Dates for your diary
6 Feb  Student Leader induction 2pm
9 Feb  P & C AGM 5.30pm
11 Feb  Meet the Staff 3.00 - 4.00pm
13 Feb  Book Club orders due by 10am
16 Feb  Kinder vision screening
17 Feb  Swimming Carnival Yr 3 - 6
17 Feb  PSSA Tennis trials
19 Feb  PSSA Basketball trials
20 Feb  PSSA Rugby League trials
24 Feb  Zone swimming carnival
25 Feb  Disco 5.30pm Infants, 7pm Primary
12 Mar  Selective High Schools testing

PRINCIPAL TALK
Student Leader Induction 2015
Tomorrow at 2pm, our whole school assembly will incorporate the induction of our 2015 school captain, vice-captain, and prefects, as well as our house captains and vice-captains and computer monitors. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Information Afternoon / Meet the Staff
Next Wednesday 11th Feb at 3pm there will be the opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher, as well as other school staff. From 3pm till 3:30 there will be afternoon tea in the hall. Then at 3:30 you are invited to visit your child’s room for a 15 minute information session and question time about your child’s class. The session will be repeated at 3:45 for those parents who have two students at the school. We hope you can come! Students are welcome to stay with parents.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming Carnival will be at Beresfield Pool on Tuesday 17th February. Entry forms for races are due back next Monday 9th Feb. The consent note and $2.00 entry fee must be returned by Monday 16th Feb at 10am. See further information on the next page.

School Packs
School packs are required by all students at Beresfield Public School. Please pay for these packs promptly at the office. The packs are $50 per student. Thank you for your quick attention.

P&C AGM
The Annual General Meeting for the P&C occurs next Monday evening from 5:30pm. Feel free to come along and put your hand up!

Staffing
Last week was listed all the teachers and their positions for this year. Of course, our school would not operate without the essential work of our other staff. Our School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) were known a few years back as Teachers’ Aides. They support students and staff in so many ways we could never list them. Their invaluable work means our school runs as smoothly as it does!

Position  Staff
SLSO Support Unit  Helen McEnearney
SLSO Support Unit  Margaret King
SLSO Support Unit  Agnieszka Pawlik
SLSO  Di Lewin
SLSO  Karlene Frappell
SLSO  Amanda Kellner
SLSO  Jodi Fitness
Aboriginal SLSO  Lesley Farley
We also have our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) which also maintain the smooth operation of the school. Without them, we would not function.

Position  Staff
School Admin Manager (SAM)  Stephanie Bagnall
School Admin Officer (SAO)  Nolene Hill
School Admin Officer (SAO)  Margaret White
General Assistant (GA)  William McEnearney
General Assistant (GA)  Caterina Poggi
Cleaner  Carolyn Newman
Cleaner  Faye Randall
Cleaner  Joanne Mackenzie
Note to Cover 2015 Walking Excursions
With this newsletter you will receive a note which covers parental consent for all local excursions and activities that require walking short distances. By filling this out, there will be no need to give consent again during the year. We will continue to inform you as each activity approaches.
Any excursions requiring travel by vehicle will need additional consent.

Kinder 2015
What a big week for our Kinder students! They have all had a wonderful start to their schooling! They are already settling into their rooms and establishing routines. Their buddies in the older grades are being wonderful helpers, ensuring that they guide them and keep them feeling secure.

Last Week’s Quiz
If you add all the digits that appear in this year, what do they total? 2+0+1+5=8
Congratulations to Elli, Paige, Jasmin and Chloe who submitted correct entries.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

Swimming Carnival
All notes and information went home this week for the swimming carnival. Entry forms for races are due back next Monday 9th Feb. The consent note and $2.00 entry fee must be returned by Monday 16th Feb at 10am.
It is a really fantastic day and a great opportunity for your child to build their water skills and confidence so please encourage your child to go in as many races as they can. Parents are welcome to come along to lend some sideline support or assist on the day to make the carnival a great success! We would love to have you on board our team!
Stefani Hainsworth

PSSA Sports
Throughout the year there are various sport trials for students who show remarkable talent for their age to be selected in Zone or Hunter sporting teams. Below is a list of the sports and the dates the trials will take place. Please see me ASAP if you are interested in your child being involved in the selection process.
Stefani Hainsworth

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This Week's Quiz
How many sides has a cube?
Remember to write your name and class with the answer on a piece of paper, and post it into the Quiz Box near the office.

