**Dates for your diary**
- 25 July: Bookclub orders due in
- 25 July: K-6K, K-6L excursion
- 28 July: Infants gymnastics note due back
- 29 July: University English competition
- 29 July: Infants gymnastics begins
- 29 July: Active after school athletics-Y1 & 2
- 30 July: Water Safety Talk at school
- 30 July: Education Week reception 6pm
- 30 July: Choir performs - Thornton P School 6pm
- 31 July: Electric Music show for whole school
- 31 July: Active after school cricket-Y5 & 6
- 1 Aug: Zone Athletics Carnival
- 1 Aug: Playgroup for Kinder 2015 starts
- 1 Aug: Whole School assembly 2.05pm
- 4 Aug: Zone Public Speaking-Stage 3 & Kinder
- 5 Aug: Zone Public Speaking-Stage 1 & 2
- 11 Aug: P & C meeting 5.30pm

**Gonski Week**
Next week is also known as Gonski Week. We give a Gonski!

**Water Safety**
Lifesavers from Newcastle Council will be coming to speak to the students on Wednesday 30th July about Water Safety in all forms of water.

**Education Week 2014**
Next week we celebrate Education Week. A reception will be held next Wednesday evening at Thornton Public School to recognise members of our community for their achievements. Recipients from the other schools in the Gateway Learning Community will also attend. Congratulations go to the following recipients from Beresfield Public School…

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**Gymnastics**
Just a reminder for infants students that Gymnastics will start on Tuesday of next week. Please remember to bring your permission notes in by 9am Tuesday 29th July in order to participate. Money does not need to be handed in to the office until Monday 4th August. The students are getting very excited about the program and can’t wait to learn some new skills. Kayla Hawkins

**Last Week’s Quiz**
What is the title of the school concert this year? Environment Show Case!
Congratulations to Ben & Noah K, Chloe L, Mackenzie B and Sarah M who submitted correct entries.

**PRINCIPAL TALK**
**Concert**
Our annual school concert is all about the Environment! We hope you have all had the opportunity to come and enjoy the spectacle of our classes and choir performing, singing and dancing in an array of different environments from around the world!
The concert could not be possible without the wonderful talents of our students, the ongoing support from their families, and the hard working staff.

**Naming of students**
To further protect our students from being identified online, from now on our newsletter and all documents published on our website will contain only the student's first name and initial of their surname.

**Active After School Program**
Our activities begin next week.
Tuesdays 3-4pm is athletics for Stage 1 students.
Thursdays 3-4pm is cricket for Stage 3 students.
Father's Day BBQ Breakfast
On Friday 12th September, the school will be celebrating Father’s Day with a BBQ Breakfast. This is the Friday AFTER Father’s Day. The morning will start at 7:30am, will include a game of soccer and our famous paper aeroplane competition, and then finish with an assembly in the hall. There will be bacon and egg sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, tea, coffee and cordial. Please mark the date on your calendars.

This Week’s Quiz
Where are the Commonwealth Games being held?
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

Kinder Enrolment for 2015
Beresfield Public School is now taking enrolments for 2015. If you have a child or know of a child who turns 5 years old on or before 31st July 2015 and wishes to enrol in Kindergarten please contact the school and collect an “Application to Enrol” form.
REMININDER playgroup starts next Friday 1st August at 9am in the school Hall for those starting Kinder in 2015. If you have not already let us know you are coming, please notify the office. See information on page 6.

Vicki McKean

Electric Music Show for Whole School
Please note that a special musical performer is coming to our school on Thursday 31st July. The school is covering the cost of this show so that all children are able to attend!

Many musical styles will be explored including hip hop, pop, jazz, classical, dance and heavy metal.
The Performer’s name is Andy Jones and he uses a variety of instruments such as electric guitar, percussion, electronic drum pads and a vocal processor.
Alanna Wallace
**Influenza**

There are currently 40% more cases of influenza in the community than this time last year. A number of students at Beresfield are currently affected. If your children become sick with flu-like symptoms, please exclude them from school until they are no longer infectious.

**What is Influenza?**

Influenza, or flu, is a highly contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Influenza can occur throughout the year but influenza activity usually peaks in winter.

Influenza is a vaccine-preventable illness but a new vaccine needs to be given each year because influenza viruses change (mutate) constantly. A new influenza vaccine is prepared each year to best match the strains predicted for the coming influenza season.

