**Dates for your diary**

16 May  Tarro Fire Brigade visits us
16 May  Whole school assembly 2.00pm
19 May  Star struck rehearsal
20 May  Computer skills-University Competition
20 May  Knights Knockout Gala Day U12’s
21 May  GRIP Leadership Day
22 May  Infants Assembly 12:30pm
23 May  Primary Assembly 2:00pm
23 May  Stage 3 Katoomba instalment due
23 May  Walk safely to School Day
26 May  Students begin presenting their speeches to class
27 May  Girls Soccer Gala Day
27 May  Reward Day
27 May  P&C Disco - info to come
29 May  Star Struck first major rehearsal
29 May  Knights Knockout Gala Day U10’s
30 May  Fundraising Day - out of uniform
2 Jun   Stage 1 Excursion to Tocal
3 Jun   Boys Soccer Gala Day
4 Jun   Science skills-University Competition
6 Jun   Primary Athletics Carnival

**Principal Talk**

**K-6 Assembly tomorrow**

Parents are welcome to attend our whole school assembly tomorrow at 2pm. The boys from the Tarro Fire Brigade will be in attendance, after showing off their truck to the students throughout the afternoon.

**Enrichment Programs**

For a number of years now we have been offering selected students the opportunity to join primary and infants workshops that extend their knowledge and skills. These workshops have included such topics as Art Appreciation, Fossils, Novel Studies, Science, Drama, Sports Wellbeing & Nutrition, and Dance.

This week begins two more workshops. Mrs Kirby is leading an infants enrichment program on Monday afternoons in cooking nutritious and simple to prepare meals that make young students more independent and confident in the kitchen.

Miss Hainsworth is utilising the Thursday afternoon Enrichment Program timeslot to consolidate the skills of the Star Struck dancers in the lead up to their performance on the 13th and 14th of June.

**Name That Duck!**

Recently Thornton Shopping Centre ran a competition to name the giant duck that now adorns the roof of the shopping centre. They are pleased to advise that Mackenzie Bourke from 1/2A won the competition with the name “Sir Quacksalot”. A consolation prize goes to Brody Scrvivener in 1/2B for the cutest entry received titled “The biggest duck in the world”. Both students will receive their awards at tomorrow’s K-6 assembly. Mackenzie has earned the school a $200 voucher at Coles Thornton. Well done to both students! (Second prize went to Thornton PS and third went to East Maitland PS).

**Walk Safely to School Day**

Friday 23rd May is Walk Safely to School Day. On this day, why not leave the car in the driveway and walk instead? If you live a fair way away, try parking a leisurely distance away from school and walk the remainder? Do the healthy thing and see how refreshing it is! Hey, you might enjoy it so much that you make a habit of it?!

**Canteen News**

As of next week, the canteen will help to keep our tummies warm during the colder months. On Mondays, toasties will be pre-ordered for recess. Then from Wed to Fri a $4 meal deal will be available at lunch. Four different deals will rotate over a four week cycle. See the P&C section later in the newsletter for further info.

**Last Week’s Quiz**

The name for which group of prehistoric animals comes from Greek for “terrible lizards”? **The Dinosaurs!**

Congratulations to Dean Murray, Thara, Thanu, Kavi and Tharu Vijeyananthan and Ryan Warden who submitted correct entries.
This Week’s Quiz

How much money is there?

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

Rugby League - Under 10s Team

On Monday, 12 May, 28 boys tried out for selection in the Under 10s Rugby League Team to represent Beresfield Public School at the Knights Knockout Gala Day on Thursday, 29 May. All boys played exceptionally well and tried their best but unfortunately only 16 could be successful as follows:

Jeremiah James, Jake Lee, Lewis Machin, Jacob Folpp, Hayden White, Beau West, Cohen Hamilton, Ryan Warden, Brayth McInnes, Jonah Lawrie Black, Jasper Brown, Tynan Shumba, Bohdi Head, Noah King, Lachlan Paix, Michael Bevan.

Thank you to everyone who tried out for selection!

Training will be each Monday and Thursday as per note sent home to each of the above players.

Helen Wiedermann

GRIP Leadership

Our prefects have been invited to the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Newcastle Panthers, King St, Newcastle on Wednesday 21st May. This conference is a very hands-on experience and our prefects will benefit greatly from attending. Jan Fanning will accompany the prefects. They will need to be at school by 8am so that we can leave no later than 8.15am. A note was sent home detailing transport arrangements.

Jan Fanning.

Hall Naming Ceremony

On Wednesday, the 25th of June, our school will be holding an official Naming Ceremony for our school hall. We are currently collecting photos for a display to show the children the changes that have taken place in our school. We are hoping that previous students and families will have photos that they could bring to our front office to be scanned for our display. If you have any photos that you could contribute, please bring them to school by Friday the 23rd of May.

Karen Meyer

Public Speaking Competition 2014

Each year Beresfield Public School conducts a whole school public speaking competition, with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 all participating. The competition winners from the School finals will then continue on to represent the school at the Zone level.