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/

Gardener
It is with regret that we say goodbye to Caterina Poggi who has maintained and improved the landscape of our school site over the last few years. Her last day will be on Monday 16th Feb. The gardens have looked terrific. Her greatest legacy is the regenerated bushland near the dental clinic.
We wish Caterina well in her future endeavours.

Book club Orders
Book club is due back no later than 10am Friday 13th February, 2015.
We are pleased to announce that we have created a school Facebook page. This was in response to our parent survey last year which showed a strong interest in Facebook as a means for the school to communicate information. We are hoping that the page will be another way to get out information and announcements to our parents and community members and allow you to see all the exciting and wonderful things our students here at Beresfield are doing. On occasion, 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’ or you can scan the QR code below to be taken directly to the page. We have also placed a link on the school webpage to allow you to access the Facebook page directly.

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.

If you have also allowed the Facebook app to send push notifications on your mobile each time you receive a Facebook notification, then you will see at a glance on your mobile screen when we update our Facebook page so you do not miss any updates.

We do ask that you carefully read our ‘Rules of Engagement’ before liking our Facebook page. They are outlined on our Facebook page in the Notes section and there is a link from the wall. In particular, please note the following:

Facebook terms and conditions state that no one under the age of 13 years should have a Facebook profile. Therefore, any primary students who ‘Like’ or comment on the Beresfield Public School Facebook page will be deleted and reported immediately.

We encourage interaction from Facebook users but are not responsible for comments or wall postings made by visitors to the page.

We reserve the right, but assume no obligation, to remove comments that are racist, sexist, abusive, profane, violent, obscene, spam, that advocate illegal activity, contain falsehoods or are wildly off-topic, or that libel, incite, threaten or make attacks on BPS students, employees, guests or other individuals.

Please do not ask to friend a member of staff on Facebook as refusal often offends.

We hope you and enjoy our new Facebook page. If you have any questions or suggestions about ways we can improve our Facebook page in terms of what information is made available on our wall and page, please let me know.

Hayley Bertwistle
**P & C News**
The P & C AGM meeting will be held next Monday 9th February at 5.30pm.

**Uniform Shop**
New stock has arrived. The uniform shop will be open tomorrow morning from 8.30 - 9am if you wish to purchase items.

Normal opening times for the uniform shop are:
- Tuesday’s - 8.30 - 9.00am
- Wednesdays - 8.30 - 9.00am

**Canteen News**
If you would like to help in the canteen in 2015 please call me on 0418 739 045.
Lisa Woods
Canteen Co-Ordinator

**2015 - Week 3 $4.50 Meal Deal is:**
- Chicken burger/Bero burger
- Drink of your choice
- Icy cup

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**Canteen Roster 2015**

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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

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**Thank you Steggles!!**
Each student at Beresfield PS has received a cooler bag from Steggles.
A big thankyou to Steggles for their donation.
The students are utilising the bags to keep their food fresh during the day.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Gardening Position
A casual position exists as a gardener at Beresfield Public School. The position will be one
day per fortnight till the end of Term 1 working in the grounds of Beresfield Public School.
This position has the possibility of extension. The successful applicant would have to satisfy
the following requirements:

- Knowledge of horticulture
- A keen work ethic
- Self-starter with initiative
- Understanding of a school environment

Please submit an application of no more than an A4 page to Jonathan Ridgway c/- the
school office, no later than Friday 13th February, 2015. Contact the office for further details.

BERESFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE HELD
SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
14TH FEBRUARY
21ST FEBRUARY
9AM TO 1.00PM
AT BERESFIELD BOWLING CLUB

ALL PLAYERS NEW OR RETURNING NEED TO
REGISTER ONLINE AT myfootballclub.com

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES OR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT
GLUE 4980 4010
DENISE 4966 1192

ACTiv8 Chisholm
Youth Group 2015 Starting Dates

Junior
Lochinvar & Paterson: Monday 16th February 6pm
East Maitland: Tuesday 17th February 5.30pm
Largs: Wednesday 18th February 5.30pm

Senior
East Maitland: Sunday 22nd February after 6pm Youth Mass

For further information please contact ACTiv8 Chisholm Youth Groups Coordinator
Samantha Hill on 0414 270 989
www.activ8chisholm.org

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!
At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 6-17 years
Leadership opportunities for adults 18 years and over
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community even~

For information on the location and available meetings -
Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW
Thornton Netball Club
Registration Days
Teams and individuals welcome – 5 yrs to Seniors
Saturday 31st January
10am – 1pm Thornton Public School Special Purpose Room
Saturday 7th February
10am – 1pm Thornton Public School Special Purpose Room
Wednesday 11th February
5pm – 7pm Thornton Public School Special Purpose Room
For more information look at our Facebook page or contact:
Registrar: Kristen Swan 0448 920 019
President: Tracy Williams 0422 276 756

Baby Talk
A PRACTICAL parenting group for you and your little one

Calling Parents of Babies...
Would you like to find out more about:
Brain development & Play
Language and Early Literacy
Fussy eaters, teething, sleeping & biting
Bonding and Attachment

Location: Place of Friends
Woodberry Public School, Lawson Ave, Woodberry
Date: 6 consecutive Wednesdays starting
18.02.2015 to 25.03.2015
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

"Free for parents with children under 18 months
And you can bring your bub along"

To register please ring Sara at Family Insight on 4961 0700 or
Cynthia at Place of Friends on 4964 2174.

ATTENTION PARENTS
Of 5 & 6 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS
Do you want to have your child involved in a TEAM SPORT but are unsure of what they should play?
Are you concerned that they are too small or may get hurt playing a team sport?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then you should consider getting your child involved in UNDER 7’s RUGBY with Maitland Junior Rugby Union!

Some of the Benefits of playing Rugby with Maitland Junior Rugby Union are:
- It gives the child proper social, and sporting skills development.
- It gives the child proper training and game time for their age group.
- It is a tremendous way to keep the kids active and healthy.
- It gives the child an opportunity to meet new friends.
- It gives the child an opportunity to play on Saturday mornings at the same time every week.
- It is a fun game for all. Our fields never get watered out, because we own and maintain them.
- We have our own code of training sessions, as well as our own tournaments.
- Our kids are given proper coaching.
- There are no coaching fees and all games are free.
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- We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment for your child to play rugby.

For more information contact our Club Manager, Kim, on 0409 707 108 or go to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/maitlandjuniorsrugby to find out more.

FEBRUARY REGISTRATION
FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
from U7’s to U18’s
28th January from 7pm to 9pm at 120 New Street
29th January from 7pm to 9pm at 120 New Street
30th January from 7pm to 9pm at 120 New Street
4th February from 7pm to 9pm at 120 New Street
8th February from 7pm to 9pm at 120 New Street

LIGHT UP NEWCASTLE
LANTERN WALK
Saturday 21 February 2015 from 4pm
Honeysuckle Precinct
Don’t miss the first ever Light Up Newcastle Lantern Walk
Help our local Rotary Clubs raise money for the Mission to Seafarers

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR
WITH FAMILY FRIENDLY FREE ENTERTAINMENT
Choose your favourite route to Honeysuckle and enjoy the festivities:
- Dragon boat races
- Lion dancers, dragons, Chinese entertainers
- Marching bands and choirs
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club sail past
- Fireworks
- Lanterns