BERESFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter
11th September 2014

Dates for your diary
12 Sep Father's Day BBQ and games
15-17 Sep Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
16 Sep Year 3 Excursion Civic Theatre
17-19 Sep Stage 3 Katoomba/Bathurst Camp
18 Sep CANTEEN CLOSED
19 Sep CANTEEN CLOSED
7 Oct Students return to school
11 Oct Riverlights Festival
28 Oct Kinder 2015 First Orientation session
31 Oct Murrook Aboriginal Excursion. See Pg 2

PRINCIPAL TALK

Last for Term
This will be the last newsletter for this term. The last day of term is Friday 19th Sept. Students return to school on Tuesday 7th October. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Father's Day BBQ Breakfast
It's on tomorrow!
Where: Our school grounds
Time: 7:30-9:30am (You can stay anytime within these times that suits.)
What: A soccer game, 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.

Major Excursions
It's an exciting time of year as the primary students take off on their respective excursions. Year 3 go to the Civic Theatre for a cultural experience to see “Still Awake, Still” next Tuesday. Year 4 go to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for a two night excursion from Monday to Wednesday. Years 5 and 6 leave on Wednesday morning for a 2-night excursion to Jenolan Caves and Bathurst to learn about Gold.
I know all students will have a great time and thank the staff who have organised and who will attend these outings.

Active After School Activities Term 4
Notes are due tomorrow for those students interested in participating in the two activities being offered next term. The activities are Aquatics for Kindergarten and Basketball for Stage 2.

Kinder Orientation
Next term, our Kinder Orientation will occur over four consecutive Tuesdays - 28th Oct, 4th Nov, 11th Nov and 18th Nov. This year we are again holding the sessions in the morning between 9:00 and 10:30. We are asking parents to attend information sessions on all four dates.

Riverlights Festival
Again this year the school will be supporting the Riverlights Festival which takes place on Saturday 11th October in Maitland. It is an event to celebrate the cultural diversity of the area. Food, performances, markets and music take place in Maitland Heritage Mall and the banks of the Hunter River. Students from Beresfield will be creating lanterns which will illuminate the river after sundown.

Goodbye and Good Luck
We farewell Anne Bettinzoli who has accepted a position as School Administration Manager at Vacy Public School beginning next term. She has been a most wonderful feature in our school office over many years, offering a friendly smile, and dependable service. We will miss Anne greatly but know she will be equally valuable in her new school. Please take the opportunity to wish Anne well on either Tue Wed or her last day with us - Thursday next week. You'll notice that the newsletter this week sports a green cover - a finishing touch by Anne who publishes our newsletter weekly. Thanks Anne.

Staffing
A number of teachers will be on leave in the next few weeks. Chris Evans will be away for the first 4 weeks of Term 4. Lisa Grall, who has been an intern on 1/2E for Term 3 will continue with the
class in Chris’ absence.
Jonathan Ridgway will be away for the first 2
weeks of Term 4. Jan Fanning will relieve as
principal during this time.

Interns
We thank our two interns who have made a
tremendous contribution to the school, and
especially to the classes in which they have
been teaching. Mr Steve Cook has been
enjoying his time in 5/6A and has built a great
rapport with the students while learning about
Gold! Miss Lisa Grall has connected with the
students in 1/2E, and found the experience
thoroughly fitting. She has also assisted with the
Active After School program. We wish both
Steve and Lisa all the best as they begin their
teaching careers from next term!

Parent Survey
In the first few weeks of next term, 1-in-3
parents will be phoned to be asked their
opinions about the school. If you are rung,
please take the time to participate so that we
can use your feedback to evaluate our
performance, and make improvements.

Last Week’s Quiz
What am I? I have a blue background, the
Union Jack, the Southern Cross and the
Federation Star. I am the Australian Flag.
Congratulations to Brock D, Bohdi H, Emily W,
Blayden B, Kayden B, Indiana Tyrna and Tynan
O who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Joke
How do you start a bear race? Ready, teddy,
GO!
Mr Jonathan Ridgway

Notes sent home recently
♦ Stage 3 Camp information note
♦ Stage 3 Active After School cricket
  excursion
♦ Active After School basketball Y 3 & 4
♦ Active After School aquatics-Kinder
♦ Note to 1/2E –Science & Technology

NOT RETURNING IN 2015?
We start to organise classes soon for 2015. If
you are moving and will not be returning to
Beresfield Public School in 2015, please advise
the office as soon as possible. Thank you

Murrook Cultural Centre
On Friday 31st October 2014, our Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander students along with their
parents are invited to attend an excursion to
Murrook Cultural Centre located at Williamtown.
The day will consist of the students having the
opportunity to participate in a variety of different
cultural activities and a BBQ lunch will be
available for all whom attend. A permission note
and further information will be
sent home in Week
1 Term 4. Please
mark this date on
your calendar if you
are interested in
attending.
Mrs Smith

