**Dates for your diary**

6 Mar  Whole school assembly 2.05pm
6 Mar  Cross Country Practice
9 Mar  P & C Meeting - 5:30pm
12 Mar  Selective High Schools testing
12 Mar  Jack Flash & The Jumping Bean Stalk visiting performance.
13 Mar  Cross Country - Years 3 -6
13 Mar  Ride To School Day
13 Mar  Book Club orders due back - 10am
16-20 Mar  Book Fair - Helpers needed!
20 Mar  Yr 6 High School Expression of Interest due back
17 Mar  Reg Kelly Shield Cricket at Tarro Oval
17 Mar  PSSA Zone Hockey Trials
17 Mar  PSSA Zone Netball Trials
17 Mar  PSSA Zone Soccer Trials
18 Mar  Reg Kelly Shield Cricket at Tarro Oval
20 Mar  Great Aussie Bush Camp deposit due
20 Mar  Whole school assembly 2.05pm
24 Mar  Harmony Day
27 Mar  Canberra Excursion deposit due

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**Week 7 Focus Expectation: Right place, right time:**

- I stay with the group
- I play in the right place
- I follow instructions
- I follow the rules

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Congratulations to
1. Jeremiah
2. Kayden
3. Maddison
4. Sharney
5. Scott

Who were caught listening actively last week and were lucky enough to have their name drawn out of the box.

Leanne Davison

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**PRINCIPAL TALK**

**Visiting Performance**

Jack and the Beanstalk

On Thursday 12th March, 2015 the New Zealand Playhouse will be visiting Beresfield Public School to perform their show ‘Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk’. Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk is an interactive adaptation of Jack and the Beanstalk that will have students on the edge of their seats from start to finish, as they join Jack in his quest to save the environment. This educational show will allow students to experience the wonderful world of live theatre at a great price. The cost for each student is $4.50. Please enclose this amount in a clearly labelled zip-lock bag and return to your class teacher by 10am on Wednesday 11th March. This educational live theatre show should not be missed!

Please note that there will be no separate note about this performance. The performance is for the whole school, Kindergarten to Year 6 and is $4.50 per student. Correct change is appreciated.

**School Packs**

If you haven’t paid for your child’s school pack as yet, we request that you do so as soon as possible. The packs are $50 per student. Thank you for your quick attention.

**K-6 Assembly**

Our first for the year starts tomorrow at 2:05pm. At the end there will be an informal sing-a-long. Parents are invited to attend.

**P&C Meeting**

Next Monday at 5:30pm is the next P&C meeting. The positions of president, vice president and canteen treasurer remain vacant. Anyone willing to help is most welcome to attend.
Personalised Learning Plans
Do you know that we have nearly 50 Aboriginal students at Beresfield at present? That’s nearly 1 in 6 of the student population. All Aboriginal students have a Personalised Learning Plan that is updated annually. This involves a discussion between parents and staff (and maybe the student) to consider progress on last year’s goals, and then set new goals. Invitations have gone out for meetings which will occur next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Selective HS Test
Next Thursday is the day that Year 6 students who wish to apply for selective high school placement sit for the test. For the greater Newcastle area, the only option is Merewether High School. If students in Year 5 are interested in applying for the test next year, the application process begins in Term 4 of this year. Look out for the articles in the newsletter later in the year or speak to your child’s teacher.

Ride to School Day
Next Friday 13th March is Ride2School Day. Students are encouraged to get active and ride to school. Students over 10 can ride independently, but need their helmets of course. Students under 10 can ride with their parents accompanying them. There is a bike rack at school. All bikes must be walked in school grounds.

Dogs
It’s been a while since we gave a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. This is a directive from the department in ensuring that all students have a feeling of safety. Thanks for abiding by this regulation.

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket Competition
We have called for expressions of interest from students in Years 5 and 6 to become members of our cricket team. We are part of the Reg Kelly Shield competition where we play 5 games against local schools over Terms 1 and 4 of this year. If we top our pool (of 6 schools) we go into the semifinals at the end of Term 4. Our first game will be against Tenambit Public School on Tuesday 17th March. Our second game is the following day, Wed 18th March vs St John’s Catholic School. Both games will be at Tarro Reserve. Mr Ridgway is our cricket coach this year. Notes will be sent home to those interested.

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.

