**Dates for your diary**

11 Oct  Riverlights Festival
14 Oct  Active After School Stage 2 - Basketball
16 Oct  Active After School  Kinder - Aquatics
20 Oct  Stage One Transport Excursion
28 Oct  Kinder 2015 First Orientation session
31 Oct  Murrook Aboriginal Excursion. See Pg 2
3 Nov   Responsible Pet Education Program
4 Nov   Kinder 2015 Orientation session
4 Nov   Maitland Public School band visit
6 Nov   Infants Water Fun Day
7 Nov   Talent Quest
17 Oct  Crazy Hair Day - OOSH

**Riverlights Festival**

Again this year the school will be supporting the Riverlights Festival which takes place on Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} October in Maitland. It is an event to celebrate the cultural diversity of the area. Food, performances, markets and music take place in Maitland Heritage Mall and the banks of the Hunter River. Students from Beresfield will be creating lanterns which will illuminate the river after sundown.

**Staffing**

A number of teachers will be on leave in the next few weeks. Chris Evans will be away for the first 4 weeks of Term 4. Lisa Grall, who has been an intern on 1/2E for Term 3 will continue with the class in Chris' absence. Jonathan Ridgway will be away for the first 2 weeks of Term 4. Jan Fanning will relieve as principal during this time. Nolene Hill will be replacing Anne Bettinzoli in the office for the rest of Term 4. Welcome Nolene!

**Cricket Team**

It's cricket season again and Mr Senkalski is getting the school cricket team ready for its games this term. Along with the games played in Term 1 this year, this will complete the season of matches for the 2014 Reg Kelly Shield. The first game against Maitland Public School was due to be played today. It was cancelled due to the rain and will be rescheduled. Our second game is against Gresford Public School and will be played on Wednesday of week 2.

**This Week’s Quiz**

SAFE HANDS, SAFE FEET.
List three ways of playing in a friendly way using your hands and feet.

Write your name and class with the answer on a piece of paper, and post it into the Quiz Box near the office by Wednesday.
Mrs Jan Fanning
Notes sent home recently
♦ Murrook Cultural Centre Excursion
♦ Stage One Transport Excursion
♦ Boys Cricket Reg Kelly Shield

NOT RETURNING IN 2015?
We start to organise classes soon for 2015. If you are moving and will not be returning to Beresfield Public School in 2015, please advise the office as soon as possible. Thank you

Active After School Activities Term 4
Our Active After School Activities begin next week.
Starting Tuesday 14th October 3-4pm is Basketball for Stage 2 students (No spots left as group is full)
Starting Thursday 16th October 3-4pm is Aquatics for Kindergarten students (There are still 3 spots available)

Stage 2 and 3 Sport - Water Activities
Just a reminder that all notes were due back for students to participate in Stage 2 and 3 Water Sport. Any students who have not brought their notes in will be participating in school sport with Miss Hainsworth and Miss Aparicio. There are still a number of students who have brought their notes in but have not paid for swimming. Students have until 10am Friday 16th October to finalise their payments or they will have to stay back and participate in school sport.
Miss Aparicio

Murrook Cultural Centre
On Friday 31st October 2014, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students along with their parents are invited to attend an excursion to Murrook Cultural Centre located at Williamtown. The day will consist of the students having the opportunity to participate in a variety of different cultural activities and a BBQ lunch will be available for all whom attend. A permission note and further information has been sent home. Please mark this date on your calendar if you are interested in attending.
Mrs Smith

Stage 3 Excursion
On Wednesday 17th September, Stage 3 went on a fun-filled three days to Jenolan Caves and Bathurst. We had an early start and left at 6.30am going to Scenic World and seeing the fabulous Three Sisters at Katoomba. The ride on the Scenic Railway was a little scary, but everyone was brave enough to have a ride. That evening we arrived at Jenolan Caves and had an awesome tour of Lucas Cave, seeing amazing features and bats! We then headed to the Bathurst Goldfields where the students experienced 19th century life and had a chance to make damper and gold pan and participated in many more fun activities. That evening the students participated in a Talent Quest and Trivia night, till late at night and until their eyes couldn't stay open for a minute longer. This meant a quiet night for all the teachers! The next morning we were all happy but ready to go home. On the way home we stopped at Bathurst to have a guided tour of the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum. We arrived at school exhausted but happy to know we had a restful holiday break to look forward to.
Stage 3 teachers

Year 3 Civic Theatre Excursion
On Tuesday the Year 3s went to the Civic Theatre to watch “Still Awake, Still”. It was very funny when the two men came out of the piano. They found her piano book and ripped it up! She was angry at the two men and the two men went back into the piano. It was a great show and all the year 3s loved it!!
Lilly Campbell 3/4S

Brain cancer kills more children than any other disease in Australia. It also kills more people aged under 40 in Australia than any other cancer, yet brain cancer only receives a tiny fraction of cancer research funding. To promote awareness and raise much needed money to support Cure Brain Cancer research I have coloured my hair purple and Sarah Gallagher and I will be brave and shave our hair at the Newcastle Walk 4 Brain Cancer event on Sunday October 26th.
Kellie Dooner

