7 May 2014

Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. This term we have a number of staff changes. We would like to welcome Miss Conroy to the school who has been appointed as the new K/1H teacher. Miss Conroy comes to us from Westmead PS and she is a highly committed teacher. I would also like to congratulate Mrs Stroud who has successfully been appointed to the vacant Assistant Principal position. Mrs Atkinson also returns to school this term and will be teaching 5/6M on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Diab will be teaching 5/6E on Wednesdays and 4/5C on Fridays.

Over the year our student enrolment numbers have steadily increased across the school. To accommodate this growth, it will be necessary to form an additional class over the next week or two – from 13 to 14 classes. At this point in time and in keeping with the Department of Education and Communities recommended class size policy, a minor restructure of K-2 classes will occur to cater for an additional Year 2 class. A small number of students will be moving classes as discussed with the Assistant Principals and teachers. Parents and carers of children who are moving class will be contacted prior to the move to ensure a smooth transition for them.

At the end of last term, we also held our very colourful Easter Hat Parade. It was a great turn out by families and friends and I would like to thank both Miss Casey and Mrs Willis for organising this event. The hats were spectacular and the Easter Bunny danced the morning away!

Last Thursday, we also held our School Cross Country carnival. It was a great day and I was very proud of all students who took part. The run itself was very long but all students strived to finish. I would like to wish our District Cross Country team well for their upcoming carnival in Week 4. Thank you to Mrs Elliott for coordinating our carnival.

Today our P&C coordinated the Mother's Day Stall for students. It was well supported and there was a lovely array of gifts that students were able to purchase for mums. My thanks to Mr and Mrs Fitzpatrick for organising today and the beautiful gifts and thank you also to the parent helpers. A reminder that mums and students attending our Mother's Day Light breakfast this Friday in the hall that it commences at 7:30am and will conclude by 8:30am.

Last term I held a meeting with the Holroyd City Council Roads and Traffic Officer about our concerns with congested street parking. I have been informed that she will return early this term to conduct a traffic audit with the Senior Roads and Traffic adviser. Can I please remind parents to exercise extreme caution when dropping and picking students up from school.

Coming up in Week 3, students in Years 3 & 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy) tests. Results from these tests provide
additional information to schools on student progress.

Next Wednesday, Kindergarten will be attending their very first excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm at Fairfield. I look forward to hearing about their adventures from the day and the bus trip! I know they are very excited to be going.

As we head into the cooler months, I would like to remind everyone that we are now in our Winter School Uniform. A list including pictures of the required uniforms can be found on our school website. It will be great to see all students in their correct uniform. Our Uniform Shop onsite is open between 8:30-9:30am on Thursday mornings.

Lastly, a qualified arborist engaged by the Department of Education and Communities completed a full tree audit across our school last term. Last weekend, four trees were removed and more will be going in coming weeks as listed in the report. I would like to thank everyone for your ongoing patience whilst this work takes place.

Mr Loughhead
(Principal)

School News

PBIS - Ms Smajlagic

At Ringrose Public School we are committed to ensuring that our school is a positive learning place and that we are creating and maintaining a better school environment for students, teachers and the whole school community. We ask our students to follow three school rules; Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Good Learner. These rules are reinforced during class time and in the playground. This term we will be introducing the Playground Leaders Program. Students in Years 5 and 6 who have nominated themselves will be trained to lead playground games during lunchtime. The games will promote positive play and develop social skills in the playground. We are looking forward to implementing this program over the next few weeks.

School Assemblies - Ms Smajlagic

Ringrose Public School has had an increase in student enrolments this year so as a result we have revised the way the K-6 assemblies are structured. Therefore, this term we will be trialling separating our K-6 assemblies into K-2 assemblies and 3-6 assemblies. The K-2 assemblies will be held every Friday during odd weeks starting in Week 3. The K-2 assemblies will start at 2pm in the school hall. The 3-6 assemblies will be held every Friday during even weeks starting Week 2. The 3-6 assemblies will start at 11:30am in the school hall.

The format of the 3-6 assemblies will remain the same. When your child's class is hosting the assembly you will be informed by the classroom teacher. The format of the K-2 assemblies will change slightly. However, when it is your child's class hosting the assembly you will still be informed by the classroom teacher.

NAPLAN 2014 - Ms Smajlagic

NAPLAN tests will be conducted at school from 13 - 15 May 2014. The exams will be undertaken by students in Years 3 and 5 only. Results will be used to provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used as support teaching and learning programs.

The NAPLAN Schedule is as follows:

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Cross Country 2014 - Mrs Elliott

Well done to all students who participated in the school Cross Country Carnival last Thursday. All students tried their best and were on their best behaviour. Congratulations to the top 4 runners who will be representing Ringrose Public School at the Zone Cross Country combined event at Parramatta Park on Tuesday 20 May. A note with further details will be given to those students soon.
**CERTIFICATE AWARDEES**

**Silver**

- Ryan Cutajar  KM
- Esha Mehta  3/4A
- Henry Whittaker  3/4A

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Friday 9 May**  Mother’s Day Breakfast (7:30 - 8:30am in the School Hall)
- **Friday 9 May**  Years 3-6 Assembly - 11:30 in the School Hall
- **Monday 12 May**  Kindy Farm Excursion Meal Deal Form due
- **Tuesday 13 May**  NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- **Wednesday 14 May**  **No Scripture** (NAPLAN Exams)
- **Wednesday 14 May**  Kindy Calmsley Farm Excursion
- **Wednesday 14 May**  NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- **Thursday 15 May**  NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- **Friday 16 May**  Years K-2 Assembly - 2pm in the School Hall
- **Friday 16 May**  OC Placement Applications due online
- **Friday 16 May**  PSSA Commences
- **Tuesday 20 May**  ICAS Computer Skills Comp. (Years 3 - 6)
- **Tuesday 20 May**  Zone Cross Country

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**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.
Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

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.**

We have also included our Sushi Tuesday on this list.

