**Dates for your diary**

- **11 Apr**  Last day of Term 1
- **11 Apr**  CANTEEN CLOSED
- **29 Apr**  Students return for Term 2
- **30 Apr**  Anzac ceremony 11.30am at school
- **30 Apr**  Girls Football team training 3pm-4pm
- **5 May**  Year 6 Farewell meeting at 3.10pm
- **6 May**  Photo Day
- **6 May**  Zone touch trials
- **6 May**  Girls Football team training 3pm-4pm
- **7 May**  Mother’s Day gifts at school
- **8 May**  Infants Assembly 12.30pm.
- **9 May**  Year 4 Bush Camp instalment due
- **9 May**  Stewart House Day

**PRINCIPAL TALK**

**Easter Holidays**

Tomorrow is the last day of term. There will be no canteen so please provide food for your child. All students from Kinder to Year 6 return to school on Tuesday 29th April.

**Community ANZAC Ceremony**

We would love to see many students represent our school at the dawn service on ANZAC Day (25th April). This year is the 99th anniversary of Gallipoli.

If you are not out of town, then please make the effort to come down to the Beresfield cenotaph on the corner of Anderson Drive and Allendale Street.

Students should turn up in their school uniform at 5:15am for a 5:30 start. Bring a jumper also.

Mr Ridgway will be there with the school banner. A breakfast is offered after the event in the Bowling Club.

**Before and After School Care**

Camp Australia are looking forward to beginning operations on the first day of Term 2 – Tuesday 29th April. The refurbishment of the room is coming along beautifully. Mandy Jongerden, the co-ordinator of the service is organised and excited to begin caring for your children. If you are interested in registering your child, please go to [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). See more information on page 6 of this newsletter.

**School ANZAC Ceremony**

Our school will be commemorating ANZAC Day on Wednesday 30th April at 11:30am. Parents are asked to send a flower or two or some foliage along with their child on Wednesday morning. These will be used by class teachers to make a wreath for the ANZAC assembly.

**Staffing**

David Bates, our school counsellor, has been successful in relieving in the next most senior position for counsellors, known as the District Guidance Officer. This role will be in place for next term but may be extended further. Next term, David will be replaced by Rebecca O’Brien. Lynne Connell will return to 3/4C after shoulder surgery. We thank Carrol Cusick who has done a wonderful job with the class in Lynne’s absence.

Belinda Ward will return to the RFF teacher role next term for 3 days per week after taking leave during Term 1. Nadia Farrell will continue to work in the RFF role for 3 days per week also.

**Instructional Leader**

Beresfield Public School has been nominated to participate in a program called ‘Early Action for Success’. This program concentrates on improving the literacy and numeracy learning outcomes of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

To support this goal, the school has recruited a very experienced and knowledgeable teacher to be our Instructional Leader till the end of 2016. Vicki McKean has come from Merewether Public School where she has assumed many roles. She will start on the first day of next term and support the staff and students to become an even better school at teaching literacy and numeracy.
Tree Removal
Subsequent to the tragic accident where a tree branch killed a girl at Pitt Town Public School earlier this year, the Education Department has engaged arborists to assess all trees on all school sites. As you can imagine, this is quite a task considering there are 2200 schools across the state. We have booked a local arborist and are awaiting an assessment. In the meantime, the school would like to thank the P&C who have removed a dead tree from the play equipment area. This was a tree that couldn’t wait for the arborist report.

The Lloyd Crockett Community Hall
Yes, this will be the name of our school hall as of Wednesday 25th June, 2014. We are organising a ceremony to celebrate the many people who had a hand in moving the school onto one site, and subsequently lobbying so that some of the proceeds from the sale of the infants site that used to be on the other side of Lawson Avenue were used to supply the school with a hall. The person with the vision was Lloyd Crockett, principal of the school from 1991 to 1999. He and others will be special guests on the day. Everyone interested will be welcome to join us on the day to firstly mingle between 9-10am in the school library, and then be part of the assembly between 10-11am. It should be a wonderful occasion full of old faces, wonderful memories and entertaining and interesting anecdotes!

HELP PLEASE
If there is a dad (or mum) out there who is a welder and willing to help, can you please contact Bill at school. We have a small job you could help us with. Thank you

Last Week’s Quiz
Twice 2 is 4. What is thrice 2? This means 3 times 2 = 6
Congratulations to Hayley Alexander, Katalina, Ethan, Blayden and Harlem Bailey who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Jokes
Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road? His friends egged him on!
Why can’t eggs be comedians? They’d crack each other up!
What did the rabbit say to the carrot? It’s been nice gnawing you!
Where do bunnies hang out? The hare salon!

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt K-6T
K-6T (Support Class) are looking forward to their picnic and Easter egg hunt tomorrow. We will be leaving at 11:50am and returning at 1:30pm. Tanya Dutlow

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
• Note to students in 1/2C
• Girls School Football team note
• Notes to Year 3 and Year 5 re NAPLAN

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.

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| 5/6A     | Tim Langley        | Clayton Auld       |
| 5/6H     | Pheobe Brady       | Lachlan Jackson    |
| 5/6W     | Dylan Evans        | Luke Lawrence      |

STOCKLAND STARS
1/2B would like to thank everyone for voting for our Stockland Star. Unfortunately we did not secure enough votes to win a prize but we have enjoyed having our work displayed at Stockland Greenhills. Thank you for your support.