Active After School Term 4
Notes have been sent out this week for our
activities for next term. Kindergarten will have
the opportunity to participate in Aquatics at the
Beresfield Pool on Thursday afternoons and
Stage 2 will be participating in basketball here at
school on Tuesday afternoons.
Notes are due back tomorrow-Friday 12th
September at 9am. Please give them to Miss
Aparicio. Acceptance notes will be handed out
on Monday next week.
Please note: activities will begin in week 2 of
Term 4.
Next term will be our last term for Active After
School as the program will not be going ahead
in 2015. I would like to thank all students and
parents for the support you have given this
wonderful program over the last 4 years.
Gemma Gash.

LIVE LIFE WELL AT SCHOOL
Our school now has a compost bin to help
reduce the amount of green waste that goes into
the garbage. Classes can now dispose of their
food scraps into this bin. The compost will be
used to help our vegetable gardens. This is a
great way to look after the environment as every
food scrap that goes into our compost bin
means less space being taken up at the tip.
Another way BPS is helping to reduce landfill is
our new worm farm. 1/2B are this years
caretaker class for our worm farm. They have
enjoyed learning about the process of
assembling a worm farm, how it works and how
to maintain it. The students are looking forward
to collecting some "worm wee" from our 1000
worms to help fertilise the vegetable garden.
Ms Bissett
Touch Gala Day
Last Thursday 37 students from all primary classes went along to Maitland Park for a Touch Gala Day. Every team played 5 games throughout the day. Each team showed huge improvements as the day progressed and displayed great team skills and sportsmanship. A big thank you to all the parents who came along and helped throughout the day!

Stefani Hainsworth and Lisa Grall

Outstanding acrostic poetry about RUBBISH by some of the students in 5/6 A

Recycle, reuse and I'll think about you
Unauthorized chemicals hurting everyone and everything
Bio degradable - ok
Bio hazardous- not ok
I can help while you're destroying
Save me and I'll save you!
Habitats are hurting
By Scott B

Revolting!
Unbelievable!
Bad! Bad! Bad!
Bio hazardous waste – terrible for the environment
In complete disgrace
Sustainable living for the future
Health of a planet is hard to keep
By Cassie P

Recycle all your plastics
Use bio – degradable bags
Be a recycle warrior
Because we need a planet to live on.
It (rubbish) kills life,
So dangerous,
Huge impact.
Tim L

Recycle, Reduce and Reuse are three ways to save us
Undoubtable mistakes of the past
Biodegradable bags disintegrating through the years
Bins of waste, clogging up dumps
I hate the fact that the ozone layer is damaged
So much rubbish, piled and piled
Huge impact on the environment
Bailey C
Stage 2 and Stage 3 News

NAPLAN

Last Friday, 5th September, NAPLAN results were sent home to parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students who sat the NAPLAN tests. If you have not received your child’s results please let us know.

Year 4
Next week we will farewell our Year 4 students as they head off on the bus on Monday for their adventure at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Mrs Connell and Mr Senkalski will accompany them. This will be quite an event for some of our students who may not have ventured far from home before but they will return full of confidence, tales of their adventure….. and very tired!
Have a fantastic time Year 4!!!

Year 3
Whilst they are away at the GABC, our Year 3s, with Miss Hainsworth, Ms Doornbos and Mrs Fitness, will be watching the live musical performance, ‘Still Awake, Still’ at the wonderful Newcastle Civic Theatre. We hope you have a lot of fun at this funny show!

Stage 3
Stage 3 students have been playing an exciting Gold game in class ready for their adventure next week at the Bathurst Goldfields. They will also visit Katoomba and the beautiful Jenolan Caves. They have a fun-packed time waiting for them with the school staff, Mrs Wiedermann, Miss Wallace, Miss Aparicio and Mrs Lewin. Mr Aron Hawkins will also be attending the camp. Have a great time Stage 3 and I hope you strike it rich!!

Students in 3/4S are enjoying Literacy sessions with a bit of a difference. Here, they have been editing a letter themselves then listening to and watching the correction of it via a pre-recording by Mr Senkalski.

This is the guided writing group. Mr Senkalski guides these students whilst the others work independently at other Literacy activities.

Mrs Fanning
Assistant Principal
Stage 2&3
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.

Canteen News

We still need volunteers to be able to keep the canteen open. If you can help please see Lisa Woods or call her on 0418 739045. Every volunteer receives a free sandwich and drink for lunch the day they volunteer. Our lunch time meal deal is available next Wednesday and Thursday and cost $4 each.

