Dates for your diary
28 Mar Netball Gala Day at Kurri
28 Mar Whole School Assembly 2.05pm
1 Apr Reg Kelly Shield cricket v Grahamstown
3 Apr Zone Cross Country
4 Apr Entry and payment for University competitions due—optional Y3-6
4 Apr Deposit due for Year 4, 5, 6 Camps
4 Apr Excursion to movies for K-6L and K-6K
9 Apr Interrelate sessions
10 Apr Easter celebrations at school
11 Apr Last day of Term 1
29 Apr Students return for Term 2
6 May Photo Day

PRINCIPAL TALK
Books In Homes
Today the students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 participated in an assembly that celebrated the ongoing support of Quarry Mining to subsidise the Books In Homes Program. During this year, each infants student will receive 3 packages with 3 books in each package. These books are personally chosen by the children, and are theirs to keep at home forever. What a wonderful gift!

Netball Gala Day tomorrow
We wish the girls all the best as they travel to Kurri tomorrow for a netball gala day. This should be a wonderful day for the girls as they play a number of matches throughout the day. Thanks to Mrs Wiedermann for organising this event.

Personalised Learning Plans
All Aboriginal students have a Personalised Learning Plan that is updated annually. Discussions are now scheduled for Tue 1st April, Wed 2nd April and Mon 7th April. NB. Meetings which were on Mon 31st Mar have been moved to Mon 7th April.

Cricket vs Grahamstown
Our cricket team play Grahamstown in our second of five matches in the Reg Kelly Shield. It will be played at King Park Fields No 3, Raymond Terrace on Tuesday 1st April. Notes are due back by tomorrow, Friday 28th March.

Zone Cross Country
The first four students from each race in our school carnival will qualify to attend the Zone Cross Country Carnival which occurs next Thursday 3rd April. Mrs Wiedermann will accompany the students. See later in this newsletter for photos and results from our Primary Cross Country on 19th March.

Interrelate
Sessions about sexuality will occur on Wed evening 9th April. The first session is appropriate for all students from Years 3-6, and the second session more appropriate for students in Years 5 -6. Families are charged $25 for one session or $30 for both. Please let us know beforehand if you intend to participate, but you can pay on the night.

Easter Celebrations
Join us on Thursday 10th April when we celebrate Easter from 11.30am. This is our second last day of Term 1. This is always a great spectacle for parents. The Easter bunny may be present also!

Last Week’s Quiz
When playing board games, you often roll two dice. What do you call just one? A die.
Congratulations to Ebonie Hyde, Brianna and Jessica Evans, James Coxon, Thara and Thanu Vijeyananthan who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Quiz
Which of the states and territories of Australia is an island?
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.

Find below an extract from Paul Kelly’s memoir, “How to Make Gravy”
You might find these lists to be as thought
provoking as I did when I came across them in the holidays…

**What’s Bad for Children**

- Threats or promises that aren’t kept
- Put-downs
- Too much choice
- No chores
- High self-esteem
- Conditional love

**What’s Good for Children**

- Places to run
- Boredom
- Music
- Uncles and aunts and cousins
- Other children
- Other languages
- Limits

**What to Teach Children**

- Good manners
- How to use both sides of the brain
- How to use both sides of the body
- The value of money
- Curiosity
- Argument with respect
- The difference between Frank Sinatra’s Columbia and Capitol years (or the difference between a raven and a crow, or between reverse and orthodox in-swing)
- How to leave you

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

**Great Aussie Bush Camp - Year 4**

The Year 4 camp will be held at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Port Stephens from Monday 15th September until Wednesday 17th September. The cost of this camp will be $250.00. Further details about this camp are in the letter which your child bought home last week.

**The deposit of $50 is due by 4th April.**

**Stage 3 Camp - Katoomba and Bathurst**

This year the Stage 3 camp will be held at Katoomba / Jenolan Caves and the Bathurst goldfields from Wed 17th September until Friday 19th September. The cost of this camp will be approximately $350.00. Further details about this camp are in the letter which your child bought home last week.

**The deposit of $50 is due by 4th April.**

Jan Fanning

**NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY**

- Boys cricket- Reg Kelly Shield
- Rugby League team selection note
- Stage 3 Camp-Expression of interest + deposit
- Year 6 farewell shirts notice of meeting
- Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp Expression of interest + deposit.
- Excursion note K-6K and K-6L
- Starstruck note.

**Parent Tips**

**Dad and son time**

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship. Find out more: [http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars)

**Homework for little kids**

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child's teacher.


**Helping your child to become a good speller**

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

Below is a summary of our Bicycle and Scooter Policy for 2014. This year, we decided to trial allowing students to ride scooters to and from school. It is the students’ responsibility to ensure they observe the following rules if they wish for the riding of scooters to school to continue.

