**Dates for your diary**

- **20 Mar** Aussie Bush Camp Deposit due
- **20 Mar** School Cross Country Carnival
- **23 Mar** Speech pathology information session 6.30pm - 8.00pm - Library
- **24 Mar** Harmony Day - wear orange
- **24 Mar** Infants Assembly - 2.15pm
- **26 Mar** ICAS payment due
- **27 Mar** Canberra Excursion deposit due
- **27 Mar** Zone Cross Country
- **27 Mar** Fighter World Excursion - K/6T & K/6Y
- **27 Mar** Speech pathology information session 10:30-11:30am - OOSH rooms
- **27 Mar** Gardening position applications close
- **1 April** Easter Celebrations 11.30am
- **2 April** Last day of Term 1
- **21 April** Students return for Term 2
- **4 May** P & C meeting 5.30pm

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**PRINCIPAL TALK**

**Cross Country**

The school Cross Country is on this Friday 20th March. Please see over the page for more information.

**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. There will be no assembly this year. We will have learning sessions in classrooms to celebrate a diversity of cultures instead. 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!

**School Packs**

If you haven’t paid for your child’s school pack as yet, we request that you do so by the end of the term. The packs are $50 per student. Thank you for your commitment.

**Easter Celebrations**

Join us on Wednesday 1st April when we celebrate Easter. The P & C Easter raffle will be drawn during the day, so please keep the Easter raffle tickets and donations coming in. To make the raffle a success we still need lots more donations of Easter Eggs.

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**

At what temperature does water a) freeze and b) boil? Water freezes at 0°C Celsius and boils at 100°C Celsius.

Congratulations to Sarah, Aleena and Alex who submitted correct entries.
Reg Kelly Shield Cricket Competition
Beresfield played Tenambit Public School on Tuesday 17th March. The team was very excited as they entered the hallowed turf of Tarro Reserve. We won the toss and elected to field. The whole team pitched in to pressure the batsmen of the other team. We were able to take 4 wickets before the 24 overs were complete. Special mentions to Kavi who took two sharp catches (one off his own bowling) and Lachlan who accurately threw down the stumps for a marvellous run out.

Then we went in to bat. We showed determination and grit. Jai, our captain for the day, opened the batting and was one of only two who scored runs off the bat. Well done to Bohdi who kept at the crease for a long time, ending up 2 not out. Congratulations to our highest scorer - a player called Sundries!

For most it was their first game of cricket ever and despite our bruising loss, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The opposition were experienced but very encouraging of us. A great day all round.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
- Easter BBQ order form
- Stage 3 Canberra excursion note
- Aussie Bush Camp reminders
- Fighterworld Excursion K/6Y & K/6T
- 2/3A - Computer room head phones needed
- School netball training sessions - selected students

Cross Country Carnival
Due to rain last Friday the Cross Country Carnival is postponed until this Friday 20th March, 2015. The organisation is the same as last week with all students coming to school first for roll call and then walking to Tarro Reserve together for a 9.30am start. Students are to wear House colours and wear suitable joggers for running or walking. Please remember not to order recess from the canteen, but rather bring from home with plenty of water. Students will also need a hat and sunscreen. Parents and caregivers are welcome to watch or assist on the course. If you are able to help could you please advise your classroom teacher or Mrs Wiedermann.

Helen Wiedermann
Cross Country Organiser.

Speech Pathology
The Speech Pathology Program at Beresfield Public School is off to a fantastic start. We have now completed screening of all our Kindergarten and Year 2 students. This means we have screened all of our infants students. Screening is an important first step as it allows us to see where students are at in their speech and language development allowing us to identify areas of need and provide support and therapy where appropriate. Reports have been sent home for all Year 2 and selected Year 1 students over the past few weeks. This week, reports will be going home to Kindergarten parents along with a note inviting parents to attend an information session where you may speak to a speech pathologist about your child’s report. These information sessions will take place next week on Monday 23rd March 6:30-8pm in the school library and Friday 27th March 10:30-11:30am in the OOSH room. Please complete the bottom section of the note indicating which session you wish to attend. If you cannot attend one of the sessions but wish to discuss your child’s report, you can provide your contact details on the note and the speech pathologist will contact you. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Hayley Bertwistle

Netball Training
Training for the girls netball team started on Tuesday 17th March at 8.20am - 8.55am and will continue each Tuesday morning. If it is raining training will be in the hall.

Alba Aparicio

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 2 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 27th March, 2015. Contact the office for further details.
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.

Easter Celebrations
Don’t forget to hop along to school on Wednesday 1st April to celebrate Easter. The celebration begins at 11.30am. There will be a parade and the P & C raffle will be drawn throughout this time.

Each class will present an Easter item during our celebration. The item that students are presenting as a class will be created in class time.

On the day the canteen are having a special Easter BBQ. These orders need to be pre-ordered by Thursday 26th March, as no other food will be available on the day.

Please note that lunch orders will only be available when lunch starts, which is 1.15pm.
Fia Lyle & Melissa Doornbos
Easter Celebration Coordinators

Canberra Excursion Year 5 & 6
An expression of interest note was sent home last week. 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. Payments over $10 may also be made by EFTPOS at the office or credit card over the phone.
Leanne Davison
Canberra Excursion Coordinator

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 tomorrow, Friday 20th March. The remaining $200 can be paid in four instalments on the following dates: $50 by Friday 1st May, $50 by Friday 26th 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.

