PRINCIPAL TALK
Assessments and End of Year Reports
Over the coming weeks, students will be participating in class based assessments. These will be used to determine your child’s academic progress in preparation for the end of year reports to parents which will be sent home on Friday 4th December.

Cricket
Our last game for the season is against Woodberry PS. It will be played at Tarro on Wednesday morning 28th October.

Kinder Orientation
Our Kinder Orientation started on Tuesday. The sessions will continue for the next 4 Tuesday mornings between 9:15 and 10:45. We are asking parents to attend information sessions on the next three dates.

Bush Regeneration Area
Thanks to one of our parents who has created frames for information signs to go up in our ‘bushy’ corner. The signs, which also acknowledge the Sidney Myer Foundation for the funds to create the corner, give interesting info about the flora and fauna found there.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:
- 2016 Kinder Orientation Tuesdays at 9.15-10.45am
- Kinder Taronga excursion $40 due by 10am next Tues 27th Oct
- Christmas Hamper donations

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Last Week’s Quiz
Finish off this chant.
“Wombat stew, Wombat stew, gooey, brewy, yummy, chewy, Wombat stew.” OR
“Wombat stew, Wombat stew, crunchy, munchy, for my lunchy, Wombat stew.”

This Week’s Quiz
What days of the year are... a) Melbourne Cup, and b) Remembrance Day?
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

Week 4 Focus: Speak Appropriately
When I’m speaking appropriately:
😊 I use friendly words
😊 I use a friendly voice
😊 I use my best manners
😊 I say sorry
Congratulations to......
1. Riley B
2. Ethan B
3. Georgia A
4. Marcus D
5. Mackenzie B
...who were our weekly focus winners and had their names drawn out of the box.
Leanne Davison

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
☒ Reg Kelly Cricket vs Woodberry PS
☒ Intention to Apply for section to Merewether High School for 2017—Year 5
☒ Soccer Gala Day
☒ Intensive Swimming for Yr 2 & 3
☒ Support Class Intensive Swimming

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.

Bero Bunkdown
On the 16th of October 2015, Beresfield Public School had a camp called the Bero Bunkdown. At 6pm parents and students arrived to set up their tents. By an hour later we started to do some activities like our low ropes, paper plane making and tennis and so on. Then we had a humongous scavenger hunt and had a big fire with a special guest Mr Lloyd Crockett. We were so entertained by the skit team. After our little supper we settled into our tents for a night’s sleep. We woke up at dawn to have our breakfast and pack up our tents and all went home. Thank you to the parents and teachers who made the event possible.
By student leaders.

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 Thursday October 22 to Tuesday October 27th. This year we have gained generous sponsorship from Quarry Mining that enables all our children to attend this wonderful experience. Thank you also to Beresfield Bowling Club ClubGRANTS for supporting our visit with Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education team. Life Education supports us in teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime. Topics covered include being healthy, avoiding peer pressure and making responsible lifestyle choices. If you do not wish your child to attend please contact Mrs Kirby in writing prior to the day of the visit.
Thursday - 2B & K/6T, 3/4H, 1E
Friday - 2/3A, 5/6W, 1H, K/6Y
Monday - 3/4G, 5/6L, KS
Tuesday - 3/4C, 5/6D, KG

Kinder Zoo Excursion
KG and KS will be going on an excursion to Taronga Zoo next Wednesday, 28th October, 2015. Children need to wear school uniform, including school hat and bring a packed recess and lunch. Please apply insect repellent and sunscreen before children arrive at school. If your child has an asthma puffer please ensure they take it on the excursion.
The cost of the excursion is $40. Please send in a zip lock bag labelled with your child’s name and class before 10am Tuesday 27th October.
Should be a fantastic day and the students are getting excited about going!
Gemma Gash
Select high schools
Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017 is now open. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php
Please return Intention to Apply form that was given to all Year 5 students last week, to the school by tomorrow and apply online by 16th November 2015. There are no paper applications this year.
Leanne Davison

Anglican Parish 175th Birthday
On 28th October the Anglican Parish of Beresfield-Thornton turns 175 years old. Beresfield School is participating in the celebrations by two of our talented students performing at the Anniversary Dinner on Wednesday night. Thanks to both Maddison and Josie and their families for taking time out to take the girls to Hexham Bowling Club.
Thank you to 1H and 5/6D for some amazing artworks with the theme “On the River” for the Art Show at St Pauls Church and Hall. The Art Show is being held 26-30 October and opening times will be provided for those who would like to view some excellent entries. Let’s hope some of our students work may be chosen for a prize!
Congratulations to the Parish, Reverend Doug Cleary and all the wonderful people who are assisting him in preparation of the celebrations.
Trish Scott
Scripture Coordinator

