Term 4 Week 1
Thursday 8th October 2015

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:
- Canteen volunteers desperately needed
- Bero Bunkdown - next Friday
- Infants Athletics Carnival - Monday 19th Oct

PRINCIPAL TALK

Welcome Back
The holidays produced an interesting mix of cool, and then warm days. Hope you have enjoyed having the kids at home for a couple of weeks!
We look forward to a great Term 4, with many exciting events.

Camp
The student leaders have organised for a camp on school grounds on Friday 16th October. Bring your tent, set it up, and enjoy the activities provided. There will be games, songs, stargazing and of course – the campfire! See the flyer later in the newsletter.

Riverlights Festival
Again this year the school will be supporting the Riverlights Festival which takes place this Saturday 10th October in Maitland from 4pm. 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 have created lanterns which will illuminate the river after sundown. Thanks to Belinda Ward for co-ordinating this activity.

Parent Survey
Till the end of next week, parents have the opportunity to share their opinions about the school. A flyer went home on Tuesday explaining how to access the survey online. Please take the time to participate so that we can use your feedback to evaluate our performance, and make improvements. Details are on page 5 of this newsletter.

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Cricket Team
It’s cricket season again and Mr Ridgway is getting the school cricket team ready with two more games this term. Along with the games played in Term 1 this year, this will complete the season of matches for the 2015 Reg Kelly Shield. Our next game will be against Metford at Maitland Park next Tuesday.

Thanks again to our P&C
Over the October school holidays, the P&C have paid for and organised improvements to the school grounds. The main entrance has been given a lift, with the concrete at the front getting a wonderful looking texture laid over the top of it, and the foyer getting a whitewash and inviting new furniture.
Check out the photos in the P & C section.
Thanks to Angela Waters and her crew for the efforts.

Kinder Orientation
Our Kinder Orientation will occur over five consecutive Tuesdays - 20th Oct to 17th Nov. The sessions will be in the morning between 9:15 and 10:45. We are asking parents to attend information sessions on the first four dates.

This Week’s Quiz
Where does she sell sea shells?
Write your answer on a piece of paper with your name and class and post it in the Quiz Box next to the office counter by Wednesdays at 10am.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

Infants Athletics Carnival
On Monday 19th of October infants and K/6T will be involved in an Athletics Carnival within the school playground. Activities will commence at 11.30 am and include novelty races, running races and other athletic skills based activities. Infants will need to wear comfortable running shoes and are able to wear their house colour or their Beresfield sports uniform.
We would love to have some parent volunteers on the day and all parents are welcome to attend and to spectate. If you wish to be involved as a parent volunteer please let the office know.
We look forward to seeing you all there on the day.

Kayla Hawkins

Week 2 Focus: Right Place, Right Time
When I’m in the right place at the right time:
😊 I stay with the group
😊 I play in the right place
😊 I follow instructions
😊 I follow the rules

Congratulations to......
1. Brody
2. Zak
3. Ella
4. Madison
5. Jacob
...who were our weekly focus winners and had their names drawn out of the box.

Leanne Davison

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
• Bero Bunkdown
• School Survey
• Cricket Team note

Book Club
Book club orders have been sent home. Money and orders are due back by Monday 19th October.

Taronga Zoo Excursion
On Wednesday 7th October K-6Y and the Year 6 Leaders travelled by train to Sydney. We went to the Sydney Aquatic Centre then stayed overnight at Taronga Zoo. We enjoyed a night walk and early morning walk before anyone else was at the zoo. It was awesome!!!

Kellie Dooner
Civics and Citizenship
Students in Stage 3 have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school.

Stage 3 Spelling Bee Champion
Our Term 3 Spelling Bee Champion is Lidia M. All contestants were given some challenging words like meringue and rendezvous. The words effervescent and manoeuvre were the tie break deciders between Lidia and Shaylee. We are so proud of how far all students have come in becoming better spellers!!!
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
An imposing structure high on the hill overlooking Canberra and topped with the Australian Flag flying high. Did you know that the flag pole was actually designed and built in Newcastle?
If you are into hands on science things then go to Questacon.
These were just some of the amazing places we had the pleasure of visiting.
Overall, an excursion to broaden your understanding of our system of government and a great place designed with a purpose!!!

Year 4 Camp
What a great bunch of students to take away to camp. Mr Gabrielides and Mrs Connell appreciated the enthusiasm, the ‘have a go’ attitude and the good humour displayed by the Year 4 campers. As the photos posted on the school’s Facebook page attest, the kids had a WOW of a time. I am sure families have been regaled with great tales of daring feats and adventure.
The children enjoyed 3 action packed days participating in many challenging activities that took them a long way out of their comfort zone. All students consistently demonstrated persistence, resilience and problem solving skills. They learned through practical experience of the power of teamwork and encouragement. Behaviour was excellent.
A big thank you to parents sending such lovely students and to the students for making the camp a fun time for everyone.
Lynne Connell

Camp Reflection by Zak
‘The three days of camp have been the best three days ever! We went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. I loved all the activities especially the games night. I learnt something about me that I didn’t know....that I was good at planking! The canoes were fun too. I loved when we had to get the ball in the Instructor’s boat (no one did it). I loved camp. P.S. best three days of my life.’
You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between now and Friday 16 October 2015. Visit the address below and log in using these details:

Username – parent12780
Password – Ber1201
www.tellthemfromme.com

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Educations’ TTFM website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/
Please only send one form per family!
Please detach and return to the office.

Bero Bunkdown

I/We (insert name/s) ____________________________ will be attending the Bero Bunkdown (Camp Out) with my/our son/s and/or daughter/s:

________________________ Class ______
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**Canteen Roster**

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**Fri 16 Oct**

| Lisa Woods | If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, or if you would like to help in the canteen, contact Christine on 0401 243 323 |
| Michelle Crossley | |
| Ann Bettley | |

**DATES FOR KINDER ORIENTATION SESSIONS**

We are getting excited about the lovely new students who will be starting Kinder in 2016 at Beresfield Public School.

We will hold Orientation sessions on the following dates.

- Tuesday 20th October 2015
- Tuesday 27th October 2015
- Tuesday 3rd November 2015
- Tuesday 10th November 2015
- Tuesday 17th November 2015

Sessions will be from 9.15am until 10.45am and new Kinders come to all sessions and parents are invited to stay for the first four information sessions.

**Uniform Shop**

There are some Baseball jackets available in sizes 10 and 14. There is limited stock left and once gone that will be it for these jackets.

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**

Term 4 menu will be sent out soon.

Christine
Canteen Manager

The main entrance has been given a lift, with the concrete at the front getting a wonderful looking texture laid over the top of it, and the foyer getting a whitewash and inviting new furniture.

Getting ready for
Kindergarten
Our Spongebob Wet Face fundraiser was a great success and raised $265.50 for our Year 6 farewell. Mr Ridgway, Mrs Davison and Mr Gabrielides were the “lucky” teachers with the most votes.