Principal’s Report
At the P&C Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th March, the following executive and sub-committee leaders were elected:
President: Mark Hodson, Vice Presidents: Russell Conrad and Judy Mayer,
Secretary: Sarah Blackmore, Treasurer: Rowena Boughton,
Canteen subcommittee: Judy Mayer, Uniform Shop: Pam Webb,
Fundraising: Jody Ross-Jackson, Brooke Hodson, Kristy Conrad.
We look forward to great year of fundraising. Currently, the P&C are focusing on upgrading the play area from the Greenleaf treehouse to the Basketball court. Some of the area will be concreted; some of it will have artificial grass laid. The approximate cost will be about $60000. This project will be undertaken over the next two years.

P&C BBQ
The P&C will be hosting a BBQ on Saturday, 28th March, at the school, while on Sunday at the Nostalgia Festival, we are running a lolly stall.

Teacher Interviews
Both Mrs Harris and Mrs Wendt have conducted Best Start interviews for parents of Kindergarten students. Once again, we have had a great response to our parent/teacher interviews, to discuss how your child’s learning is currently progressing.

Boys Cricket
Our Boys Cricket team have had 2 games this week.
The first game, on Wednesday, was against Mulbring PS, in the PSSA knockout rounds we won by 6 runs.
On Thursday, our boys played against Telarah PS in the Reg Kelly Cup, a round robin event, We lost by 7 wickets. Thank you to Mr Burley for organising the boys so well, and to all the parents for providing transport to the grounds.

Partners in learning
Partners in Learning has been a great success so far. Thank you to the school community for your engagement in this initiative. 5/6P will be the next class to participate, on Monday, 16th March.
**Staff Movement**

On Monday, 23rd March Miss Perry and I will be attending training for a new Performance and Development framework for teachers. On Wednesday, 25th March, Mrs Milford will be attending Quicksmart training for teachers. Also on Wednesday, 25th March, Mrs Harris will be attending a course on autism, and Mrs Grant and Miss Perry will be attending a course on teaching Maths in the middle years.

**Cross Country**

Our school Cross Country will be held on Monday, 16th March, during sport time. The students in Years 3 to 6 will be running a new course this year, in Jacob’s Park and part of the surrounding bushland. Students will be supervised by staff, while running through the bushland. Juniors (8, 9 and 10 years) will run 2km, and the senior students (11, 12 years) will run 3km. We wish our students all the best.

**Young Leaders Conference**

Mrs Burton will be taking our captains and prefects to a Young Leaders Conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, on Monday 23rd March. This will be a great experience for our leaders, to hear some renowned guest speakers talk about leadership in their own lives.

**High School Forms**

Primary School Principals are required to arrange for each Year 6 student's designated local secondary school to be entered on the Expression of Interest form. Once the parent or carer has completed the Expression of Interest form, it should be returned to the primary school NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2015.

**Canteen**

The Canteen will be closed in the last week of school for renovations to the splashback area and ceiling.

**Breakfast Club**

There will be no Breakfast Club during this last week of school, either, due to these renovations.

**Harmony Day**

The school will be celebrating Harmony Day next Friday, 20th March. We will have classroom activities throughout the day, and a whole school assembly, including awards, from 2:30pm. We are asking students to wear something orange on the day. *This will be an out of uniform day, students will be asked to bring in a gold coin donation to come out of uniform. This money will go towards Year 6 fundraising.*

**Eco Explorers Week 8**

Braydon Q 1K, Brodie S 1K, Georgia R 3/4C, Chelsea C 2L.
Waste Free Lunch (WFL)

Waste free lunches are back! Each Thursday will be WFL day. Students are required to bring a lunch box or using reusable containers and no wrappers that would normally go in the bin they also required to bring a reusable drink bottle.

WFL ideas
- Buy in bulk and share portions into small containers eg; yoghurt, sultanas and chips.
- Reusable containers are cheap and available at the cheap shops like The Reject Shop.
- Always label containers so that if lost, they can be returned to your child.
- Students who bring a WFL will receive a point for their class and they will go into the weekly draw.

Live Life Well at school

School Lunches
Good eating habits begin in childhood. For children to keep up their energy levels and get through a hectic day at school, they need to eat a variety of foods.

Premiers Reading Challenge

This year, once again, we have enrolled in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This is a state wide program to encourage quality reading. Children choose from a list of books and are encouraged to read these books by the end of August 2015. For students in Years 3-6, the Challenge is to read a minimum of 20 books of which at least 15 must be chosen from specially selected Premier’s Reading Challenge booklists. Students in Year K-2 must experience 30 books. If your child is successful he/she will receive a certificate from the Premier acknowledging their wonderful achievement. This is a great way to encourage reading and we are hopeful of your support in encouraging your child to take part and read these books.

This year forms will be sent home with Primary students and children are responsible for keeping a record of the books they have read. Children can also log onto the Premier’s Reading Challenge website and record their reading log online.

Years K-2 children will experience most of the 30 books in the classroom as part of their Reading program but they may also borrow books to read or have read to them at home. Children who complete the Challenge will have their names published on a PRC certificate and appear in the PRC Honour Roll in the newspaper in November so if you don’t want your child’s name published in the newspaper please let me know.

Children will be able to borrow books from the list during Library lessons at school. Kurri Kurri Library may also be of assistance. You can find more information about the Challenge and the reading lists at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge)

Thank you for your support and enjoy reading, Barbara McLellan

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Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students from Stage 2, for reaching 25 nights of home reading in their R.E.A.D. I.T. booklets.

2/3A - Cade, Nayte and Trixta.
3/4C – Braydan, Chloe, Indyana, Jayden, Kaleb, Nathan, Patrick, Reegan M and Reegan S.
3/4K – Koby, Trinity, Jordan, Daniel and Hannah

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Shaun Graham - Principal
Parents/Carers - Please update your personal details and return this slip to the office.

Child/ren’s Name/s: .................................................................................................................................

Parent/Carer Name/s: ..............................................................................................................................

Parent/Carer Phone 1: .............................................................................................................................. Phone 2: ..............................................................................................................................

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