Lost Property
There are lots and lots of un-named school jackets of various shapes and sizes on the bench seat at the front of Area A. If your child has lost a jacket in the last couple of months it may well be lurking in the lost property box. If these jackets are not claimed in the next few weeks they will be offered to students or their parents free of charge.
Jan Fanning
Great Aussie Bush Camp
On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of term 3, the year 4 students along with Mrs Connell and Mr Senkalski went to Great Aussie Bush Camp. The students and teachers had a fantastic time participating in activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, giant swing, flying fox, night games, challenges and much more.
The students were extremely well behaved and learnt valuable lessons such as teamwork, responsibility and persistence. We all had a great time and were sad to leave on the Wednesday.
Tim Senalski

Camp Reflections
This year Year 4 went to Great Aussie Bush Camp on the 15th September.
When we got there we met an instructor named Jaime. Later on we met our second instructor named Lisa.
On some of the activities I found two things challenging: staple climb and high ropes. The things that I enjoyed were giant swing, dual flying fox and rock climbing.
Every day we had breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, dessert, supper and, on the last day, soft drink!
GABC is the BEST!
How I’ve improved:
  Overcame my fear of heights.
  Became more organised.
  I learned to push myself further.
Patrick C.

I learned how to get along with people so you can have fun.
I found rock climbing, big swing, flying fox and the staple climb challenging.
Teamwork is important because you need to work together to get things done. You can get things done quicker. A successful team helps each other, talks to each other, is nice to each other and everyone works hard.
My favourite thing was EVERYTHING. We had icies every day. We had lots of fun and I wish I could go back there. On the last day we had drinks and hot dogs.
Jayson W.
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**Uniform Shop**
Skorts will be available for girls sizes 3-16. Cost $17 at the Uniform Shop.
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 9am. Order forms are available at the school office if you cannot get to the Uniform shop at these times. If you leave your order and payment at the office, your order will be filled when our Uniform Shop volunteers are next at school.

**DATES FOR KINDER ORIENTATION SESSIONS**
We are getting excited about the lovely new students who will be starting Kinder in 2015 at Beresfield Public School.

We hold Orientation sessions on the following dates.
- Tuesday 28th October 2014
- Tuesday 4th November 2014
- Tuesday 11th November 2014
- Tuesday 18th November 2014
Sessions will be from 9.15am until 10.30am and

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**Canteen Roster 2014**

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**Fri 17 Oct**
Cassie McDonald
Elizabeth Woods
Tracey Twitchin
Debbie Budden

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, or if you would like to help in the canteen, contact Lisa Woods on 0418 739045.

**Canteen News**
We still need volunteers to be able to keep the canteen open. If you can help please see Lisa Woods or call her on 0418 739045.
Every volunteer receives a free sandwich and drink for lunch the day they volunteer.

Summer items like wraps, meatballs and icy cups are back!!

We now have a Gluten Free menu as well as our normal menu available.

Our lunch time meal deal is available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - cost $4.50 each.

**Next week’s $4.50 Meal Deal is:**
* Mini Baby Chicken Wrap
* Drink of your choice
* Fairy Floss Fandangle

Lisa Woods
Canteen Coordinator

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**P & C NEWS**

**Getting ready for Kindergarten**

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**HELP WANTED**

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On the last day of Term 3, Sean and Kavi interviewed Mrs Irene Clifford who was turning 100 years old. She was a student at Beresfield Public School when she was in Years Five and Six and she liked school. There were only two teachers, one of them was the headmaster, and there were only about twenty children in the whole school. There was only one classroom and no canteen or school uniforms. Mrs Clifford went home to have her lunch. Some of the games they played at school were cricket, rounders, bounce the ball into the bucket and rooster chase. Mrs Clifford has received some special birthday cards from The Queen, our Prime Minister Tony Abbott, the Governor-General and many other members of parliament.

By Kavi & Sean

Crazy Hair Day is on Friday 17th October. Please bring a gold coin donation to put towards the Smith Family “Back To School Program” Camp Australia is going to match all donations made. Still wear school uniform but come with the funniest craziest wacky hair you can do.

Last Minute Messages
If you have a message that you were unable to give to your child before they left for school, can you please call before 1.30pm. Schools are hectic after lunch and we will try and pass your message before 3pm but the earlier the better. Thanks

Stephanie Bagnall
Admin Manager

Payments at school
Don’t forget we have ETPOS available and Credit Card payments can be made over the phone. We don’t hold money overnight and so do not carry change so correct money is appreciated.

School Absences
Don’t forget if your child is absent from school you must ring the school or send a note into the class teacher the day your child returns. If they are away for more than 3 days please ring the office to notify us of the reason for the absence.
DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?
Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:
*Spelling
*Comprehension
*Fatigue
*Writing
*Concentration
*Eye Strain

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Beresfield Bowling Club Charity Bowls Day
For The Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Sunday 26th October 2014
10:30am start
$40 per team (with team of 4) or $10 a player

It will be a day of fun activities including a friendly bowling competition, raffles, an action, BBQ and activities for the kids.

If you have never played Bowls before, here is your chance to give it a go and have a fun day in aid of a great organisation.