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Dates for your Diary

Friday 21st March

Pulse Concert (Years 3-6) at Homebush

Friday 28th March

9am P&C meeting in the Library

Thursday 3rd April

Harmony Day Activities

Thursday 10th April

School Cross Country Carnival

Friday 11th April

Easter Hat Parade & Last Day of Term

Wednesday 30th April

Students return to School - Term 2



From Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are moving quickly through Term 1 and our boys and girls have been busy with all their schoolwork as well as activities, events and performances.

Of note:

Congratulations to our Zone Swimming Team who competed magnificently and with great determination and school spirit! A special congratulations to Theo, Jayda and Myka who were place getters in their events. Good luck to Myka who now competes at the Regional Swimming Carnival!



It was a great pleasure to be part of two important Ceremonies for two of our student groups across the school. Congratulations to all Student Representative Council (SRC) members from Years 2-6 classes as well as our new Library Monitors. We look forward to seeing and hearing about their work across our school.



This week, our visiting Aboriginal / Torres Strait Island artist Zac who completed a mural for our school. Zac spent time talking with our 'Burra' Club as well as classes explaining the significance of his work. It looks fabulous! Please come and have a look.



Coming up events to put in your diary:

- Good luck to our two PULSE ALIVE Dance Groups (Yrs 3-6 Dance and Aboriginal Dance Group) who have been busily preparing for their performance at Homebush this Friday night. It promises to be a spectacular evening of fine entertainment. Thank you to Miss Griffith, Miss Maroulis and Mrs Ellington for preparing our students.



Continued From the Principal's Desk

- Harmony Day Activities – 3 April 2025. Please see our Harmony Day Poster below with the list of activities for this day including our Parent/Carer Picnic together.



Thursday April 3rd 2025

Whats on at Ringrose?

9:00-11:00am | Performance item
Students will learn all about Harmony Day and watch a Cultural Infusion Performance in the hall.

11:45-1:00pm | Gallery walk
Students will visit different classrooms and their countries to celebrate Harmony Day.

1:15pm-1:30pm | Open classrooms
Parents and Carers are invited to come into classrooms from 1.15pm.

1:30-2:00pm | Shared Picnic
Please join us at lunch for a shared picnic!

- Easter Hat Parade – Friday April 11 at 10am under the COLA. We hope our families are busily preparing hats with our boys and girls at home ready for this wonderful day!

Finally, together our Ringrose Families and Community are responsible for the safety of our boys and girls, especially at drop off and pick up times in the mornings and afternoons via cars. I have received community concerns about the Drop Off and Pick Up Points at the front of our school in front of the District Office Building. We'd ask that you are aware of the signage and obey the all parking measures these signs state. Our helpful Council Traffic Wardens will be making visits to ensure that our streets and parking around our school are safe for all.



Warm Regards

Mr Loughhead

Principal



From the Deputy Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Week 8! It's hard to believe how quickly the term is flying by, and the end of term is fast approaching.

Last week, we held our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons, and it was wonderful to see such a great turnout of families. We hope you enjoyed the sessions and found the information shared to be valuable.

NAPLAN

This week, we entered our second week of NAPLAN testing. At this stage, most of our Year 3 and Year 5 students have completed all their tests, and any students who were absent are catching up on any missed assessments. We have until the 24th of March to ensure all students can complete their tests. I am very proud of our Year 3 and Year 5 students for doing their best and maintaining such a positive attitude towards the testing.

Just a reminder for families that results are not released until later in the year. Once the school receives them, we will inform our families and send the results home.

Planned travel and school holidays

As we head into the end of Term it remains important that your child attends school every single day. Being at school is the best place for students to learn as well as to keep social connections and build life-long skills.

We understand that families are eager to see and reconnect with loved ones and take a well-deserved break, but please remember that planned travel should only be taken during scheduled school holidays.

Students should be at school every day during school terms, including until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason.

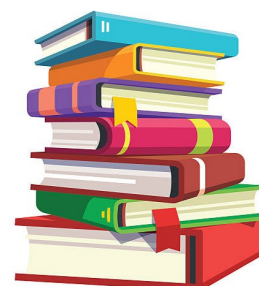
Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day per fortnight, that's 4 weeks (20days!) of missed learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 1 year of lost learning.

We want to do everything we can to help all students be at school every single day, because every day counts.

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

Mrs Zugna

Deputy Principal



RINGROSE'S MAGNIFICENT NEW MURAL

On Monday 17 March, Ringrose Public School had the pleasure of Zachary Bennett-Brook painting a new mural for us in the K-2 COLA area. Zac is the artist and founding owner of Saltwater Dreamtime and is a proud Indigenous man of Torres Strait Islander heritage, born and raised in Wollongong (Dharawal Country). Zac came highly recommended to us, as he creates artworks that are of the highest quality, representing his passion for the natural environment, particularly the ocean, in conjunction with his Indigenous background. He has showcased his contemporary art across Australia and overseas. Our Burra Group students were very excited to greet him and welcome him to our school.

When coming up with the design for our mural, Zac used our school colours of maroon and yellow, which also symbolise the earthly colours of sand (yellow), ochre and soil (maroon). The circles in the design represent people coming together and includes our classes of students, staff and the wider school community. The smaller dots represent the students, and the larger circles represent the staff members. These circles are overlapped for a 3D effect and symbolise that everyone in the school is interconnected as one, working together.

Each class got to visit Zac on the day to see him painting the mural and talk with him about the process.

We invite our families to come and check out our amazing new mural when you drop off and pick up your children. We think you will all agree that Zac has done a magnificent job at capturing the pride and togetherness that we feel at Ringrose Public School.



