Principal’s Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank and congratulate all boys and girls for their focus on their school work over these last few weeks. I am very pleased that they are all concentrating well in class time. In particular, I would like to recognise the efforts of boys and girls in Years 3 and 5 who sat their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) tests last week. Results from these tests will be available later in the year and will assist teachers in gauging student progress, areas of strength and areas for further development.

We had a great turn out for our Mother’s Day breakfast in Week 2. The food was wonderful and the mum’s had a great morning joining with their family for the breakfast. Some photos appear in our newsletter this week from the breakfast. I would like to thank Ann Brett (Canteen Coordinator) and staff of Ringrose Public School for their assistance in the preparations for the morning.

Last Wednesday, our Kindergarten students went on their first ever ‘big school’ excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm at Fairfield. Together we saw and learnt about a lot of farm animals, how to milk a cow, how to shear a sheep, how to use a whip and of course the very bumpy tractor ride. It was a great day and we were blessed with terrific weather. Thank you to the organising Kindergarten and attending Ringrose staff.

Today students participated in an AFL promotion workshop delivered by the Education officer attached to the Greater Western Sydney Giants / AFL team. Students had the opportunity to learn some of the skills required for AFL. The rest of classes will have their turn tomorrow to participate in the workshop. The AFL will also be running an after school program for the rest of term on a Wednesday afternoon on our back oval. Students received extra information about this opportunity.

Last week our PSSA teams commenced their winter competition against other schools. I would like to wish them all well for their games over the next two terms. My thanks to the teachers who are coaching these teams and to Mrs Elliott’s for her ongoing coordination of this valuable program.

Yesterday our School Cross Country Team competed admirably in the Zone Carnival. I am very proud to announce that due to their wonderful team effort we were placed third in the carnival overall! My congratulations to each of them and good luck to the team at the Regional Carnival.
Today we held a ‘Purple’ day to raise awareness and funds for the Epilepsy Association. I was very impressed with the array of purple fashions our students and staff wore. Thank you to Ms Meese and the SRC for coordinating our event.

In Week 2’s newsletter, I mentioned that there will be a restructure of K-2 classes due to increasing student enrolments at our school. Our new class 2T will commence next Monday. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Renee Thorn has been appointed to this new teaching position. Mrs Thorn comes to our school with strong teaching and music experience.

Tonight at 7:00pm, our P&C (Parent’s and Citizens) Association will be holding their monthly meeting in the school’s staffroom (adjacent to school office). Precluding this meeting at 6pm, the P&C’s Annual School Fete committee will be meeting to discuss further logistics associated with this activity later in the year. It would be great if there are any mums and dads who are able to attend one or either of these meetings. Our P&C are very supportive of all school endeavours and your presence and assistance would be greatly appreciated. Many of the upcoming school events/programs and past activities are discussed at these meetings. It’s also a great way for mums and dads to find out how the school operates and to have a say in how we run it.

This Friday is the annual National Walk Safely to School day. Now in its 15th year, this important community initiative aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking can provide for long term health for our children. Where possible, parents / carers may wish to walk with their child to school this Friday to promote safe commuting to school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Loughhead

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Stage 1 News - Ms Smajlagic**
This term the students in Years 1 and 2 will be participating in sport activities on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that the children come to school in their sports uniform on Thursdays. If you have any questions please see your child’s classroom teacher.

**Islamic Scripture Classes - Mrs Stroud**
Ringrose Public School will soon be offering Islamic Special Religious Education lessons during our scripture time on Wednesday mornings. The Islamic Council of NSW will supply a volunteer teacher for each scripture class. The curriculum is also provided by the Islamic Religious Community that works within local schools. If you would like your child to attend to attend Islamic scripture classes please pick up a note from the office. It is anticipated that the Islamic Scripture class will commence shortly.

**Zone Cross Country - Mrs Elliott**
Congratulations to all our Zone Cross Country runners who tried their hardest and represented our school with pride. Overall our school was awarded 3rd place! That’s an amazing result. Special mention to the following students who will be representing Parramatta/Merrylands on Wednesday 11 June at the Regional Carnival:

- Kai (4th)
- Rusty (2nd)
- Zac (7th)
- Stefan (6th)
- Tia (9th reserve)
- Nyan (7th)
CERTIFICATE AWARDEES

Silver
Arnya  1M
Emily  1M

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 21 May  AFL Workshops
Wednesday 21 May  P&C Meeting - 7pm in the School Staffroom
Thursday 22 May  AFL Workshops
Friday 23 May  Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 23 May  Assembly (Yrs 3-6 in the Hall @ 11:30)
Wednesday 28 May  Scripture
Thursday 29 May  Stewart House Bags distributed
Friday 30 May  Assembly (Yrs K-2 In the Hall @ 2:00)
Tuesday 3 June  Stewart House Bags Due - Outside the Uniform Shop
Wednesday 4 June  Scripture

KINDERGARTEN 2015

Enrolment forms for next year’s Kindergarten students can be picked up from the office any time. Please complete 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.
Everyone should have received their new canteen price list - there are just a few changes on there.

**Please note: GARLIC BREADS are now $1.60.**

**Future Events:**
1) At the start of June we will be having our Winter Meal Deal for Years 2, 3 & 4.
2) Donut Day will be held towards the end of term.

We are still in need of helpers for Canteen in Term 2. If you are able to volunteer your time please contact me on 0411 143 609.

Ann Brett
(Canteen Coordinator)

**Helpers for Weeks 5 & 6 of Term 2 are:**

**Week 5: Monday 26 May**
Amanda Taylor until 11:30

Tuesday 27 May
Martina Giorgi until 11:30 & Cathy Tate from 12:30

Wednesday 28 May
**Helper Required**

Thursday 29 May
Cheryl Ryan

Friday 30 May
Sue Wilson-Deeth

**Week 6: Monday 2 June**
Rhiannon Camilleri

Tuesday 3 June
Manda Dalchiranis until 11:30 & Cathy Tate from 12:30

Wednesday 4 June
Jessica Viles

Thursday 5 June
Melissa Galea

Friday 6 June
Sue Wilson-Deeth

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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: __

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CHILDS NAME: ___________________________ CLASS: ___________
Gardening Club 2014

Ringrose Public School’s resident environmentalists are meeting every Thursday at lunchtime and getting their hands dirty! As part of a new initiative, students will be caring for the gardens in preparation for future planting around the school.

- Miss Crowe
Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm

Kindergarten had a great day on the farm last Wednesday. The students experienced life on the farm when we milked a cow, went on a tractor ride and learnt how to crack a whip like a jackaroo. The farmers told us all about farm life taking us through the gardens and giving us interesting facts about all the farm animals. The students especially liked patting the baby farm animals. We ended the day with the working dog show and a sheep shearing demonstration.

I would like to thank Mrs Mallon for organising the excursion and also Mrs Willis, Miss Conroy, Mrs Lee, Mrs Vucic and Mr Loughhead for all their hard work on the day. It was a day that the students and teachers will remember for a long time.

-Mrs Stroud
Mother’s Day Breakfast 2014
Active kids are healthy kids

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 23 May 2014

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