Congratulations to our winners in the recent school poetry competition. All children and many parents participated in this special writing event. Winners for each class will be announced at the school assemblies next week and be given an opportunity to select a book. I thank our selection team of parents for judging the competition.

Teachers are currently participating in meetings with parents to discuss children’s progress this Term. Parents requiring additional time to meet are invited to contact the office.

Last Saturday we enjoyed the special occasion of Mrs Coleman’s wedding. I know the community congratulates her at this special time and wishes her every happiness.

Thank you to Zoe Judd, Lisa Myers, Claire Dombkins, Jo Seeto and Julie Ward for meeting yesterday to discuss costumes for our Years 5/6 dance/band item for the Ryde Schools’ Spectacular. I appreciate your support as the group prepares for this special event.

The Grandfriends’ Day was a great success with a large number of visitors. They were very generous with their donations of library books. I thank our Kindergarten parents for preparing the delicious morning tea and the Year 2 parents for helping to sell so many books.

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying our school captains and prefects on a journey to Mungo National Park. It was a unique opportunity to learn the history of the Mungo landscape and meet with locals who have strong ties with the area. I thank Miss Lee and Zoe Judd for supporting our students through the journey.

Malcolm McDonald
Principal
The P&C is proud to announce our Major Sponsor for 2014. Melissa Lynch-Hill, of McGrath Lindfield, has pledged a cash donation of $5,000, which will be put towards the building of our Multipurpose Resource Room. Melissa will also be our Auctioneer at the Trivia Night and presenter at the Champagne Shopping Night. It is important to build community links and we welcome Melissa’s involvement at the School. If you can think of any businesses who would likewise wish to be a sponsor of our wonderful School, please contact us on the email below.

Annelise Woo Ruiz, Sarah Jenkins and Emma Bromley had a wonderful time judging the BRPS Poetry Competition. The class and parent poems gave a superb snapshot of our school with their thought provoking imagery – congratulations to all the finalists. Winners will be announced at next week’s assemblies.

Guy Winslow and Sabrina Caffin are busy approaching local businesses seeking donations and sponsorship for the Trivia Night. Items for silent auctions can be left at the School Office or please contact Guy on gwinslow@optusnet.com.au if you or your business can help – all donations welcome! We are fortunate to again be offered an accommodation package at the Miskawaan Luxury Beachfront Villas in Koh Samui, Thailand. Thank you to the Boehm Family for such a fantastic donation and their continued support of the School – the accommodation would suit families travelling together, so why not start planning your trip together now? More information will be sent home soon.

The canteen will be open the last two Fridays of term, with a coffee van booked for Friday 11th April. Please join us in celebrating a fabulous start to the year.

There will be two Term 2 meetings: Thursday 5 June at 9.15am and Tuesday 17 June at 7.30pm. Both will be held in the Staff Room. An Agenda will be available on the school website, posted on the P&C notice board and emailed to parents. We invite you all to attend.

Your P&C

Please contact us on our P&C email:

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Helen Tan, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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it’s all Good News!

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HARMONY DAY

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Miss Lee and Mr Gadsden
SRC Coordinators

The Annual Easter Egg Guessing Competition is next week!

⇒ When? Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th April
   Before and after school
⇒ Where? Under the COLA
⇒ How much? $1.00 per guess

Winners will be announced on Friday, 11th April. Come and try your luck at guessing the number of eggs in the jar!

Thank you Year 3 parents for your support and remind you to please return Cadbury fundraising money to the office as soon as possible.

BEAUMONT ROAD SCHOOL STUDENT CLIMBS EVEREST FOR PKS

On 7 April 2014 Jeremy Merchant from Year 6 will commence his 18 day hike to climb to the base of Mt Everest, to raise awareness of and funding for the Pallister Killan Syndrome Foundation of Australia (PKSFA). Jeremy will be joined by ex-student Hugo (15) and his family, as well as another Beaumont Road family, Nazreen Hameed and her sons Adnan (15) and Zidane (12) who are all past Beaumont Road students.

PKS is a rare chromosomal disorder that affects around 300 people worldwide. Jeremy is hoping to support Yash Biswal from Killara who attends Sir Eric Woodward School for special needs in St Ives. We wish Jeremy and his team all the very best as they cover hundreds of kilometres of rugged terrain and battle harsh weather over 18 days to raise funds for PKS. Starting at 2300m these adventurers will climb up to 5360m. Food, clean water and air will be in limited supply and there will be no internet or technology to use.

We wish Jeremy and his team all the very best on this adventure for a good cause.

You can help Jeremy achieve this goal by donating directly through the PKS website www.pks.org.au. All donations are tax deductible.
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Time slots are:
Monday to Thursday 12.00 noon - 2.00pm  
Friday 9.30am - 12.00 noon and 12.00 noon - 2.00pm

Please remember, no children are allowed in the canteen.

Roster Coordinator: Veronica Vidgen  Ph: 0404 185 365 v. vidgen@yahoo.com.au or vtennock@gmail.com

Good Friday Service on 18th April at 9.00am
Easter Egg hunt for the kids!
Hot cross buns for morning tea

Easter Sunday Services on 20th April
8.00am Traditional Service
10.00am Family Service (with kids’ program)
6.00pm Youth Service

Rev. Phillip Read - (Ph) 9416 5729

SCHOOL LEADERS’ AT MUNGO CAMP

McGrath Estate Agents Lindfield

11 Moore Ave, West Lindfield  
www.asfl.org.au
Here Comes the Beaumont Road School Bride
(Also check the school’s website for more photos)

An eventful Week 9 at Beaumont Road School

GRANDFRIENDS’ DAY
New Facilities for Killara High School

As a community, we have all watched our new building take shape. The work has progressed rapidly and we are all really excited at the beautiful building which has so enhanced the learning facilities of our school as well as its appearance.

We have now moved into our new “G Block”. Completion of this building has been far quicker than anticipated allowing us to take early occupation at the start of the term. Whilst there have been some small details that have required ongoing attention, we have largely been able to run classes in the new facilities since the start of the year. The landscaping has recently been completed and will shortly be open for student use.

The new facilities include a wood technology room, a metal technology room, an automotive workshop, two art workshops, two computer laboratories, a dark room, a welding area, a kiln room, six general learning spaces and a CAPA staffroom. There is also the provision of store areas more in keeping with modern technology classes as well as a studio space and several large covered areas allowing for small group and even large group meetings as well as protected recreation areas. An elevator provides disabled access to all three levels of the building.

The many pieces of equipment provided in the workshops are all new and “high tech” and staff and students have been excited to be able to test their skills.

At the rear of G Block, facing down towards Jubilee Oval, we have a tiered landscaped area which will provide not only additional learning areas (I have visions of A Midsummer Night’s Dream being performed there) but also additional recreation areas for students.

Over the holidays, the majority of B Block where the original workshops were housed was “gutted” to allow for its refurbishment. This too is ahead of schedule. A new commercial kitchen is being installed to replace the workshop on the ground level and there will be nine general learning spaces on the first floor in addition to the new staffroom for the TAS faculty.

One of the outcomes is that we will lose some, although not all, of the demountable classrooms freeing up valuable playground area. This area will need refurbishing once the buildings are removed but we look forward to the time when we have access to our oval returned.

There will be an official opening of the new facilities but this will not take place until after the work on B Block is completed. It will be an exciting time for us all.

We are greatly indebted to our P&C and community without whose support in gaining approval for the building of these new facilities, we would never have realised this dream for Killara High School students.

Judith Paszek, Acting Principal