PRINCIPAL TALK

Gonski Week

In 2014, David Gonski headed a review into a fairer way to fund all schools across Australia. He recommended extra funding, with the majority going to schools in lower socio-economic areas to create greater opportunities and equity.

We now call this Gonski funding. The funding was to be implemented over 6 years, with greater increments each year. After the 6 years, it would be maintained.

The NSW state government was the first to sign the agreement, committing to the full 6 year plan. However, the federal Liberal government wants to walk away from funding the last two years of the agreement. The last two years are worth more than the first 4 years put together.

So far Beresfield Public School has received extra funding for the last two years. This funding has given us choices we never had before. We have been able to reduce class sizes, fund off-class positions for experienced teachers to support student wellbeing and build capacity and rigour in the delivery of our literacy and numeracy programs. We have employed additional staff to support students with additional learning needs.

We are seeing gains that we have never been able to achieve before. The funding is making a difference! Imagine what else we could do if further funding was forthcoming!!

See the brochure attached to this newsletter for more information.
Kinder Orientation
Two sessions down, three to go. They continue next Tuesday morning between 9:15 and 10:45.

Last Week’s Quiz
What days of the year are...a) Melbourne Cup? – First Tuesday in November
and b) Remembrance Day? The 11th day of the 11th month!
Congratulations to Osha, Halle, Madison and Skyla who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Quiz
What’s the difference between ‘wet’ and ‘damp’?
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 5 Focus expectation Listen Actively
When I’m listening actively:
😊 I’m looking at the person speaking
😊 I have a calm body
😊 I wait quietly
Congratulations to......
1. Ryan
2. Tyson
3. Charlie
4. Lawson
5. Paige
...who were our weekly focus winners and had their names drawn out of the box.
Leanne Davison

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
☒ Tupperware fundraiser
☒ Intensive Swimming for Yr 2 & 3
☒ Support Class Intensive Swimming

Soccer Gala Day
On Friday 2 mixed soccer teams will attend Fieldsend Oval, Fieldsend St, Metford to play in a “friendly” gala day against Woodberry, Tarro and Metford Public Schools. Students must wear shin pads and remember to take lunch and a bottle of water. The emphasis on the day will be on exercise and fun.
Jen Bissett

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 last week. The cost is $20 for pool entry (or a pool pass can be used) 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.
Alba Aparicio

Life Education Van
Many of you will have seen the van parked in the playground over the last few days. A big thank you must go to Beresfield Bowling Club ClubGRANTS and Quarry Mining for their generous sponsorship this year. Their kindness meant that every child could visit the van and experience the various Stage relevant activities presented by Silvia Martinez. All the feedback has been very positive and I'm sure both teachers and children are looking forward to another visit in 2017.
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 life style choices.
Maria Kirby

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.
Reg Kelly Cricket.

On the 28th of October we played a game against Woodberry Public School. At first when the game was going to start, the captain Jacob F had to do a coin toss and Beresfield won. Beresfield picked to bowl and the game started, Michael B opened bowling. After 12 overs we had a drink break and the game went on. After 3 overs Beresfield got someone out, by Jai D’s wonderful catch. We also got more people out with team work and great communication. The next innings Beresfield was batting. The opening batsman were Lachlan J and Jacob F. At the end of the game the score was 87-69 Woodberry won.

Great team work this season boys & girls.

Thank you Mr. Ridgway for being a wonderful coach.

By Michel B, Jacob F and Chole L
A MESSAGE FROM
TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD OF GONSKI FUNDING BUT WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.

Gonski funding provides better resourcing for schools so that all children get the education they deserve.

Local schools have already started receiving Gonski funding. It is delivered according to the individual needs of students.

Schools are using this funding in ways we know make a real difference, such as:

- Reducing class sizes
- Employing specialist literacy and numeracy teachers
- Providing more assistance for students with additional learning needs

BUT THERE IS ONE PROBLEM YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT.

In 2013 the NSW Government signed a Gonski agreement with the Federal Government. That sets out how much both governments would pay over the six years it will take to ensure all schools are properly funded to a national minimum resource standard.

But the Federal Coalition Government in Canberra wants to walk away from funding the vital last two years of the agreement.

This would have a serious impact on schools and students across NSW. Many children who need help will not get it.

We need all politicians, all political parties, to support this once in a generation investment in the education of our children.

With one click you can help.

REGISTER YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS VITAL FUNDING AT WWW.IGIVEAGONSKI.COM.AU
 HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION?

New mobile, home or work phone number, new emergency contact person or contact number, change of address, new carer (step-parent), medical updates (eg allergies, medications.

We need to keep in touch with you

Please send us a note, drop in at the office, phone on 4966 1146, fax on 4966 2492 or send an e-mail to beresfield-p@det.nsw.edu.au.

CHANGE OF DETAILS SLIP – BPS

Student’s Name: ____________________________  Class: ____________________________

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Mum Address: ____________________________________________________________ Postcode: __________

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Dad Address: ____________________________________________________________ Postcode: __________

Home Ph Number: Mother_____________________________ Father:_____________________________

Mobile Number: Mother_____________________________ Father:_____________________________

Work Number: Mother_____________________________ Father:_____________________________

If there are step parents please include details:

Step mother: ____________________________  Mobile: ____________________________

Step father: ____________________________  Mobile: ____________________________

New Emergency Contacts:

Name: __________________________________________ Name: ____________________________

Home: __________________________________________ Home: ____________________________

Mobile: __________________________________________ Mobile: ____________________________

Relationship to Student: _____________________________ Relationship to Student: ____________________________

New medical conditions/allergies etc:

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Custody details ie court papers

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Yesterday Kindergarten went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. The students had a great day exploring the zoo.

All students represented the school in a responsible manner. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs McKean, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Frappell who joined us on the excursion.

Gemma Gash

Kinder Taronga Zoo Excursion
**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 tomorrow. 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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**Canteen Roster**

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**School Facebook Page**
Our school has a Facebook page. Photos may be posted from special events, excursions and assemblies. We will also use the page to broadcast reminders, make announcements and post links to things such as our school newsletter and other websites worth reading.

To find our page, you can search ‘Beresfield Public School’

If would like to get notifications each time an update is posted on our page you will need to access our Facebook page via a computer. Once on the page, click the like button again and a drop down menu will appear. Select ‘Get Notifications’ from the drop down menu. Unfortunately, there does not appear to be a way to enable get notifications for a specific page when accessing via a mobile.

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**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 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.

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Getting ready for Kindergarten
COMMUNITY NOTICES

LUKE & SONS ELECTRICAL

All electrical work on time and on budget
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SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Has been designed to assist people to understand and manage change, loss and grief in their life.

Venue: Beresfield Public School
Date: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November 2015
Time: 11.30am – 2.30pm

Limited Places Available

To express your interest, please contact:
Lesley 4921 5958
Email: Lesley.Asher@newcastle.edu.au


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STEPPING STONES TRIPLE P

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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