Dates for your diary
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
19 Feb  Star Struck Auditions
20 Feb  Star Struck Auditions
20 Feb  PSSA Rugby League trials
20 Feb  Student Leadership Day - Thornton PS
24 Feb  Zone swimming carnival
25 Feb  Disco 5.30pm Infants, 7pm Primary
12 Mar  Selective High Schools testing
20 Mar  Great Aussie Bush Camp deposit due

PRINCIPAL TALK

Swimming Carnival
We all look forward to the primary swimming carnival which will be at Beresfield Pool next Tuesday! Parents and other supporters are most welcome to attend and cheer on the kids. Students arrive at school as normal and will then be walked down in their class groups. Parents have the option of taking students home from the pool at the end of the carnival once they have notified their child’s class teacher.

Facebook Page
Have you 'liked' our facebook page yet? 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 you 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.

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 Meeting
The Annual General Meeting occurred on Monday afternoon. Congratulations go to the following people who were voted into the leading roles...
Vacant – President
Vacant – Vice-president
Jodie Payne – Secretary
Debbie Budden – Treasurer
Lisa Saxby – Canteen Co-ordinator
Vacant – Canteen Treasurer
John and Anne Bettley – Uniform Shop

We thank Jodie, Debbie Budden, Lisa, John and Anne for their continued support of the school, and are looking forward to new members to fill the vacant roles within the P&C team.

Outgoing P&C Members
On behalf of the school community, I'd like to thank Debbie Zlyden for her wonderful work in the role of canteen treasurer during 2014. I’d also like to recognise the outstanding contribution of the outgoing P&C President, Angela Waters. She has led the P&C for many years, guiding many with a positive outlook and an abundance of energy. Nothing is ever too much to ask, and she is diplomatic, dependable and entertaining. Most of all, she is civic minded and generous. The school looks great due to
Angela’s efficient way of completing tasks and improving the school’s buildings and grounds (sometimes with help from her partner Grahame). We thank Angela and Grahame for all the effort they have put into making the school a better place.

**Meet the Teacher**
Thank you to all parents who attended our ‘Meet the Staff’ afternoon yesterday. All school staff mingled with parents and students in the hall. There was the opportunity to wander through the library and meet Mrs Meyer, before entering the classrooms to experience the environment that the children learn in each day. Teachers were pleased to have the opportunity to share information with the 58 parents who attended (representing 51 families). If you were unable to make it, teachers may send home an information sheet about their class routines in your child’s bag in coming days.

**Student Leadership Day**
On Friday 20th Feb sixteen student leaders will travel to Thornton Public School for a fabulous and inspiring day of motivational speakers and special guests. Our school captain, vice-captain and prefects, as well as our house captains and vice-captains and our technology monitors will attend. It promises to be a memorable experience!

**School Gates**
We have six different entry points for you to walk into school. Two on Lawson Ave, one on Anderson Drive, one on Hawthorn St, and two on Boomerang St. Plenty to choose from! All these gates, except our main gate on Lawson Ave, are locked between 10:00am and 2:30pm during the school day for the safety of our students. On special occasions we will unlock the gates for ease of access for visitors. Please do not walk through the vehicular gates on Boomerang Street. This is for vehicles dropping off our special needs students only. Same goes for the staff car park gates. Thanks for your co-operation.

**Student Leader Induction**
We had a terrific turnout for our Student Leader Induction last Friday. Each leader had family members in attendance to witness a very proud moment. Photos taken at the induction by the school have been uploaded onto our Facebook page and are in this newsletter.

**Parking**
Please park according to the parking signs when dropping off or picking up students. Parking in ‘No Stopping’ or ‘No Parking’ zones or bus zones is not OK, no matter how short a time you are there. Please use the designated crossings if parking on the other side of the road, instead of darting across the road with your child in tow. Being a role model for your child is important. Thanks.

**Last Week’s Quiz**
How many sides has a cube? 6 sides.
Congratulations to Kobe, Phoenix, Aiden, Makai and Sarah who submitted correct entries.
Mr Jonathan Ridgway

**NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY**
⇒ Scripture attendance for 2015
⇒ Star Struck Auditions
⇒ 2015 General Excursion Consent Form
⇒ Swimming Carnival - Stage 2 & 3
⇒ Great Aussie Bush Camp - Year 4
⇒ Rugby League PSSA consent form
⇒ Primary Maths Groups
⇒ Student Leadership Day note

**Curriculum news**
All primary students commenced Maths Groups this week. Each student in Stage 2 and 3 have been placed in a levelled group to help best meet their mathematical needs. There are five different groups and this may mean that some students will not be taught Mathematics by their classroom teacher. Throughout the year, students may move groups depending on their progress.

**Stage 3 Maths Groups**
will be conducted each day at 10.00am.
Teachers: Miss Wallace, Mrs Lyle, Miss Doornbos, Miss Scott, Mrs Wiedermann.

**Stage 2 Maths Groups**
will be conducted each day at 11:30am.
Teachers: Mrs Connell, Miss Hainsworth, Mr Gabrielides, Miss Scott, Mrs Wiedermann.

