PRINCIPAL TALK

Bero Bunkdown
Wow! We have had a fantastic response to this much anticipated event with around 50 families indicating that they are brave enough to go camping in the school grounds. Just a reminder that arrival and set up time is not until 6:00pm. Please do not arrive prior to this time, to allow staff enough time to get things organised and to have their evening meal. With such a great response, this means that grassed space to pitch your tent is going to be tight, so I ask everyone to please only bring a tent suitable for the number of people in your family attending. Please also note that access to the school grounds will be via the gates on Hawthorne and Boomerang Streets, with the disabled access gates open for parents to drop gear off only. All other gates will be locked. A ‘What to Bring’ note outlining the equipment that families will need to provide for themselves, was sent home with the eldest child from each family attending earlier this week. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday!

Happy Camping,
Melissa Smith

Kinder Orientation
Our Kinder Orientation sessions start next week - 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 three dates.

K-6 Assembly
Our first whole school assembly for the term is on tomorrow at 2:05pm. Parents are welcome to join us for the formalities and the sing-a-long at the end.
**Staffing**
Helen Wiedermann will be on leave during Weeks 3 and 4. Her Maths groups will be taken by Lauren Latimore. Alanna Wallace will also be on leave in Weeks 3 and 4. Jan Fanning will be teaching 5/6W in her absence.

**Last Week’s Quiz**
Where does she sell sea shells? By the seashore!
Congratulations to Lidia, Riley, Kye, Brison and Brant who submitted correct entries.

**This Week’s Quiz**
Finish off this chant.
“Wombat stew, Wombat stew…”
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.

Leanne Davison

**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 11.45 am and concluded at approximately lunch time. Students will participate in a variety of 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.

It will be held in the school playground, so feel free to come and cheer the children on. Any changes to the day will be advertised on the school facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you all there on the day.

Kayla Hawkins

**Selective high schools**

Please return Intention to Apply form that was given to all Year 5 students today, to the school and apply online by 16th November 2015. There are no paper applications this year.

Leanne Davison

**Week 3 Focus: Do Your Best**

**When I’m doing my best:**
- I focus on my work
- I actively participate
- I set goals
- I am a good sport

Congratulations to......

1. Jye
2. Lyla
3. Sharlainah
4. Aleisha
5. Zac

...who were our weekly focus winners and had their names drawn out of the box.

Leanne Davison

**NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY**
- K/6Y Term 4 Excursions
- Kinder Taronga Zoo Excursion
- Kinder Aquatics Sporting Program
- Intention to apply for Selective High School Placement in 2017

**Book Club**

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

**Responsible Pet Visit**

Next week Kinder to Year 2 will be experiencing a visit from the Responsible Pet Program. This is a very worthwhile program which introduces the children to the correct way of behaving around dogs. We are aware that some children are afraid of dogs and hopefully this program goes a small way to making them feel more comfortable around them. This visit is free to allow all children to be more responsible around animals they don’t know.

**Not Returning in 2016?**
We start to organise classes soon for 2016. If you are moving and will not be returning to Beresfield Public School in 2016, please advise the office as soon as possible.
**Sporting Schools Program**

This term Beresfield Public School has the opportunity to be involved in the Sporting Schools Program. The program is a national initiative that offers funding to our school so we are able to offer affordable, physical activity programs to our students.

Enrolment is via an expression of interest and available positions are limited to 20. Aquatics has been offered to students in Kindergarten at the Beresfield Pool. Students will be involved in a range of activities in the pool based around swimming. Students do not need to know how to swim and all supervising teachers will be in the water at all times.

It will occur each Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm, starting 20 October and finishing 1 December.

We have received many expressions of interest but you have until tomorrow, Friday 16 October, to get yours in. Remember only 20 students can attend!

Trish Scott

**Life Education Van**

This year we again have the privilege of having the Life Education Van visit our school. It will be here for 4 days from October 22 to October 27th. This year we have gained generous sponsorship from Quarry Mining that enables all our children to attend this wonderful experience. Topics covered include being healthy, avoiding peer pressure and making responsible life style choices. If you do not wish your child to attend please contact Mrs Kirby in writing prior to the day of the visit.

Cricket Gala Day

Beresfield played Metford Public School on Tuesday 13th October. The team was very excited as they entered for their 1st game back of the term at Maitland Park. We lost the toss and Metford elected to bat.

