PRINCIPAL TALK

Rhiannon
The school hosted a lovely service for Rhiannon yesterday afternoon, led by Rev Doug Morrisey-Cleary. All members of the school, but especially the students from 3/4H and past classmates of Rhiannon’s had the opportunity to participate, reflect and remember. It was great to have Rhiannon’s father attend the service.

Reports
Reports will be sent home next Friday 5th December. Meetings with teachers about the reports will be made on request by parents.

Carols Night
Just six days to go till our Carols Night!
When: Wednesday 3rd December.
Entry: Gates will open at 5:30pm. Gold coin donation at gate.
Time: 6pm till 9pm
BYO: Fold-up chair, blanket, dinner, candles
On sale: Food and drinks, showbags, lucky dips, glow sticks
Entertainment: DJ Chris, and all students will be performing.

Christmas Cards
In the interest of good nutrition the school requests that students are not to bring Candy Canes or lollies to school as part of their Christmas card and gift giving. Thank you for your co-operation.

Community Christmas Fair
On Saturday 6th Dec, students from 1/2H and the choir will participate in the Christmas celebrations at St Paul’s Church hall and in the park in Lawson Avenue. Notes have gone home today for those students participating.

Presentation Day
We are all looking forward to our Presentation Day assembly on Wednesday 10th Dec at 9:15am. It will take place in the Lloyd Crockett Community Hall. All parents and community are invited to attend.

Student Leaders 2015
Congratulations to the six elected student leaders for 2015. They are (in alphabetical order)
Lachlan Jackson     Lilly Roadley-Brooker
Indah Sukada        Kavi Vijeyananthanan
Paris Wilson        Aden Young

From these six, the captain, vice-captain and four prefects will be announced at our Presentation Day assembly on Wednesday 10th Dec.
Sports House Leaders
Congratulations to the elected sports house leaders for 2015. They are (in alphabetical order)...

Kangaroo: Brianna Evans, Ebonie Hyde
Koala: Shaylee Burt, Jake Lee
Platypus: Ethan Bailey, Alice Mathews
Possum: Kelsy Blair, Imojen Brown
From these, the sports house captain and sports house vice-captain will be announced at our Presentation Day assembly on Wednesday 10th Dec.

Year 6 Farewell
RSVP’s for the Year 6 Farewell are due back by Monday 1st December.
The Year 6 Farewell takes place in the school hall on Monday 15th Dec from 5:30 to 8:30pm.
The Year 6 Farewell Assembly will take place at 12.00noon on Monday 15th December.

End-of-year Activities
To celebrate the end of a great year of learning, our students will be partaking in the following excursions and activities on Tuesday 16th December.

ES1 – Water Fun Day at school - no cost
Stage 1 – Pyjamas and Popcorn Day with movie in school hall - no cost
Stage 2 - Maitland Super Strike $20
Stage 3 - Ice Skating $22
Support Unit - Maitland Super Strike $20

Beresfield Pool
The school has been utilising Beresfield Swimming Pool a lot lately!
Our Kinders have completed their intensive swimming sessions through the Active After School Communities program.
Our annual Intensive Swimming program for Year 2 students and older is now complete after 2 weeks of swimming.
Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students continue their Friday sport sessions.
Our students in the Support Unit have just embarked on a three week intensive swimming program.
We are extremely lucky to have an Olympic sized swimming pool just a walk away from the school. I continue to urge the Beresfield community to support this magnificent public asset and frequent the pool regularly this summer to persuade the council that the community values it.

Timber!
On the weekend the last of the trees that were identified by the arborist as being dangerous will be removed.

Flashing Lights
Roads and Maritime Services are installing flashing lights to school zone signs outside Beresfield Public School on Lawson Avenue the week beginning Monday 01 December to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times. Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

Woodwork Wonders!
Kevin Jones, one of the wonderful Scripture teachers, was having a chat earlier in the year and mentioned that one of his passions is working with wood. After persuading him to share his passion with the students, last week Kevin conducted a 3 hour workshop with a small group of lucky students from Stage 3. In that time they were able to build a wooden car to wrap and give to a special someone in time for Xmas. The students learnt how to sand, hammer, saw, glue, paint and varnish. The end
results looked terrific! Oh Kevin – what have you started! Now everyone wants a turn! Kevin spent many hours preparing for the workshop, doing the whole thing for love. Thank you Kevin!

