Dates for your diary
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- URGENT 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 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—wear orange
27 Mar Canberra Excursion deposit due
27 Mar Zone Cross Country
1 April Easter Celebrations

PRINCIPAL TALK

Ride2School Day
Tomorrow, Friday 13th March, is Ride2School Day. Students are encouraged to get active and ride to school. Students over 10 years of age are encouraged to ride to school on this day. Students under 10 can ride with their parents accompanying them. There will be stickers for those who ride. All riders need their helmets of course. There is a bike rack at school.

Cross Country
All primary students will walk down to Tarro Reserve to take part in the school Cross Country Carnival tomorrow 13th March. See more details later in this newsletter.

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket Competition
The school cricket team will be playing two games next week. 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.

Zone Soccer and Netball Trials
Good luck to the students who are vying for a spot on the Zone Soccer or Netball teams next Tuesday.

Harmony Day
We will celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday 24th March. On this day, students will be encouraged to wear orange, the colour that symbolises harmony. For this privilege, the students can donate a gold coin which will go towards the Year 6 Farewell later in the year. Students will participate in activities from a range of cultural backgrounds. At lunch, due to the generosity of the Vijenanathan family, each student will receive a small portion of Butter Chicken with rice, to experience a genuine Sri Lankan dish!

Week 8 Focus Expectation: Do your best.
When I'm doing my best:
I focus on my work
I actively participate
I set goals
I am a good sport

Congratulations to
1. Iszac
2. Alyssa
3. Connor
4. Lilly
5. Isabella
Who were caught having safe hands and safe feet last week and were lucky enough to have their name drawn out of the box.
Leanne Davison
High School Expression of Interest
Could all Year 6 students return the high school EOIs to Beresfield Public School by Friday 20th March.

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.

Easter Celebrations
Join us on Wednesday 1st April when we celebrate Easter. This is our second last day of Term 1. This year Easter occurs on the first weekend of the school holidays.

Last Week’s Quiz
Who picked a peck of pickled peppers? Peter Piper!
Congratulations to Lilly, Thara, Thanu and Lawson who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Quiz
At what temperature does water a) freeze and b) boil?
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.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
⇒ School Cross Country
⇒ Easter BBQ order form
⇒ Hunter Zone Soccer Trials
⇒ School Rugby League team selection
⇒ Stage 3 Canberra excursion note
⇒ Reg Kelly Cricket

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion
An expression of interest note was sent home today. 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 once the cost has been confirmed with a non-refundable deposit of $50 due by 27th March.
Leanne Davison
Canberra Excursion Coordinator

Harmony Day
We are all looking forward to our Harmony Day celebrations on Tuesday 24th March.
Mr & Mrs Vijeyananthan will be preparing Butter Chicken and Rice for the whole school again this year. We thank them for their overwhelming generosity. Below is a list of the ingredients which will be in this dish:
- Yoghurt, garlic, ginger, cumin, coriander, garam marsala, chili powder, with chicken marinade
- Butter chicken sauce - tomato paste, tomato puree, butter with thickened cream.
If your child is allergic to any of these ingredients please notify your child’s class teacher or the office by Monday 23rd March.

Cross Country
All primary students will walk down to Tarro Reserve to take part in the school Cross Country Carnival tomorrow, Friday 13th March. All students will participate in either running or walking the course. Please ensure all students wear suitable joggers and a hat plus bring recess and plenty of water. Also please apply sunscreen prior to the event and bring a towel to sit on. Parents are welcome to come and assist or watch. Volunteers are needed to marshall on the track, but it is a great vantage point. The top runners will represent the school at the Zone Cross Country which takes place on Friday 27th March and students will be advised after the carnival.
Helen Wiedermann - Carnival Organiser

Primary Maths Groups
On Monday, all students in Stage 2 and 3 completed a stage Maths assessment from the first four units studied this year. As a result, some students will move groups to ensure they are in the best group for their Mathematical learning. Students who have moved will be given a note for parents to explain which group they are now placed in. For any further questions please see either your class teacher or myself.
Helen Wiedermann
Assistant Principal Curriculum
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 was 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 was 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

Book Fair
On Monday the 16th of March our school will be hosting a Book Fair. We would like to extend an invitation to all our school families, friends, neighbours, grandparents and community members to come and visit our Fair. A large variety of beautiful books, novelty items and posters will be on sale. This is the library’s major fundraiser for the year. The Fair will be open before school each morning from 8.30 – 9.00am and between 3 - 3.30pm from Monday to Thursday. There can be no better gift than a book for your child. We hope to see you there next week!

