Dates for your diary

14 Mar All Year 6 to have returned High School expression of interest forms
14 Mar Last day for Book Club orders
14 Mar Positive Parenting Program
17-20 Mar Book Fair. Helpers needed!
18 Mar Harmony Day. Gold coin donation and come dressed in Orange.
18 Mar Harmony Day assembly 2pm. All welcome
19 Mar Primary Cross Country Carnival
19 Mar Parent Information re OOSH 6.30pm
19 Mar Ride 2 School Day
21 Mar Hunter Rugby League Trials
21 Mar Positive Parenting Program
25 Mar Last day Active After School R League
27 Mar CSIRO Performance. $5 each student
27 Mar Infants Assembly 12.30pm
28 Mar Whole School Assembly 2.05pm
1 Apr Reg Kelly Shield cricket v Grahamstown
3 Apr Zone Cross Country

PRINCIPAL TALK

High School Expression of Interest
Could all Year 6 students return these to Beresfield Public School by tomorrow, Friday 14th March.

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.

Book Fair
Come along next week to our school hall for the Book Fair. Open Monday morning and closes Thursday afternoon. See more details later in the newsletter.

Working Bee
Next Monday morning our Aboriginal students in Stages 2 and 3 will join some high school Aboriginal students to work on the bush regeneration in the corner of our school site. On this morning we will plant more undergrowth, as well as edge the paths through the mulch. The students will receive a special morning tea for their efforts.

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 an adult. There will be stickers for those who ride.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home, from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. We will celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday 18th March. On this day, students will be encouraged to wear orange, the colour that symbolises harmony. Please remember to wear closed in shoes to school and no singlets are allowed. For the privilege of coming out of uniform, the students are asked to donate a gold coin which will go towards the Year 6 Farewell later in the year. There will be a special assembly at 2pm with a presentation by Stage 3 and performances by some students. Parents are welcome. 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!

Jan Fanning
Cross Country
All primary students will walk down to Tarro Reserve to take part in the school Cross Country Carnival next Wed 19th March. See more details later in this newsletter.

OOSH
Please come and meet with Camp Australia staff at the information night held on Wednesday 19th March – 6.30pm in the school library.

parkrun
parkrun is a free, weekly, 5km timed fun run which operates in locations around the world. They are open to everyone, and are safe and easy to take part in.

These events take place in pleasant parkland surroundings and people of every ability are encouraged to take part; from juniors to those with more experience; everyone is welcome. The events are run completely by volunteers, with a real community atmosphere.

The Maitland run is on every Saturday at 8am at Walka Water Works. There are four others in Newcastle. To run, you should first go to the website to register www.parkrun.com.au

Once registered you print out a barcode and take it with you. At the end of the race you receive a token with the place you came, which is scanned along with your barcode by a volunteer. Later on the same day, an email is sent to you with your time, place and other statistics. This is a great way to motivate yourself to beat last week’s time, or post a PB!

Or the way I am motivated to go faster is to try and beat Hayden White! He beats me every week! At least I can beat his brother Noah – while he is in his wheelchair!

Easter Celebrations
Join us on Thursday 10th April when we celebrate Easter. This is our second last day of Term 1. This year Easter occurs on the middle weekend of the school holidays.

Last Week’s Quiz
Give two meanings for the word ‘tear’. 1. To rip or break. 2. A drop of water from the eyes when crying.

Congratulations to Lilli and Ava Gover, Ryan Warden, David, Declan and Dakoda Styles who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Quiz
What number am I? If you turn me upside down, I am bigger by 3!

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

Attention Year 6 Students
The High School Expression of Interest form needs to be returned by tomorrow, Friday 14th March 2014 as we need to process them and have them ready for the High School to collect. Thank you to those who have already returned theirs.

Jan Fanning

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
❖ Reading Recovery note to participating students
❖ Personal Learning Plan notes to some students

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket
On Monday the boys and girls cricket team played Seaham Public school in the first round of the Reg Kelly Shield. After deciding to field first the players showed great effort and enthusiasm in their bowling and fielding, with Kimberly McNamara getting the only wicket of the bowling effort and Chloe Marsh hitting the stumps from twenty metres. On the changeover Cooper Taylor and Dylan Evans opened the batting with some great scores, with the rest of the team also equally pitching in and some hard hitting from Bradley Shepherd.

