Dates for your diary

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
8 Aug   Photo taken of Year 6 in their new shirts
8 Aug   2nd last payment due Stage 3 Camp
11 Aug  P & C meeting 5.30pm
12 Aug  Donut Day fundraiser-$1 each
12 Aug  University Maths competition
13 Aug  Activities at High School for Year 6
14 Aug  Lap-a-thon at school. P&C fundraiser
18 Aug  Year 6 farewell meeting at 3pm
22 Aug  Whole school assembly
25-28 Aug Book Fair
26 Aug  Book Week parade

Lapathon

The Lapathon is a P&C event which is just 2 weeks away. It will be run at school after lunch on Thu 14th August. Students will be walking around a course within the school grounds and while getting fit, will also raise money for the P&C, which of course gets spent on the students. Going home today is a sponsorship form. Please seek some pledges for sponsorship, and return the form so that it can be with the student at school during the Lapathon. You then have one week to collect the money, with all forms due back on Thursday 21st August. Prizes for the most laps and most money raised will be presented at the K-6 assembly on Friday 22nd Aug.

Speech Pathology

Beresfield Public School has employed the services of a speech pathologist, Rowena White, to screen all students in Kindergarten, as well as selected students in the Support Unit. Screening will identify students needing speech intervention. Students with severe speech delays will be targeted for support from the speech pathologist in the first instance. The pathologist will work at the school each Wednesday. Some staff are being upskilled to consolidate the work of the speech pathologist on other days. Students with severe needs will be supported first, followed by students with moderate needs, and then those with mild needs. Notes have gone home to inform parents of participating students.

Last Week’s Quiz

Where are the Commonwealth Games being held? Glasgow, Scotland.

Congratulations to Lawson L, Georgia & Patrick A, Thara and Thanu V and Iszak J who all submitted correct entries.
This Week’s Quiz

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This is called Pascal’s Triangle. Look at it for a bit and you’ll work out the pattern. Fill in the four missing numbers.

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.

REMINDER playgroup starts tomorrow 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

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6

CAPA (Creative & Performing Arts) Showcase and Mini Lessons at Francis Greenway High School.

On Wednesday 13th August, Year 6 will walk to Francis Greenway High School to have the chance to see what High School has to offer. Students have the opportunity to meet staff and students at FGHS and spend time divided between subject specific lessons in various classrooms. Students will listen to the High School’s talented creative and performing arts students present a variety of performances. The permission note for local walking excursion signed at the beginning of the year will cover this activity.

Jan Fanning

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY

⇒ Zone Public Speaking note with timetable
⇒ Speech Pathology notes to Kinder and selected Support class students.

Electric Music Show for Whole School

A special musical performer came to our school today. As our school covered the total cost of this show, all children were able to attend!

Many musical styles were explored including hip hop, pop, jazz, classical, dance and heavy metal.

The Performer, Andy Jones used a variety of instruments such as electric guitar, percussion, electronic drum pads and a vocal processor. The children enjoyed the performance very much and many may now decide to start making music!

Alanna Wallace

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone Athletics carnival is on this Friday at Woodberry. Students are to meet Miss Wallace at Beresfield Public School by 7.45am if walking with her to the Oval.

Zone Public Speaking

The Zone Public Speaking competition is coming up next Monday and Tuesday and is held at Nulkaba Public School. A note and timetable have been sent home earlier this week for our students who are representing Beresfield Public School.

Melissa Smith

Gymnastics

This week we had our first Gymnastics lesson and the students absolutely loved it. Remember there is still time to pay and bring in your notes. Our next session is Tuesday Week 4 and money and notes must be brought in before then. I can’t wait to see what we get to learn next week.

Kayla Hawkins

Year 6 Farewell Meeting

The next Year 6 farewell meeting will be on 18th August at 3pm in Mrs Wiedermann’s room.
Year 6 Shirts
You may have noticed that the Year 6 students are wearing a special school shirt to mark their final year at Beresfield Public School! The shirt was designed by the Year 6 Farewell Committee and was subsidised by Lachlan A's family (5/6H) to make it more affordable for all students. The generous donation was given from GRITSHED - Mack Stockhausen, Danielle Tippett and Tara Anderson and we thank them immensely for assisting our students. GRITSHED provides high energy and strength physical fitness classes at 2A Platt Street, Newcastle - 0417518302. Students are permitted to wear the special shirts every Monday and Friday until the end of the year. A group photo has been taken but several students were either away or forgot to wear their shirt, therefore another photo will be taken on Friday, 8 August, so please ensure your child wears the shirt on that day!
Thank you also to John and Anne Bettley and Kylie Worth for helping with the organisation!
Helen Wiedermann

Naming of the Lloyd Crockett Community Hall
Last week we received a thank you letter from Mr Lloyd Crockett who asked that we pass on his sincere thanks to the whole school community for the ‘Naming of the School Hall’ ceremony held on 25th June.
Lloyd really enjoyed "the wonderful group of people – ex-teachers and community members who reminisced about their time at the school". He continued, "I really cannot find the right words to express all my feelings during that morning. Certainly I know I feel humbled and proud to have my name associated with Beresfield Public School. The present school pupils were a real credit to the school and even the youngest were attentive throughout the proceedings".
Jan Fanning

Donut Day
Stage 3 Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser
On Tuesday 12th August at recess, Stage 3 students will be selling donuts to help raise money for their end of year farewell. Donuts will $1 each and there will be a choice of chocolate or strawberry icing. Please help support our Year 6 students by sending along $1 with your child.
Jan Fanning

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.

