**NewsLetter**

6 March 2014

**Dates for your diary**

- **7 Mar** E Program begins
- **7 Mar** Schools Clean up day
- **7 Mar** Primary Cross Country practice
- **7 Mar** Positive Parenting Program
- **7 Mar** School Assembly 2.05pm.
- **10 Mar** Reg Kelly Shield Cricket
- **10 Mar** P & C meeting 5.30pm
- **11 Mar** Parent info evening at Francis Greenway High regarding Year 7 2015
- **12 Mar** Primary Cross Country practice
- **13 Mar** Infants Assembly 12.30pm. Run by 1/2E
- **13 Mar** Last day—Active After School Aquatics
- **14 Mar** All Year 6 to have returned High School expression of interest forms
- **14 Mar** Last day for Book Club orders
- **17-20 Mar** Book Fair. Helpers needed!
- **18 Mar** Harmony Day. Gold coin donation and come dressed in Orange.
- **19 Mar** Primary Cross Country Carnival
- **19 Mar** Parent Information re OOSH 6.30pm
- **21 Mar** Hunter Rugby League Trials
- **27 Mar** CSIRO Performance. $5 each student

**PRINCIPAL TALK**

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Because of the wet weather last Friday, we will try again tomorrow to Clean Up Australia. Infants and Support students will be making sure the school grounds look wonderful. Primary students will be walking down to Tarro Reserve to clean up. While there, the primary students will stay to practise for the cross country. Students please bring gloves, a small gardening spade or fork, and a hat. Those going to Tarro might like to apply some insect repellent before they leave home.

**OOSH**

Below is a letter from Camp Australia introducing themselves to the community.

Dear Beresfield Public School Families,

The school has approved a change in the management of the school's Before, After and Vacation care program with Camp Australia.

Established in 1987, Camp Australia is a reputable family owned and operated business and the leading OSHC provider in Australia, offering a range of services in child care, sports coaching and events. They currently run OSHC programs in over 450 schools nationally, including 58+ schools in New South Wales. Schools partnering with Camp Australia have given us positive feedback about their working relationship.

This decision has been made with careful consideration through a government tender process.

In addition to the above, the following points were considered and reviewed by the school executive when making its decision:

- Camp Australia will take over all the administration of the OSHC program that includes staffing, staff training and professional development, payroll, licensing, account management and provision of food, equipment and materials
- All staff members will have a current Working with Children Check at each session
- The Program will be run in accordance with the current Child Care Act and National Quality Framework
- Camp Australia staff will incorporate the school’s culture and values into all aspects of the program
- Camp Australia will provide comprehensive and well-presented information and promotion materials on a regular basis
- There will be a parent information session to assist families in the transition.
- Camp Australia will provide professional and comprehensive progress reports for the School administration

We have every confidence we are moving in the right direction and look forward to providing a fun, safe and engaging program in partnership with Camp Australia for our school community. **Please come and meet with Camp Australia staff at the information night held on Wednesday 19th March – 6.30pm in the school library.**

We thank you and value your support.

**Playground Changes**

The students are enjoying the use of the new areas that are now available in our playground.
This gives them the opportunity to spread out and experience a wider range of environments. Those playing games on the grass are now finding it less congested.

**Harmony Day-Gold Coin donation**

We will celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday 18th March. On this day, students will be encouraged to wear orange, the colour that symbolises harmony. For this privilege, the students can donate a gold coin which will go towards the Year 6 Farewell later in the year. There will be a special assembly where students will celebrate their different cultural backgrounds. At lunch, due to the generosity of the Vijeyananthan family, each student will receive a small portion of Butter Chicken with rice, to experience a genuine Sri Lankan dish!

**Reg Kelly Shield Cricket Competition**

Our first game will be against Seaham Public School next Monday 10th March. Mr Tim Senkalski is our cricket coach this year. Notes were sent home to the cricket team last Friday.

**Year 5 and 6 Parent Information Evening at FGHS**

Next Tue 11th March there will be a parent info evening at Francis Greenway High School to explain about the transition to high school. It is on between 5:50pm and 7:00pm and is in the Multi Purpose Centre at the high school.

**High School Expression of Interest**

These were handed out to all Year 6 students last Monday and will need to be filled out and returned to Beresfield Public School by Friday 14th March. Please see your class teacher or the office if you require help to fill out the form.

**PPP Program**

Do you ever wish that kids came with a user manual? The Positive Parenting Program is being run at our school on three consecutive Fridays – 7th, 14th and 21st March. This is a terrific course which is friendly, non-judgmental and gives lots of good ideas about being an even better parent. Contact the school office if you are interested in participating.

**Head Lice**

During the warmer weather it is often common to see an increase in the number of cases of head lice being reported to school. There are many wonderful resources on the internet and your local chemist can also provide advice. Here is some useful information on how to find and treat head lice;

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff or dirt, but can’t be brushed off. Lice can crawl and hide. An easy and effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

- Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
- Comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
- Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.
- If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.
- Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:
  - Using the conditioner and comb method every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.
  - Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product.

