I thank the building committee for their work in developing a Master Plan for the school. The parents, Rob Turchini, Chris Carr, Richard Webster, Jane Coad, Tim Jenkins and Carey Francis have spent much time and effort developing a future plan for the school. Next year we are planning 18 classes which will require the placement of an additional demountable room. Included in the plan is the desire to provide a larger, modern building to provide the OOSH service. The committee is currently seeking a quote for this project. The building committee will continue to discuss the plan and parents will be invited to contribute to ideas at planned meetings.

I thank Alistair Henskens, Member for Ku-ring-gai, for hosting our school captains and their parents at Parliament House last week. Mr Henskens has been involved in a number of activities at our school and we appreciate his contribution.

Yesterday, a special assembly was held for Remembrance Day. It was an opportunity for children to learn of this important historical event and reflect on how fortunate they are to live in this country. Ms Nemeth attended the service at the Roseville Memorial with the two school captains.

Last Friday week, the current OOSH Coordinator, Tim Gillan informed me that he was leaving the Beaumont Road OOSH and moving to the West Pennant Hills OOSH. I have communicated with the YMCA and they have informed me that Jess Meek will be the relieving coordinator. A panel will be meeting in early December to select the provider for the OOSH service at the school in 2016.

Recently a number of parents have reported that their children have whooping cough. I invite parents to be vigilant and if necessary seek medical advice.

Many parents attended the recent Band Information meeting. The school has four school bands with an increasing number of children from Years 4 – 6 participating. I invite parents and children to attend the Band Concert including the presentation of awards to be held on Thursday, 26th November at 7:00 pm.

The Ryde Schools’ Spectacular photographer, Bjorn Hansen has uploaded the Performance Night’s photos into an online album. He has kindly sorted them into school performances and this should assist in searching the hundreds of images and make purchasing easier. The Choir photos are all collated in one folder and the solo/small group performances in another. Follow the link http://www.onlinepictureproof.com/ohshoot/view-your-pictures/albums/80214 Click in Events and choose Ryde School Spec. 2015 the password is: rss2015 Images can then be selected, added to a shopping cart and purchased online. For those that missed out last year, the 2014 RSS images are still uploaded. password is: rss2014

Malcolm McDonald
Principal
This section reports on the recent P&C meeting and describes how we are working to ensure that P&C funds are allocated to appropriate projects.

The P&C met on Wednesday, 4 November. The meeting was well attended; we welcomed five new members (bringing our membership to 18) and a few school parents who joined the discussions. At the meeting our treasurer forecast $290,000 surplus at the end of the 2015 financial year. That surplus includes $46,800 transferred to us from the former Beaumont Road OOSH when it wound up its operations earlier this year.

We want to spend these surplus funds in a timely fashion so that parents see the benefits of their fundraising work while their children are still at BRPS. We must ensure that we allocate the funds according to our constitution and in line with fundraising goals previously agreed. We must also retain adequate cash reserves to meet our ongoing financial obligations as a small business with employees.

During this Term 4 meeting, the P&C members agreed to spend up to $5,500 on new canteen equipment but the bulk of the funding remains unallocated; no decisions were taken on major projects. Our priorities for funding allocation are: improving the hall ventilation, refurbishing the canteen and upgrading the playground equipment.

We heard a special presentation from the School Council on its draft master plan. You will find a separate section from the School Council about its master plan elsewhere in this bulletin. The P&C continues to discuss how we can contribute to the School Council’s plans to enhance the OOSH facilities. There was general agreement at our meeting that it would be appropriate to allocate the surplus $46,800 from the former Beaumont Road OOSH straight to the new OOSH room.

The P&C Executive will meet on 25 November and allocate funding to projects so that we can present a recommendation to the full P&C membership.

We would like to thank the kindergarten parents who organised morning tea and a crêche for the new families during their first Home Link session. Thanks also to Debbie Fung and her parent helpers, who advised new parents on uniform items. The pre-loved uniform sale during the orientation session made around $300.

**Executive Committee 2015:**
- Carey Francis (President)
- Meredith Holt & Nicholas Walker-Levy (Vice Presidents)
- Shane Chenery (Treasurer)
- Geeta Sully (Secretary)
- **Vacancy for Assistant Treasurer**

**Non-Executive:**
- Helen Hogben (Class Parent Coordinator) 
  BRPSparentcoord@gmail.com
- Julie Ward, Guy Winslow

**CANTEEN NEWS**

We’ve added Tuna Fish Cakes to our Term 4 menu and they’re delicious!!

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And speaking of lovely volunteers - check out some of our Year 6 girls. They’ve served throughout the year and have always come in with a smile, making a huge impact on those busy lunchtimes.

**Elle Turchini Co-ordinator**

It’s your P&C – we run it on your behalf – so put your hand up for something new, make your face known and get involved. If you want to know more about what we do and what you can do, please speak to anyone on the Executive, come to a meeting or contact us by email.

**Your P&C**
BRPSpandc@gmail.com

**BAND NEWS**

Reminder to all new band members for 2016 to please complete the registration form by this **Friday, 13 November**.

Existing band members do not need to register.

