**Dates for your diary**

31 Oct  
Murrook Aboriginal Excursion

31 Nov  
K-6K & K-6L Excursion to Charlestown

3 Nov  
Responsible Pet Education Program

4 Nov  
Kinder 2015 Orientation session

4 Nov  
Crazy hat day

4 Nov  
Reward Day

6 Nov  
Infants Aquatics Fun Day

6 Nov  
No Infants Assembly due to Aquatics

7 Nov  
Talent Quest

10 Nov  
P & C meeting

11 Nov  
Kinder 2015 Orientation session

18 Nov  
Kinder 2015 Orientation session

25 Nov  
Last Day for AASS Basketball

31 Nov  
K-6K & K-6L Excursion to Charlestown

4 Dec  
Last Day AASS Swimming

10 Dec  
Presentation Day

**PRINCIPAL TALK**

**Aboriginal Excursion to Murrook**

We wish all Aboriginal students and participating students a wonderful day of adventure and learning when they visit the Murrook Cultural Centre tomorrow. Thanks to Mel Smith and Gemma Gash for organising the excursion.

**Kinder Orientation**

Our second Kinder Orientation session will occur next Tuesday 4th November from 9:00 till 10:30am. The other sessions will be on Tue 11th Nov and 18th Nov. We are asking parents to attend information sessions on all dates.

**Maitland PS Band visit cancelled**

Next Tuesday the band from Maitland PS was supposed to be performing for our students. Unfortunately they have had to cancel their visit.

**Reward Day**

The first Reward Day for this term for students who have not attended our Reflection Room will be next Tuesday. Students will enjoy an extended lunch and an ice block.

**Melbourne Cup Day**

Next Tuesday is also Melbourne Cup Day. Good luck!

**Remembrance Day**

The school will be commemorating this special day on Tuesday 11th November, at 11am. The school captain, vice-captain and prefects will join Mr Ridgway in representing our school at the community event on Sunday 9th Nov at the Woodberry War Memorial. Any other students and their families are welcome to join us.

**Last Week’s Quiz**

What sports event occurs on the first Tuesday in November? The Melbourne Cup.

Congratulations to Abbigail W, Joel Z, Lachlan M and Issabella E who submitted correct entries.

**This Week’s Quiz**

What type of tree blossoms its beautiful purple flowers in November?

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.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

**Hot Dog Day**

The year 6 students and staff would like to thank John and Ann Bettley, Lisa Woods, Cassie McDonald and Debbie Budden for helping out with the Year 6 Hotdog Fundraiser. It was a great success and raised over $500. Thankyou also to the Captains and Leaders for delivering the lunches.

Mrs Jan Fanning
Stage 1 Home Reading Principals Award
Josie T from 1/2B is another student who has read for 100 nights, so has received her Principals award for home reading. Congratulations on being such a keen reader Josie!
Jennifer Bissett

Crazy Hat Day
On this year’s Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 4th November 2014 the students of Beresfield are being asked to wear a crazy hat of their own creation to school. The day is a fundraiser for the Year 6 farewell and all students who wish to participate are asked to bring in a gold coin donation on the day.
So it’s time to start gathering the glitter, feathers, pipe cleaners and anything else fun and creative and start getting crazy. You could even use recyclable materials and go green, or get into the theme of the day. Wherever, whatever and however your creative juices flow, have fun and GET CRAZY!
Yours Kindly,
Melissa Smith

Infants Aquatics Fun Day
Next Thursday 6th November Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 will be walking to Beresfield Pool to participate in an Aquatics Fun Day. Students will walk to the pool with their class at 10am. Our fun day will begin at 11am and conclude at 2pm with a picnic lunch before walking back to school.
Activities on the day include:
Water relay races, water safety talks/activities, water play, sun safety talk/activities, water relay races on grass, games on the grass.
Permission notes were distributed this week, please return in a zip locked bag with $2.50 by Wednesday 5th November.
For our day to be successful and for the safety of all children we need parent volunteers to hop into the pool during relay races and water play. If you would like to volunteer please indicate on the bottom of your child’s permission note or contact Miss Gash at school.
We welcome all parents to come and cheer on your children and enjoy our picnic lunch. There is a spectators fee of $2.80
Gemma Gash

Notes sent home recently
◆ Year 7 2016 Selective High School intention to apply
◆ Year 2 & 3 School Swimming Scheme
◆ Infants Aquatics Fun Day
◆ K-6/L and K-6K Excursion note