To break this lifecycle you must re-treat (regardless of treatment method) seven days after the first treatment and continue with weekly checking.

If your child does have head lice, it is important to report it to your teacher so that a note can go home asking parents to check their children’s hair. The information you provide to you the teacher will be confidential. A great resource page on the internet is [http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/](http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/)

**Ride2School Day**

Wed 19th March is Ride2School Day. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to ride to school on this day. Younger students can ride if they are accompanied by their parents. There will be stickers for those who ride.

**Last Week’s Quiz**

Canine’ refers to dogs. ‘Bovine’ refers to cows. What does ‘feline’ refer to? **Cats!**

Congratulations to Rhiannon Cook, Daisy Pavin, Kavi & Tharu Vijeyananthan and Manaia Parker who submitted correct entries.

**This Week’s Quiz**

Give two meanings for the word ‘tear’.

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 Fair

Our school library will be hosting a Book Fair from the 17th to the 20th of March. This is our major fundraiser for our library. There will be many fantastic books, novelties and posters for sale. Book Fair hours are 8.30am-9.00am and 3.00pm-3.30pm from Monday until Thursday.

However, it is impossible to run these special events without the help of parent volunteers. Please indicate on the note below if you are able to assist for half an hour, before or after school.

Please return your note as soon as possible.

Thank you  Karen Meyer, Teacher Librarian

Please return to Mrs Meyer

—— Book Fair Volunteer

Name:__________________________________________

Child’s Name:_________________________________ Class:____________

Day and time available—please tick the appropriate box.

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Visiting Performance – CSIRO Scientists

On Thursday 27th March, 2014 the CSIRO Scientists from Touring Science Education Centre will be visiting Beresfield Public School. Students will be amazed by their fascinating show which explores the visual and mechanical effects of unseen forces. Topics include pushes, pulls, gravity, balancing and friction. The cost for each student is $5.00. Please enclose this amount in a clearly labelled bag and return to class teacher by 10am Wednesday 26th March.

This educational show should not be missed!

Please note that there is no separate note about this performance. The performance is for the whole school, Kinder to Year 6 and is $5 per student.

Alanna Wallace
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assemblies.

| KG  | Blaire Witek     | Zayne West     |
|     | Mia Woodbridge  | Daisy Pavin    |
|KS   | Brock Maybury   | Mikayla Dunn  |
|     | William Hendrikson | Jye Flett  |
|1/2B | Brody Scrivener | Jye Stair     |
|     | Chelsea Crossley| Mikayla Ireland|
|1/2C | Tully Mather    | Bella Evans   |
|     | Abbigail Woods  | Halle Woodbridge|
|1/2E | Mekenzi Brown   | Aleisha Bailey|
|     | Jacob Rowe      | Joshua Hodgson|
|1/2H | Jaya Sukada     | Lachlan Bettley|
|     | Mackenzie Bourke| Lilly Witek   |
|3/4C | David Styles    | Kaleah Picton |
|3/4D | Jonah Lawrie-Black | Sharlainah Stoimenoff |
|3/4H | Chelsea Raymond | Lewis Machin  |
|3/4S | Heath Rogers    | Tyler Cox     |
|5/6A | Journey Fulham  |               |
|5/6H | Jules Tintero   | Phoenix Wells |
|5/6W | Thomas White    | Indah Sukada  |
|K-6T | Hayley Payne    |               |

**Primary Sport - Cross Country Running**

On Friday, 7 March and Wednesday, 12 March, Stage 2 and 3 will walk to Tarro Reserve for sport. It will be during the morning session and will be cross country running practice in preparation for the Cross Country Running Carnival on Wednesday, 19 March, 2014.

Please ensure your child has suitable running/walking shoes, hat, sunscreen and a water bottle as well as an asthma puffer if needed. All students must have returned the Local Excursion Permission Note prior to the first session. Contact your child’s teacher if you are unsure whether you have.

More information concerning the Cross Country Carnival to be held on 19th March will be provided closer to the event.

Also, while at Tarro Reserve on Friday 7th March, Stage 2 and 3 will be taking part in Clean Up Australia Day as it was too wet last week. Students are asked to bring a hat, gloves and a small garden fork or spade for the clean up.

Helen Wiedermann

**Kinder Photos**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Beresfield Public School Kindergarten photos will not appear in the Maitland Mercury this term. Instead, the school will do its own 'photo shoot' in the coming weeks and post them on the Photo Gallery of our website. Stay tuned...

Jonathan Ridgway
Year 6 Expression of Interest Forms
As your Year 6 child’s primary school education is coming to a close at the end of this year, it is now time to think about which secondary school your child will attend in 2015. On Monday 3rd March, an information guide and Expression of Interest form was sent home to the parents / carers of Year 6 students.