Unfortunately the team were not able to bat to victory going down by 75 runs. While it was a hard defeat, the team all enjoyed themselves and are hotly awaiting the next game against Grahamstown P.S on the 1st of April.

Tim Senkalski
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 the 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

Interrelate

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. This program is for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Thank you to all those parents who have already paid to attend the Interrelate Family Program on Wed 9th April.
We now also have other families from other schools in the Gateway Learning Community who will also be attending.
As they will be paying on the night, we are now opening this option up to our Beresfield families as well. To help us with our organisation of the evening, we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you are attending and will be paying on the night.
Please return the tear-off slip below to Mrs Fanning.

Interrelate Family Evening Program

Please return this slip to your child’s teacher in a clip-locked bag by Friday 21st March.
I/We, ______________________________ will be attending the family evening program run by Interrelate on Wed 9th April 2014, with my/our child/ren

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Session Time</th>
<th>Package Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6:00pm (Suitability Years 3,4,5 &amp; 6)</td>
<td>$25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7.15pm (Suitability Years 5 &amp; 6)</td>
<td>$25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Both sessions</td>
<td>$30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

I will pay on the night

Parent signature: __________________________

X------------------------------------------ Please return to your teacher ------------------------------------------
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>KG</th>
<th>Aleena Saunders</th>
<th>Patrick Allen</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KS</td>
<td>Mia Burns</td>
<td>Charlie Bristow</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Andy Lu</td>
<td>Madison Cruickshanks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Bella Evans</td>
<td>Tom Langley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2E</td>
<td>Sarah Shelton</td>
<td>Isabella Wilson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Lilly Witek</td>
<td>Kyra Picton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Jayson Werner</td>
<td>Haylee Leayr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4D</td>
<td>Ky Eden</td>
<td>Thara Vijeyananthan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4H</td>
<td>Sophie Murray</td>
<td>Imogen Wilson-White</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Hayley Alexander</td>
<td>Sienna Burt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Sophie-Lee Stair</td>
<td>Daniel Hunt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Georgia Hadfield</td>
<td>Isaac Muir</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6W</td>
<td>Aden Young</td>
<td>Dakoda Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K-6T</td>
<td>Brooklyn Jones-Smith</td>
<td>K-6K Kia Lake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K-6L</td>
<td>William Leigh</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Library News**
I would like to invite all mums, dads, grandmas, grandads, friends and neighbours to attend our fabulous Book Fair, next week, in the school hall. The fair will be open from Monday until Thursday. We will open each morning at 8.30am and stay open until bell time at 8.55am. We will reopen each afternoon at 3pm and close at 3.30pm. Our fair is a great place to buy an Easter gift for someone and is an excellent place for children to spend their pocket money. For every item sold our school will receive a percentage of the sale to purchase books for our library.

Hope to see you at the fair!
Please note that parent helpers are still required to help for either half an hour before or after school. Please contact the office or myself if you can help.

Thank you.
Karen Meyer
(Teacher Librarian)

**Hunter PSSA Rugby League**
Three boys from our school have been selected to represent the Hunter at the PSSA Rugby League trials on Friday 21st March at Lakeside Sporting Complex, Raymond Terrace. There will be training at Shamrock Oval, Ashtonfield on the 18th and 20th March from 4pm until 5pm.

Good luck to our students and to the team!
Stefani Hainsworth.

**REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS**
All students need to pay $5 to attend the CSIRO Show coming to our school on 27th March.
Payment needs to be sent in a zip lock bag labelled with child’s name by 10am on Wednesday 26th March to the class teacher.
Please see the previous page for more information.
As the students stay at school for this show, there will be no separate permission note sent home.

Thank you

**Gates**
Again we ask that pedestrians do not walk through the double gates at Boomerang St. This entrance is dedicated to vehicles only. People and cars are not a safe mix!