Form found online [http://goo.gl/forms/AQmtbva4uv](http://goo.gl/forms/AQmtbva4uv)
or collect form from office.

Any questions speak to Jane Stormon 0412 037 666

**Uniform Shop**
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**Volunteer Roster**
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The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible students free or subsidised travel between home and school, on the approved train, bus or ferry services.

From Term 1 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal Cards to students via a new online application process. If students have already been given a travel pass, they will automatically receive a School Opal Card in 2016.

However, parents need to apply online if the student:
- Is just starting school and has not had a pass before
- Is in a transition year (ie. Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7)
- Is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school
- If the student’s personal details have changed (eg. address)

Opal Cards will automatically be sent to schools for existing pass holders for distribution in Term 1. All new applications received for travel for 2016 will be sent directly to the student’s nominated address.

Schools will no longer keep the SSTS application forms as parents need to apply online from 2nd November 2015, and present a printed application form to the school office to be forwarded to the Transport NSW.

Same Eligibility Rules Apply
- Years K - 2: there is no minimum distance
- Years 3 - 6: 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking distance or further

For more information please check: transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schools
Or phone 9891 8900 / 1800 227 774

Our student-banking year is drawing to a close. Thank you to all who have made it success! (Especially the other Parent co-ordinators – Yvonne Gray, Julie Ward, Rowena Twyman, Louise O’Neill, Jo Pierce, Ruchi Liyanage and Karen Collinson.) Unfortunately none of our BRPS kids won any of the big competitions, but many rewards were ordered and enjoyed!

The last banking day and day for ordering rewards for 2015 is Tuesday, 8 December. Rewards ordered then are likely only to be received in the New Year.

Student banking will resume on the first Tuesday of the 2016 school year (2 February). And for anyone interested in opening a student bank account, the Commonwealth Bank is coming to our school on Wednesday, 3 February from 8:30 to 9.00am. Interested parents need to bring in identification for you and your child (such as your driver’s license and their birth certificate).

Yvonne Gray, one of our wonderful parent helpers, is leaving us at the end of the year. A big THANK YOU to Yvonne for her contribution over the years. If there are any other parents interested in helping with the student banking please contact me on yhinch@ozemail.com.au. It only entails one hour or so about 4 times a year.

Happy holidays and see you in 2016!

Yvonne Manickam (student banking co-ordinator)
Buildings and Grounds Master Plan

In Term 3 a Building and Grounds Sub-Committee of the Council was formed to develop, in consultation with the broader school community, a building and grounds development master plan and make recommendations to Council on the priority of capital and infrastructure improvements.

A lot of work has been done in recent weeks by members Rob Turchini, Richard Webster and Chris Carr, to determine the layout of the buildings footprint, and in particular to address the immediate need of locating a new demountable in 2016.

Initial proposals were shared at last week’s P&C meeting. The proposal for the new demountable to be located on the northern fenceline near the seniors toilet blocks received great support. Moving the current 6L demountable to the same area will establish a further seniors precinct and in the short term, increase the extent of grassed area improving the visibility between areas. The new seniors precinct will also allow for further growth in coming years.

A proposal for a larger multi-purpose building to replace the current OOSH room was also discussed with a number of issues and concerns raised including its proposed use, location and how it might be funded. The Sub-Committee is currently taking on board this input and considering further proposals prior to wider consultation with the parents, staff and students.

The sub-committee will be further incorporating aspects such as infrastructure (security, lighting and power); indoor learning environments and technology; outdoor spaces and landscaping; and amenities (canteen, storage, hall).

Discussions with P&C are the first step in consultation, so please stay tuned for more information on the Master Plan and how to get involved in the discussions.

OSHC news

It is with some disappointment that we have recently lost our Coordinator, Tim, to another of YMCA’s services. We have expressed our concern to YMCA in regard to the lack of stability in staffing. Parents using the service please provide any feedback directly to YMCA or via the Principal.

The tender for an OSHC provider to start in 2016 has now commenced with the advertisement being issued on 9 November. Tender submissions will be evaluated in mid December by a panel consisting of Department representatives, Malcolm McDonald, Carey Francis and Jane Coad.

If you would like to contact your parent reps Jane Coad, Tim Jenkins or Carey Francis please email us at brpscouncil@gmail.com or brpspandc@gmail.com.

Jane Coad
School Council

MACQUARIE ADHD
Parent Support Group

Clinical Psychologist Amanda Goh and Clinical Neuropsychologist Jane Cramsie are giving a talk about Psychological Assessment for ADHD. Parent of children with learning issues such as ADHD and its co-morbid conditions are often advised to obtain a psychological assessment to help better manage the conditions. This talk will explain the process and how testing can be used to improve learning outcomes.

Details: Thursday, 26 November, from 7.00 - 9.00pm at the Dunmore Lang College, 130 - 134 Herring Road North Ryde (adjacent to Macquarie University). RSVP by Tuesday, 24 November. Donation of $5.00 for catering.

Contact Anne Matheson & Joy Toll
Phone: 9889 5977 / 0417 429 765
Www.adultadhd.org.au

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NEW BOOKS NEED COVERING BEFORE THE STUDENTS CAN BORROW
See Miss Vayzer in the Library from Mondays to Thursdays.