Our whole team pitched in to pressure the batsmen of the other team. We were able to take 3 wickets before the 20 overs were complete. Special mentions to Kaydan O, Aden Y and Jacob F. Metford totalled 114 runs.

Then we went in to bat. We showed determination and grit. Kaydan opened our batting for the day. A special shout out to Jake L, Bodhi H, Lachlan P and Michael B for being our only batters who scored runs off the bat today. We were all out for 54 runs – our highest total this year.

Congratulations to our captain Lachlan P.

Congratulations also to the whole team for a great game.

Authors: Kaydan O, Aden Y and Lachlan P.

**Year 3 Excursion to Newcastle**

**ANZAC WALK**

On Tuesday 15th September we walked up 136 stairs then onto the bridge. We looked at the names of the people from Newcastle who died in the war. We looked for our own names but some people didn’t see theirs. I was looking for dolphins out in the ocean but I didn’t see any. Miss Scott saw one. When we were having a rest at the end Mekenzi got bitten by a bug. Ms Ward and Mrs Frappell got her an ice pack and some cold water. Everyone was picking beautiful purple flowers and looking at the sea. It was an amazing view. Then we got on the bus to the museum.

**Newcastle Museum**

When we got off the bus we sat under the trees to eat our recess. We played a game of red rover cross over on the grass and follow the leader with Ms Ward. We were split into groups and a man told us to be careful but also to have fun. There were heaps of interesting things to look at. My favourite was the big room with science experiments. We were allowed to lift a car by pulling on ropes and there was a tricky rope puzzle. Josie and I were the only ones to solve it!

I had a great day.

By Claire 3/4H
School Survey
We are always looking at ways to enhance the quality of communication between our school and our parents. One of the key communication channels is our school website www.beresfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
The department is looking at enhancing the quality of our school website and would really like to get your feedback as a parent about the type of functionality on the website that would help improve the communication between the school and you. We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the following online survey. The survey is located at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG
The survey closes tomorrow.
Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback and help us make our school website even better.

Tips for tackling kids head lice
⇒ Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
⇒ Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
⇒ Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
⇒ The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

For more information go to the “Nitbusters” website www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/

Your time starts now!
Teacher – Tanya Dutlow

My earliest memory is… my Nana’s swing. I loved sitting on it while she pushed me
At school I… was one of the quiet kids
My most treasured possession is… my blender
My mother/father always told me… family comes first
I wish I had… worked harder at school
I am happiest when… I’m sitting in the sun, eating food
When I was a child I wanted to… be a doctor
The book that changed my life is… Telling yourself the truth
If I could live anywhere, I’d choose… somewhere warm and right on the beach
The hardest thing I’ve ever done was… have three babies
I relax by… sitting on a beanbag in the sun
My worst trait is… not being disciplined
My best trait is… I’m a good listener
My greatest fear is… losing my children
If only I could… win the lotto
I’m always being asked… ‘Mum, can you do this or that?’
If I wasn’t me I’d like to be… a pampered pooch
My worst job was… working at Macca’s
I often wonder… how much longer it will be before I go nuts!
I love Beresfield because… of the great people here
You know you are in Beresfield when… you step outside and smell those chickens
P & C News

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 Roster

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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 Christine on 0401 243 323

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.

Getting ready for Kindergarten

Very soon the Responsible Pet Education Program is coming to visit you at your School!

My pet dog will be coming to help teach you how to be safe around dogs and how to say hello to a dog with its owner!

There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and some dancing.

My dog may even meet you during the visit.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Anglican Parish of Beresfield-Thornton
‘On the River’ Art Show
at St Paul’s Anglican Church and Hall, Beresfield
As part of our 175th Anniversary and celebrating the role the Hunter River played in our creation as a parish (we were originally called the Parish of Hexham!) we are holding an art show with the theme ‘On the River’.

We are looking for your submissions of paintings, photos, textiles or sculptures. This art show will also include poetry and stories. Entries in one of three age categories: Primary, Secondary and Open. Prizes awarded.

All artwork, poetry and stories to be submitted by Friday, 23 October. Please contact our priest, Doug, on 0478 050 012 for further information.

The show will be open Monday, 26 October, to Friday, 30 October, 1–4pm each day and on the Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30–9pm

Opens on Monday night with Evensong at 6:30pm followed by cheese and wine supper with storytelling and poetry.