Dates for your diary
2 May Stage 3 Katoomba instalment due
5 May Year 6 Farewell meeting at 3.10pm
6 May Prefects attend leadership training
6 May Photo Day
6 May PSSA Zone touch trials
6 May Active After School netball—see page 2
7 May Mother’s Day gifts at school
7 May Netball team 1st game
7 May Girls Football team training 3pm-4pm
8 May Boys cricket team v Grahamstown
8 May Infants Assembly 12.30pm.
8 May Active After School Multiskill—see page 2
9 May Book club orders due back
9 May Year 4 Bush Camp instalment due
9 May Stewart House Day-Out Of Uniform
12 May P & C meeting 5.30pm. All welcome
13-15 May NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5
16 May Whole school assembly 2.05pm
20 May Computer skills-University Competition

PRINCIPAL TALK
Back to it!
Welcome back to a busy Term 2! We hope you had a lovely blend of excitement and relaxation in the school holidays.

Our OOSH is back!
Camp Australia are on board and doing a terrific job re-establishing a Before and After School Care and Vacation Care service on the school grounds. Operations began on Tuesday this week and they already have a good number of students attending in the morning and afternoon. The room has been refurbished which includes a dedicated kitchenette.
If you have general enquiries about the service, please contact Mandy Jongerden, the coordinator of the service on 0424 596749. Alternatively, please go to www.campaustralia.com.au

Welcome Back
Lynne Connell returns to 3/4C after shoulder surgery. We thank Carol Cusick who has done a wonderful job with the class in Lynne’s absence. Belinda Ward returns to the RFF teacher role each Monday, Tuesday and Friday after taking leave during Term 1. Nadia Farrell will continue to work in the RFF role for 3 days per week also, being Tue/Wed/Thu.

We Welcome Three New Staff
Firstly, welcome to Rebecca O’Brien, who replaces David Bates as our school counsellor for this term. She will be with us each Monday and Thursday.
Also welcome to Veronica Hodgson who will work on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next two terms. She will assist targeted Aboriginal students in Stages 2 and 3 in the role of Norta Norta Tutor.
Our third new staff member has the title of…(see next article)

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 started on the first day of this term and will be a great asset to our school.

ANZAC Ceremony
Thanks to all who represented our school at the dawn service on 25th April, despite the stormy weather. We commemorated ANZAC Day at school yesterday.

Fire Truck
The Tarro Fire Brigade will visit the school on Friday 16th May at 12:30 and stay throughout the afternoon, giving a talk to the students about safety at our K-6 assembly at 2pm.
This Week’s Quiz
Name 3 months of the year that start with J.
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

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
- Welcome back note to 5/6H
- PSSA Touch Football note
- Active After School Netball to Y3 & 4
- Active After School Multiskill to Kinder
- K-6K & K-6L Excursion note
- Term 2 canteen menu
- Boys cricket Reg Kelly Shield

Active After School Communities.
AASC will be starting in Week 2 of this term and will run for 7 weeks until Week 8.
This terms activities will be Netball for Stage 2, which will run every Tuesday from 3-4pm starting 6th May and concluding 17th June here on school grounds. Kindergarten students will also get the opportunity to participate in Multiskill (Gross motor skills) every Thursday from 3-4pm starting 8th May and concluding 19th June here on school grounds.
Permission notes are due back to me by tomorrow morning at 10am and all students in Year 3 and 4 are welcome to apply for netball and all students in Kinder can apply for Multiskill, however please be aware we only have limited positions available.
Please be aware that positions will not be filled on a first received basis only as the program is designed to mainly (but not exclusively) target children who are at present not able to be involved in regular physical activity. A commitment for the whole period will be expected.

Gemma Gash

STEWART HOUSE DAY
On Friday, May 9th, it is Stewart House Day, when schools hold their annual fundraiser for this wonderful place. Many children from N.S.W. benefit from going to Stewart House, which is funded solely by donations from staff and students of public schools. Your child should have brought home an envelope for their $2 donation. Fill in your name and address on the envelope to go in the draw for a family holiday. On May 9th when they return the envelope to school, students can come out of uniform dressed in green or blue (shades of the sea) or as a creature or character from the sea. Please remember footwear must be closed-in and suitable for school activities and clothing needs to be sun-safe.

There will also be a ‘photo booth’ operating before school, at recess and at lunch time. Photos will be taken against an ocean backdrop for 50 cents a time, so get some friends together and have some fun!

Christine Evans

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
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 6 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.

Restorative Practices Student Leadership Training

Beresfield PS is a Restorative Practices school. This means we develop students' ability to build strong relationships with peers and adults. We guide and assist them to manage conflict and tensions by using their words to repair harm and by talking about issues that arise. In the long term this will strengthen our community.

On Tuesday 6th May our prefects will be attending a student leadership training session at FGHS. This training aims to introduce the Restorative Practices framework to student leaders with the purpose of developing a deeper level of understanding and awareness of how Restorative Practices work. Leaders will then be enabled to assist their peers in resolving conflict.

Jan Fanning
Assistant Principal, Stages 2 & 3

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.
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.

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/ocplacement.

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.

Sport

Term 2 is a big term for sport. Here is a summary of what is happening in sport at present: (PSSA stands for Primary Schools Sports Association).

Rugby League
Our team plays Ashtonfield next Monday 5th May at around 10am at Shamrock Oval, Ashtonfield. This is round 1 of the PSSA Knockout competition. Mrs Wiedermann is co-ordinating.

Zone Touch Trials
A small number of senior students will try out for the Zone Touch football team on Tuesday 6th May. Good luck.

Netball
Our school Netball team plays Minmi next Wednesday 7th May at 12 noon at Minmi Public School. This is round 1 of the PSSA Knockout competition. Mrs Connell is co-ordinating.

Soccer
The girls team is currently training each Wednesday afternoon. Their first few rounds of the PSSA Knockout competition will occur in the form of a gala day on Tuesday 27th May. Mrs Kirby is co-ordinating.

The boys soccer team will form in the next fortnight or so for training. They will also take part in a gala day a week after the girls, which will constitute their early rounds of the PSSA competition. Mr Senkalski is co-ordinating.

Jonathan Ridgway

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.
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.

or

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

www.campaustralia.com.au | 1300 105 343
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held Wednesday 7th May (and Thursday if needed). There will be lots of lovely gifts for Mum, Nan and Grandma on sale. The cost of all gifts will be $5.00. You can pre-order by using the slip below.

If anyone is able to assist with selling please meet at the Uniform Shop at 9am. Spare order forms are available at the canteen. Thank you

MOTHER’S DAY ORDER FORM
Return to school canteen with money by Monday 5th May 2014
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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    ______       Class    ______

Signature:  __________________________


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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Saturday 24th May 2014 6:30pm
Beresfield Bowling Club
$10 Per Head
Tables of 10
To book tables, please contact John Bettley (Assist Secretary) 0404 836 765 or Brad Guy (President) 0407 648 406.
Supply your own table nibbles

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Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014

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KidsFirstAid

Knowing What To Do In An Emergency Situation Could Save Your Child’s Precious Life

*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


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

Woodberry Garage Sales!

Each month on the first Wednesday of the month Maitland Neighbourhood Centre holds a GARAGE SALE. Come along and grab a bargain.

**Our next one is**

Wednesday 7th of May

10am – 12noon

Donations come from all over the community and funds go towards our Tuesday Community Breakfasts.

Any questions or queries ring Nicole on 49320950 or email nicole.mnc@live.com.au