**Dates for your diary**

- 17 Nov  Selective High School closing date
- 18 Nov  Kinder 2015 Orientation session 9am
- 19 Nov  K/6K & K/6L Excursion to Hamilton
- 19 Nov  School leader speeches -9am
- 20 Nov  School leader speeches - 9am
- 21 Nov  School leader speeches - 9am
- 24 Nov  K/6K, K/6L, K/6T Water Activities starts
- 25 Nov  Last Day for AASS Basketball
- 26 Nov  FGHS Transition disco - 6-8pm
- 3 Dec  Family carol night
- 4 Dec  Last Day AASS Swimming
- 4 Dec  Infants Sports carnival
- 10 Dec  Presentation Day
- 15 Dec  Yr 6 Farewell & Assembly
- 16 Dec  Excursion Day
- 17 Dec  Last day for students

**PRINCIPAL TALK**

**Vale Jayden**

Monday this week saw the funeral of Jayden Morrissey, whose life was ended all too soon on One Mile Beach two weekends ago. Jayden was in Year 9 at Francis Greenway HS. Many from the high school were at the funeral, as well as a good representation from Thornton PS, where his younger brothers attend.

Some students from our school have a connection with Jayden and his family, either directly or through the Beresfield Bears Rugby League Club. On behalf of the Beresfield PS community, we send our condolences to Jayden’s family during this difficult time.

**Uniforms**

A reminder that Beresfield Public School has high expectations when it comes to students wearing the correct school uniform. It is the most obvious symbol of pride and belonging. We ask parents to support the staff in providing students with the correct uniform each day. Thanks.

**Volunteers to assist the P&C**

At the P&C meeting on Monday night, it was indicated that a couple of important roles will become available at the AGM next February. It would be terrific to see more parents, grandparents or other interested community members join the ranks of what is an efficient and friendly organisation. The meetings have a terrific atmosphere, the events they organise are inclusive and community-spirited, and the assistance they provide to the school we are so grateful for.

You may consider helping in the canteen, or choose another role that suits your skills. We’d love to hear from you. Please contact the school if you are interested and we will put you in touch with the right people.

**Assessment and Reporting**

Teachers are finalising class-based assessments and writing reports. Each report takes approximately 1 hour to compile, meaning that teachers over the next fortnight will be adding 25 hours work to their already busy working week. Spare them a thought as they cram in the extra hours. Reports will be sent home on Friday 5th December. Meetings with teachers about the reports will be made on request by parents.

**Kinder Orientation**

Our last Kinder Orientation session will occur next Tuesday 18th November from 9:00 till 10:30am. The children are growing accustomed to the routines and are becoming more confident. Thanks to the parents for attending each session. At present we have 38 students in Kinder next year.

**Intensive Swimming Scheme**

We have 45 students participating in this most worthwhile activity. It is great to see the students developing their confidence in the water. Thanks to Mrs Lynne Connell for co-ordinating.
Newcastle Mayoral Election
The School hall will be a voting place this Saturday for the Newcastle Mayoral Election.

Carols Night
The P&C are organising a family-oriented night of singing Christmas Carols on Wednesday 3rd December. It will be a lovely night to bring a fold up chair or spread the blanket on the grass area of the school grounds. You might choose to bring some dinner or buy some food once here. We will be led in our singing by Chris the DJ, as well as having guest appearances by selected classes. There will be showbags, food, glow sticks and more. Mark the date on the calendar and get your candles ready!

Last Week’s Quiz
What’s half of a half? A quarter.


This Week’s Quiz
Name two songs from the movie ‘Frozen’.

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

Book club
Book club orders are due back by next Friday 21st November. This will be the last book club order for the year.

Talent Quest
JUST AWESOME!! A big, big thank you to the Leaders and the Talent Quest Students for making our Friday afternoon entertaining and most of all a great way to end a busy week. See the Newsletter next week in regards to accessing a video of the Talent Quest.

Library News
Borrowing from the library has now ceased for 2014. During the next week, all children are asked to return any library books they have on loan. Please remind your children to return any books as soon as possible. I am currently running a competition to see which class will be first to return all their library books. The winning class will win a prize. If you have any lost books please buy a replacement book to donate to our library.
Karen Meyer
Teacher Librarian

Restorative Practice Survey
At Beresfield PS we use Restorative Practice at a school and classroom level to empower students to become independent learners and importantly, how to deal with conflict as a normal part of building and sustaining relationships. A note was sent home to students in Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday. Students and teachers will be asked to complete a survey about the effectiveness of Restorative Practice at our school. This survey is part of an action research project being undertaken by the Deputy Principal at FGHS.
Jan Fanning

Infants Aquatics Fun Day
Last Thursday children from Kinder to Year 2 went down to Beresfield Pool to enjoy an Aquatics Fun Day. We enjoyed relay races, water play, water games, grass games as well as some education on water and sun safety. I would like to thank all students who participated in the day, you displayed wonderful behaviour. Also thank you must go to our Infants teachers and our parent helpers Rebecca Woodbridge, John Betley, Britt Wilson, Belinda Tuxford, Michelle Sukada and Stacey Munzenberger. Without this help our day would not have been able to go ahead.
Gemma Gash
2014 Aquatics Fun Day Organiser

Notes sent home recently
♦ Jump Start - selected students
♦ K/6K, K/6L, K/6T Water Activities
♦ Restorative Practice Survey consent form
Transition Program Term 4 2014

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Student Leader Speeches
Next week, week 7, the students nominated for 2015 Student Leaders will be presenting their election speeches to the school community. These will be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.00am in the main quadrangle. Voting day will be Friday after the final speeches.

Below is a timetable of when each child will be doing their speeches, parents are welcome to come and watch.

Helen Wiedermann

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Remembrance Day 2014
"Our prefects, (L to R) Bailey, Sierra, Daniel, Tia, Ella and Dylan, confidently and solemnly performed their duties at the Remembrance Day ceremony held at Beresfield PS on Tuesday 11th November."
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT
CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION?

New mobile, home or work phone number, new emergency contact person or contact number, change of
address, new carer (step-parent), medical updates (eg allergies, medications).

We need to keep in touch with you

Please send us a note, drop in at the office, phone on 4966 1146, fax on 4966 2492
or send an e-mail to beresfield-p@det.nsw.edu.au.

Change of Details Slip – Beresfield Public School

Student's Name: __________________________ Class: ______

Student's Name: __________________________ Class: ______

Address: __________________________ Postcode: _____

New Home Ph Number:  Mother__________ Father: ________

New Mobile Number:  Mother__________ Father: ________

New Work Number:  Mother__________ Father: ________

New Emergency Contacts:

Name:__________ Name:__________

Home: __________ Home: __________

Mobile: __________ Mobile: __________

Relationship to Student:__________ Relationship to Student ______

New medical conditions/allergies etc:

__________________________________________________________________________
**P & C News**
The P & C would like to thank Tarro Hotel Social Bowlers for their kind donation of $200 which will go towards funding resources for the school students.

**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**
If you would like to volunteer in the canteen even if it’s only once a month, please see Lisa Woods or call on 0418 739045.

Lisa Woods
Canteen Coordinator

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

**Next week’s $4.50 Meal Deal is:**
♦ Snitty Burger
♦ Drink of your choice
♦ Yogurt/mousse/jelly

**Canteen Roster 2014**

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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

**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.

The final Orientation session is on the following date:

♦ Tuesday 18th November 2014

Sessions will be from 9.00am until 10.30am and parents and new Kinders come to all sessions.