Congratulations to our Ku-ring-gai PSSA Summer teams who participated in the semi final games. They were Cricket Seniors, Touch Football Junior Boys and Modball Seniors. I thank Mr Gadsden, Mrs Morgan, Miss Lee, Miss Thomas and Ms Cavell for training the teams.

Tonight the school's Annual Band Concert will be held commencing at 7.00pm. Our four bands will be performing and awards presented. I take this opportunity to thank Jane Stormon and the Band Committee for organising the Band Program for this year. Approximately seventy five students from Years 4 to 6 have successfully participated and improved their musical skills. I also thank our three Band Conductors, Sian Joyce, Michael Rix and Bron Harrison for their contribution to the Band Program and Mrs Parkin for compering tonight's performance.

This year there has been a continuation of outstanding support from parents at the school. In so many ways teachers have been supported by parents to implement effective programs for children. There has also been outstanding support through the School Council, P&C and sub committees. As a token of appreciation, teachers will be providing a special afternoon tea in the staffroom on Monday, 7th December at 2.00 pm and all community members are invited to attend.

The staff is holding a morning tea for all our Scripture and Ethics teachers to show the school’s appreciation for their valuable work done with the children. Following this, all parents are invited to a combined Scripture Assembly at 11.30am in the School Hall.

Parents seeking the OOSH service to be provided by the YMCA during the school holidays are invited to note the following days of operation:
- Thursday 17th to Wednesday, 23rd December 2015
- Monday 4th January to Friday 22nd January 2016

We plan to close the OOSH facility on Monday, 25th January for maintenance. Information for parents wanting to register their children for the OOSH service in Term 1 next year, will be emailed during the school holidays.

Next Wednesday, 2 December, our Year 5 children will be presenting their speeches for the student leadership positions at the school. We invite all prospective students to be at school at 8.30 am to write their speeches. The boys will present their speeches at 10.15 am and the girls at 11.30 am in the School Hall. All parents are invited to attend.

We wish our Spanish teacher Evi Ruiz Ortega every happiness as she awaits the birth of her first child.

Finally, Miss Lee, our 6L Teacher, will be getting married on the first Saturday of the holidays. We wish her future happiness and success as she embarks on this new journey.

Malcolm McDonald
Principal
This is a very short section as the end of term approaches.

There will be a Special General Meeting of the P&C on Monday, 14 December at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. The Executive is calling this Special General Meeting as there are items of business that the P&C’s financial members need to consider. The agenda will be published soon on the school website and Skoolbag.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on 24 February 2016 (week 5 of term 1). The AGM is your chance to hear about the activities the P&C has completed in 2015 and our plans for 2016; we do this through the President’s annual report, the Treasurer’s annual report and annual reports from our subcommittees. There will also be an election for the Executive Committee for 2016.

Anyone can attend our AGM and everyone is welcome. You need to be a financial member of our P&C before you can vote at the AGM or stand for a post on the Executive Committee. People can apply for new membership or renew their existing membership at our AGM.

Finally, thank you to the kindergarten parents who have continued to provide morning tea and a crèche for HomeLink sessions in November.

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

Executive Committee 2015:
♦ Carey Francis (President)
♦ Meredith Holt & Nicholas Walker-Levy (Vice Presidents)
♦ Shane Chenery (Treasurer) BRPSpandctreasurer@gmail.com
♦ Geeta Sully (Secretary) BRPSpandcs@gmail.com
♦ Vacancy for Assistant Treasurer

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♦ Helen Hogben (Class Parent Coordinator) BRPSpandc@gmail.com
♦ Julie Ward, Guy Winslow

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Are you interested in helping children at BRPS think about ethics?

The ethics team at BRPS would like to recruit a volunteer, so that they can continue to offer the full K-6 Primary Ethics curriculum from term 1 next year. If you are interested and would like more information on what is involved in teaching Ethics please contact Claudia Maher on claudiamaher@optusnet.com.au or look on Skoolbag for more information.

Alternatively you can contact Alisa Pham, the Primary Ethics coordinator for the North Shore region on: northshore-region@primaryethics.com.au.
Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury
2015 Christmas Food/Gift Drive

You can help make this Christmas special for someone.

Many people in our community are experiencing financial hardship, social isolation and trying to cope with varying levels of distress. You can help by creating or contributing to a Christmas Hamper for a family in need, the following items are suggestions to include in a hamper:

| ✓ Mince pies | ✓ Tinned ham |
| ✓ Crackers   | ✓ Pasta and pasta sauce |
| ✓ Soft drinks| ✓ Assorted sweets |
| ✓ Mixed nuts | ✓ Potato Crisps |
| ✓ Tinned fruit| ✓ Festive biscuits |
| ✓ Chocolates | ✓ Long life custard |
| ✓ Bon Bons   | ✓ Tinned salmon/tuna |

We also accept gifts for all ages (our main target group are adults). Some gift suggestions are perfume, aftershave, jewellery, gift-cards, CDs and DVDs.