Jennifer Bissett
Zone Cross Country

The zone cross country carnival was held on Thursday, 3 April, at Tocal Agricultural College on the hottest April day in 90 years! There was a team of 32 Beresfield Public School students competing. It was a very hot, sunny day and a big thank you to Mr Lawrence, who saved us by bringing the school shade to give some relief from the heat. Also to Cheryl Lee who brought it to school back in her van. Appreciate both your help immensely!

All students performed very well and did their best in difficult conditions. You could see how hard they tried by their red faces! Our team consisted of the following students, including four who participated with only one day notice! Thank you for representing our school!
**Beresfield PS ANZAC Ceremony**

Please join us to help commemorate ANZAC Day at a special ceremony which will be held on Wednesday 30th April at 11.30am in our school hall. Would you please send a flower or two and/or some foliage with your child on Wednesday morning. These will be used to make a class wreath which will be laid at our ANZAC ceremony.

Jan Fanning

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**School Photos**

Tuesday 6th May is school photo day. Each child has received a personalised photo envelope. The envelopes can be returned to school for safe keeping by Monday 5th May. Alternatively, children can return their envelopes on photo day 6th May and they will be given directly to the photographer. The photographers charge a fee for late orders. Payments for all students in a family can be placed in the one envelope but all envelopes need to be returned. Please ensure correct money is in the envelopes as they are handed unopened to the photographers. This year payments can be made on the photographer’s website. Envelopes still need to be returned to school though.

If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Master School Portraits. If you would like a Family Portrait, please return the section on page 7 to the office to receive a Family Portrait envelope.

If another envelope is required (eg mum's copy or dad's copy) please see the office.

For any enquiries, please call MSP Photography on 4966 8292. Thank you.

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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.

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**REMINDERS**

- The early morning session is the most valuable learning time for all students at school. Parents are asked to please ensure that children arrive at school before 9am so that their learning and the learning of other children is not disrupted.

- Parents wishing to talk to teachers are welcome but please catch the teacher at the end of the school day or arrange an appointment through the office for a private interview. Morning messages should only be provided in written form.

- The driveways of some neighbours of the school have been blocked by parents picking children up at the end of the day. All parents are asked to avoid blocking any driveways or other access points when picking children up from school.
Year 6 Farewell

There will be a meeting of any parents interested in being part of the Year 6 Farewell Committee on Monday 5th May at 3:10pm in Mrs Wiedermann's classroom. Please contact me if you need more information.

Jan Fanning
Assistant Principal Stages 2 & 3

Opportunity placement (Gifted and Talented)
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally, students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.
Parents are able to apply for up to two schools and should give consideration to the distance and mode of transport to the school when making application. The nearest Opportunity Classes to Beresfield are at Rutherford and Tighes Hill Public Schools.
Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement.
Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Application packages will be available in schools from 29 April for those without internet access.
Applications submitted on-line or lodged via paper application, should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 16th May 2014.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.
On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.
NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.
All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html
NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.
After School Care provides a safe environment for children to explore and play

About the program

After School Care promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and supports children to develop new skills – all while having fun.

Beresfield Public School has partnered with Camp Australia, the leading provider of before and after school care in Australia. This high quality program embraces the school's values and builds on your child's educational experience and individual interests. The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia staff who are on a mission to bring smiles to kids' faces. As trained educators, we know lots of different ways to help your child get the most out of their day and feel good about themselves.

Key information

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Note: Additional fees apply for casual bookings and vacation care onsite/offsite excursions

Next step

- Find the after school care link on your school website and click through for more information.
- visit www.campaustralia.com.au and enter your school name in the school finder.

Notes on Fees and out of pocket:

1. The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and scaled, resulting in a reduction of between 0% and 85% of the fees.
2. The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested and is available to almost all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees owing after the CCB has been calculated and considered.

So that the CCB and CCR can be automatically applied to your account you will need to provide your Centrelink Customer Reference Number(s) (CRN/s) during the registration process. These can be obtained from the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

We look forward to caring for your children

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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.

Mother's Day Helpers
Helpers will be required to help take the gifts to classes. Please come in at 9am on Wednesday 7th May if you can assist with this.

Mother's Day Gifts
The Mother's Day stall will be held Wednesday 7th May. Gifts will cost $5 each. You can pre-order by sending $5 per gift in a zip lock bag to the canteen next term, including your child's name, class and how many gifts you would like. The correct money would be appreciated.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH REQUEST NOTE
I would like to take the opportunity to have my children photographed together on Tuesday 6th May (Term 2, Week 2) by MSP Photography. Please send me a Family Portrait Pack pre-pay envelope.

I will return this to the office before the photo day with full payment enclosed.

Family Surname: ______________________
Children's Names: ____________________  Class _____
______________________________  Class _____
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Signature: _________________________

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.
Kids First Aid offers the only first aid courses delivered exclusively by experienced paramedics, designed to teach parents, grandparents and caregivers how to respond calmly and confidently to 10 of the most common first aid emergency situations.

Courses available now:

Newcastle Leagues Club
Sunday 13th April or 18th May, 9.30 to 12.30pm

Book Online Today:  www.kidsfirstaid.com.au
or call 1300 138 133

Private Sessions also available

MAITLAND BRASS BAND WORKSHOP

The Conservatorium in conjunction with Maitland City Brass Band will be holding a free brass band workshop on May 4th 2014.

It will run from 10am and finish at 1pm with a BBQ lunch. Held at the Maitland Conservatorium, 301 High St, Maitland.

For any queries call 49 348036 or email alisha.laney@newcastle.edu.au

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 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

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