From the Principal’s desk

This week we farewell Mrs Rachel Woods as she moves to her new role as Deputy Principal at Lindfield East Public School. Mrs Woods has provided outstanding leadership and teaching at the school for nearly five years. Her contribution has particularly focussed on students in Years 5 and 6. Students have benefitted from her expertise, warmth and generosity. Mrs Woods has actively provided support and encouragement for staff and parents and has always positively contributed to the organisation of the school. On behalf of all members of the school I thank Mrs Woods for her dedication and wish her continued success in her career. A farewell school assembly will be held tomorrow at 9:00 am.

I thank Maya Gomez for organising the Holiday Workshops again for these holidays. If you would like to enrol your child please contact Ms Gomez.

The annual pet and soft toy show will be held tomorrow at 1:45 pm. Children are invited to bring their favourite soft toy or pet for an end of Term special event.

This Term has been filled with many achievements and I congratulate Beaumont Road School students, teachers and parents.

I wish all families a happy and safe holiday.

Malcolm McDonald
Principal

The Gala Day was an outstanding social and fundraising success. So many staff and parents worked diligently to ensure a memorable occasion. My thanks to the Premier, Mr O’Farrell and the first Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Hopkins for attending. The P & C raised $42 000 and next term the P & C will be discussing project options.
Teacher extraordinaire
Farewell Mrs Woods...
We will miss you!
What a wonderful 60th Anniversary Gala Day – a very big thank you to the Fundraising Committee, led by Meredith Holt and Linda Hutton, and to all the class parents for making the day such a splendid one. We raised $42,000, which is a tremendous effort for a small school! The raffle was drawn at 3pm on the day – congratulations to the following winners and thank you to our generous raffle sponsors.

1st Prize: Whitsunday Escape Cruise for 2 won by Deb Lipworth. Donated by Barefoot Cruises

2nd Prize: Luxury Family Weekend Getaway in Tea Gardens won by Wendy Dowdy. Donated by the Wall Family.

3rd Prize: Photographic Fine Art Family Portrait won by Phil Anderson. Donated by the Fiennes Family.

4th Prize: iPad Wi-Fi 32GB won by K Davies. Donated by Dick Smith.

5th Prize: Luxurious “Pure Fiji Australia” Hamper won by Cathy Duncan. Donated by the Minns Family.

Our students sold more than $15,000 of raffle tickets before the day! Congratulations to Ellen Carr 4M, who won an iPod Touch for selling the most raffle tickets, and also to the following students who sold many books: Jordan Sims 1C, Karen Zeng 3N, Evan Demets 3H, Anna Lamonaca 4G and Paris Stahl 3H. These students were presented with $20 of canteen vouchers. Congratulations also to 3H, which was the class that sold the most tickets on average – a class party is planned for the last day of term.

We have also been successful in gaining two rounds of funding through the recent Ku-Ring-Gai Municipal Council Community Grants. Jasna Sims successfully applied for $2,000 to go towards i-Pads and software specifically for the student with additional needs program and $2,500 towards a mural and portable PA system. If you know of any grants or wish to be on the Grant Committee please contact Jasna by email on jasna_sims@yahoo.com

The P&C has entered into a contract with Flexischools to provide online ordering capacity for the canteen, uniform shop and fundraising activities. More information will be sent next term about this exciting new initiative. We have also asked canteen volunteers to join a committee to look at how we can improve the canteen.

Kim Roberts has announced that she will be finishing up as Uniform Shop co-ordinator. Kim has done a wonderful job on the uniform shop to organise and grow the shop for the benefit of the school. We thank her for her efforts. We are looking for new volunteers to jointly run the Uniform Shop – an email has been sent with more information about this. Please contact Emma Bromley if you are interested.

The minutes of the last P&C meeting will be available on the website shortly. Our next meeting will be held in the Staff Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 15 October. An Agenda will be available on the school website and posted on the P&C notice board. We invite you all to attend.

Your P&C

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UNIVERSITY OF NSW ENGLISH COMPETITION

Congratulations to:

High Distinction
Zara Andrew-Saghafi, Aman Gopalani

Distinction
Sabrina Davis, Ashleigh Wong, Karen Zeng, Jennifer Loke, Jack Roberts, Rebecca Ward, Ava Loftus, Bennett Roebuck-Krautz, Angela Short, Aidan Wong, Mannie Stauber

SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING UPDATE: REDEEM YOUR TOKENS FOR A MONEYBOX THIS YEAR!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

Any questions about your child’s school banking? Please contact Yvonne Gray at: sygray@ozemail.com.au.

BEAUMONT ROAD SCHOOL PET & SOFT TOY SHOW
FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1.45pm

On Friday afternoon, a pet and soft toy show will be held. I invite parents to bring the family pet to school after lunch on this day. Please remember a soft toy is an appropriate alternative to a pet and can be brought to school in the morning. I ask that pets not be brought to school in the morning. If this causes major problems, please contact the School Office.

There will be a parade of pets and soft toys and they will be judged in the following categories:
1. Best dressed
2. Look-a-like
3. Cleverest
4. Most interesting
5. Largest and smallest

LOST DOG (Lulu). Last seen on Primula St / Dorman Cres. Lindfield. Phone Annarie 0431 174 625

Looking for a Babysitter? I am a Year 10 student and have experience looking after kids. Available most days, including holidays. Contact: Rhea Nagi – 0450 048 229

Please check the school website for all photos including Gala Day photos.
The Drought

Splosh, splash splish,
goes me scrubbing our last dish,
the water’s full of bacteria,
my wife is worried about our family getting cholera,
my daughters eyes start to leak,
rolling down her olive cheek,
our farm is dying out,
because of this terrible drought,
our crops are dying really fast,
we’re drinking water till the very last glass,
The cows are dehydrated,
and all this time we have waited,
for it to rain,
over our brown terrain,
my wife sits on my shoulder and cries,
tears drop out of her bright blue eye’s
our meat is as hard as rock,
and we are running out of all our stock,
we all lie down on our beds,
and bow down our worried heads,
we wait for blue to come,
we wait on our soft, sugar plums.

Michael Croker

Water

You meander down my window
Trailing like a snail
A transparent snail
Leaving behind silky trails

You beat on my shelter
Drums on a tin roof
Fists on a tin roof
Pitter patter poof

You’re the queen of heaven
A beautiful goddess
An invisible goddess
In a water silk dress

But when the sun appears
The king of the sky
You melt into the deep dark ground
To become an angel,
And once again fly.

Ella Mann