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 tomorrow, Friday 20th March 2015 as we need to process them and have them ready for the high school to collect.
Leanne Davison

This Week’s Quiz
What is the main ingredient in an omelette?
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.
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**
It is with great regret that as of next term I will no longer be canteen Co-ordinator.
The P & C next meets on Monday 4th May, where any interested community members are invited to volunteer to fill the vacant position. Cassie McDonald will relieve in the position in the interim.
Thank you to everyone for your support.
Lisa Woods
Canteen Co-ordinator

2015 - Week 9 $4.50 Meal Deal is:
- 3 lots of Meat Balls
- Drink of your choice
- 2 x cheesy garlic bread

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**Your time starts now!**

**Parent - Lisa Verrender - mother of Lucas, Ryan & Blake**

At home I... listen to music and clean.

My most treasured possessions are...my family

My mother/father always told me...to do as I was told (I never did!).

I wish I had... a million dollars.

My favourite books are... horror books.

If I could live anywhere, I'd choose... Queensland.

My best trait is... I'm very sociable.

If only I could... go away on holidays again.

I'm always being asked... to go out.

If I wasn't me I'd like to be... Channing Tatum's wife.

I often wonder... what my kids are thinking.

I love Beresfield because...it's a great area with great people.
New Zealand Playhouse performed Jumping Jack Flash and the Beanstalk at Beresfield Public School last week.

All over the land it was raining garbage and the Mayor is blaming Jack Flash. Jack goes on an adventure to find out who it is. So with the help of Juan, a jumping bean, Jack climbs up the beanstalk and starts his mission into the clouds.

I think the acting was realistic and funny. I loved the way the audience joined in with the performance.

In the play there were 3 actors but they played 12 characters. I think the costumes were detailed and creative.

I really liked the play and I rate it 10/10 because it was educational and energetic.

Jaya 3/4C
‘Family - It’s all about Relationships’
Our experiences may be different but our struggles are the same.

A Learning Opportunity for ALL
Learn a clear, simple & practical model to understand yourself and your family. A model that you can use with confidence to maintain strong and loving relationships.

Where: Woodberry Learning Centre
When: Each Thursday from 30 April ~ 4 June 2015
Time: 10am ~ 12noon and/or 6pm ~ 8pm
(Participants can choose the workshop that best suits their schedule)
Cost: $10 for the workbook
Enquiries: Phone 4964 1473 or email: woodbrylc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Presenter: Maureen Sansom with special guest Nancy Snow

We all have a desire to CONNECT with people, mostly because of our need to be loved, to give love and to belong.

Failing to connect with people we care about is the source of almost all human problems and includes symptoms such as school failure, loneliness, drug addiction, violence, spousal & child abuse, crime and what is commonly called mental illness such as anxiety and depression etc.

So it goes without saying that the most important part of our lives is having loving relationships with people who are important to us and also having a loving relationship with ourselves. We can maintain these relationships by changing what we do and by concentrating on the relationship.

About the Presenter: Maureen Sansom – Certified in Choice Theory, Lead Management & Adv. Cert. in the Clinical Practice of Reality Therapy.

Maureen is employed at a specialised educational setting for students with behavioural disorders and has had extensive training in the internal control psychology Choice Theory and Reality Therapy. Maureen asks: “What would the world be like if all human beings practised unconditional love and acceptance in their relationships?”
COMMUNITY NEWS

APPLICATIONS FOR HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL 2016

2016 applications for Hunter Sports High School are now available for students in Year 6. Hunter Sports High will offer students 14 different sports for their targeted sports program. Application forms can be accessed at: www.huntersports.com.au

Please check the above website for details regarding the fee applicable and the date your application must be received by Hunter Sports High School and trial dates.

FAMILY FUN AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Easter School Holidays 2015

Easter Fun Day
Saturday 4th April 9.30am - 1.00pm
Join the Easter Bunny for:
• Wetlands Adventures
• Craft & Face Painting
• Fun Games
• Rope Bridge
• BBQ
$5 Adults, $2 children under 12 (under 3 free)

School Holiday Activities
There’s lots to do, so come along and join in the fun
• Orienteering
• Canoeing
• Bike Riding (bring your own bike or hire one)
• Playground
• Walking Trails
• Become a Wetlands Explorer (go in the draw for a weekly prize pack)
• Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe.

Wetlands will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday
Book in for these activities on Wednesday 15th April
Bush Skills Adventure 6 to 9 yrs ($10 per child)
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, a bush dumper & learn about useful bush skills too!

Wiggly Wetlanders 5 to 8 yrs ($20 per child)
Explore the wetlands, get creative and crafty with our fun wetland activities.

Bookings Essential - 4951 6466

SPECIAL EVENT

Fundraiser Movie Event - 2nd April
Get your friends together & join us at Glenelg Events Cinemas for the premiere of
The Spongebob Movie
Sponge Out of Water 3D.
All tickets $12. Entertainment from 5.30pm movie starts at 6.30pm.
Tickets from www.stickytickets.com.au

HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
1 Wetlands Place, Sherwood NSW 2307
Ph: 4951 6466, Email lwes@hunterlga.org.au
Open 9am to 4pm - 7 days
Spotted Cafe open 9am to 3pm - 7 days

GIANT GARAGE SALE
SUNDAY 25TH MARCH
PALM VALLEY VILLAGE
QUARTER SESSIONS ROAD, TARRO
FROM 11AM
BBQ LUNCH AVAILABLE
ALL PROCEEDS FROM
BBQ TO SUPPORT LOCAL BOY, ETHAN KULUPACH
WHO IS GOING TO BARCELONA, SPAIN
IN NOVEMBER, TO
PLAY FUTSAL FOR AUSTRALIA

Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2015

The 2015 Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day is happening on Saturday 30th May. Fire stations across NSW will be open from 10am to 2pm and you are invited to visit your local fire fighters and learn more about fire prevention and safety.

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our stations fire truck, hold a fire hose and chat with fire fighters about what they do.

Visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au to find your nearest 2015 Open Day participating stations and join us on Saturday 30th May.