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NEXT WEEK’S $4 MEAL DEAL IS

◊ Chicken burger
◊ Drink (of choice)
◊ Piece of fruit/fruit salad

Lisa Woods
Canteen Coordinator
## Camp Australia (NSW Beresfield) Holiday Club

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<td>Tuesday 23 September 2014</td>
<td>Tail It &amp; Sail It: Reach for the sky—we’re creating something to fly way up high! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 24 September 2014</td>
<td>Body Beat!: Feel the rhythm! Feel the rhyme! Come on now... it’s Body Beat! time! The beat goes on. Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program.</td>
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<td>Thursday 25 September 2014</td>
<td>Splash of Colour!: Get ready for a day full of ‘splashes’ of colour and fun! With all of the colours of the rainbow... and more! Click on the heading to find out more.</td>
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<td>Friday 26 September 2014</td>
<td>Spring-time!: It’s that time of the year again... the birds are tweeting and the flowers are blooming! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program.</td>
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<td>Upside-Down, Topsy-Turvy: Today is a day for some backwards and upside down fun! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 30 September 2014</td>
<td>Dance Jam!: Ready to groove and bust a move or two? Today we’ll be the hippest hip-hoppers around! Click on the heading to find out more.</td>
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<td>Something Fishy: Everything about the adventures today is a little bit FISHY! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program.</td>
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<td>Wacky Wonders: Ready for a day of wacky proportions? Then you can have come to the right place! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program.</td>
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<td>Friday 3 October 2014</td>
<td>When I Grow Up: Come along dressed up and show us! Today we are supporting The Smith Family “Back 2 School” initiative. Don’t forget to bring along a gold coin donation.</td>
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* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.

“To swim well is an asset for life”
-Forbes Carlisle

Greenhills Hit-n-Dip
Sports Centre

Intensive
Swim and Survive

22nd September – 26th September
29th September – 3rd October

School Holidays

10 lessons for $115.20
5 lessons for $67.60

Call 49334733 now to enroll.

Junior squash lessons
available Saturday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

VEGEMITE SURFGROMS
IS NOW AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION!

VEGEMITE SurfGroms has landed in Port Stephens with Port Stephens Surf School now delivering the program.

VEGEMITE SurfGroms offers youngsters aged between 5 and 12 years old the opportunity to learn how to surf in a fun, safe and supervised environment, whilst also learning vital ocean awareness and beach safety skills. These are essential skills for every child growing up in this region of Australia.

Delivered by qualified and experienced coaches, the program features five incremental skill levels designed to teach the basic skills of surfing, and introduces youngsters and their families, to the fun of the sport. The program is non-competitive based and designed to build confidence in everyone taking part.

As well as professional instruction, every participant receives a special VEGEMITE SurfGroms participant pack which includes a Quiksilver backpack, t-shirt, cap, and rash-vest, a tube of VEGEMITE, and a Wahu beach toy! “ONLY $165 for hours and hours of expert Surf Coaching”

Operating in the same space as AFL’s Auskick program, In2Cricket and Netball’s Net Set Go – VEGEMITE SurfGroms is being rolled out to every primary school on the coast and connects participants and their families with their local Surfing Australia Surf School, and VEGEMITE SurfGroms delivery centre.

To sign up to a VEGEMITE SurfGroms program, simply visit www.surfgroms.com

If you would like further information, please don’t hesitate to contact
Luke Michalak @ PSSS info@portstephenssurfsschool.com,

Port Stephens Surf School
can be found on the SurfGroms website.
COMMUNITY NEWS

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?
Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity.

Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:
- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Concentration
- Fatigue
- Eye Strain

IRLEN DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC NEWCASTLE
Irlen Suite 3/136 Nelson St
www.irlen.com Wallsend 2287
www.irlendyslexia.com Ph 4955 6904

2014/2015 Season Registrations
Beresfield Memorial Cricket Club
We are seeking registrations for our Under 10’s Super 8’S Team
Date: Friday 12th September 2014
Time: 4.30pm – 6pm
Location: Lindsay Oval Beresfield
Rego Cost: $100 U10’s Super 8’s

RFS OPEN DAY
Saturday, September 13, 2014

ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY
- Hands-on fire fighting activities for all ages
- Photo opportunities
- Static displays
- Emergency Survival Kit display
- Smoke alarm demonstrations
- Children’s activities – Face painting Art and Craft
- View fire trucks and tour the new Fire Station
- Your questions answered
- Sausage sizzle and drinks for sale

THORNTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
Kooralbyn Street, Thornton
10am - 2pm

TENAMBIT MORPETH CRICKET CLUB
REGISTRATIONS
11am-2pm at Rebel Sport Greenhills on:
13th, 20th, 27th September
For enquiries call Damien on 0412 681192 or
www.TenambitMorpeth Cricket.com

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
**While all divisions are offered, team numbers will determine final divisions played** Subject to change
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