**Dates for your diary**

- **21 Aug** Lap-a-thon forms and money returned
- **18 Aug** Year 6 farewell meeting at 3pm
- **21 Aug** Premier’s Reading Challenge ends
- **22 Aug** E program-selected Year 6
- **22 Aug** Payment due for Year 3 excursion
- **22 Aug** Last day for Book Club orders
- **22 Aug** Stage 1 visit Beresfield Library
- **22 Aug** Whole school assembly
- **25-28 Aug** Book Fair
- **26 Aug** Book Week parade & picnic from 12pm
- **29 Aug** Stage 3 Camp final payment due
- **29 Aug** Final payment for Y4 Camp due
- **3 Sep** Father’s Day stall
- **8 Sep** P & C meeting 5.30pm All welcome
- **10 Sep** Kinder excursion to zoo
- **12 Sep** Father’s Day BBQ and games

**PRINCIPAL TALK**

**Lapathon**
The Lapathon was on today. Students walked around a course within the school grounds, while eating orange quarters and finishing with an iceblock and a participation certificate.

You now 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.

**Playgroup**
The third of our 6 sessions of playgroup is on tomorrow from 9am till 10:45 in the Lloyd Crockett Community Hall. Children who will attend Kinder in 2015 (and their younger siblings) are invited to attend.

**Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast**
Invitations went out last Friday.
Where: Our school grounds
Date: Friday 12th Sept, 2014 (Friday AFTER Father’s Day!)
Time: 7:30-9:30am (You can stay anytime within these times that suits.)

**Last Week’s Quiz**
I drive from the Beresfield Golf Club up Anderson Drive to the traffic lights. I turn left into Lawson Ave and drive over the railway bridge and stop at Woodberry Oval. How many pedestrian crossings have I passed? Lots of discussion over this but we are saying 6 is the most correct answer.

Congratulations to Lily and Joel Z, Callyn E, Lachlan A and Kaydan O who submitted correct entries.

**This Week’s Quiz**
What two colours make purple?
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

**Photos - School Website**
New photos from the Concert, Hall Naming and Digi Ed have been uploaded to the website.

Google: Beresfield Public School. Unfortunately they have had to be compressed to be uploaded, which means they can be downloaded but will be small in size for printing.

Helen Wiedermann
Calling all Dads and other Father-figures!

Celebrate Fathers’ Day with us at Beresfield PS.

You’re invited to a special BBQ breakfast in your honour on Friday 12th September from 7:30am until 9:30am. There will be special activities to do with your children and then an assembly. A special invitation and information was sent home with children last Friday.

Year 3 Excursion to Newcastle Civic Theatre
Still Awake, Still

A reminder to parents that it is just over a week until full payment ($25) of this excursion is due. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to visit an extraordinary theatre and watch a live show so please get that money and permission notes in as soon as possible.

Please note that no payment will be accepted after 10am on 22nd August. (We need to pay the Civic Theatre that day!).

Jan Fanning

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY

◊ Father’s Day invitations
◊ “E” program information to participating Year 6 students
◊ Kinder excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo
◊ Reminder to Year 4, 5 and 6 regarding School camps.

3/4C Blake T
    Ayden F
    Lidia M
    Jordan L

3/4D Brock D
    Tahlia L

3/4H Thanu V

3/4S Isabelle R
    Sarah J

5/6A Sarah M
    Sean S

5/6H Lucas B
    Caleb B

5/6W Aden Y
    Alyssa P

K/6L James C

K/6K Maddison C

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

Excursion to Sydney

Students from K/6K and K/6L are currently in the middle of their 2 night excursion to Sydney. All students and staff were very excited as they boarded the train at Beresfield Station yesterday morning. Parents waved goodbye enthusiastically. They’ve had great weather in Sydney and they have walked the Harbour Bridge and seen all the landmarks. Lots of walking and lots of fun. Leanne Davison
Book Week Excursion

On Friday, the 22nd of August, all of the children in Stage 1 will be visiting the Beresfield Library to join in celebrations for Book Week. The talented library team will present a selection of short listed picture books using drama, stories and song. The children will leave our school at 9.50am and return to school at approximately 10.50am. The children will be walking to the library and will be accompanied by Miss Bisset, Mrs Evans, Mrs Collins and Miss Hawkins. The children are required to wear full school uniform. Please ensure your child has any required medications with them on the excursion e.g. Asthma puffers.

Cost: The children are required to bring in a gold coin donation. Please place your child’s gold coin in an envelope or clip lock bag and mark on the front “Book Week Library Excursion” and bring it to school as soon as possible.

National Indigenous Literacy Week

The Beresfield Library is celebrating National Indigenous Literacy Day and our Kindergarten children and support children will join in the festivities on the 1st of September. The children in Kindergarten will attend a workshop at 10.00am and K/6K, K/6T and K/6L will participate in a session at 12.30pm. An indigenous presenter from the Miromaa Aboriginal Language and Technology Centre will present stories, Awabakal language activities and an introduction to indigenous tools and weapons.