Notes sent home recently
♦ Infants sports fun day

Last Week’s Quiz
Which is the nearest star to planet Earth?
The Sun!
Congratulations to Jasmin B, Ben K, Jacob R and Alex F who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Quiz
How many seconds in 5 minutes?
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

Infants Sports Carnival
The students are getting very excited about the upcoming Infants Sport Day. This event will take place on Thursday the 4th of December at Lindsay Oval (near the pool). Notes are due on Wednesday the 3rd of December and if your child wishes to order their lunch for the day, pre-order forms need to be handed in by Friday the 28th of November. We will be departing school at 11.30am and would love any parent helpers or spectators to meet us at the oval at about this time. Following the carnival a picnic lunch will be held at the oval before returning to school. We look forward to seeing you all there!
Kayla Hawkins

Stage 1 Home Reading Achievement
Paige J from 1/2B has read for an amazing 200 nights this year. Paige doesn’t read because she "has to", she just loves reading and learning new things. She achieved this fantastic result by reading for at least 10 minutes every night, even on the weekends and during school holidays. Well done Paige!
Jennifer Bissett

Stage 3 News
Orientation Day FGHS
The last of the Transition to High School events will be the Orientation Day at FGHS next Wednesday 3rd December. Miss Aparicio and Miss Wallace will accompany the Year 6 students as they walk to and from FGHS, leaving here at 9am and returning by 1pm. Students will need to wear full school uniform, including a school hat and take their recess food with them.

E Program
Next Friday 5th December will be the final visit to FGHS by our E program students. Many thanks to those parents who have helped out with transport.
Jan Fanning
Assistant Principal
Stage 3

Choir News
Yesterday our talented choir sang their favourite song beautifully for their dear school friend, Rhiannon, who passed away early last week. I was very proud of them.
Our Beresfield PS Choir has been asked to sing at the Berefield Bowling Club for a Seniors group on Monday 8th December at around 11:30am. I will accompany the choir students to and from the Bowling Club. I am expecting we will return by 12.30pm. Permission notes are not needed as this is covered by a general permission note signed by you at the beginning of the school year. However, if your child requires medication of any kind, please let me know. Please ensure he/she takes an asthma puffer if required.
The choir will also entertain you with some Christmas songs at our annual carols evening on Wednesday 3rd December. I have asked the choir members to wear a red, green or white t-shirt and some sparkly decorations.
The choir will also perform at the Anglican Xmas Fair at 9:30am on Saturday 6th December. Mrs Fia Lyle will coordinate this event.
They will also perform the song “Electricity” from the musical Billy Elliott at our Presentation Day assembly on Wednesday 10th December.
We hope you are able to support your child by attending all or some of these events.
I am very proud of the effort these students have put in this year….well done everyone!!!
Jan Fanning Choir Coordinator
Books in Homes Assembly
At last week’s K - 2 assembly, the children were enthralled by Jo, the storyteller who involved them in acting out the story ‘The Little Old Woman Who Wasn’t Afraid Of Anything’. This followed the giving out to each child 3 more books of their choice, making a total of 9 books per child this year, donated by Quarry Mining and Construction Equipment under the Books In Homes scheme. This is the second year Quarry Mining, owned by Kari and Tony Armitage, has made this generous and greatly appreciated donation to our K - 2 students. Their excitement when they select their books, and joy when they receive them, shows how much this gift promotes a love of books and reading, which enriches the children’s lives. Thank you again, Quarry Mining. Christine Evans (on behalf of our children)

Talent Quest 2014 Video
As promised two weeks ago, we have made the video of the talent quest available on the school website. The video is approximately 13-14 minutes long and includes a small part of each of the performances. There was an amazing array of talent on display from singing to dancing, violin to cheerleading and even some magic tricks. The students who performed all put in a huge effort and dedicated hours to practise. The leaders should be congratulated for all their effort in bringing this event together. Well done to all of those who performed. You were AWESOME!!!

If you have a QR Code reader app on your phone, you can scan the code below.

You will need to enter the password beresfield in the video window before you can watch it.
If you do not have a QR code reader app you can download a free one from the App Store or Google Play. Just search ‘free QR code reader’ and select one to download.
Alternatively you can go to the following page on the school website to watch on your computer. Please note, if you view this website on your mobile device, it may not load the video on the page.
Happy viewing
Hayley Bertwistle

Lost Property
We have had an iPod handed into the office which was found on the way to swimming last week. If you have lost this and can prove that it is yours please come to the office for collection.

We have also had a child’s stuffed toy handed in.
P & C News

Uniform Shop
Skorts are 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.

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.

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

Next week’s $4.50 Meal Deal is:
♦ Summer Pizza
♦ Drink of your choice
♦ 2 x Garlic bread

Canteen Roster 2014

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Family Carols Night

When: next Wednesday 3rd December, gates open at 5.30pm
Cost: Gold coin donation at the gate for entry.

There will be a sausage sizzle, cold drinks, slushies and coffee available as well as show bags, and glow candles on sale.

Bring your chairs and rugs.

It will be a lovely family evening.
NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED.
Cancellations will be notified on the website and a note will go home on Tuesday if cancelled.
Learn to swim
Classes for ages 18 months to 12 years
- Water safety skills
- Fun and supportive environment
- Nationally qualified instructors
- Come every day - see the results

Where: Beresfield Pool
When: Mon 12th Jan-Thurs 22nd Jan
For more information or bookings visit: dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or Call 13 13 02