Dear Parents and Carers,

As we commence Week 6, the business of school life has continued in this past fortnight!

Last Week, all students had the opportunity to attend a presentation in the school hall delivered by the Education Officer from the Parramatta Eels Football club along with some first grade players. The message delivered was about wellbeing and health and importantly how to keep ourselves happy. My thanks to Mrs Elliott for organising this opportunity for all students.

Also last Monday and Tuesday afternoons were the Meet the Teacher sessions in the school library. Many of the organisational structures and grade work were discussed by the teachers and Assistant Principals. If you missed some of this information, your child’s class teacher will be able to fill you in on some of the details presented.

Last Wednesday and again today, Year 6 students attended a number of our feeder High Schools on their Open Day to get a feel for what it’s like. At both Greystanes and Holroyd High Schools, students were given the opportunity to join in with some hands-on lessons which displayed the variety of curriculum delivery available to High School students. I have had many great reports from students who thoroughly enjoyed their time.

Last week we also had some of our keen sportsmen and sportswomen successfully selected to represent the school at upcoming Zone Carnivals. My congratulations to Max (Touch Footy) and Elli (Soccer) for your selection in these teams!

Yesterday, we were well represented by 25 students who competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Your effort, behaviour and representation of our school was outstanding. Congratulations to you all! A big thank you to Mrs Thorn and Mr Stroud who accompanied our team.

A big thank you to everyone for your support of the SRC’s (Student Representative Council) Crazy Sock Day last Monday. Over $335 dollars was raised on the day which will go towards supporting the World Vision efforts in Nepal. The SRC had previously decided to support this very worthwhile cause. Thank you to Miss Meese and the SRC for coordinating this.

Thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Stroud who coordinated the commencement of Scripture lessons last week. If your child is in the wrong Scripture group, can you please see Mrs Jones so we can rectify this.

This Friday, we will be holding a special Induction Assembly for our 2015 Library and SRC Monitors. The assembly will commence at 2pm in the school hall and all parents and families are invited to attend. During the ceremony, our new monitors will be receiving their badges. I look forward to joining with you all then on this special occasion.
Next Monday, all Year 6 students will receive their Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016 - Information Guide and Expression of Interest Form. The designated High School for all students has already been written on the form based on current address details for families. It is important that this information and forms are correctly filled out. If you need any assistance or have any questions relating to the forms, please come and see Mrs Thorn, Miss Meese or myself.

Last week, we sent home with all Years 4-6 students an information pack and permission note pertaining to the ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey program that we are participating in. The survey asks students questions about factors known to affect academic achievement and is focussed on the areas of wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. This will provide us with an insight into our school through the perspective of students. Please note student participation in the survey is optional. Simply return the permission note if you don’t want your child participating. The survey will be completed in Week 8 after we familiarise students with the digital survey format.

Lastly, I was able to meet with a working party comprising of teachers, parents and P&C representatives to look at how our upcoming 2015-2017 School Plan is developing. As I have previously mentioned, I am committed to gaining the aspirations and dreams of our whole school community for the future. This working party spent time looking through previously collected data and statements both from students, parents and teachers over this last 12 months in gaining an understanding of where the school is now and where we’d like to be in 5 years’ time and beyond. This week, we will meet again to finalise the plan’s Vision Statement and the Three Strategic Areas for future school directions. In the next newsletter, I will include this statement and these identified directions. My sincere thanks to our whole school community for you input over these last 12 months.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Loughhead
(Principal)

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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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Freedom Ride - 50 Years to Walgett and Dubbo

In February 1965 the Freedom Ride saw 29 University of Sydney students visit regional NSW towns in an attempt to bring the nation’s attention to the discrimination against Aboriginals, to shine a light on their health, education and housing and try to stimulate local action. It can also be called “Ride for Freedom”. This year is the 50th anniversary and to celebrate some people will be recreating “The Ride”. Some students in 6M have been doing research on the topic on the school’s new XO’s.

By Lilly 6M

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2015

The University of NSW has conducted the Australian School’s Competitions for over 22 years. Last year over 1.8 million entries were received from students across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. Ringrose will once again participate in the competitions this year. The dates and prices are indicated below. This year, the school will only be participating in Mathematics, English, and Computer Skills. Further information can be found at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

ALL ENTRIES AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 24 MARCH, 2015. NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED.

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NSW Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

$150 TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL - ter.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply
School News

Stage 3 Camp - Mrs Thorn

The Stage 3 Outdoor Education Camp for 2015 will be held at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen. Students will depart from Ringrose Public School on Tuesday 4 August and return on Thursday 6 August. Further information and notes will be provided throughout the term.

Scripture - Mrs Jones

Scripture has commenced at Ringrose Public School for 2015. Currently, Ringrose 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 Car park on Damien Avenue is strictly out of bounds for parent /carer parking as well as pedestrian access. Please do not use this car park.

The Staff Car park on Ringrose Avenue is also out of bounds to school parents. Only parents dropping off their children for OOSH before 8:00am, and Ringrose Public School Staff are permitted to use this car park. 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 all your child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their full name and class.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 5 March  Uniform Shop - 8:30 - 9:30am
Friday 6 March  PSSA - vs. Merrylands @ Ted Burge
Friday 6 March  SRC & Library Monitors Induction Assembly - Years 2-6 @ 2:00pm in the School Hall
Monday 9 March  Year 7 2016 EOI forms sent home - Year 6 only
Wednesday 11 March  Scripture - 9:00 - 9:30am
Thursday 12 March  Selective High School Placement Exam - Year 6
Thursday 12 March  Uniform Shop - 8:30 - 9:30am
Friday 13 March  PSSA - vs. Sherwood Grange @ Ollie Webb
Wednesday 18 March  Scripture - 9:00 - 9:30am
Friday 20 March  Year 7 2016 EOI forms due - Year 6 only
Tuesday 24 March  ICAS forms and payment due
Tuesday 31 March  Hot Cross Bun Day - Years K-2
Wednesday 1 April  Hot Cross Bun Day - Years 3-6
Thursday 2 April  Last day of Term 1
- Due to unfortunate circumstances with our supplier, **Sushi Tuesday will be cancelled until further notice.**

- Hot Cross Bun Day will be held over two days at the end of this term. Notes for Years K-2 and Years 3-6 will be sent out early next week. Please return your orders forms ASAP to avoid missing out.

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 7 & 8 of Term 1, 2015**

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4th March, 2015

P&C Annual General Meeting

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the P&C Annual General Meeting which will be held in conjunction with the next P&C meeting.

Date: Wednesday, 18th March, 2015
Time: 7.00pm
Place: The Staffroom, Ringrose Public School

During the AGM the financial figures will be presented from 2014 and a new committee will be elected for the coming year. Positions to be elected include:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Fundraising Coordinator
Canteen Coordinator
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Each year the P&C raises a substantial amount of money that is contributed towards the purchase of resources for our children’s education, and without the involvement of more parents we run the risk of losing this support group.

So please come along and get involved - we would love to see you there.

P&C Committee