Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregiver,

With the onset of Spring, we come into our last week of school for Term 3. As usual, the school continues to be very busy.

Last week, Years 5 and 6 travelled to Canberra and The Snowy Mountains for their three day camp. Accompanied by Miss Crowe, Mrs Elliott and myself, students had a wonderful time exploring many of the sites and museums around Canberra as well as venturing into the snow fields surrounding Mt Kosciusko. Of note, all the students were thrilled with their snow experience and for many, this was their first time seeing it. From snowball fights to sliding down hills and making snow angels, students had a great time. Some photos of our experience can be found later in this newsletter.

Results from the Zone Athletics track and field events carnival have also come in this past week. Ringrose PS was placed fifth overall, a tremendous accomplishment!

Special performances of note included:

- Max: 11 year old Boy’s Age Champion!
- Brooke: 3rd in the 11 year old Girl’s Age Championship.
- Jamal: 5th in the 11 year old Boy’s Age Championship.
- Yianni: 5th in the 10 year old Boy’s Age Championship.
- Jayme-Lei: 5th in the 12 year old Girl’s Age Championship.
- Natasha: 6th in the 11 year old Girl’s Age Championship.

Max, Jamal and Yianni competed admirably at the Regional Athletics Carnival last Wednesday and we are very proud of their achievements!

Last Friday, three of our Winter PSSA Teams played in their Grand Final. I would like to congratulate them all not only on their performance but also on their sportsmanship they displayed. As Principal of Ringrose, I was very proud of each one.

The results:

- Junior Boys Soccer – Premiers
- Junior Girls Netball – Runners-Up
- Senior Girls Netball – Runners-Up

Thank you to all of our teachers who coached our Winter PSSA Teams!

One of our talented Golfers, Paden competed recently in the NSW State Golf Championship in Port Macquarie. Paden was placed 23rd overall and we would like to congratulate him on this wonderful achievement.

Recently we had a number of students sit for the ICAS University English test. As result, we were awarded x1 Distinction, x2 Credits and x1 Merit Certificates. Congratulations to all students who sat this test.
On Thursday in Week 8, our keen debaters had another victory in their debate against Merrylands East Public School. The topic for debate was “All Students should have an iPad” and our team argued for the affirmative. Strong arguments and rebuttals saw our team win. Well done and thank you to Miss Casey and Mrs Marone for coordinating our debaters.

Over the last few weeks, Kindergarten have been participating in cooking lessons in their program 'Master Chef'. Our budding chefs have been cooking up a storm and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing their excited faces as they have made a variety of food. Thank you also to their teachers and parents who have helped!

Last Friday night, K-2 and Years 3-6 students danced the night way at the School Disco organised by our P&C. My thanks to the P&C for organising this event for our students.

Today, we held our Mufti day on the theme of come dressed in ‘Crazy Clothes’. All monies raised will be used to purchase prizes for the side show alley games at the school fete. Students had a great time and came dressed with many zany dress styles. Even some of our teachers showed the latest fashion trends!

Coming up tonight, we will be meeting with the P&C's Fundraising Fete committee at 6pm as they put final arrangements in place for our upcoming School Fete early next term. My sincere thanks to the committee under the coordination of Mrs Seymour. Following this meeting at 7pm will be the P&C Association meeting in the staff room.

Over the course of Terms 2 & 3, our K-2 staff have been participating in explicit Professional Learning centred on teaching early numeracy strategies (TENS) to students. The TENS program has been facilitated by Mrs Stroud who received intensive instruction in the program in Term 1. Mrs Stroud has been involved in demonstration lessons with our teachers. Well done to the teachers involved! I know that this will improve student understanding in early Numeracy work.

The Department of Education and Communities tree work has also continued in the last few weeks with the removal of some further trees as required. My thanks to all school key stakeholders for your continued patience as this work takes place around the school.

Over the next few months, the Executive team will be engaging parents/ carers in meetings and discussions centred around the theme of ‘School Culture’. In the 2013 Annual School Report, I mentioned that we will be facilitating these discussions to unpack the information and seek further clarification of raised points of interest. Key student bodies (SRC and the School Leadership Team) will also be discussing these themes also. As we move into the next three year cycle of school targets and aspirations (2015-2017 School Plan), I am committed to seeking everyone's input as we share the vision for our school into the future.

Coming up next term, Miss Erin Russell will be taking over the RFFT Teaching role. The RFFT time with students will include Road Safety content and activities.

Finally, it has been remiss of me to announce to you all the safe arrival of baby Jake to Mr and Mrs Mallon. Both Mrs Mallon and baby are doing extremely well and we have all been very excited with this wonderful news.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Loughhead
(Principal)

TERM 4 RESUMES – TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2014
School Photographs 2014

School Photos were distributed to all students last week. Family Photos can be collected from the School Office anytime before the end of Term 3.

