Online ordering at the School Canteen will commence next Tuesday, 5th November. This morning I registered and have placed an order for next week. Information sessions will be held next Monday, 4th November at 9.00am and during school assemblies on Monday, 4th and Tuesday, 5th at 2.30pm. Please note, the previous system of ordering on a paper bag is still available. I thank Carey Francis for her involvement in establishing this valuable service.

Earlier this week I visited Gol Gol Public School which is located in south west NSW. I took the opportunity to observe teaching practice in a country setting and develop links with the staff. In a couple of weeks Miss Nemeth, Miss Fritsch and Miss Mustaca will visit the school for a day to further develop a plan for exchange visits for children.

Congratulations to Shivani Mehta who was the youngest member of the Sydney Northern Team which came second in their pool and fourth overall. The competition was held over 4 days with 13 regional teams participating. Shivani averaged 2 runs per over and was one of the team’s key bowlers. Her best bowling was 3 maiden overs with one wicket (1-0). Her highlight was taking a catch at the boundary getting a year 6 NSW state player out.

The Kindergarten Homelink program will commence next Friday, 8th November. Parents with Kindergarten children for next year are invited to bring their children to school at 9.30am.

The Ryde Schools’ Spectacular will be held on Monday, 18th November at the Opera House. The choir and the dance/band group are looking forward to this special night. Information for tickets has been sent home and I invite you to return payment as soon as possible.

Years 5 and 6 children will participate in the annual Trivia night to be held on Thursday, 7th November from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The teachers are organising the program and I thank parents who will be helping on that night.

Year 5 students who would like to be selected as school leaders for 2014 are invited to present their speech at a special assembly to be held on Wednesday, 4th December at 11.30am. All parents are invited to attend this assembly.

Malcolm McDonald
Principal
We recently advertised for a Uniform Shop Supervisor, however we are pleased to announce that Helen Tan has offered to undertake the Uniform Shop Co-ordinator position in a volunteer capacity in 2014, with Maggie Shi also offering to come on board in other roles. As a result we have not had to move towards a paid position and can keep the strong volunteer culture alive at BRPS.

After a few years in the role, Jenny Powell has resigned as Canteen Co-ordinator. Jenny has done a wonderful job working towards a healthier menu with a “home-cooked” focus. We thank her for her commitment to the canteen over the years and are glad that she will continue to do sushi Thursday pick-ups! Veronica Tennock will continue to organise the roster. If anyone is interested in the co-ordinator role please contact any of the P&C Executive for more information.

Flexischools, our new online ordering system for canteen and uniform, is almost ready to go! A small trial has been arranged for this coming week. We will keep you posted for when it goes live. Online ordering will streamline our canteen and uniform shops and we ask all parents to support the scheme.

The Uniform Sub-committee is currently considering three items of clothing – winter tracksuit pants, zipped jacket and hats. These are available for viewing in the Office until Friday 15 October and we ask parents to visit the Office and complete a comment card. Further information will be emailed to parents.

Last Friday was International Teachers’ Day – we celebrated by arranging an afternoon tea in the staff room. On behalf of the entire school, we extend our thanks and gratitude towards the wonderful teachers and staff at BRPS. Thank you to Julie Ward for co-ordinating the fun circus themed celebration and to all those parents who supplied delicious, and plentiful, food.

Our next meeting will be held in the Staff Room at 9:30am Tuesday 19th November. An Agenda will be available on the school website, posted on the P&C notice board and emailed for this meeting only. We invite you all to attend, pre-schoolers and babies welcome!

Your P&C

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UNIFORM PROPOSALS

Dear Parents,

Now that the summer sports uniform has been finalised, we have been exploring a new winter sports tracksuit pant. The current maroon tracksuit pants are not a popular item in the Uniform Shop so we have looked at replacing them with a version similar to the new striped sports shorts. It is proposed that these tracksuit pants will be in the same microfibre outer material as the shorts, with a lined cotton upper and polyester lower near the zipped opening. The bottom is zipped, not elasticated, to make it easier to wear over shin pads and put on over trainers. These trousers would be part of the sports uniform only and not replace the current boys’ grey or girls’ plaid trousers. They would be introduced in Term 2, 2014 at a proposed price of $35.

When mocking up the trousers, our supplier made an example of how a zipped jacket in the same fabric could look. We are seeking feedback on whether to explore this option further as either a replacement of, or to be worn in conjunction with, the current maroon jacket.

Given that the sports uniform changed from royal to navy blue, we have also looked to change our current hats to replace the royal with navy. The new hats will be in the same style as the current Legionnaires and bush hats, but in slightly sturdier fabric with the addition of a safety cord on the bush hat. The bush hats will remain as cotton; we are seeking feedback on whether to have the Legionnaires hats in either microfibre (the same as the sports shorts) or in cotton like the bush hat. Please note that a microfibre version of the Legionnaires hat and a cotton version of the bush hats are on display. It is proposed that the hats will remain at the current price and will be introduced towards the end of 2014.

All three items (tracksuit pants, zipped jacket and hats) are on display in the School Office until Friday 15 October. We invite you to visit the Office and have a look at the items, complete a comment slip and leave in the appropriate blue box.

