**Dates for your diary**

- 2 April  Last day of Term 1
- 21 April  Students return for Term 2
- 23 April  PSSA Netball at Maitland Park
- 24 April  School ANZAC Ceremony
- 29 April  School Gymnastics note due back
- 30 April  School Gymnastics begins
- 1 May  Year 4 Bush Camp instalment due - $50
- 1 May  PSSA Soccer 12pm at Pasedena Oval
- 4 May  P & C meeting 5.30pm
- 5 May  School photo day
- 6 May  Mothers Day Stall
- 8 May  Canberra instalment due - $60
- 8 May  Mothers Day breakfast
- 12 May  NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
- 13 May  NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
- 14 May  NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
- 12 June  Star Struck Performance
- 13 June  Star Struck Performance

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**PRINCIPAL TALK**

**Easter Holidays**

The last day of term is today. All students from Kinder to Year 6 return to school on Tuesday 21\(^{st}\) April. The school will be closed on Monday 20\(^{th}\) April, as the staff attend Murrook Aboriginal Cultural Centre for the Staff Development Day.

There will be no canteen on the first day back so please provide food for your child.

**Staffing**

Mrs Nadia Farrell will go onto maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her well for the birth of her first child which is only weeks away. Miss Lisa Grall will replace her till the end of the year, working each Tue, Wed and Thu supporting primary rooms in the morning, and taking RFF after recess.

Mrs Jayde Kernahan had a beautiful baby girl on Tuesday this week.

Mrs Leanne Davison and Mrs Helen Wiedermann will be taking 2 weeks and 3 weeks leave respectively at the start of Term 2.

**School ANZAC Ceremony**

Our school will be commemorating ANZAC Day on Friday 24\(^{th}\) April at 11:30am.

**Community ANZAC Ceremony**

We would love to see many students represent our school at the dawn service on ANZAC Day (25\(^{th}\) April). This year is the 100\(^{th}\) anniversary of Gallipoli.

If you are not out of town, then please make the effort to come down to the Beresfield cenotaph on the corner of Anderson Drive and Allendale Street.

Students should turn up in their school uniform. Bring a jumper also.

A breakfast is offered after the event in the Bowling Club.

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**Weekly Focus Expectation: Safe Hands, Safe Feet.**

*When I have safe hands and safe feet:*  
- I have a calm body  
- I keep my hands and feet in my own space  
- I keep my own space

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Congratulations to  
1. Jai  
2. Alyssa  
3. Aleena  
4. Kia  
5. Blayden  

who were caught speaking appropriately last week and were lucky enough to have their name drawn out of the box.

Leanne Davison
Vacation Care
A reminder that Camp Australia are no longer providing vacation care. Vacation Care is available at Thornton Public School through the Baptist Church on 4939 1840.

Canteen
Thank you to Lisa Saxby who finishes her role as canteen co-ordinator today. Your contribution to our school is gratefully acknowledged.

Daylight Saving in New South Wales
Daylight savings will end in New South Wales on Sunday 5th April 2015 at 3:00am, when clocks will be put back one hour.
The NSW Fire Brigade recommends changing your smoke alarm battery on Sunday 5th April.

Last Week’s Quiz
If you have six pairs, how many items do you have?
12
Congratulations to Issiah and Aleena who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Joke

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
⇒ MSP photography envelopes
⇒ Notes to Year 3 and Year 5 re NAPLAN
⇒ Whole school Gymnastics
⇒ PSSA Touch Football Trials
⇒ PSSA Netball game

School Photos
Tuesday 5th May is school photo day. Each child has received a personalised photo envelope.
The envelopes can be returned to school for safe keeping by Monday 4th May. Alternatively, children can return their envelopes on photo day 5th May and they will be given directly to the photographer. The photographers charge a $20 fee for late orders. Payments for all students in a family can be placed in the one envelope but all envelopes need to be returned. Please ensure correct money is in the envelopes as they are handed unopened to the photographers. This year payments can be made on the photographer’s website. Envelopes still need to be returned to school though.
If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Master School Portraits. If you would like a Family Portrait, please return the section which is further in to Master School Portraits. If you would like a Family Portrait envelope.

For any enquiries, please call MSP Photography on 4966 8292. Thank you.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.
On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.
NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.
All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html
NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.
Debating Workshop
A few weeks ago a group of Stage 3 students attended a debating workshop, with the intention of forming a debating team to represent the school in an inter-school competition. Students and accompanying teachers were trained in the art of being great debaters. During the day students were able to put into practise what they learnt.
We are excited for what lies ahead for these amazing students. With nerves of steel they confidently debated against each other on the topic, ‘School hours should be extended another 2 hours’. Maddison, Sophie, Kiara, Kavi, Charlee and Brianna will represent Beresfield Public School in future debating competitions.
Fia Lyle

Spelling Bee Competition
On Monday, Stage 3 had their first Spelling Bee competition. Three students from each class were selected to participate. There were 5 rounds consisting of Word Family, List Words, Demons, Extension Words and Unknown Words. They received a point for each word spelt correctly. The winner was Indah, who finished with a perfect score of 5 points, followed by Brianna on 4 points! Congratulations, girls!
Here are some of the words for you to try and spell. Remember they were in the hall in front of an audience as well!
Influence, observation, establish, amateur, preferred
Helen Wiedermann

Bell Times
From term 2 our school bell times will be:
- 8:30am Teachers on duty in playground
- 9am - 11am Learning time
- 11am - 11:30am Recess
- 11:30am - 1:20pm Learning time
- 1:20pm - 1:30pm Eating time
- 1:30pm - 2:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Learning time
The period of play at recess and lunch are both 30 minutes.