Kindys should have received their Excursion Meal Package note. If you wish to order this meal deal money needs to be in by Monday 12th May. The cost for this is $6.50.

**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.

You will see in our newsletter the roster for Term 2. As you can see there are days where help is needed. If you are able to help, please call me on 0411 143 609.

Ann Brett
(Canteen Manager)

**Helpers for Weeks 3 & 4 of Term 2 are:**

**Week 1:** Monday 12 May **Helper Required**
Tuesday 13 May  
Helper Required
Susan Porrello until 11:30 & Cathy Tate from 12:30

Wednesday 14 May **Helper Required**

Thursday 15 May  Mary-Rose Grima

Friday 16 May  Toni Clements

**Week 2:** Monday 19 May  Rhiannon Camilleri
Tuesday 20 May  Amanda Taylor until 11:30 & Cathy Tate from 12:30

Wednesday 21 May **Helper Required - AM**
Sonia Xuereb from 12:30 - 1:30

Thursday 22 May **Helper Required**

Friday 23 May  Amanda Caine

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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: ________________

CHILD'S NAME: _________________________ CLASS: __________
Welcome back and we hope you all had an enjoyable break.

The Uniform Shop is 100% parent-volunteer operated and is open for business every Thursday morning from **8:30 - 9:30am**.

Pre-orders are welcome through the School Office and collection of your items at your request can be made from the School Office or directly to your child’s class.

A small supply of school hats are available for purchase at the School Office for $12.00.

Please remember to label your child’s uniform items with their name, so that in the event that they misplace them, we can endeavour to return them to their rightful owner.

Lost items are placed in the Lost Property Tub, which is located outside the School Library.

**From March 2014, the P&C operated School Uniform Shop will be accepting payments via Credit or Debit card using our own EFTPOS machine. The School Office will no longer process card payments for Uniform Shop items** - this is due to overwhelming volumes of purchases made by card in recent months.

There will be a minimum purchase of $10, and a small charge ($1 per transaction) for this service to cover the costs associated with the rental agreement of the machine.

We will not be operating a cash out system, and the "no refunds" policy remains the same.

For those parents and carers unable to visit the uniform shop on a Thursday morning, you can still use the order forms available from the office or the school website, filling in your Credit /Debit card details including the CCV number, and we will fill the order on the next Thursday. Please see the Uniform Shop volunteers if you would like any further information.

If you are interested in assisting within the Uniform Shop, we would love to hear from you so pop in and see us during Uniform Shop hours.

Alison & Meg
(Uniform Shop Coordinators)

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Stewart House clothing bags will be distributed on Thursday 29th of May, 2014. Please return the clothing bags on or before Tuesday 3rd of June, 2014 for collection.

**Bags are to be left outside the Uniform Shop.**
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If you are unable to come in on your rostered day please call me on 0411 143 609.

Thank you,
Ann Brett.
Parking safely near the school

Stopping in a ‘NO STOPPING’ area in a school zone compromises the SAFETY of children outside the school.

Minimum penalty - $298 and loss of 2 demerit points

You may use a ‘NO PARKING’ area in a School Zone to drop off or pick up.

- you may only stop for a maximum of 2 minutes
- you must not move more than 3 metres away from your vehicle

Minimum penalty - $165 and loss of 2 demerit points

When you DOUBLE PARK in a School Zone, you are putting the SAFETY of children outside the school at risk.

Minimum penalty - $298 and loss of 2 demerit points

‘BUS ZONES’ are designated areas for buses, not for cars.

You cannot stop or park in a ‘BUS ZONE’.

Minimum penalty - $298 and loss of 2 demerit points

For more information contact Council’s Road Safety Officer Ph: 9840 9880
Planning is well underway for the 2014 Ringrose Fete which will provide students, their families and the local community with a day of celebrations and fun activities. This will be the major fundraising activity for the year and will be used to support the school to purchase items that will benefit all the children who attend the school.

Stalls, Rides and Performances Galore!

The fete will include great food and rides for children of all ages. The stalls will include showbags, plants, amazing cakes, white elephant, fairy floss/slushies/lollies and fun games the kids can play and win prizes.

Remember .... Many hands make light work!

Leading up to the fete Ringrose parents can support the committee in a few different ways and we appreciate any help that you can offer:

1. Email the fete committee if you would like to help out leading up to the fete. We will need people to do a letterbox drop, to collect donations, to sort stall donations as well as to coordinate a stall for your child’s class. Just a few hours of your time will help greatly.

2. Start to put things aside for the White Elephant stall. This is a general bric-a-brac stall with items such as kitchen goods, books, toys, DVD’s and other household/garden/garage items – however, no clothes/shoes or large furniture. A date will be announced when items can be bought in to be stored at the school. Please do not send White Elephant items in to school yet!

3. Contact the Fete Committee if you can donate an item for the Chocolate Wheel from either your own business or through someone you know. All donations of goods or vouchers will be very gratefully accepted and will definitely be acknowledged. This is always one of the hardest aspects of putting the fete together so all your support with donations is very much appreciated.

Thanks for your support!!

Fete Committee
Chris Fitzpatrick  Amanda Caine
Lisa Harvey       Rita Buttenshaw
Sue Burnett       Heather Nicholas
Jo Seymour        Tami Wyer

Contact Details
Email
ringrosefete@gmail.com
Phone
0410 502 164 (Chris)

Save the date ....
Saturday 18th October