Starting off the year at Ross Hill Public

NRL Greats visit Ross Hill
On Tuesday 24th February, the Year 3-6 students and teachers attended a special assembly sponsored by the NRL. The focus of the “NRL Greats” visit was to present a message addressing the positive wellbeing of young people and to reinforce the importance of physical activity, nutrition and mental wellbeing in every young person’s life. NRL Game Development Officers Zac Russ and Stacey Taranto, together with NRL Ambassadors Mario Fenech and Nathan Merritt spoke from personal experiences to our students.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Please pencil in some time from Monday 9th March (Week 7) to come and be part of a Parent / Teacher interview. This is a great way to start the year and a wonderful opportunity to get to know your child’s teacher. Information and booking times are available this week. Please return your booking sheet to your class teacher. While most interviews will be held in the hall, you are able to organise an alternate time with your child’s teacher if you are unable to join us for that evening.

We’re on Facebook!
We are very pleased to announce that Ross Hill has a Facebook page. While it is still in its infancy, we will be adding features and news to keep you up to date as the year progresses. We hope that you find the site easy to navigate and full of great things to share. We look forward to having you visit.

School Contributions
The yearly contributions for 2015 of $40 per child are due now. The maximum per family is $120, with every family only required to pay for the first three children. In 2015, we are once again offering every family the chance to win a cash prize of $200 if you pay your child’s contributions in full by the end of Week 10- Wednesday 2nd April.

Thought for the Week
Each day offers a new start to do my best
By: Leah Davies, M.Ed.
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey for students in Years 4, 5 and 6. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
Information for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February.

Mrs D Baker. Acting Principal

Zone Swimming Report

Congratulations to all the students that competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. Everyone swam to the best of their ability and there were some great individual and relay results. We now have 24 students going to the Northwest swimming trials that includes all four relay teams.
A special congratulations goes to Damon Murphy, Maddison Rodgers, Jake Cook who were age champions and Jhonty Scott, Rowan Worsley and Ryan Newton who were runners up in their age groups.
Finally, I would like to thank all the parents, staff and helpers on the day as they were amazing and made it a memorable day.

Mr M Migheli

Canteen News
Roster:
Thur 26th February: Sherrie Staader, Judith Murray
Fri 27th February: Nancie Wilson, Marie Cosgrove, Judith Murray
Mon 2nd March: HELP NEEDED
Tue 3rd March: Leah Taylor, Jodie Haidle
Wed 4th March: Julie Williamson
Thur 5th March: HELP NEEDED
Fri 6th March: Karla Mann, HELP NEEDED

Student Roster: Thurs 26/2 to Wed 4/3/2015
8.50 Sophie K / Chloe Y
1.45 Sam F / Simon L

Thank you to Ritchies IGA

Ross Hill Public School has received $123.36. These funds will help to provide student resources.

Changes to Exemptions
Recently the Department of Education and Communities reviewed the guidelines for applying for exemptions. Family holidays are no longer an accepted category for exemption from school attendance.
Families who need to travel outside the school vacation periods for family holidays or other domestic circumstances eg (bereavement) can apply for Extended Leave. These absences will be counted towards your child’s attendance data.
If travelling overseas you will need to provide a copy of an itinerary or plane tickets.

This week’s canteen special

Hot chicken roll with or without mayo + juice $4.20

Dairy Farmers & PFD
Milkshake day
$2.00
19th March