Roy Ringrose visit to 5/6M



Over the last fortnight, I got to work closely alongside 5/6M! I dropped by to check on the Year 5 students as they tackled their first week of NAPLAN, and I couldn't be prouder. They were calm, focused, and giving it their all. I cheered them on with some high-fives—they're doing an amazing job!

5/6M also teamed up with 1C and helped them with some reading skills and with writing out a science experiment. It was awesome to see the Stage 3 students supporting and helping the younger students record their findings from the plant experiment they completed in class. It was all hands on deck, and everyone had a great time!

The students had also used AI to create characters from the *Deltora Quest* book that they are focusing on in English! It was amazing to see their creativity come to life through technology.

I had the chance to listen to some of the *Deltora Quest novel* being read in class, and I've got to say, it's an adventure like no other! The story is full of exciting quests, brave heroes, and magical creatures. I've been totally hooked on the journey as the characters try to find the seven lost gems of the Belt of Deltora. It's the perfect mix of mystery and action, and I can't wait to hear what happens next! It's no wonder the students love bringing these characters to life with their AI creations.

It's been such a rewarding experience getting to spend time with 5/6M over the past fortnight. I'm so proud of everything they've accomplished so far and I can't wait to see what they'll do next. Keep up the amazing work, 5/6M!

Roy Ringrose



2025 Photo Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

School photos will be held on Thursday 1 May 2025 (T2/W1)

Order information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Please help us by sending students to school on that day in **full summer uniform with black shoes.**

If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher or you can also contact Mrs Marone or Miss Griffith.



"Caught You Being a PAX Leader"

This Term, we're excited to launch the "Caught You Being a PAX Leader" initiative to recognise students demonstrating positive choices – being safe, respectful, and responsible.

Staff on playground duty will give out PAX cards to students who display PAX leadership qualities, such as using equipment safely or inviting others to play. These behaviours align with the school's behaviour matrix for each area of the playground.

Each week, PAX cards will be collected by teachers, and on Thursday afternoons, house captains will gather them.

During our fortnightly Friday assemblies, two students from the K-2 and Years 3-6 cohorts will be drawn and acknowledged for their positive actions, choosing a prize from their respective prize boxes. At the end of each assembly, the PAX cards are returned to students to take home, with a note on the back detailing their positive behaviour.

We encourage families to celebrate these achievements together!



Teacher: _____ caught		
_____ from class _____ being:		
safe	responsible	respectful



RPS Library News

Mrs Kranenburg

Term 1 Week 8

Important dates



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, School ANZAC
Day ceremony time TBC

May 2nd - International
Harry Potter Day

Oliver Badges

Reading Rockstar

Akul, Annalise, Dunja,
Kenzi A, Mackenzie,
Michel, Takahiro, Trisha,
Zena

Punctuatlity Pro

Akul, Annalise, Dunja,
Kenzi A, Mackenzie,
Michel, Takahiro, Trisha

Library Borrowing Winners - 3/4V and 1C



Overdues

Overdues are being sent out this week.
Please find the books and return them to the
Library as soon as possible.

If you are unable to find the books, please
pay for them online via the school website.
Please also talk to me about any concerns
with overdues.

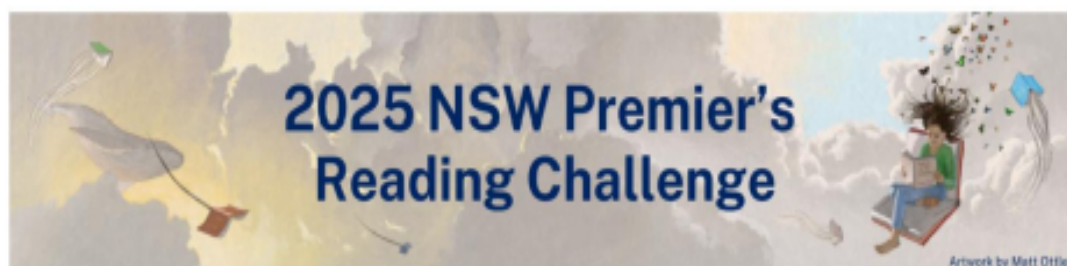
March Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success
with \$2037 worth of sales. Lots of students
got their hands on their own book to take
home. This has earned our school Library
\$505 in commission so that we can purchase
more resources and books for our school
community. Thank you everyone!

Book Club



Issue 2 Book Club leaflets were handed out
last week. Please pay online via LOOP. **NO
CASH** will be accepted.



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 [Student Experience site](#) 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

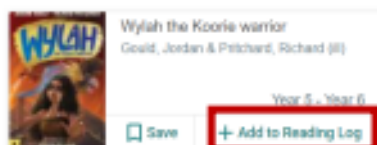
1. Log into the [Student experience site](#) using your DoE student username and password.
2. Use the blue search bar to search for books you have read.

Or just looking for a particular book?

Search by Title, Author, ISBN or PRCID

Search

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:

1. Click on the icon in the top right hand corner:
2. Click on "My reading log"

Home Rules Log out



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

Add a PRC book

Add a Personal Choice book (Added 0 of 10 max)

Search a PRC Book Add

The Curie Society Heather Einhorn 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!

A HUGE thank you to **Greystanes Dental** who have kindly donated all the eggs for the guessing competition including the runner up prizes. We are very grateful for the support of local businesses and hope families will in turn support those businesses.



<https://www.greystanesdental.com.au/>

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 at the Easter Hat Parade.

There will be 2 jars, one for K-2 and one for Years 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!

Please Note: The P&C aims to be transparent **at all times**. 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 ringrosepandc@outlook.com or come and grab us in the school yard!