From the Principal’s desk

World’s Greatest Shave
Congratulations to Jayden and the Year 6 boys who raised almost $7000 for the Leukaemia Foundation through the World’s Greatest Shave. This is a wonderful effort to raise so much money for a very worthy cause. Many of us have had our lives touched by cancer and it’s great to have our children supporting the Foundation. Thanks to all our boys and girls who brought in a gold coin for Crazy Hair Day. We raised over $900 which is a terrific result. Be sure to check out some of the photos later in this newsletter.

Great zone swimming carnival result
Congratulations to our zone swimmers who participated at the carnival last Friday. Your efforts ensured we were placed 3rd overall in Manly Zone PSSA. This is a great result considering our small 3-6 numbers when compared to some of the other larger schools within the zone.

Kulkuna module
The team at Kulkuna offer a great before and after school care service for our children. Due to growing demand and to meet government regulations, the P&C are funding the addition of a demountable module measuring 3m x 7.2m next to the existing structure. No trees will need to be removed and it will provide some much needed extra space for our children and the Kulkuna staff.

Crossing on the bend
Our crossing supervisor, Julius, has been quite concerned by some of the road-crossing behaviours around our school. He is most worried about the increasing number of people crossing on the bend where Manning Street turns into Bardoo Avenue near Warringah Street. This is a blind corner where many cars take a speedy shortcut to and from the Wakehurst Parkway. It is important we set the right example for our children and teach them safe crossing behaviours. Please emphasise with your children the importance of crossing at our supervised crossing on Bardoo Avenue.

NAPLAN testing
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Four tests: Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy will be conducted over three days in May (13th-15th). NAPLAN isn’t about content, it’s about testing the literacy and numeracy skills that the children develop over time. The Year 3 and 5 teachers will spend some time familiarising the children with the test format but it certainly won’t be our sole teaching focus. NAPLAN provides us with some useful data, albeit six months down the track, which supports the school-based data we regularly collect.

Canteen volunteers
I’d like to thank our fabulous team of volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to work in our canteen. It’s been wonderful to see so many Dads giving up their time too. The children love seeing their parents working in the canteen and it’s a great way to spend a few hours. The canteen is a service run by our P&C and is an important resource we all value. It wouldn’t be possible to operate our canteen 5 days a week without our volunteers. Don’t be shy, you can sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAE28A2FF2-bnps. Thank you all for your support!
Premier’s Sporting Challenge
Our house captains will be at Freshwater Campus with Ms Stock tomorrow to take part in the PSC Learning to Lead workshop. The children will be working with sports leaders from other schools from Years 5–8 on a variety of leadership activities. The feedback last year was very positive and I’m sure our sports leaders will benefit from participating in this exciting challenge.

New path
Our new path from Mons Road is now completed. I think the contractors have done a fantastic job to improve this entrance to our school. Take some time to meander down our newest entryway.

Owen Taylor,
Principal

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Stars of the week
Our magnificent team of Year 6 boys who led by example to fundraise for the Leukaemia Foundation. The rest of the school really enjoyed our Crazy Hair Day.

From the Deputy Principal’s desk

Fundamental Movement Skills
All students K – 6 are learning fundamental movement skills as part of their PE program. Mrs Kelly and Mrs Adams are our Sport teachers who have devised a fabulous program where every child is learning these important skills. Students need to master certain fundamental movement skills if they are to enjoy the wide range of physical activities, sports and recreational pursuits offered in our communities. The twelve fundamental movement skills considered to be building blocks for movement are: static balance, sprint run, vertical jump, side gallop, catch, kick, hop, skip, leap, overarm throw and two-hand strike. These skills are being applied in major games such as basketball and soccer.

Year 1 Excursion
Last Wednesday, Year 1 travelled to the Power House Discovery Centre at Castle Hill where they discovered how people lived, dressed, and travelled in Australia in the 1880s and early 1900s. The program included a multi-media introductory presentation drawn from the story of a family visiting the 1879 International Exhibition in Sydney. The children were transported back in time where they explored precious objects and early horse-drawn and steam-powered transport. The children got the opportunity to examine artefacts from everyday life, past and present. I was very impressed with the responsible and respectful behaviour from our students and the interesting questions they asked their guides. Congratulations Year 1 on a wonderful day.