The children will be walking to the library and are required to wear full school uniform. Our kindergarten children will be accompanied by Miss Gash and Mrs Smith. The Learning Support children will be accompanied by Mrs Davison, Mrs Dutlow and Ms Dooner. Please ensure your child has any necessary medications with them on the excursion.

Cost: All students are asked to make a gold coin donation towards the work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. All funds raised will contribute to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. All funds raised will contribute to the work of the ILF to support their work in purchasing and supplying books and literacy resources in remote indigenous communities. In many of these communities less than 36% of people have access to a library and books. Please place your child’s gold coin donation in an envelope or clip lock bag and write on the front “Indigenous Literacy Week” and bring it to school as soon as possible.

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.

Karen Meyer,
Teacher Librarian
What’s coming up? **Book Week!**

The best week of the year! Is your costume ready?

Have you invited your family and friends?

**Beresfield Library Excursion:** Stage 1, Friday the 22\(^{nd}\) of August, 10.00am – 11.00am

**Book Parade:** Tuesday the 26\(^{th}\) of August, 12.00pm – 1.00pm. Choose a character from your favourite book or something else that you connect with in books and come in costume eg. volcanoes, mummies, planets, animals etc

**Readers’ Picnic:** Tuesday the 26\(^{th}\) of August, 1.00 – 1.20pm After the parade join the annual Readers’ Picnic. Bring some books, picnic blankets, delicious foods and have some fun.

**Book Fair:** Monday - Thursday, 25\(^{th}\) – 28\(^{th}\) of August, 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00 – 3.30pm

**Visiting Author:** Stage 2 & 3, Thursday the 28\(^{th}\) of August, Guillaume Louys.

Happy Reading, from Mrs Meyer and Clayton
OVERNIGHT EXCURSIONS

Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp / Stage 3 Katoomba, Bathurst Camp

Time is running out now for finalising payments for your child’s school camp. By the end of this month (29th August) we need **definite** numbers of students who **will** or **will not** be attending their designated camp, either the **Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp** or the **Stage 3 Katoomba, Bathurst Camp**

If your child is attending their school camp please make sure all payments are up to date.

**Final payment date for all camps is 29th August.**

A letter went home yesterday to all Stage 2&3 parents asking for you to indicate whether or not your child would be attending their camp.

Jan Fanning

Kinder Excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo

On Wednesday 10th September, Kindergarten will be going on an excursion to Hunter Valley zoo. The cost of the excursion is $20 and travel will be by bus. Please send this in a zip lock bag labelled with your child’s name and class before 10am on Tuesday 9th September as well as the signed permission note.

Gemma Gash

COMMUNITY NEWS

**CAN’T WAIT FOR CRICKET SEASON TO START?**

Learn How To Score Runs and Take Wickets For FREE!

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- Show Off Your Skills In Fielding In The Bunting!
- Lead Your Team In The High As A Kite Catching Competition!
- Learn How To Score Boundaries And Slides In Batting Master Class!
- Compete In The International Twenty 20 Cup!

Sunday September 7 2014  10am-2pm Maitland Park, Maitland

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SCHOOLS TREE DAY

On Monday 29th July, Beresfield Public School celebrated Schools Tree Day. These School and Community Tree Day events form the backbone of National Tree Day. The involvement of children in this event stimulates their interest in the environment and through community involvement strengthens the belief that they can make a difference.

Our students joined hundreds of community groups, environmental agencies, sport clubs, faith groups, youth networks, families and schools, in making a difference to their community area, fostering a love of nature and creating positive environmental change. Nothing so simple could be more important for the planet or future health and wellbeing of our children.

There are many ways in which schools get involved in Tree Day events. Ms Hainsworth’s class created a colourful addition to their verandah, students potted up Lavendar plants which will produce scented flowers in spring.

Ms Doornbos’ class planted 40 native shrubs and grasses adding to our rehabilitation area increasing habitat for local fauna and bringing biodiversity back to our school grounds.

Caterina Poggi

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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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P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting
The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 8th September at 5.30pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Father’s Day Stall
A Father's Day stall is coming on 3rd September. Pre-order forms will be sent home next week.

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 Wednesdays Thursdays 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.

Next week’s $4 Meal Deal is
Chicken burger
Drink of choice
Piece of fruit/fruit salad.

Lisa Woods

Canteen Roster 2014

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Fri 22 Aug
Cassie McDonald
Debbie Budden
Elizabeth Woods
Joley Jones

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

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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COMMUNITY NEWS

MAITLAND OZTAG
2014 SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

SOMERSET PARK, THORNTON
played THURSDAY afternoons

Competition played October – December
(12 Rounds)

Registrations are being held:
Thursday 11th & Thursday 18th September 14
5.00 – 7.00pm at Somerset Park, Thornton

Registration $80 per player
*INTRODUCTORY OFFER – INCLUDES OZTAG SHORTS*
Both teams & individual players are welcome
Divisions: U8’s, U10’s, U12’s, U14’s, U16’s, U18’s
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Depending on numbers
Lunch included
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Brad Guy 0407 648406