All Maths concepts will be taught during this time.
If you have any further questions please see either your child’s classroom teacher of myself.
Helen Wiedermann
Assistant Principal
Primary Curriculum
Swimming Carnival
The consent note and $2.00 entry fee must be returned by Monday 16th Feb before 10am.
Parents are welcome to come along to lend some sideline support or assist on the day. We would love to have you on board our team! Please complete the Working With Children consent form at the office before Tuesday if you haven’t already done so and wish to assist at the carnival.
Stefani Hainsworth

Book club Orders
Book club is due back no later than 10am Friday 13th February, 2015.

STAR STRUCK
Beresfield Public School is again taking part in the wonderful spectacular that is Star Struck. While the performances are a while off, preparations have begun to get our dance group ready. A note was sent home earlier this week outlining what is involved in being part of Star Struck. If you would like your child to audition to be a part of the 16 dancers, please read through the note carefully. Once it is signed and returned you are agreeing to commit to this program if your child is successful in gaining a place.
Stefani Hainsworth

This Week’s Quiz
How many years of bad luck are linked with breaking a mirror?
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.

Today is the first of a new article called ‘Your time starts now!’ In a 3 week cycle, we will profile a staff member, a parent and a student. Enjoy getting to know some of our school community better…

Your time starts now!
Belinda Ward – Class Teacher
My earliest memory is… rolling around in a pile of grass clippings!
At school I… was so small the big kids were still carrying me around in year 3!
My most treasured possession is… my dad’s drawing of me sitting on a fat little pony.
My mother/father always told me… to stay away from smelly boys and clean behind my ears.
I wish I had… a never ending family sized block of marvelous creations chocolate!
I wish I hadn’t… cut off my sister’s favourite jeans to make shorts.
I am happiest when… my kids remember to put their smelly socks in the dirty clothes basket.
When I was a child I wanted to… solve mysteries and catch ‘baddies’.
The book that changed my life is… Enid Blyton’s “Famous Five”
If I could live anywhere, I’d choose… anywhere with a full time butler, nanny, housekeeper and gardener!
The hardest thing I’ve ever done was… swimming in the ocean again after seeing “Jaws”
I relax by… closing my eyes in the sun and checking out the patterns under my eyelids!
My worst trait is… daydreaming in the middle of important meetings!
My best trait is… absolutely fancy spaghetti bolognaise chef!
My greatest fear is… deep ocean water with swaying seaweed, dark shapes floating ….
If only I could… eliminate all the ‘baddies’ in the world.
I’m always being asked… “Can I go to the toilet?” (And I say “No, you can wait until recess/lunch”)
If I wasn’t me I’d like to be… Doctor Who’s next travelling companion.
My worst job was… making milkshakes for cowboys at a rodeo!
I often wonder… what came first… the chicken or the egg?
I love Beresfield because… the kids are funny and smart and the teachers care about the kids!
You know you are in Beresfield when… you hear big flocks of corellas flying in the sky!
**P & C News**

**Uniform Shop**

New stock has arrived. The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am til 9am. Order forms are available at the school office if you cannot make it to the uniform shop at these times.

**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:
- Mini beef/ham/chicken wrap
- Drink of your choice
- Ice cream cup/Lemonade Icy Pole

**Disco**

Please note that the next disco will be on Wednesday 25th February.

*Infants* 5.30pm– 6.45pm

*Primary* 7pm– 8.30pm

$6 entry which includes chips, lollies and a drink.

**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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**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.

**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
Congratulations to all our Leaders for 2015
On Friday 6th February the school leaders were inducted with the pinning of their badges in front of the school community.

People with very important jobs for 2015!
Captain, Vice Captain and Prefects

House Captains and Vice Captains of Sport Houses.
Thornton Beresfield Rugby League Club

Its Time to
Join the BEARS!!

2015 Registration is open
For U6-U17

Free rego for U6

For Rego info contact
Michelle on 0402844205
registrar@tbrlc.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maitland Campus
CEEW Course

(Career Education & Employment for Women)

Skills for Work & Training - Certificate II

Course code: 10889NAT

This is a 12 week course designed to build confidence, investigate and make informed decisions about career options and help you gain the skills to either re-enter the work force or return to study.

Build confidence and skills in a friendly group

MONDAY to WEDNESDAY (in school hours)

Includes: Careers / Job seeking skills, Introductory Computing, English & Maths for the Workplace, Environmental Science, Humanities and Work Experience

Information & Enrolment session
Tuesday 17th February – 1:30pm

Maitland Campus
Block C, Level 1, Room 23

To secure your place
Contact Course Coordinator - Donna Clark
Ph: 49129292 or Email: donna.clark@tafe.nsw.edu.au

Course starts 23rd Feb 2014

HOOKIN2HOCKEY

CLUB: Maitland Hockey

CONTACT NAME: Ros Sherlock CONTACT NUMBER: 0418 212 489

LOCATION: Maitland Hockey Centre, Elgin St, Maitland, NSW, 2320

START DATE: Wednesday 25th, February, 2015 TIME: 5:00pm

EMAIL: ros.c@me.com WEB: www.maitlandhockey.org.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Also on facebook: Maitland Hockey Association