**How is it spread?**

Influenza viruses are mainly spread by droplets made when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Influenza can also be spread through touching surfaces where infected droplets have landed.

People with influenza can be infectious from the day before their symptoms start. Adults are most infectious in the first 3-5 days of their illness, while children remain infectious for 7-10 days, and people with weakened immune systems may be infectious for longer.

**How is it treated?**

- The symptoms of influenza are usually managed by bed rest and taking simple analgesics for muscle aches and pains.
- Children under 16 years of age must not be given aspirin-containing medications while ill with influenza. This is due to the increased risk of children developing Reye syndrome, a form of encephalitis and liver degeneration.
- Specific influenza antiviral medicines can reduce the severity and the duration of influenza but need to be taken within 48 hours of the first symptoms. These medicines need to be prescribed by a doctor, and are usually considered for people at higher risk of complications from influenza infection.


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**Warm School Clothes Needed**

We are in urgent need of warm school clothes to use as spares or in cases of emergency at school.

If your child has outgrown their school clothes or moved onto high school could you please send them into the school office. Thank you.

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**CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

- It has gone mobile!
- Hint– save it as a favourite!
  - 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.
Environment

JIVE in the jungle!

Beresfield’s Annual School Concert!
What is the aim of the Starting School Playgroup?

The aim of the playgroup is to:

- Improve each child’s school readiness.
- Develop partnerships between the school and parents that support children’s learning.

School Readiness Activities

The program will include school readiness activities such as:

- Pre-writing activities
- Practice cutting skills
- Literacy and numeracy experiences
- Practice gross motor skills
- Turn taking and other social skills

Beresfield Public School Playgroup General Information

Who: Students who will be attending kindergarten at Beresfield Public School in 2015 and their younger siblings are welcome.

When: Fridays for 6 weeks (starting on the 1st August and finishing on 5th September 2014)

Where: Beresfield Public School Hall

Time: 9:00am—11:00am

Cost: Weekly $2 donation per family to contribute towards play resources

About Our Playgroup

- A weekly program that will help to get your child ready for Kindergarten next year while you are there to support them.
- An opportunity for your child to get to know the Kindergarten teachers.
- An opportunity for children and parents and carers to get to know each other, make new friends and feel linked with their school community.
- Information about child development and ideas for developmentally appropriate play activities at home.
- Links to other programs offered by Woodberry Place of Friends.
- Information and access to other community service providers.

Contact the school office now if you would like to attend and have not already let us know. Thank you.
Canteen News
We still need volunteers to work Wed, Thur and Fridays so we can keep the canteen open. Please see Lisa or call on 0418 739045.

Our lunch time meal deals are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and are $4 each.

Meal Deal for Week 3 is
Chicken Chippies + sauce
Drink (of choice)
Jelly/custard/mousse

Meal Deal for Week 4 is
Pie/Sausage roll+ sauce
Drink (of choice)
Ice cream cup/lemonade icy pole

P & C Meeting
The next P & C meeting will be on 11th August at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Shopping Trip to Sydney
Unfortunately we have not had enough people book to join in this fund raising trip. Therefore we have had to cancel it for this year.
Jodie Payne

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

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
- Zone Public Speaking
- Showcase Concert Info for Parents
- Pen Pals note from 3/4H
- Education Week reception note to choir
- K-6K & K-6L Excursion
- Zone Athletics Carnival note

Canteen Roster 2014

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Fri 1 Aug
Lisa Woods
Connie Hunt
Joley Jones
Ruth Carroll

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

School Leader and House Captain Photos
Personalised order forms for the School Leader and House Captain photos have been sent home to students involved. Please note that these order forms have individual bar codes on them for the photographers.

If you would like to order a photo, please complete the form and return it with payment to the office by Thursday 31st July

The photos are $15 each and you can view a copy on the window of the office.
East Maitland Pine tree “GAPS” Support Group
Providing Grandparents As Parents Support

Come along and join our volunteers for morning tea, relax, meet new people, be involved in discussions with guest speakers discussing relevant topics and access information.

Venue: St Peters youth Centre
52 Banks Street, East Maitland.

Time: Every Tuesday in school terms from 10am until midday.

More Information: Phone Bev 0419 107736 or Karen 4922 1527 or 0429 914553