Students in Years 4-6 only will be permitted to ride their scooters / bikes to and from school.
Students from K-3 must have a parent/adult with them.
Entry and exit will be via the Hawthorn Street and Boomerang Street gates only.
NO student is permitted to ride their scooter/ bike WITHIN the school grounds at any time.
NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL FOR THE CARE OF STUDENTS’ SCOOTERS, BICYCLES OR HELMETS.
Parents will be notified if their child is observed riding unsafely to or from school or not adhering to these rules.

**Guidelines specific to Bicycles**

**As per RTA and DEC guidelines**

Students **must** correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.

Bicycles **must** be fitted with a bell.

*All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed.* This includes the pedestrians’ right of way on footpaths. Children between 10-12 years of age are permitted to ride safely on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.

**Guidelines specific to Scooters**

It is **recommended** that students correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a scooter.
On Wednesday, 19th March, Stage 2 and Stage 3 students went to Tarro Reserve for the annual Cross Country Carnival. It was a very sunny and warm day for the event and our sport training paid off with great running and participation from all students. Students ran in their 2014 age group with 8, 9, and 10 years running a 2 km course while 11 and 12 years ran the big 3 km. The age results are as follows:
Please note 8/9 Years compete together.

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The Sports House point score was:
1st Possums, 2nd Kangaroos, 3rd Platypus, 4th Koalas

Thank you also to the following parent volunteers who were marshals on the course: Cheryl Lee, Karen Grainger, John Bettley, Connie Hunt, Tanika Neate, Debbie Budden, Sandra Fox, Nicole Watson and Joe Reckwell. The carnival could not go ahead without your assistance. Much appreciated!!

Additional photos are also available for viewing on the website!

Helen Wiedermann, Cross Country Carnival Organiser.
2014 UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS

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 and Computer Skills and Science papers.

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

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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 4 April. 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

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**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.

**When:** Wednesday 9th April

**Session 1:** 6.00pm “Where Did I Come From” (Years 3,4,5,6)

**Session 2:** 7.15pm “Preparing for Puberty” (Year 5 & 6)

To attend one session it is $25. For both sessions it is $30.

To help us with our organisation of the evening please return the slip below if you would like to attend this program. You can pay in advance or pay on the night.

☒ ———————————————————————————Please return to the office——————————————————————————

**Interrelate Family Evening Program**

I/We ____________________________________ will be attending the family evening program run by Interrelate on Wed 9th April 2014, with my/ our children.

________________________________________________________________________________________

1. 6.00pm (Suitability Yr 3,4,5,6) $25 ☐

________________________________________________________________________________________

2. 7.15pm (Suitability Yr 5,6) $25 ☐

________________________________________________________________________________________

2. Both Sessions $30 ☐

☒ Money enclosed ☐ I will pay on the night

Parent signature:__________________________________________
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.

Canteen News
If your child is having a lunch order, could you please send correct change or smaller notes. We do not like to give children lots of change that can be easily lost at school while they are playing. Thank you.

Shopping Trip to Sydney
Don’t forget our upcoming shopping trip to help raise funds for our school. It is on 25th & 26th October and a deposit is required by Friday 2nd May. Contact Jodie Payne on 0425 261636.

Canteen Roster 2014

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Fri 4 April

| Cassie McDonald      | 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 |
| Debbie Budden        |                                                                                                    |
| Elizabeth Woods      |                                                                                                    |
| Joley Jones          |                                                                                                    |

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.

STOCKLAND GREENHILLS COMPETITION PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR SCHOOL!

1/2B’s star is currently coming in 9th place with the voting. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to earn votes for our star and be in the running for the cash prize.

**BONUS PERIOD.** From Tuesday 24th of March until Sunday 30th March your receipts will attract **triple points!**
Please remember to vote for our star.
If you have any receipts from Greenhills from the March 3rd until now that have not been counted give them to Ms Bissett at school by Friday 28th so they can be allocated to our star.
Thank you.
Jennifer Bissett
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $50 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4927 8385 / 0418 699 646
or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Newcastle by the Smith Family.

The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Players Wanted

Thornton Beresfield RLC
U/6’s - U/15’s
Free Rego for U/6’s

You’re Invited to the Grand Opening of WOODBERRY
Start Your Day The Brekky Way!
Noel Unicomb Hall
Tuesday 8th April 2014
8am – 9am
BIG YUMMY BREAKFAST
Come and join the fun!

Juggling Card tricks Giveaways
Lucky Door Prizes

QUERIES CONTACT SUE 4922 7500 sue.evans@tbrlc.com.au

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www.tbrlc.leagueonnet.com.au

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