**Donations are required before Friday, 11th December**

Drop off your donations at the school office

For Lifeline enquiries, please call 9498 8805
Financial donations can be made at www.lifelineh2h.org.au

Please do not include any food items that contain alcohol.

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Saving Lives
Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.
SCIENCE GIFTED AND TALENTED WORKSHOP - YEAR 3

What an exciting experience for 24 Year 3 students. These students from the Killara Schools Partnership participated in 8 different Science experiments on topics including chromatography, air pressure, simple chemical reactions, indicators, electrostatics, distillation, microscopes and desalination. They were assisted by Year 9 students from Killara High School, who helped them to understand the theory behind their observations. Every student was a keen participant and was reluctant to leave at the end of the workshop.

Letters of Appreciation from the organisers of the Mama Sayang Orphange Clothing Appeal

Dear Mr McDonald....this is Mike from Mama Sayang orphanage...just want to email you to say thanks for the fantastic response from your pupils to help our kids...The clothes will be most useful and Rob Drinkwater says a lot more to come....our prayers have been answered..just wonderful…

Thanks again...Mr McDonald

Mike and Jev...co founders of Mama Sayang orphanage.... www.mamasayang.org

Dear Malcolm,

I just wished to drop you a brief note and update.

A couple of weeks ago on a Monday afternoon I spoke with you and mentioned that I was about to send you an email asking for any donations of clothing, shoes, etc for an orphanage in Indonesia, a few hours from Jakarta. I was visiting as part of a community development program I have been fortunate to participate in for three years now. You were very supportive at the time but did warn me that due to so many similar requests, my efforts may result in nothing or very little.

I was not daunted by this and was receptive to anything at all. If nothing arrived then at least we had tried.

By the end of that week, thanks to the support and efforts of yourself, your staff and the kindness and generosity of the school community, we had amassed 90kgs of clothes. I had been to the school three times to collect items and bags, been to parents houses to pick-up directly and was still receiving messages after I had departed the country from parents saying they had more.

Yesterday (11th November) we visited Mama Sayang orphanage to deliver the first load of Beaumont Roads donations.. In each of the past three years when I have traveled it has been the single biggest highlight of our two weeks visiting communities across Malaysia and Indonesia. Yesterday was no exception. In fact it was better than previous years.

Three new Penguin Coaches (had never been to Indonesia previously) were fortunate to experience the inspirational work of Mike and Jev Hilliard (Founders of Mama Sayang), were able to enjoy the company and delight of some of the 140 children who call Mama Sayang home; and were grateful for the experience. Like the Penguin Coaches whom have visited in the past, this opportunity will live with us for a lifetime.

We delivered 25kgs of clothes, etc, the first stage of the results of the efforts of the Beaumont Road school community. We are currently working on having the remaining 65kgs couriered asap.

I have attached some pictures as promised and also cc'd in Mike Hilliard from Mama Sayang. He wished to have your contact details in order to make contact himself directly.

Malcolm, thank you. Thank you for the tireless support of you and your staff. Thank you to (our) wonderful school community. I was and are still amazed by the response of donations. Thank you so much.

With sincere appreciation, Rob
ERYLDENE’S CHRISTMAS FAIR

10.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday, 28 & Sunday, 29 November
Quality gifts at over 50 stalls
throughout the House & Garden

Eryldene’s Christmas Fair has become a highlight on the local calendar. There’s a wide selection of quality gifts and all amidst the glorious surroundings of Eryldene’s historic house and garden. Choose gifts from preserves, garden products, plants, jewellery, antiques, Christmas cakes and puddings, silkware, homewares, children’s women’s clothing, pearls, paper products and more.

Eryldene Historic House and Garden, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon. Information Tel 9498 2271 or Www.eryldene.org.au

The Active Kids holiday program offers a variety of sports activities for primary school aged children including: multisport program(s) as well as NEW dance camp and tennis activities at West Lindfield Hall and Queen Elizabeth Reserve. If you're looking to keep the kids healthy, active and excited be sure to choose one of these fantastic program(s) run by qualified and experienced professionals and coaches. For further information: visit www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/activekids or call 9424 0802

CAROLS ON MOORE

...bring a picnic rug and nibbles, and join the fun!

Sausage Sizzle at 6.30pm
and celebrate Christmas from 7.30pm
with the All Saints’ Band
&
The Beaumont Road Big Band

Sunday 13th December 2016
All Saints West Lindfield
11 Moore Ave, Lindfield

Special Guest Colin Buchanan
The Australian Waratah Girls Choir
Golden Kangaroos Concert Band

Saturday 12th December, from 6pm
Ku-ring-gai Bicentennial Park, off Lofberg Road, West Pymble

For more information: www.carolsinthepark.org

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