The group/specialty photos taken on School Photo Day are on display in the Office Foyer and pricing is as follows:

**If you order 1 to 3 photos, the price is $16 each.**

**If you order 4 or more, the price will be $14 each.**

You must contact MSP Photography directly for the special rate.

All orders must be placed by Friday 10th October 2014 (Week 1, Term 4). Please note, MSP Photography advises that orders after this date will incur a $20 search fee.

- Mrs Marone

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**School Swimming Scheme - Years 2-6**

The School Swimming Scheme will run in Term 4 from **Tuesday 7 October to Friday 17 October (9 days)**. The final payment of $65.00 is now due to the School Office and must be paid by the end of this term.

Since swimming scheme begins on the first day back at school, please ensure your children come prepared with ALL necessary items for each day of Swimming Scheme. This includes:

- 2 towels
- Swimming costume
- Swimming Cap (optional)
- Sunscreen and hat
- Underwear
- Warm jacket and t-shirt
- Handkerchief
- A strong plastic bag to carry all their wet items back to school

All items must be clearly labelled with the child’s full name. Swimming costumes may be worn under their school uniforms.

- Miss Sayers

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**Ringrose Public School P&C Fete - White Elephant Stall**

Ringrose’s School Fete will be held on Saturday 18 October. Donations for the White Elephant Stall can be left opposite the Uniform Shop. We would appreciate items such as books, toys, DVD’s and appliances that are in good, working condition. Please do not bring in clothing, furniture, broken items or McDonalds toys.

Thanks for your support!
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.

2014 Australian ICAS English Competition

On Wednesday 26th of July 2014, a number of students in Years 3 - 6 participated in the 2014 Australian ICAS English Competition. Congratulations to all students, you have achieved outstanding results! Here are the Distinction, Credit and Merit results:

**Distinction**
Charlotte 3/4A

**Credit**
Emmanual 3/4R
Kai 4/5C

**Merit**
Nastasia 5/6E

Winter PSSA Finals Results

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Winter PSSA Final on Friday, 12 September 2014. Our Junior and Senior Netball teams and Junior soccer team all played Finals games at Merrylands Oval, cheered on by thrilled parents and spectators.

**Netball Results:**
Junior Netball - Runners-Up to Hilltop 7-3
Senior Netball - Runners-Up to Merrylands 25-9

**Soccer Results:**
Junior Soccer - Drew against Hilltop 0-0

Well done to all students who participated. You all played extremely well!

- Mrs Elliott
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 18 September  
Uniform Shop - 8.30 - 9.30am

Friday 19 September  
Payments for Swimming Scheme due

Friday 19 September  
Assembly - Years 3-6 @ 11.30 in the Hall

Friday 19 September  
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

**Term 4 - Students return Tuesday 7 October 2014**

Monday 6 October  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7 October  
Swimming Scheme - Years 2-6

Wednesday 8 October  
Swimming Scheme - Years 2-6

Wednesday 8 October  
Crazy Hair Day - Bottle Donation for School Fete

Thursday 9 October  
Swimming Scheme - Years 2-6

Thursday 9 October  
Uniform Shop - 8.30 - 9.30am

Friday 10 October  
Swimming Scheme - Years 2-6

Friday 10 October  
Stewart House Bags distributed

Monday 13 October  
Stage 2 & 3 Dance2bfit Program commences

Saturday 18 October  
Ringrose Public School Fete
Thank you to everyone who took part in Donut Day. It was a great success!

In Term 4, our Halloween Jelly Day will be held on Thursday 30th October. Look out for the flyer when we return to school next term.

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.**

Finally, thank you to all the parent helpers who have volunteered to help out in Canteen during Term 3. The Canteen could not have run without you. We are still looking out for more helpers in Term 4. If you are able to help please call me on 0411 143 609.

Have a safe holiday and see you all back for our last term, Term 4.

-Ann Brett

(Canteen Manager)

**The helpers for weeks 1 & 2 of Term 4 are:**

**Week 1** - Monday 6 October
- Tuesday 7 October
- Wednesday 8 October
- Thursday 9 October
- Friday 10 October

**Week 2** - Monday 13 October
- Tuesday 14 October
- Wednesday 15 October

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Martina Giorgi until 11:30
- Martina Hulbert
- Cheryl Ryan
- Sue Deeth
- **Helper Required - AM**
  - Sonia Xuereb 12:30 - 1:30pm
- Jessica Viles
- Toni Clements
Stage 3 Canberra and The Snow Excursion 2014
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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

The upcoming Ringrose Fete on 18th October will only be successful with the support from the parents & teachers who are able to help out on the day. By sharing the workload, the whole school community can have a great day out with family and friends. Below is a roster of what help will be required on the day.

Please circle the time you are available and return this note to the school office as soon as possible.

Helpers Name/s: ____________________________________

Contact Phone: _______________________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________________ Class: ________________

I am available at: (circle the time you are available)

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Anytime, just let me know □

Anywhere you need someone, just let me know □

All volunteers will be notified of their volunteer time/role in the first week of Term 4

Thank you for your support