Last Week’s Quiz
What is ‘brunch’? A meal in between breakfast and lunch. Congratulations to Dylan, Zak, Kye and Josie who submitted correct entries.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

Great Aussie Bush Camp Year 4
The Year 4 camp will be held at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Port Stephens from Monday 14th September to Wednesday 16th September. A non-refundable deposit of $50 per child needs to be paid on or before Friday 20th March. The remaining $200 can be paid in four instalments on the following dates: $50 by Friday 1st May, $50 by Friday 29th May, $50 by Friday 24th July and the final instalment of $50 by Friday 21st August 2015. The excursion can be paid in instalments as shown above or paid in full on or before Friday 21st August. Payments over $10 may also be made by EFTPOS at the office or credit card over the phone.

Book Club Orders
Book club orders are due back no later than 10am on Friday 13 March.
Year 6 Expression of Interest Forms
As your Year 6 child’s primary school education is coming to a close at the end of this year, it is now time to think about which secondary school your child will attend in 2016. On Monday 9th March, an information guide and Expression of Interest form will be sent home to the parents / carers of Year 6 students.

The guide will give you information about the different types of government secondary schools to help you decide which school you would like your child to attend. Included will be an Expression of Interest form that you will need to complete with your preferences for placement(s) of your child in Year 7. Please see your child’s class teacher or the office if you require advice about completing the form.

The Expression of Interest will need to be returned by Friday 20th March 2015 as we need to process them and have them ready for the high school to collect.
Leanne Davison

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
⇒ Tell Them From Me Survey
⇒ PLP meeting notes - selected students
⇒ “Me” Presentations - 5/6D

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion
An expression of interest note will be sent home soon. The excursion will take place from 16th September to 18th September. The approximate cost of the excursion is $280 per student which can be paid by instalments with a non-refundable deposit of $50 due by 27th March.
Leanne Davison
Canberra Excursion Coordinator

Discipline Policy
You may have seen another ‘Coward Punch’ incident in the media in the past week. This is probably a pertinent time to remind the community about the school’s stance on incidents in the school which involve punching to the head. Students are reminded often at school, but below is an extract from our Discipline Policy…

Punching to the Head
In response to instances of the ‘Coward Punch’, Australian society has made it clear that it doesn’t accept this violent behaviour. At Beresfield Public School, a student that strikes the head of another person with a closed fist risks immediate suspension, at the discretion of the principal. This is in line with the attitudes of the school community.

Quality Writing by students in 3/4C

Australia Day Clean Up - By Noah
I strongly believe that Beresfield students should go to Tarro Reserve to clean it up because we are part of Australia and should volunteer on Clean Up Australia Day.
Even though it is not our school that makes the mess we can still clean it up. When we do that it makes our school look good.
We use Tarro for cross country. We need it clean so no-one else will trip over in the race and get hurt.
When people see us clean it up they might not drop rubbish again and it will stay clean.
My concern is that people drop things and little kids could pick it up and get badly sick.
I think it is good to clean up Australia. It makes people who live here more responsible for keeping places safe and clean.

Clean Up Australia - Should We Participate - by Zak
Beresfield students should clean up Tarro Reserve for Clean Up Australia Day.
I believe we should clean up Tarro for all local teams. We use it, so we should help clean it up.
By going to the Reserve it is showing whoever left the rubbish that they are doing a filthy, dirty thing.
If wildlife eat it they could get sick and die. What if a child is running around? They could step on something sharp.
Cleaning up is the right thing to do. It is showing a strong community spirit.
Book Fair

Our school library will be hosting a Book Fair from the 16th to the 19th of March. This is our major fundraiser for our library. There will be many fantastic books, novelties and posters for sale. Book Fair hours are 8.30am-9.00am and 3.00pm-3.30pm from Monday until Thursday.

However, it is impossible to run these special events without the help of parent volunteers. Please indicate on the note below if you are able to assist for half an hour, before or after school.
Please return your note as soon as possible.
Thank you     Karen Meyer, Teacher Librarian

×________________________________________ Please return to Mrs Meyer in the library__________________________

Book Fair Volunteer

Name: __________________________________________
Child’s Name: __________________________________ Class: __________

Day and time available—please tick the appropriate box.

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P & C News
The next P & C meeting is 9th March at 5:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Tickets will be going out on 9th March for our Easter Raffle. It will be drawn on 1st April. We are asking if children can bring in an Easter donation to help with our Easter hampers. All donations are to be handed into the canteen.

Uniform Shop
New shirts have arrived and are $25. There is limited stock, and the largest size available is size 12. Orders are ready to be picked up. The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am till 9am.

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 6 $4.50 Meal Deal is:
♦ Summer Pizza
♦ Drink of your choice
♦ Fairy Floss Fandangle

This Week’s Quiz
Who picked a peck of pickled peppers?
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.

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