Karen Meyer (Teacher Librarian)

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.

Leanne Davison

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assemblies.

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Book Club Orders
Book club orders are due back no later than 10am on Friday 13 March.
Dear Parents / Carers of Years 3-6 students

This year we are offering students in Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) tests. This competition is run by Educational Assessment Australia, a division of the University of NSW. This year we are offering English, Mathematics, Spelling and Digital Technology and Science papers.

Please note, these tests will only proceed if there are sufficient numbers.

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Entry is optional. If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions, please complete the application form below. Please note that full payment is due by Thursday 26th March for all entries. You can find out more information at this website - www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Leanne Davison
ICAS Coordinator

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO MRS DAVISON BY Thursday 26th March, 2015

2015 UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS

I would like my child ____________________________ of class ___________ to participate in the following ICAS Tests:

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I understand that payment has to be made in advance by Thursday 26th March 2015 and cannot be refunded.

Parent: signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________
P & C News
Tickets have been sent out 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.
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 8 $4.50 Meal Deal is:
♦ Sweet chilli chicken wrap
♦ Drink of your choice
♦ 1 x cheesy garlic bread

Your time starts now!
Student – Maddison Meredith – Class 3/4?
At home I… love to listen and dance to music.
At school I… certainly try my hardest.
My most treasured possession is… my family.
My mother/father always tells me… to stop dancing constantly
I wish I had… the opportunity to go to a dance university.
I wish I hadn’t… been shy with singing.
I am happiest when… I’m dancing. The music takes over me.
When I grow up I want to… be a professional dancer.
My favourite book is… “Matched” by Ally Condie.
If I could live anywhere, I’d choose… Santa Monica in America
The hardest thing I’ve ever done was… dealing with bullying.
I relax by… dancing.
My worst trait is… that I can be a chatterbox.
My best trait is… my persistence.
My greatest fear is… going nowhere with my life.
If only I could… create equality for all people
I’m always being asked… to stop jumping and dancing around.
If I wasn’t me I’d like to be… my big sister.
I often wonder… what it would be like to be famous.
I love Beresfield because… it’s my home.
**Bicycle and Scooter Policy 2015**

Below is a summary of our Bicycle and Scooter Policy for 2015. It is the students’ responsibility to ensure they observe the following rules:

Students in **Years 4-6 only** will be permitted to ride their scooters / bikes to and from school.

Students from K-3 must have a parent/adult with them.

Entry and exit will be via the **Hawthorn Street and Boomerang Street** pedestrian gates only.

**NO student is permitted to ride their scooter/ bike WITHIN the school grounds at any time.**

**NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL FOR THE CARE OF STUDENTS’ SCOOTERS, BICYCLES OR HELMETS.**

Parents will be notified if their child is observed riding unsafely to or from school or not adhering to these rules.

**Guidelines specific to Bicycles**

**As per RTA and DEC guidelines**

Students must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.

Bicycles must be fitted with a bell.

**All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed.** This includes the pedestrians’ right of way on footpaths.

Children between 10-12 years of age are permitted to ride safely on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.

**Guidelines specific to Scooters**

It is **recommended** that students correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a scooter.

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**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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Closure of Camp Australia Vacation Care at Beresfield Public School

Dear Families,

We wish to advise you that Camp Australia will no longer be providing a Vacation Care Program at Beresfield Public School, and the last day of operation was Tuesday 27th January.

We are pleased to advise that Camp Australia will continue providing Before and After Care at Beresfield Public School as normal, with Before care operating 6.30am – 8.30am, and After Care operating 3.00pm – 6.00pm.

We would like to thank all the families for the successful partnership we have enjoyed and the time you have allowed us to spend with your children in Vacation Care. To find an alternative Holiday Club program in your area for the upcoming school holidays please visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

For all queries in relation to the closure of this Vacation Care service, and finding alternate care please contact our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 or email oshc@campaustralia.com.au.

Kind regards,

Kylie Parks
Regional Coordinator
Camp Australia
Lee’s Alterations & Sewing
Ph 0430215001 for an appointment

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EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

TENNIS CLINIC

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre
Car Page & Lawes St East Maitland

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: $50.00 for 3 days per child (Family Discounts Available)
Age: 4 years to 16 years
Standard: Beginner to Intermediate

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