The guide gives you information about the different types of government secondary schools to help you decide which school you would like your child to attend. Included will be an Expression of Interest form that you will need to complete with your preferences for placement(s) of your child in Year 7. Please see your child's class teacher or the office if you require advice about completing the form. **The Expression of Interest will need to be returned by Friday 14th March 2014 as we need to process them and have them ready for the High School to collect.**

Jan Fanning

When kids ask “the” questions .... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to our school! With more than 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 35,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

We have had sufficient expression of interest to enable this program to go ahead. The program is for Years 3,4,5 and 6 and will be held on Wed 9th April. Please return the slip on the bottom of the note with payment by Friday 21st March to attend.

Jan Fanning

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**Triple P—Seminar Series**

**Positive Parenting Program**

Parents and carers of children 2-12 years are invited.

The seminars are designed to
- provide an overview and introduction to the principles of positive parenting.
- encourage behaviour you would like from your child
- deal consistently and decisively with problem behaviour
- prepare children for successful experiences at school
- take the stress out of parenting

Fridays: 9.30-11.30am
7th, 14th & 21st March 2014
Venue: Beresfield Public School
Lawson Avenue, Beresfield

FREE limited children's group available on school premises.

**Bookings ARE ESSENTIAL** so that we can keep the course size manageable.

To register call Cynthia on 49 642174
STOCKLAND GREENHILLS COMPETITION
PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR SCHOOL!
1/2B have entered Beresfield Public School into the Stockland Greenhills Stockland Star competition. We chose the theme "Family and Belonging" as we are currently investigating these concepts in class.
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO EARN VOTES FOR OUR STAR!
When shopping at Stockland Greenhills between 3rd and 30th March, register your details at the Customer Care Centre. For every $1 a customer spends 1 star vote will be allocated to their nominated star. There will also be bonus points periods allocated throughout the program. The winning school receives $3000 so this is a fantastic opportunity to support the school.
Jennifer Bissett

Stockland Greenhills Competition

PARKS WEEK
Celebrate with us at Glenrock State Conservation Area

SUNDAY 9th MARCH From 10am-2pm-FREE OF CHARGE

Gateway to Glenrock is a community open day that will give you a taste of many of the experiences offered in National Parks. With activities for both adults and kids, there will be something for everyone. Let a Discovery Ranger take you on a guided tour of Glenrock State Conservation Area or let the kids imaginations run wild in a WilderQuest activity. For the more adventurous, bring your mountain bike. Entertainment will run throughout the day. Bring your own food and drink or grab some light refreshments on site. For more information visit www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 72757.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?
Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.
If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.
The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Shop and win our school $3000

ACT NOW!
DEADLINE
JUNE 2014
P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am til 9am. Order forms are available at the school office if you cannot make it to the uniform shop at these times. Please note that the Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers.
If your child has grown out of their uniform we would appreciate your donation of clean second hand uniforms. Thank you.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting will be held in the school staff room at 5.30pm on Monday 10th March. All welcome.

Shopping Trip to Sydney
It’s that time of year again where we start organising the shopping tour to raise funds for our school. It is on the 25th and 26th October 2014. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Darling Harbour, and the cost is $240. This includes: overnight accommodation, Luxury coach (pick up points are Tarro Hotel and Wallsend), Light Breakfast (day 1), Full Buffet Breakfast (day 2), wine and cheese to relax on the way home. Lunch Day 1 will be at The Intersection Tavern at the cost of $15.50.
A deposit of $50 is required by Friday 2nd May 2014, with full payment due by 25th August 2014, which can be dropped off in an envelope with name and contact details at the school office or canteen.
For further details you can contact Jodie Payne on 0425 26 16 36.

Canteen News
Please note that Safari Pops are no longer available.

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
◊ KG & 3/4S class rooms moving
◊ Interrelate Family Evening Program booking and payment note
◊ Reg Kelly Shield cricket team note
◊ Primary Cross Country Carnival

Canteen Roster 2014

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CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE- It has gone mobile!
Hint– save it as a favourite!
www.beresfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
⇒ Newsletters
⇒ Calendar of upcoming events
⇒ Photos of activities the students have been involved in.
⇒ An absentee note you can use.
⇒ Permission notes for upcoming events.
⇒ Announcements in case of cancellation of events due to wet weather etc.

It is now easier to view our website on your mobile phone or tablet. A mobile version of the site has been created with a range of features fine tuned for when you are on the move.
Just visit from a smart phone or tablet device and follow the prompts.
BERESFIELD NETBALL CLUB
Beresfield Netball desperately need players aged 11 years or 12 years to play in our 12 year old team. We currently have 6 players registered and need at least 1 more player so the team can play.

Please contact Leanne Blackie
Secretary
Beresfield & District Netball Club

Phone: 0414 868 489.

Important Notice: Community Safety Project
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