We will also show these items at both the K-2 and 3-6 school assemblies and have them available for the Student Representative Council to discuss.

If you wish to discuss any of these changes please contact Emma on e_bromley@hotmail.com

Kind regards,
Emma Bromley, Jennifer McCormick, Leanne Power
Uniform Sub-Committee
**RELAY FOR LIFE**

As both an awareness raiser and fundraiser, we will be holding a 'Relay for Life' event on Thursday, November 14th at 9:00am.

Students and teachers will be donating a gold coin and racing in large relay teams to support the Cancer Council in promoting a sun safe Australia.

Novelty, sun safe hats are welcome!

*Gemma Lee & Josh Gadsden*

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**LIBRARY HELP NEEDED**

Help needed to cover new books in the School Library.

Please see Mr Bodnar.

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**DOLLARMITE STUDENT BANKING**

Congratulations for being involved in the School Banking program this year. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmites tokens you MUST redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as you won’t be able to use these extra tokens next year. The Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year so collect them now.

Select the reward item(s) you want by completing the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit. 8 exciting new rewards are coming in 2014!

Important: Our Dollarmites Moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year. Some rewards are in limited supply and are on a “while stocks last” basis.

Any questions about Student banking please contact Yvonne Gray at sygray@ozemail.com.au

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**RYDE DISTRICT FRIENDLY DEBATING**

Congratulations to the following students for being involved in the Ryde District Friendly Debating program this year: Aidan Beveridge, Jacinta Duong, Kiara Gyi, Victoria Januszek, Kate Judd, Ava Loftus, Sophina Read, Laura Redman, April Reymond, Bennett Roebuck-Krautz, Angela Short and Amelia Thorne. The students worked extremely hard during numerous lunch time sessions; developing their ideas, speeches and rebuttals for each debate. They represented Beaumont Road Public School in an exemplary manner and should be very proud of their involvement in this program.

*Mrs Kourasias and Miss Lee*

Friendly Debating Coordinators
Many thanks to the Canteen Volunteers who have been filling the gaps in the Roster – much appreciated! Please let me know if you can help out with any of the below spots that still require filling. THANK YOU!

Canteen Roster Coordinator: Veronica Vidgen Ph: 0404 185 365 / vtennoch@gmail.com or v_vidgen@yahooo.com.au

Time slots are:
Monday to Thursday 12.00 noon to 2.00pm  
Friday 9.30am to 12.00 noon and 12.00 noon to 2.00pm

***Please remember, no children are allowed in the canteen***
ONLINE CANTEEN ORDERING IS HERE!

We have now introduced an online ordering system, FlexiSchools, for our canteen and uniform orders. We mentioned this briefly in the last school bulletin of term 3, 2013, and today we are really pleased that we can give you more information.

This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also done online, so less cash and fewer paper bags, cheques and envelopes are sent with your child to school. As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for our hard-working canteen staff and uniform shop supervisor to process – so the system makes everyone’s life a little easier. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia.

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

There is a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit – funds are deposited instantly for a $0.29 fee) and Bank Transfer (funds take up to 5 days to clear at no charge). The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you no longer have to worry about the manual process of sending payments into school, and you can easily budget your students’ spending and expenses throughout the year.

The system is now available at BRPS, so we look forward to seeing your next order online!

We will be holding information sessions in the assembly hall and would be delighted to see you there:
⇒ Monday, 4 November at 9.00am and 2.30pm
⇒ Tuesday, 5 November at 2.30pm

If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please ask the school office for more information.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

• Go to www.flexischools.com.au
• Click REGISTER NOW
• Enter your email
• You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
• Choose a username and password and complete the form
• Add each student and their class
• Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

ONLINE ORDERING

- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.
No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.
Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.
SAVE TIME, ORDER ONLINE!

We now have a new online system to make the ordering of lunches easier and more convenient.

- **Order at a time convenient to you**
  In the morning, night before, or weeks in advance!
- **No searching for cash required**
  It’s already paid online!
- **Teach students healthy eating in a fun way**
- **Order from home or work**

It’s so easy!

2. Click “Register Now” to create account
3. Top-up your balance
4. Start ordering immediately

To view a demonstration

Go to the [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) website and in the “Find Your School” box, enter a few letters from our school name and click the name when it appears below.

### What Does it Cost?

The online menu is the **same price** as the usual menu. However, there is a small fee for the online orders to help pay for the labels and the website system. So why not order your next lunch online!

### How Does It Work?

Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click “Register Now” in the Login Box. Then enter your student’s name, school and class, and add funds (say $50) into a pre-paid account. **You can log into the website at any time** to place orders, typically up until just before school starts. As purchases are made, the funds are taken from your pre-paid account. The account can be topped up again in the same way, or set to automatically top-up via credit card when the balance falls below a pre-set minimum. Each order is sent automatically to our canteen, where an easy-to-read label is produced with the student’s name, class and order details. At lunch time, students can simply pick up their order without the need for cash.

### What payment methods can I use?

FlexiSchools accepts payment via Visa, Mastercard, and Bank Transfer. To perform a bank transfer to your FlexiSchools account, click ‘Topup Account’ when logged into the FlexiSchools website and select ‘Bank Transfer’; you will be given your unique EFT code. You can then make a transfer via your bank’s internet facility or at your branch.