KG  Charlie H  Hugh A, Sienna C  Brylie T
  1/2B  Declan S, Ben C  Paige J, Elli B
  KS  Tyson A, Sophie F  Reegan C, Hayden B, Mikayla I
      Charlie B
  1/2E  Max M, James C  Mekenzi B, Kiarna H
  1/2H  Hunter F, Zoe C  Joel Z, Alex B
      Osha W
  3/4C  Patrick C  Emily W
  3/4D  Montanna F  Jasper B
  3/4H  Blake S  Libby L
  3/4S  Breahan S  Taylah L
  5/6A  Alice M  Ethan B
  5/6H  Ella S  Kavi V
  5/6W  Brae B  Luke L
  K/6T  Hayden T  Brooklyn J

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week's assemblies.
**Intensive Swimming Scheme**  
*Year 2 and 3 School Swimming and Water Safety Program*

Children in Years 2 and 3 who are weak or non-swimmers have been invited to participate in intensive swimming lessons each day during weeks 6 and 7 of this term (10th-21st November).

The course is the Department of Education and Communities School Swimming and Water Safety Program. It is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

Participating students will walk to the pool in time for lessons to commence at 1.45pm. Lessons will conclude at 2.30pm when children will return to school for normal end of day dismissal.

Information and permission notes were distributed last week. The cost is $25 for pool entry for the 10 days of the program. Instruction is free. Numbers are capped and students will be accepted when both note and money have been received. Last day for payment is 10am Friday, 7th November unless quota has been filled beforehand.

If your child is a poor or non-swimmer I would encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Lynne Connell

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**Talent Quest**  

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Fia Lyall

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**Selective High School Placements**

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Selective High Schools are for academically gifted and talented students.

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Jan Fanning

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Helen Wiedermann

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Melissa Smith
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

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.

Year 6 transition
Yesterday the Year 6 students who will be attending FGHS in 2015 participated in High School for a Day at FGHS. Below is a timetable showing the remaining events that will take place in the very busy weeks ahead for our Year 6 students and their teachers. Please note the Information evening and Disco that will be held on Wednesday 26th November. The evening will begin with a school tour from 5:15pm-6pm. Then, whilst the students are enjoying the Disco, parents will be invited to an information and refreshment session in the Library from 6pm-8pm.

Jan Fanning

2014 Middle Schools Aboriginal Numeracy Competition
On the 24th October I went to Woodberry Public School to participate in an Aboriginal Numeracy Competition. I’m getting my name badge and they gave me Bailey W’s badge. I said “Um that is not my badge”.

My group was called Kookaburra and we had to go to a math game first and we got 54 points. Next we played Peg-it and we used a ball in a sock and we threw it as far as we could and we got 56 points. Lastly we played Millionaires and we got every single question right. We got 111 points altogether and we won by 13 points and won a medal with the Aboriginal flag on the front. For lunch we had pizza.

It was the best the best day of my life.
By Katalina B
5/6H

Transition Program Term 4 2014

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Stage 1 Transport Excursion 22 October 2014
P & C News

P & C Meeting
The next P & C meeting is on Monday 10th November 2014 at 5.30pm in the teacher staff room.

Uniform Shop
Skorts will be available for girls sizes 3-16. Cost $14 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.

If you have any old school clothes you no longer need the uniform shop would love your pre-loved clothes. If the uniform shop is closed due to unforeseen circumstances please see the canteen manager.

Canteen News
We still need volunteers to be able to maintain the services on the days we are open. If you can help please see Lisa Woods or call her on 0418 739045.

We still have Lasagnes for sale for $2.00. Banana milk has been discontinued.

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

Next week’s $4.50 Meal Deal is:
♦ 6 Nuggets + sauce
♦ Drink of your choice
♦ Ice Cream cup/Lemonade Icy Pole

Lisa Woods
Canteen Coordinator

Canteen Roster 2014

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DATES FOR KINDER ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Getting ready for Kindergarten

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 parents and new Kinders come to all sessions.
New PE Teachers!
We have two new PE Teachers at our school! Cooper T and Jake L have commenced Touch Football "Skills and Drills Training" with 5/6H and will include 5/6W and 5/6A. Both boys are talented Touch Football players and are keen to teach others the skills of the game. If any other classes would like to utilise our new PE teachers, please contact Mrs Wiedermann, who will attempt to book you in to their busy schedule! They come with fully planned lessons and all equipment as well!!

Helen Wiedermann
Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.


For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au