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.

Just visit from a smart phone or tablet device and follow the prompts.
Children’s Book Week Parade – Week 7

Book Week, this year, will be celebrated during week 7. We have many special events planned for the children during this week, but the highlight will be our “Book Parade” where the children are asked to come dressed in a costume. The parade will take place on Tuesday the 26th of August at 12.00pm. (Save the date!)

The theme for Book Week this year is “Connect to Reading”. In keeping with our theme, we are asking the children to dress in a costume related to a book they have connected with. They may come dressed as an action/adventure character (e.g. Harry Potter, Tashi), a science fiction character (e.g. Star wars), a historical fiction character (e.g. Robin Hood, characters from the Royal Diaries, Anne of Green Gables, King Arthur), a fairy-tale character (e.g. Snow White, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood) or a character from a crime/mystery/spy novel.

Many children also connect with our non-fiction/information section of our library. If your child connects with planets/space, history, explorers, animals, dinosaurs etc, then they can dress-up as real life entities. It would be great to see walking planets, volcanoes, dinosaurs, knights, mummies, pharaohs, kings and queens in our parade.

The possibilities are endless, so let your imaginations run wild. All children participating in our parade are eligible to win a gift voucher to spend at our Book Fair in our prize draws. Please invite grandparents and friends to come along and enjoy the fun.

Reading Picnic – Week 7

Following our Book Parade, at approximately 1.00pm, all parents, relatives and friends are invited to join our children in our annual “Reading Picnic”. Families and friends are invited to bring along fold-up chairs, picnic blankets, a delicious picnic lunch and your favourite books from home, that you can read to your children (or your children read to you!). This is a special time where we can help to instil a love of books in our children and just enjoy each other’s company. Reading is not only a learning experience but a pleasure that can be enjoyed for the whole of our lives. Books will also be supplied by our library for you to share with your children.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Entries for the Premier’s Reading Challenge will close shortly. All record sheets need to be brought to me in the Library as soon as possible. Children are able to enter their own records on the “Premier’s Reading Challenge” website if they wish to do so. If you would like me to enter your child’s records, I am more than happy to enter them for you. The challenge will close on the 21st August. All children completing the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the Premier of NSW.

Volunteers Needed for Book Covering

Recently our school purchased a large number of readers and dictionaries for our students that need to be covered. I would love to hear from anyone that can help with the covering of these books.

Karen Meyer,
Teacher Librarian
NSWPSSA State Touch Football

Last week I went to Ulladulla for the NSWPSSA State Touch Football Championships. It took 5 hours in the car to drive there and the next day I had training for 3 hours and then played a trial game against the South Coast. The championships were played over the whole week and I was part of the Hunter team. There were 14 other regional teams playing in the competition. Overall, we played a total of 12 games; won 6, lost 2 and drew 4. We missed out on the semi-finals by one point but the main thing is that I had fun and I made some very good friendships.

Cooper T

Book Fair

Our school library will be hosting a Book Fair from the 25th to the 28th of August. This is our major fundraiser for our library. There will be many fantastic books, novelties and posters for sale. Book Fair hours are 8.30am-9.00am and 3.00pm-3.30pm from Monday until Thursday. However, it is impossible to run these special events without the help of parent volunteers. Please indicate on the note below if you are able to assist for half an hour, before or after school.

Please return your note as soon as possible.

Thank you Karen Meyer, Teacher Librarian

Please return to Mrs Meyer

Book Fair Volunteer

Name: ___________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________ Class: __________

Day and time available—please tick the appropriate box.

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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.

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

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

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.
Lap-a-thon 14th August
The P&C are holding a Lap-a-thon on Thursday 14th August. The aim is to show the children that a little exercise can keep us healthy and to raise money for our school so we can purchase things to make our school better.
We are sending home a sponsor sheet. Your child can be sponsored per lap or a flat donation. Then they are to bring their lap sheet with them on the day. They can walk/run or jog the course and at points their card will be stamped by their teacher.
Every child who participates will receive a certificate and every child will receive an ice block at the end of the day which has been donated by a few parents within the school. We will have 2 prizes per stage (1 for the most laps completed and 1 for the most money raised). Prizes will be handed out on Friday 22nd August at the whole school assembly.
All money needs to be returned by Thursday 21st August.
If you could volunteer for a half an hour on this day please see Lisa Woods in the Canteen.

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 if you cannot get to the Uniform shop at these times. If you leave your order and payment at the office, your order will be filled when our Uniform Shop volunteers are next at school.

Canteen News-
We still need volunteers to work Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays so we can keep the canteen open.
We desperately need helpers for Thursday 21st August and Thursday 18th September otherwise we will have to close the canteen on both these days.
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 4 is
Pie/Sausage roll+ sauce
Drink (of choice)
Ice cream cup/lemonade icy pole

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.
COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRLS QUICK KICKS

Register Now for Quick Kicks

A fun, relaxed football experience for GIRLS ONLY aged 5-12 commencing in Term 4! All skill levels are welcome and you receive a free ball and a unique design Quick Kicks jersey.

Registrations open 1st August
Visit www.quickkicks.com.au

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