**Dates for your diary**

- 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-gold coin
- 22 Aug Whole school assembly 2.05pm
- 25-28 Aug Book Fair
- 26 Aug Book Week parade & picnic from 12pm
- 27 Aug Maths Comp for Stage 3
- 29 Aug Stage 3 Camp final payment due
- 29 Aug Final payment for Y4 Camp due
- 1 Sep Father's Day orders and payment due
- 3 Sep Father's Day stall
- 4 Sep Touch Football gala Day
- 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**

**It’s Book Week!**
See pages 3 and 4 for all the activities starting from tomorrow.

**Whole School Assembly**
Tomorrow at 2:05pm we are holding a whole school assembly. Among other things, we will be announcing the prize-winners of the Lapathon. Parents welcome to attend.

**Last chance for payment!**
For students in Years 4, 5 and 6, your final payment for the Great Aussie Bush Camp and the Jenolan Caves/Bathurst excursion is due in just one week’s time. Please ensure you have paid before the due date of Friday 29th August at 10am. Thanks.

**Lapathon**
The weather was terrific, the students had a wonderful fitness session, and everyone enjoyed themselves as we circumnavigated the school many times in order to raise funds for the school. Thank you to Lisa Woods who led the keen team of P&C helpers in making the event such a success.

**Donut Day**
What a success Donut Day was on Tuesday last week! They were so popular that we needed to scramble to buy more for lunchtime so that no-one missed out! Thanks to John Bettley who coordinated the event. $285.50 was raised for the Year 6 Farewell.

**In Recognition of Denise**
On Wed 3rd Sept, the school will make a presentation to Denise Giles in recognition of her many years of service as a volunteer. She has touched the lives of many students and their families over the years. Last year she finished her role as canteen co-ordinator. She still helps on the P&C with her knowledge and guidance.

**Electronics Workshop**
Do you know the difference between an electronic circuit that is in series as opposed to parallel? Fourteen students from Year 3-6 who are part of the Electronics enrichment program do! They are experimenting with batteries, wires, globes and buzzers to make a number of projects that are imaginative and exciting.

**Playgroup**
The fourth 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. We have had a great turnout so far and look forward to seeing you all again.

**Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast**
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.)  
What: There’ll be a soccer game, followed by Gumboot Throwing, and then at 9am there’ll be an assembly in the Lloyd Crockett Community
Hall dedicated to blokedom!
Food: There'll be egg and bacon rolls or sausage sandwiches on offer. Please RSVP to tell us whether you are coming for catering purposes.

Last Week’s Quiz
What two colours make purple? Red and blue!

This Week’s Quiz
What does the prefix “sub” mean?
Write 2 words beginning with sub-
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

Infants Enrichment Program
Students from K-2 have been specifically chosen by their teachers to participate in the Enrichment Program, planned for Monday afternoons from 2 – 3pm. The students involved are:
KS - William H
1/2B - Noah W and Makai J
1/2E - Isabella W and Max M
1/2C - Lilli G
1/2H - Claira R and Jaya S
As a Book Club focus, students have been familiarising themselves with Dr Seuss and his books. Discussion and investigation has led to learning about the moral of his stories.
Fia Lyle

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
The Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition is to be conducted on Wednesday 27th August 2014.
All Stage 3 students will sit for this test. Please contact me if you need more details.
Jan Fanning

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
- Touch Football Gala Day and Sports Agreement note
- Year 4 Bush Camp information
- Stage 3 Camp information
- Enrichment workshop notes to participating students
- Note to students of 1/2E

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN STAGE 2

Some fabulous vocab work with Ms Ward by Chloe L and Calum K.

ENJOYING THE LAP-A-THON
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\textsuperscript{nd} of August, 10.00am – 11.00am

Book Parade: Tuesday the 26\textsuperscript{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\textsuperscript{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\textsuperscript{th} – 28\textsuperscript{th} of August, 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00 – 3.30pm

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

Happy Reading, from Mrs Meyer and Clayton
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 work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation 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 closes today- the 21st August. All children completing the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the Premier of NSW.

Karen Meyer,
Teacher Librarian
Father’s Day Gift Order Form

Please return money and order to the canteen by Monday 1st September

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ______

I would like to order _____ gifts at $5.00 each. I have enclosed $_______

Gifts will be brought to classes on Wednesday 3rd September
An order form is required for each child please.

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How do we build and maintain healthy relationships in schools?

**RESTORATIVE PRACTICES**
The most profound learning occurs when there is a healthy relationship between teacher and student. Restorative Practices assists teachers, students and parents to build, maintain and restore relationships. Restorative Practices will help build capacity to enable students to self-regulate behaviour and contributes to the improvement of learning outcomes.

One strategy proving to be currently very effective in helping achieve this is the development and adoption of a school mantra. This mantra is known by students, school staff and parents. It can become a core belief to guide behaviour.

*To have a friend, you have to be a friend.*

At Beresfield PS we agree to be safe respectful learners who build, maintain and restore relationships...We work it out with words.

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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

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**Book Fair Volunteer**

Name: _____________________________

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: ____________

Day and time available—please tick the appropriate box.

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Thank You
The P & C would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped at the Lap-a-thon last Thursday. Thank you also to the parents who donated oranges and ice blocks for the day. Thank you also to the ladies in the office for printing the lap-a-thon sponsorship sheets and the certificates.

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 are attached to this newsletter. Please note that an order form is required for each child.

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 Chippies, a drink and either jelly, custard or mousse.

Lisa Woods
BERESFIELD UNITED SOCCER CLUB
CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP

Saturday 1st November 2014
Cost $70
Depending on numbers
Lunch included
$20 non refundable deposit
Sydney warehouses

To book your seat  contact
Angela Waters 0408 641387 or
Brad Guy 0407 648406