Principal’s Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

We’re now in Week 4 and the students are all settling in well to their classes. Our new Kindergarten children are also progressing extremely well getting used to the procedures and timetable of ‘big school’. In my interactions with students and classrooms, I am very impressed with both their work habits and effort they’re taking in their learning. My thanks to all staff as well for settling students into quality learning experiences so quickly.

Last week, competitors and spectators at our School Swimming Carnival participated enthusiastically and enjoyed their day out. I know for many of our students this was their first attempt at our Swimming Carnival. Well done! My thanks to Mrs Thorn, Miss Meese, Mr Stroud and Mrs Elliott for your thorough organisation of this very successful day. Later in the year in Term 4, we have again booked our school into the Learn to Swim Program to provide an opportunity for other students to participate in.

Last Friday, many of our students tried out for our Summer PSSA teams which include Cricket, T-Ball and Softball. I was particularly impressed with the willingness and ‘have a go’ attitude that all participants approached these try outs with. Our first round of PSSA games commence this Friday. Good luck to all of our teams! Students in Years 3 -6 not in PSSA teams will participate in school based sport.

Our first ‘big activity’ occurred for Kindergarten recently with their ‘Teddy Bear’s Picnic’ outing on our school grounds. It was lovely to see them all have a special teddy friend that could share this experience with them. My thanks to the Kindergarten teachers.

Mrs Brett our wonderful canteen lady also held a ‘Canteen Food Sampling’ for many of our new parents. This was well supported and I would like to thank Mrs Brett for organising this.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we have commenced using the XO Laptop/Tablets across the school. We have purchased x200 and currently each class has x5 to work with. We also have enough for x2 whole class sets which can also be utilised. We are very excited seeing students engage in this technology to enhance learning experiences!

As I have stated before, the quality of learning experiences we provide as teachers is crucial to the ongoing schooling success of our students. In 2014 and again this year, our teachers continue to receive high leverage Professional Learning opportunities in Literacy and Numeracy programs that are strongly supported through the Department of Education and Communities.
Across the school I am seeing these programs richly embedded into quality teaching practices for our students. These programs include:

- L3 - Language, Literacy and Learning.
- Focus on Reading
- TENS - Teaching Early Numeracy Strategies
- TOWN - Taking off with Numeracy

Strong support programs also continue to assist students in meeting benchmark levels and include:

- Reading Recovery
- LEG - Language Education Group
- STING - Stage 2 and 3 Intensive Numeracy Groups.
- The continuation of MiniLit and MultiLit across the school.

Coming up in the next few weeks there are a number of school activities taking place:

- Our first Parent’s and Citizen’s (P&C) Association meeting for the year tonight at 7pm.
- Meet the Teacher Afternoons
  - Monday 23 February for Kindergarten
  - Tuesday 24 February for Years 1 - 6
- Year 6 High School Visits
  - Greystanes HS on Wednesday 25 February.
  - Holroyd HS on Wednesday 4 March
- Scripture commencing on Wednesday 25 February

A few reminders:

- All students should be on time ready to start their school day by 8:55am when the bell rings.
- Our Canteen ‘Sushi Day’ is currently unavailable.
- Our wonderful ‘School Uniform Shop’ is open on Thursday mornings ready to assist families in purchasing school uniforms.

Finally, a bundle of yellow forms for families to fill in and return was sent home last week. This year, we are trying to reduce the number of health notes we send home. Thank you for your assistance with these notes.

Thank you again for your wonderful support of our fabulous school!

Yours sincerely,
Mr. Loughhead

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**PSSA Draw - Term 1**

The sports for the Summer Competition are boys’ and girls’ T-ball (Juniors), boys’ and girls’ softball (Seniors), and Junior and Senior Cricket. **Travel will be by bus, departing school at 9:00am SHARP and returning by 11:30am.**

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School News

Scripture - Mrs Jones

Scripture will commence for all students on Wednesday 25 February, 2015. Students should line up in their Scripture classes, which are the same as last year. We will have our School and House Captains assisting our new Kindergarten students into their correct lines. Ringrose Public School currently runs Islamic, Catholic and Protestant Scripture classes. If you would like your child to attend Scripture on Wednesday mornings, please collect a Scripture Form from the School Office.

Parking

Parents are reminded that the back District Office Carpark on Damien Avenue is strictly out of bounds for parent/carer parking as well as pedestrian access. Please do not use this carpark.