Jonathan Ridgway
Cross Country Carnival

The Stage 2 and Stage 3 Cross Country Carnival will be on Wednesday, 19 March, 2014 at Tarro Reserve. Permission notes went home last week and are required to be returned by Tuesday, 18 March, 2014. If your child did not receive one please contact your class teacher. At the carnival Stage 2 will have the option to either run, jog or walk a 2km course and the Stage 3 course will be 3km around Tarro Reserve. The students have been training during their weekly sport and are expected to attend and participate. Volunteers are required to man the course at various intervals. Therefore, if you are available could you please advise by indicating on the permission note. All volunteers must complete a Working with Children Check which includes a 100 point identification process. This will need to be completed prior to the carnival and I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have already done this in 2014, it does not need to be done again. On the day, all students are to come to school first and will then walk with their classes to the reserve. Please ensure they have a hat, sunscreen, comfortable running/walking shoes, towel to sit on and an asthma puffer if required. Please do not bring insect repellant. If you feel your child requires it, please apply at home prior to school. No recess from the canteen can be ordered on the day, so all students must bring their own recess and plenty of bottled water. Regular classroom lessons will commence after the carnival at approximately 12.30pm. If the carnival is postponed due to inclement weather, Monday, 24 March is the planned back up date. Please see your class teacher for any further details.

Helen Wiedermann - Carnival Organiser

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
Dear Parents / Carers of Years 3-6 students

This year we are offering students in Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) tests. This competition is run by Educational Assessment Australia, a division of the University of NSW. This year we are offering English, Mathematics, Spelling, Computer Skills and Science papers.

Please note, these tests will only proceed if there are sufficient numbers.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUBJECT</th>
<th>SITTING DATES</th>
<th>COST - Payment due 4th April</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Computer Skills</td>
<td>20 May 2014</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Science</td>
<td>4 June 2014</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spelling</td>
<td>17 June 2014</td>
<td>$12.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>English</td>
<td>29 July 2014</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maths</td>
<td>12 August 2014</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Entry is optional. If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions, please complete the application form at the front office. Please note that payment is due in full for all entries by Friday 4th April, 2014. Please note that payments are non refundable. You can find out more information at this website - www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Mrs Fanning

ICAS Coordinator

Primary Kids Clean-Up Tarro Reserve

Last Friday, Stage 2 and 3 walked to Tarro Reserve and picked up all the rubbish on the 2km course, which will be used for our Cross Country Carnival. They did a great job walking and cleaning up! We will train on this course for our weekly sport up until the carnival on Wednesday, 19 March, 2014. Volunteers are required on the day, so please put your name on the permission note to help so all necessary paperwork is completed before the day.

Helen Wiedermann
Help Please
Canteen volunteers are still required as a few people are no longer able to help. Your children and grandchildren love to see you helping in the canteen, so please leave your name with the office or at the canteen.

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 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.

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. 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.

STOCKLAND GREENHILLS COMPETITION
PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR SCHOOL!
1/2B have entered Beresfield Public School into the Stockland Greenhills Stockland Star competition.
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

Canteen Roster 2014

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mon 17 March</th>
<th>Tuesday 18 March</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jodie Payne</td>
<td>Canteen Closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lyn Stilgo</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elizabeth Woods</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Wed 19 March</th>
<th>Thur 20 March</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lisa Woods</td>
<td>Christine Shelton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cassie McDonald</td>
<td>John Bettley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elizabeth Woods</td>
<td>Joe Reckwell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sam Shepherd</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fri 21 March</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cassie McDonald</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ann Bettley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elizabeth Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tracey Twitchin</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

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.
Important Notice: Community Safety Project
WWW.YUNSTKD.COM.AU
50 Scholarships Available Now

Korean Art of Self Defence / Olympic Sport
Quality Training with Experienced 6th Dan Black Belt Taekwondo Master
Instructor and Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Taekwondo Management Team Member.

Training Monday and Wednesday 6.00pm-7.30pm
Now at Somerset Park Sporting Complex
Somerset Drive, Somerset Park Thornton.

FREE Uniform valued at $65 on presentation of this flyer.
Fully insured, qualified, professional and safe.

Phone: 0429 021 558

* Registered TKDNSW, Taekwondo Australia, and World Taekwondo Federation.