Your child/ren should have received a note from their class teacher outlining the details of an oral presentation (speech) and the requirements for their Stage. Students should have begun preparing their speeches this week in preparation for their delivery to their class teacher and peers in Week 5. This oral presentation is a part of your child/ren’s Semester One assessments and therefore all students are required to participate.

Competition Protocols:

Firstly the students will present their speech to their class and teacher in week 5, this is the week beginning May 26th. Their teacher will then select three students to continue on to the Stage competition, where they will then present their speech in front of all classes and teachers from the Stage. Stage finals will be held in week 6. Four students from each Stage will then be chosen to compete in the school finals, which will be held in week 8. A winner and a runner-up for each Stage will be chosen from the school finals. The winner of each Stage will then represent our school at the Zone public speaking competition.

Good Luck Everyone!!

Yours Kindly, Melissa Smith
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.

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**Netball**

Last Wednesday an enthusiastic team of netballers travelled to Minmi to participate in the first round of the PSSA knockout competition. The team took full advantage of the few training sessions we could hold before the big day. Many of the players had limited experience with the game but with a determined attitude and the encouragement of more experienced peers they quickly picked up the major points of netball.

The game was played with a positive spirit, all players persisting until the final whistle. Unfortunately for us, Minmi was the stronger team and won the day.

Congratulations to Katalina Bailey, Georgia Hadfield, Sarah Mate, MJ Werner, Imojen Brown, Alyssa Pillidge, Chloe Marsh, Kimberly McNamara, Cassie Pearson and Emily Bevan for the sportsmanship displayed. The girls were excellent representatives for our school.

Thank you must also go to the band of parent supporters who transported players and cheered the team on. A special thank you goes to Carlie Pillidge who gave up her time to umpire for us. It was much appreciated.

Lynne Connell

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**NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY**

- Girls Soccer Gala day
- Knights U12’s Knockout Gala Day
- Knights U10’s Knockout Gala Day
- Struck rehearsals & performance
- GRIP Leadership Conference
- Stage 1 Excursion to Tocal
- Primary Athletics Carnival

**Stewart House Day**

Thanks to all the children who took part in this fundraiser. We raised a total of $487. Its great to see our students thinking of, and supporting, other children.

Christine Evans, Organiser

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**OOSH NEWS**

Our first couple of weeks have been fantastic. Numbers of children attending are growing and the room is getting more and more colourful with art works each day. Please feel free to drop in and have a look around. If you are interested in signing up please go to www.campaustralia.com.au or call 1300 105 343.

Any general enquiries please contact the co-ordinator Mandy on 0424 596 749.

Thank you and hoping to hear from you soon.

Mandy Jongerden
OOSH Co-ordinator.
DigiEd - Stage 3
Students who responded positively to the Expression of Interest in Term 1 were given a note and had one week to return their money, before we open the invitation to the rest of Stage 3.

At the time of printing there are 10 spots left and the first students with their note and money get to participate in this great experience. The students actually plan, film and edit their own digital movie and burn their movies onto a DVD ready to be taken home. The cost of the excursion is $35.00. Please send in a zip lock bag labelled with your child’s name and class before **10am Friday, 30th May, 2014**. Payments may be made by EFTPOS at the office or by credit card over the phone. Costs are calculated by the providers. Please be advised that the cost is non-refundable.

Helen Weidermann
Excursion Co-ordinator

**Working With Children Check**
If you volunteer in the school, assist at school events, or drive students to extra-curricular activities, you will need to fill out a new, more robust Working With Children Check. This is a new requirement issued by the Department of Education.

The new form needs to be accompanied by a 100 point system similar to when applying for a new bank account.
- Please complete and sign the Declaration for Volunteers available at the school office.
- Present this to the school office with the 100 point ‘Proof of Identity’ documents (for example, Birth Certificate / Passport and Drivers Licence) preferably before the day of excursion.

The one advantage is that this check will stay valid for any other volunteer work at school till January 2017.

Parents who have already assisted us this year have had to bring in this documentation in a limited timeframe. We appreciate all parents and community who volunteer their valuable time for us. By notifying you about this change through this newsletter, we are giving prospective volunteers the opportunity to bring in the forms in a timeframe that suits you. Thanks.

Jonathan Ridgway

**Reforms to P&C Federation**
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php)

**Opportunity placement (Gifted and Talented)**

*Please note that applications close on 16th May.*

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](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

Online applications are open now. 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.
P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 9am. Order forms are available at the school office.

Canteen News Exciting!

On Mondays from 19th May, we will be making hot toasties for recess if you place an order. On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays we will have a special meal deal. Each week there will be a different meal deal available so watch the new chalkboard outside the canteen! Next week’s deal is a pie or sausage roll with sauce, a drink and an ice cream cup or lemonade icy pole for $4.00.

We are still in need of volunteers for the canteen for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays so please help out if you can.

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 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.
Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY