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# **Dates for your Diary**

### Friday 7th March

Whole School Assembly 11:30am in the Hall

### Monday 10th March

League Stars—After School Programme

### Tuesday 11th March

Support Unit and Years 3-6 Meet the Teacher

### Wednesday 12th March

Kindergarten to Year 2 Meet the Teacher

### Friday 21st March

Pulse Concert at Homebush



# From the Relieving Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! It has been a busy start to Term 1, and it's wonderful to see all classes settled and engaged in their learning.

# **Upcoming Meet the Teacher Event**

We are excited to invite you to our "Meet the Teacher" sessions in Week 7!

- Tuesday, March 11: Support Unit and Years 3-6 from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 12: K-2 from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

These sessions will be hosted in your child's classroom, providing an excellent opportunity to

connect with their teacher and learn about the upcoming term. If you are unable to attend, don't worry—information will be sent home.

We look forward to seeing you there!



# Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN 2025

In 2025, NAPLAN will take place from Wednesday 12 to Monday 24 March.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 who are enrolled at a school are expected to participate in 4 NAPLAN tests:

- writing
- reading
- conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation)

# numeracy.

All schools in NSW complete NAPLAN online. However, Year 3 students do the writing test on paper. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the format of the tests before the NAPLAN test window.

# Supporting your child

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing. It is about assessing learning progress.

The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day.

Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

# **Whole School Assembly**

Our first whole school assembly will be taking place this Friday at 11:30 AM in the school hall. This assembly will be for our Years 1-6 students and will include the induction of our SRC representatives and library monitors. If your child has been selected for one of these roles, you should have already received a notification.

We warmly welcome all families to attend. Please note that our Kindergarten students will join us for the next assembly in Week 8, which will be hosted by our wonderful class 5/6S.

# Continued From the Relieving Principal's Desk



## **Scheduling Appointments for Teacher Conversations**

We appreciate your involvement in your child's education and understand that you may have questions or concerns you wish to discuss with our teachers. To ensure that these conversations are productive and respectful of everyone's time, we kindly ask that you schedule an appointment to speak with a teacher.

Please note that in the mornings, teachers are focused on supervising students as they transition to their classrooms, and in the afternoons, they are responsible for ensuring that all students are safely picked up. During these times, it is not feasible for them to engage in discussions.

We encourage you to reach out via phone or email to the school to arrange a suitable time for a meeting. This will allow our teachers to give their full attention to your concerns and provide the support you need.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to see me.

Mrs Zugna

**Relieving Principal** 



# From Roy Ringrose

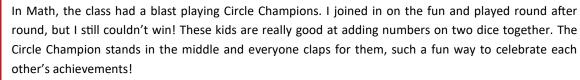
Hi Ringrose,

Roy the mascot here and I'm so excited to share all about my visit to 1C this week. What a fantastic way to start back at school! I'm lucky enough to be spending time with such a wonderful class and Miss Chaouk. The students in 1C have grown so much over the holidays. I can already tell this is going to be a brilliant year!



This week, 1C has been doing lots of learning and wow, they are so smart! I got to watch them practice their phonics and I was amazed at how well they used blending and segmenting to figure out words. They're spelling champions in the making!

In Writing, they've been learning to use sizzling starts in their stories. Let me tell you, the stories I heard were sizzling for sure! There were so many exciting beginnings that I was almost afraid the pages would catch fire! I even tried to write my own story, but I think I might need to leave the sizzling to the pros... my start was more like a soggy marshmallow.





The 1C students also had a blast during their NRL clinic sessions. I was so impressed with how well they could throw and catch a football! As for me, I may have accidentally kicked the ball backwards once or twice... Oops! But everyone had a great time and Patetele even won a poster from the Parramatta Eeels players. He is so lucky!

I've included some photos of 1C in action. They've been working so hard and it's so wonderful to see their progress. I'm looking forward to visiting the next class soon.



# Keep up the amazing work, 1C! You're all stars!



# From The Sports Desk



There has been plenty of spark and excitement at Ringrose over the past two weeks! Our students have been electrified by the NRL League Stars Clinic, held on Monday and Tuesday, where they developed their football skills while learning about teamwork and team spirit.

Adding to the excitement, we were thrilled to welcome Parramatta Eels players Ryan and Dean from the men's league and Elsie from the NRLW. They lit up Ringrose on Thursday, delivering an inspiring talk about the importance of respect—respecting ourselves, others, and our environment. The players took the time to answer every question from our eager students, making it a truly shockingly good experience!

To keep the momentum going, our after-school NRL League Stars program kicked off on Monday, giving students even more opportunities to build their skills and enjoy the game.

It's been an eel-ectric fortnight, and we can't wait for more sporting action ahead!

- Miss Valenti











# **Conintued From The Sports Desk**















# RPS Library News

Mrs Kranenburg

# Important dates

March 3rd - 5th - Book Fair "Bookaneer" before and after school March 6th. 9am - Book Fair closes March 7th - Library monitor badge assembly Week 7 - Book club issue 2 handed out March 11th and 13th - Year 3-6 Choir try outs March 22nd - Earth Hour March 28th - Book Club issue 2 due April 2nd - International Children's Book Day April 12th - Last day of term 1 April 25th - ANZAC day dawn service

April 30th - First day Term

2, ANZAC day ceremony



# Library Business!

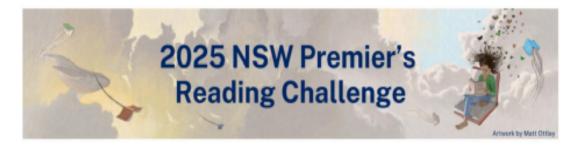
Premier's Reading Challenge/Book Fair
The PRC is now open! We have a Book Fair in
the Library this week to celebrate the opening
of the PRC. Please come and buy a book for
your child. We receive a 25% commission on
sales that helps us order new books for the
Library.

Library Monitor Badge Assembly
The Library Monitors for 2025 will be receiving their badges at this week's assembly.
Long term overdues/fine payment
Please return any overdues you have at home, If you can't find the book, please see me for the next steps.

# Book Club



Issue 1 orders will arrive at school soon and be handed out to students. Issue 2 leaflets will be handed out next week.



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Ringrose PS is excited to be participating!

# What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

# How many books do students need to read?

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or another student.

Students in Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

If a book is from an approved PRC series, students can enter up to 5 books as Challenge books, and can read up to 10 other books from the same series as Personal Choice books. More information on the rules of the Challenge can be found on the PRC website.

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by **Friday 22 August 2025** in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

# How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's <u>Student Experience site</u> using their DoE username and password, or can log into the site via the Student Portal. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found here.

# How can students find books on the NSW PRC challenge lists?

There are specific shelves in our Library that house our PRC books. K-2 challenge books are on the red curved shelf, 3-4 challenge books on the green curved shelf and 5-6 challenge books on the dark blue curved shelf.

Mrs Kranenburg

PRC Coordinator/s at Ringrose PS

- Log into the <u>Student experience site</u> using your DoE student username and password.
- 2. Use the blue search bar to search for books you have read.



2a. If the title appears, click "Add to Reading Log" to add it as a PRC book.



2b. If the title does not appear, you will need to enter it as a personal choice book.

# To enter a personal choice book:

- Click on the icon in the top right hand corner:

  Home Rules Log out
- 2. Click on "My reading log"



Fill in the book details under the "Add a Personal Choice book" field and click "add"



If you have any issues with logging books, please speak to Mrs Kranenburg.

Mrs Kranenburg

Teacher Librarian

# Pssst... It's a P & C Update!

## **P&C** Meeting

We will have our first P&C Meeting of 2025 on Friday 28 March in the School Library at 9am. All parents and community members are welcome to attend the meeting. We look forward to meeting lots of new parents at this meeting.



Please note from time to time the P&C will vote on matters that directly affect the school and students. In order to vote at meetings, you'll need to join the P&C as a paid member. Membership forms will be available at meetings and the joining fee is \$1.00 per year.

# **Easter Egg Guessing Competition**



With Easter round the corner, we're organising an Easter egg guessing competition for our kids in weeks 10 and 11. Guess how many chocolate eggs are in the jar and whoever is closest to the correct number will get to take the whole jar of eggs home!

Cost per guess is \$0.50 so remember to send your kids to school with some change! The last day to have a guess is Thursday 10 April and the winners will be announced on Friday 11 April.

There will be 2 jars, one for K-2 and one for 3-6 so there will be one winner for each. If we have more than one correct guess, we will place the names into a random draw and the runners up will receive an Easter gift bag.

Funds raised will be put towards something on our school's wish list for resources or services, to be determined later in the year.

Good luck everyone!

<u>Please Note</u>: The P&C aims to be transparent <u>at all times</u>. Only one member of the P&C executive committee is aware of the number of eggs in the jars. None of the children of the executive committee are aware of the number of eggs and therefore are able to participate in the guessing competition.

If you'd like to find out how you can volunteer or get involved with the P&C in other ways, please email us at <u>rin-grosepandc@outlook.com</u> or come and grab us in the school yard!