The Staff Carpark on Ringrose Avenue is also out of bounds to school parents. Parents dropping off their children for OOSH and Ringrose Public School Staff are only permitted to use this carpark. These car park gates will also be locked between 9:15am and 2:45pm

Lost Property

Lost Property is located outside the School Library in a plastic tub. Please ensure your child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their full name and class.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18 February       P&C Meeting - 7:00pm in the Staffroom
Thursday 19 February        Uniform Shop open - 8:30 - 9:30am
Friday 20 February          PSSA vs. Parramatta West at Jones Park -
                            Buses depart at 9:00am
Monday 23 February          Kindergarten “Meet The Teacher” Afternoon -
                            2:30pm in the School Library
Tuesday 24 February         Years 1-6 “Meet The Teacher” Afternoon - School
                            Library
Wednesday 25 February      Greystanes High School Open Day
Wednesday 25 February      Scripture commences - Years K-6 @ 9:00am
Thursday 26 February        Uniform Shop open - 8:30 - 9:30am
Friday 27 February          No PSSA - Bye for Ringrose
Tuesday 3 March             Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 4 March           Holroyd High School Open Day
Thursday 12 March           Selective High School Placement Exam - Year 6
- Due to unfortunate circumstances with our supplier, Sushi Tuesday will be cancelled until further notice.

- The Canteen will no longer be selling Nanna’s Lite Apple Pies. Please do not order this item for recess or lunch.

We are still in need of helpers. If you are able to volunteer your time in the School Canteen, please contact me via mobile.

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.**

-Ann Brett

(Canteen Manager)

**The helpers for Weeks 5 & 6 of Term 1, 2015**

**Week 5 - Monday 23 February**
- Helper Required

Tuesday 24 February
- Susan Porrello - AM
- Katherine Cox - PM

Wednesday 25 February
- **Martina Hulbert**
- Karen Huang - AM

Thursday 26 February
- Priscilla Lazanas

Friday 27 February
- Heather Nicholas

**Week 6 - Monday 2 March**
- Helper Required

Tuesday 3 March
- Martina Giorgi - AM
- Katherine Cox - PM

Wednesday 4 March
- Karen Huang - AM

**Helper Required - PM**

Thursday 5 March
- Cheryl Ryan

Friday 6 March
- Toni Clements
‘Everyone Belongs’ in Holroyd

Harmony Day Celebration Event

It’s a free event - all welcome

Holroyd City Council’s Harmony Day Walk

5.00pm Saturday 21 March, 2015

Come join us to enjoy some free multicultural food, be amazed by great cultural performances and be dazzled by the around the world fashion parade. You can also participate in multicultural-faith prayers for world peace.

It’s a day to celebrate community pride and the cultural diversity of Holroyd.

Come dressed in your traditional costumes. (optional)

Date: Friday, 27 March 2015
Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Venue: Guildford Youth Centre
367 Guildford Road
West Guildford

For more information please contact Beatrice Sesay on 9840 9677 or email beatrice.sesay@holroyd.nsw.gov.au

Come join us on a one kilometre walk to celebrate Holroyd’s diversity.

We are setting off from Merrylands Memorial Park, Treves Street Merrylands at 5pm and walking up Pitt Street to Holroyd Gardens, where we will join the Holroyd Family Festival.

The Festival will have stalls, music, food and entertainment.

The WALK is free and suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

Wear something orange to show your support for Harmony, and comfortable walking shoes.

To register and for further information, please contact Beatrice Sesay on 9840 9677 or email beatrice.sesay@holroyd.nsw.gov.au

Event Partners

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

To assist your child with the transition from primary school to high school, you and your child are invited to attend a free excursion to the:

### Holroyd High School Open Day

**4th March 2015**
**9.45am – 1pm**

Whether or not your child will attend Holroyd High School in Year 7, this will be an invaluable opportunity for your child to see what a high school looks like, how it operates and what your child can expect when they start their secondary studies.

What your child will receive on the open day:
- Free bus transport to and from Holroyd High School
- A guided tour of the school
- Refreshments
- An opportunity to participate in high school classes and activities, and use the technology that our school has to offer
- Information kit

Parents are cordially invited to attend the Open Day with their child.

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Parents who are unable to attend, may like to collect an information kit from the front office, visit our school website or arrange a school tour at a more convenient time.

[www.holroyd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.holroyd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

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### Some good reasons to study at Holroyd High School

- Strong academic results (Top ATAR 99.3 in 2014)
- Full range of subject options
- An enriched program of extracurricular activities
- A dynamic SRC & Student leadership program
- Recognition of student achievement
- Well-equipped computer rooms
- State of the art new Science Labs
- Smaller class sizes
- Award winning and experienced staff
- Outstanding success in Sport
- Fast Forward (UWS)

### Some more good reasons to study at Holroyd High School

- Strong value added results in NAPLAN and HSC Examinations
- Chair & School Band
- VET
- Chess Club
- After school tutoring and homework centre
- New and improved school facilities including a new school gymnasium
- Drama, Opera Ed and Debating
- GOALS Program (ABCN)
- ASPIRE (UNSW)
- COMPASS (University of Sydney)
- Fitness and Leadership Training