Grandfriends Day
A special invitation is extended to all Grandfriends (including grandparents, older friends and neighbours) to visit our school on Wednesday 2nd April between 9:30am and 11:30am. Visitors will be entertained by the Senior band, Senior and Junior Choir groups, Kindergarten, followed by a delicious morning tea served on our deck. Grandfriends are able see the children’s work in their classrooms and may also wish to donate a book to our Library. The Library will be open from 8.30am – 11.30. Thank you to our Kindergarten class parents who are organising Kindergarten families to send a plate of food for morning tea and some helpers for the morning.

Vision is the art of seeing the impossible
Jonathon Swift

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

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Beginning the Learning Journey
On Thursday the 20th of March, the Kindergarten teachers will be presenting an information session for Kindergarten parents that details teaching and learning in literacy and numeracy in the Early Stage One classroom. The location of our information session has changed. We will be meeting in the KR and KT classrooms. The 'Beginning the Learning Journey' Parent Information Session will be from 6:30-7:30pm.

Rachel Ridley
Assistant Principal

Library News
Well done to all the children who have already registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) and started reading books from the list. We have lots of wonderful PRC books in the library which the children can borrow and add to their reading lists. We would like to invite all Grandfriends to come and spend some time in the library on Grandfriends Day, Wednesday 2nd April. We have wonderful artwork on display and we will also have a large number of books which will be available to donate to the library. The library will be open from 8:30am and remain open until 11:30am. If there are any parents who would like to help in the library that morning please come and see us.

This term Year 5 and 6 classes have been working on an ongoing characterisation project. The children have been studying different book characters and learning how authors create and develop characters in their books. This project will culminate in a presentation at the end of term where the children will become a book character or a character they have created. We are looking forward to seeing the children’s creative presentations.

Congratulations to KT for being the library stars of the week with everybody returning their books on their library day.

The children have the opportunity to borrow books during their set library time each week, however, if they are not at school on their library day or they forget their books the library is open for borrowing at lunchtimes on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Debbie Horsley & Nicole Grover
Congratulations to Riley Coates – 5A – who was chosen to play in the Manly/Pittwater Zone PSSA Boys Soccer team for 2014. Riley was one of 14 boys chosen from a total of 57.

Well done, Riley!
April Holiday Camps  14 – 24 April

Join our Holiday Clinics and play soccer indoors on grass. CLINICS FILL FAST, SO BOOK NOW!
- Professionally qualified & engaging FFA & AFE Coaches
- Learn new tricks, skills & techniques to improve your overall ball mastery and game play. We teach you how to execute a “Maradona Spin”, “Cryuff Cut”, “Ronaldo Stepover”, or learn how to do an “Oxford”!
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- Small-sided games.
- Heaps of fun. Finish the day with Laser football.
For 5 – 13 year olds  
9am – 3pm

Extreme Football Tournament - Daily

Play Bubble football, Laser Football and 5 aside!!!
- from 3pm daily.
- Play an extreme mini world cup with 5 A-Side,
- Laser Football & Bubble Football,
- Organise a team of mates.
- Team Registration $200.

7-8yrs Mon 14/4, 9-10yrs/Tues 15/4, 11-12yr Wed 16/4, 13-14yr Thu 7/4, 14-15yrs Tue 22/4, 15-16yrs Wed 23/4 17yrs Thu 24/4

School Holiday Camps

Week 1: Mon 14th – Thur 17th April 2014
9am – 12pm
$20/day  OR
Kids Pass4 - $60 for 4 kids/day

Week 2: Tues 22nd – Thur 24th April 2014
9am – 12pm
$20/day  OR
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Easter Holiday Program 2014
Tackers 1, 2 & 3 Ages 7-13
Learn to Sail Cadet Ages 11-14
Week 1: 14th April – 17th April
Week 2: 21st April – 24th April
Tackers Introduction 9:30am - 12:30pm Cost: $40

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