday, a number of our senior debating group students participated in a joint workshop to develop their arguing skills! My thanks to Miss Casey for coordinating this day with students.

At our Annual General Meeting for the P&C Association held on 19 March a summary of the successes in 2013 was presented. I would like to thank the outgoing executive team for their commitment to the school and welcome in the new P&C Executive Committee who were elected as office bearers this year.

New P&C Executive:
President: Lisa Harvey
Vice President: Chris Fitzpatrick
Vice President: Sue Burnett
Treasurer: Craig Wyer
Secretary: Joanne Seymour

I look forward to the busy year ahead together which will include our Bi-annual School Fete.

This Friday night our P&C will hold our first school disco for the year. K-2 students can attend between 6:00-7:15pm and Years 3-6 students between 7:30pm – 9:00pm. A reminder that the return permission note must accompany students on the evening. If your child is being picked up by another parent, you must provide a letter detailing this arrangement.

The Ringrose Public School Annual School Report (ASR) is now available on the school’s website. The ASR includes the progress report on school target areas and future directions. A limited number of coloured copies are also available from the office. I would encourage you to have a read as many of our aspirations for the school are contained within this document.
In recent weeks, the Department of Education and Communities has been working closely with schools to ensure that the condition of property trees are assessed and made safe where necessary. Over these last three weeks, you may have noted that some of our back play areas have been cordoned off subject to closer inspection of some trees. The cornered off areas have been carefully marked with an orange fence to establish a safe zone. This week, a qualified arborist will be undertaking an audit of the condition of our trees and will make further recommendations on any tree work that needs to be carried out to ensure the continuing safety of all our community. In particular, areas that are used consistently by our school will be closely examined. The department will then carry out any tree work required outlined in this report.

In the Term 3 school holidays last year, significant tree works were also carried out in the school to ensure the safety of all. I would like to thank students, teachers and families for your understanding and cooperation involved in this process and be assured that the safety of students, staff, families and visitors are our priority. If you have any questions, please feel free to see me.

This term, our ICT (Information and Communication Technology) committee under the coordination of Mr Walker purchased x20 mini iPads and a Synchronisation Station to house our iPads. Over the next few terms, these will be utilised as a learning tool across the school as a means of engaging students further in the learning process. This is an exciting development in the delivery of quality lessons and I look forward to seeing its implementation.

Next Monday, the school will be holding our Anzac Day service at 12noon under the direction of Miss Meese and the leadership team. Parents / carers are invited to attend the assembly in the school hall.

On the last day of term, we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade. Buddy classes are working with the younger students to help create their hat masterpiece! Families are welcome to attend the parade at 11:40am under the COLA area. It promises to be a very colourful event!

Finally, if any families are aware that they are not returning to Ringrose in Term 2, can you please advise the office ASAP. This will allow us to finalise any transfer information required by other schools during the holidays.

Thank you all again for your support this term of school endeavours to promote student learning. I look forward to working closely again with you next term.

The last day for student learning this term will be Friday 11 April. Students return in Term 2 on Tuesday 29 April.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Loughhead

School News

PSSA Trials - Mrs Elliott
This Friday Year 3-6 will begin Winter PSSA Trials. Winter sports include Netball, Soccer, and Newcombeball. Please bring shin pads for soccer trials.

Stage 3 Camp - Mrs Elliott
Stage 3 students are reminded to return their camp notes and payment to the School Office before the end of term.

School Parking
The school has received a number of complaints from our neighbours regarding vehicles blocking their driveways before and after school. Please take care not to obstruct private driveways when dropping off and collecting children at these times.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 4
- K-6 Assembly (2-3pm in the Hall)
- 4/5C Performance

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 9
- “Our Spectacular” Choir Practice #1

April 11
- School Easter Parade - 11:40 under the COLA

April 11
- Last day of Term 1

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

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CERTIFICATE AwarDEES

Silver
Taylah Stiskin 1M

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: ___________

CHILD'S NAME: ______________________________________ CLASS: ________
As this is the last newsletter for Term 1, I would like to thank all our parent helpers who have helped out in the canteen this term. Thank you to all the students who have taken part in our St Patrick’s Day Jellies and our Hot Cross Bun Day, which will be next Tuesday.

Our Sushi Tuesday has been a great success and we will continue Sushi Tuesday next term.

Over the past 6 months we have had a number of price increases from our suppliers, therefore we have had to make adjustment to a few items on our canteen menu. A new menu will be sent out in the first week of Term 2.

We will also be introducing a new product to the Canteen, the Oven Bake Beef Roll (160g) for $2.00. This Beef Roll is packed full of nutritious vegies and lean beef—the perfect alternative to pies and sausage rolls. It is 100% beef wrapped in a crispy wonton roll.

Lastly, we would like to wish Chris Fitzpatrick a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you back soon in Canteen.

Have a safe and happy Easter, looking forward to seeing everyone in Term 2

Ann Brett
(Canteen Manager)

Helpers for Week 11 of Term 1, 2014 are:

**Week 11**: Monday 7 April  
Tuesday 8 April  
Wednesday 9 April  
Thursday 10 April  
Friday 11 April

**Helper Required**  
Martina Giorgi until 11:30  
Lamitta Finianos  
Melissa Galea  
Amanda Caine (Last Day of Canteen)

Helpers for Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 2, 2014 are:

**Week 1**: Monday 28 April  
Tuesday 29 April  
Wednesday 30 April  
Thursday 1 May  
Friday 2 May  
**Week 2**: Monday 5 May  
Tuesday 6 May  
Wednesday 7 May  
Thursday 8 May  
Friday 9 May

**Pupil Free Day**  
Martina Giorgi until 11:30  
Lamitta Finianos  
Cheryl Ryan  
Heather Nicholas  
Amanda Caine

**Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday**  
Manda Dalchiranis until 11:30  
Jessica Viles  
Melissa Galea

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**Oven Bake Beef Roll (160g)**

Kids will absolutely love Hakka’s Oven Bake Beef Roll, packed full of nutritious vegies and lean beef—the perfect alternative to pies and sausage rolls.

100% Aussie Beef | Crisp Wonton Pastry |
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks during school term. Sessions are run twice a week for two hours after school.

Registrations for the next school term are now open. To find out more or enquire about a location near you call:

Free call 1800 780 900
SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back or visit www.mendcentral.org/go4fun
PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April

Dear Parents/Caregiver,

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/caregivers 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)