Great Aussie Bush Camp - Year 4
The Year 4 camp will be held from Monday 14th September until Wednesday 16th September.
Thank you to the parents that have paid their deposit. The next $50 instalment is due Friday 1st May.

Canberra Excursion
Thank you to those parents who have paid their deposit for the Canberra excursion by the due date. The good news is that the excursion will go ahead. At present, however, the number of students indicating that they will be attending has not met the minimum numbers we predicted for our original quote. We are still waiting on indications from a number of families which has meant that we are at this stage still unable to give a firm amount for the excursion. Our intention is to settle on a firm cost once we have made contact with all families and have the confirmation note with instalment slips out as soon as possible in the first or second weeks of next term. The first instalment of $60 is still due Friday 8th May.

PSSA Netball
The school netball team will play their first game in week 1 on Thursday 23rd April. The game will be at 9.00am at Maitland Park. The students will meet in area A at 8:20am for a 8:30am departure and return to school by recess. Students are expected to return to school after the game. Notes have gone home today and need to be returned Wednesday 22nd April.
Alba Aparicio
Netball Coach

Reminders
The driveways of some neighbours of the school have been blocked by parents picking children up at the end of the day. All parents are asked to avoid blocking any driveways or other access points when picking children up from school.
Zone Cross Country
Last Friday, 31 primary students travelled to Tocal College for the Zone Cross Country Carnival. It was a beautiful day for running through the paddocks with approximately 100 other students in each age group. Our team performed very well with many students improving their places from last year. Our best result came from Paris, who finished 5th in the 12 years girls and will go on to the Regional Cross Country on Friday, 8 May, 2015. Congratulations Paris!!!
Excellent results were also achieved by Beau, who finished 9th in the 10 years boys and is first reserve for the regional carnival and Sienna, who finished 10th in the 10 years girls and is also a reserve.
Other notable results were:
Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended and cheered our team. A special thank you to Mrs Cheryl Lee, who transported our shade shelter and equipment, as well as assisted on the day.
Congratulations to all the team for your wonderful effort and sporting behaviour, especially cheering on, not only Beresfield competitors, but all other runners!
Helen Wiedermann

K/6Y and K/6 T Excursion to Fighterworld
On Friday 27th March K-6Y and K-6T had an excursion to Fighter World. We were very lucky as it was a particularly busy day and saw lots of jets take off and land. At Fighter World we saw lots of fighter jets and we were even allowed to sit in two cockpits. A special visitor, Squadron Leader Aaron Ward, from Williamtown RAAF base came to talk to us and answer our questions.
Sarah Gallagher
2015 Easter Celebration

Have a Happy Safe Easter from BPS!!
Quarry Mining and Construction Equipment sponsor our school in the Books in Homes Program. This wonderful program enables our students to choose and take home quality books to foster a love of reading. There was a book giving ceremony on 24th March where representatives from these companies came to present our students with their chosen books. Author Katrina McKelvey also attended to talk to children about the process of writing a story book. We are very grateful for these generous donations and the excitement it creates in our students about reading.

Infants Teachers

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**FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH REQUEST NOTE**

I would like to take the opportunity to have my children photographed together on Tuesday 5th May (Term 2, Week 3) by MSP Photography. Please send me a Family Portrait Pack pre-pay envelope.

I will return this to the office before the photo day with full payment enclosed.

Family Surname: ____________________

Children’s Names: ____________________  Class_____

                               Class_____

                               Class_____

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Signature: ____________________
P & C News
The next P & C meeting will be held on 4th May at 5:30pm in the Staffroom. Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Eggs to our Easter raffle and to everyone who helped out.

Mothers Day Stall
We are trying something new this year for our Mothers Day Stall. It will be held on 6th May. The children will be coming into the hall with their classes where they will be able to purchase gifts for $3, $4 and $5. There will be no pre-orders this year.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 9am. Order forms are available at the school office if you cannot make it to the uniform shop at these times. Please note that the Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers.

Shopping Trip to Sydney
Deposits are now due
It’s that time of year again where we start organising the shopping tour to raise funds for our school. It is on Saturday 31st October 2015 and will only be a day trip this year. Cost will be $85/p which includes lunch.

A deposit of $30 is required by Monday 22nd June which can be dropped off in an envelope with name and contact details at the school office or canteen.

It is a great day out and you may even be able to get you Christmas shopping done!

For further details you can contact Jodie Payne on 0425 26 16 36.
The Conservatorium Youth Choir

“Life is a song worth singing…why don’t you sing it?”

Is your child interested in singing better, working as a team, developing their harmony singing, making new friendships and having a good time?

Then join in the fun!

Entry: No audition – enrol through Conservatorium Office
Ages: from 8 years (Year 3 onwards)
Rehearsals: Monday’s 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Description: The Conservatorium Youth Choir endeavours to foster excellence in musicianship and a love of music as well as to nurture young voices. It is available to all children from the age of 8 years from public and non-government schools and welcomes new members throughout the year.

The CYC participates in various activities around the region and perform in a range of Conservatorium and community events, often in collaboration with the Conservatorium’s other choirs. They experience music from a variety of cultures, exploring many styles and incorporating different musical and vocal techniques. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.

Director: ChristopherBlake
Cost: $105.30 per 9 week term (GST inclusive)
Contact: The office on (02) 4921 8900 or email: conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au