Soccer Gala Day
The school Soccer team will play a friendly gala day against Tarro, Woodberry and Metford Public Schools at Maitland Park, Maitland on Friday 30th October 2015.
The students will meet in Area A at 8.30am for a 8.45am departure and return to Beresfield PS prior to 3pm. They will need to bring recess, lunch, water, school hat, sports uniform, Shin pads (compulsory) and Soccer boots and sunscreen. Notes were sent home yesterday.
Jen Bissett

Infants Athletics Carnival
On Monday The infants finally got to participate in their Infants Athletics Carnival. While there was no thunder, lightning or hail the sun definitely turned it on for us. There were a few shoes and hats lost during our running races but all participants kept on running to the finish line. Thankyou to all the parents that came and cheered on the competitors, the children had a ball and are already asking when the next one it
Kayla Hawkins

Yr 2 and 3 School Swimming and Water Safety Program
Children in Years 2 and 3 who are weak or non swimmers have been invited to participate in intensive swimming lessons each day during weeks 6 and 7 of this term (9th-20th November).
The course is the Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program. It is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.
Participating students will walk to the pool in time for lessons to commence at 1.45pm. Lessons will conclude at 2.30pm when children will return to school for normal end of day dismissal.
Information and permission notes were distributed today. The cost is $20 for pool entry for the 10 days of the program. Instruction is free. Numbers are capped and students will be accepted when both note and money have been received. Last day for payment is 10am Friday, 6th November unless quota has been filled beforehand.
If your child is a poor or non-swimmer I would encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity.
Lynne Connell

Sporting Schools
On Tuesday, about 20 Kindy students walked to Beresfield Pool to commence Learn to Swim lessons with Ms Scott, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Evans. The lessons are provided free of charge due to a new program called Sporting Schools.
Sporting Schools provide funding to cover the entry fee for our students, so unfortunately we are only able to take 20 participants. We apologise to those who missed out this time but you will be the first considered if we are able to run swimming again.
Thanks to Mrs Kirby and Mrs Evans for giving me an hour of their valuable time.
Trish Scott
Sporting Schools Coordinator
Infants Athletics Carnival
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

Visit us Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

Rutherford Marketplace 28th October, 18th November & 9th December

Lake Macquarie Fair 4th November, 25th November &16th December

Morisset Square 11th November & 2nd December

Bonnells Bay Shopping Centre 9th November & 1st December

Phone: 1800 555 727 www.ndis.gov.au

Your time starts now! Cassandra McDonald P&C President

My most treasured possession is... my daughter
My mother/father always told me... to tell the truth and never lie
I wish I had... lots of money
I am happiest when... I’m hanging with my friends
When I was a child I wanted to... become a doctor
The book that changed my life is... ‘Such is Life’
If I could live anywhere, I’d choose... Miami
I relax by... reading a book
My worst trait is... Snapchatting
My best trait is... my giving nature
My greatest fear are... storms and heights
If only I could... fly
I’m always being asked... to do this and do that
If I wasn’t me I’d like to be... Ian Somerhalder’s wife
I often wonder... how my life would be if I got married
I love Beresfield because... of the nice people
You know you are in Beresfield when... every one knows who you are
P & C News

Uniform Shop
The new style polo’s have arrived. Sizes available are: 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 9am.

Canteen News
The canteen will be having a Halloween feast next Friday. Order forms went home on Monday 19th October. They are due back on Monday 26th October. No late orders will be accepted as food needs to be ordered and prepared. No other food will be available on the day.
Canteen still need volunteers to help keep the canteen open. If you can assist please see the canteen manager.

Christmas Raffle
We are having a Christmas raffle and would appreciate donations to help make up hampers.
Raffle tickets will be sent home with the newsletter later in the term.

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Responsible Pet Program
On Tuesday the children in Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and K/6Y were visited by Kathy and her Spaniel Bonnie. Bonnie is specially trained to accompany Kathy when she visits schools. The purpose of the visit is to familiarise the children to the dangers of approaching strange dogs. They were shown how to recognise certain behaviours in dogs and what to do when they come across a strange dog on the street. Another part of the program demonstrated how to care for pets at home.

Maria Kirby
COMMUNITY NOTICES

All electrical work on time and on budget
0428593317

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.

Would you like some parenting tips?

Is this you? Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t share his toys. Maybe you’re just tired and need some new parenting ideas. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, Woodberry Place of Friends and Telarah Public School invites parents and carers of children aged 2 to 12 with a disability to attend the following FREE parenting seminar series:

Seminar 1: Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
Tuesday the 10th November 2015, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Seminar 2: Helping your Child reach their Potential
Tuesday the 17th November 2015, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Seminar 3: Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Tuesday the 24th November 2015, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Where: Place of Friends, Woodberry Public School, Lawson Ave, Woodberry.
Facilitator: Nerissa King - Learning and Support Teacher, Telarah Public School.
Phone: 49 328477 Email: nerissa.king@det.nsw.edu.au

To register please contact:
Cynthia Jenkins – Woodberry Place of Friends
Phone: 49 642174

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