Dates for your diary
15 May Stewart House Pirate Day - gold coin donation
15 May PSSA Boys Rugby League
15 May Whole school assembly 2.05pm
18 May GRIP Leadershi conference
19 May ICAS test - Digital technology
25 May Boys Soccer Gala Day
26 May School Disco
27 May Kindergarten excursion to Beresfield Library
27 May Star Struck rehearsal
29 May Aussie Bush Camp instalment due $50
1 June P & C meeting 5.30pm
2 June Pie Drive order forms due back
3 June ICAS test - Science
4 June Athletics Carnival
12 June Canberra instalment due $60
12 June Star Struck Performance
13 June Star Struck Performance
16 June Pie Drive orders for collection
26 June Last day of Term 3
Congratulations to

Week 5 Focus: Listen Actively
When I’m listening actively;
I’m looking at the person
I have a calm body
I wait quietly

1. Georgia
2. Osha
3. Montana
4. Skyla
5. Kye
who were caught doing their best last week and were lucky enough to have their name drawn out of the box.
Leanne Davison

PRINCIPAL TALK
Pirate Day for Stewart House
Ahoy there! Come dressed as a pirate, tomorrow. Please bring a gold coin donation for our Stewart House Fundraising dress up day. Stewart House provides a two week experience for identified children. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being. Envelopes were sent home with the newsletter last week for the Stewart House Donation Drive 2015. Please return your envelope tomorrow for a chance to win a $4,000 Family Holiday.

Mothers Day Stall
It was great to see the P&C trial a new method of selling gifts at the Mother’s Day Stall last week. Instead of pre-ordering as in past years, students this year were given the responsibility of handling money, and being in charge of safely returning the change home. Most students did this successfully.
To assist in getting that change home safely, we have learnt that when we hold the Father’s Day stall later this year, it will occur on a Tuesday when the canteen is closed.
Thanks to the small number of volunteers who manned the stall last week. Volunteers for the Father’s Day Stall are already being sought by the P & C. Please see the P & C News on the back page of this newsletter.

Walk Safely to School Day
Next Friday 22nd May is Walk Safely to School Day. On this day, why not leave the car in the driveway and walk instead? If you live a fair way away, try parking a leisurely distance away from school and walk the remainder? Do the healthy thing and see how refreshing it is! Hey, you might enjoy it so much that you make a habit of it?!
Reward Day
Next Tuesday, we will reward all students who have shown responsible behaviour by following the school’s expectations for the first half of this term. They will enjoy an extended playtime at lunch and a sweet!

Missing Money
A couple of teachers have discovered money missing from their handbags this week. This is troubling as it is one of the only incidents of dishonesty we have had in recent times. Beresfield prides itself on being a trustworthy community. If anyone knows of this incident, please come forward.

Newcastle’s Most Popular Teacher
You may be aware that NewFM is currently holding a competition for Newcastle’s Most Popular Teacher. We at Beresfield are lucky because every teacher here is a quality teacher. However, out of our magnificent team of educators, four were nominated last week. They are Stefani Hainsworth, Michael Gabrielides, Kayla Hawkins and Melissa Doornbos. You have until Friday 22nd to vote for one or all of these teachers. You are allowed to vote as many times as you like. So get behind our teachers and vote now at newfm.com.au.

NAPLAN Assessments for Years 3 & 5
All students have given their best in this year’s assessments. The teachers have been impressed with their diligence and concentration. Any student who has been absent in the last three days will have the opportunity to complete any missed tests tomorrow.

Deadlines
Families who have been part of our community for a long time know that the school has been strict when setting a deadline for notes and money. Normally these deadlines are at 10am the day previous to the event. This way the school has time to establish numbers and put in place logistics to suit. Adhering to strict deadlines means that everyone knows where they stand.

Last week however, we had a significant number of families wanting to pay for gymnastics after the deadline. The consequence here is that students would not just miss out on one event, but many sessions over this term. For this reason, a one-off extension was given. We hope that this common sense exception has given some disappointed students and parents a smile. However, after this we go back to the decree “A deadline is a deadline!”

Please Help Others in our Community
The Anglican Parish needs our school community to help with its food pantry. Please provide cans of baked beans or spaghetti (420g), as well as Weetbix or equivalent, about 575g boxes. These can be brought to school and left in the box we have placed in our school foyer. As you may be aware, Reverend Doug Morrison-Cleary coordinates our Scripture classes. The Parish also donated $50 dollars to the school recently.

Last Week’s Quiz
Name two of Michael Jackson’s songs. Black or White, Thriller, Billy Jean, Man in the Mirror, Don’t Stop Till You Get Enough, etc
Congratulations to Amy-Jane, David, Mackenzie, Abby and Brayden who submitted correct entries.
Mr Jonathan Ridgway

GRIP Leadership Day
On Monday 18th May I will be accompanying the 6 student leaders to the GRIP Leadership day at Newcastle Panthers. This conference is a very hands-on experience and our student leaders will benefit greatly from attending. They will need to be at school by 8am so that we can leave no later than 8.15am. A note was sent home detailing transport arrangements.
Leanne Davison

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
♦ Girls PSSA Football Gala Day - cancelled
♦ PSSA Rugby League
♦ Debating Team Adjudicator
♦ Athletics Carnival - Year 3 - 6

School Rugby League
Our School League team will play two games on Friday this week at Somerset Park at Thornton. The first game against East Maitland Public School starts at 12 noon and then straight after that they will play either Thornton PS or Telarah PS. The boys will leave school at 11.00am and return to school by 3.00pm. Permission notes are due back on Thursday and we need parents to help drive the boys to Somerset Park at Thornton. Please let me or the office know if you are able to help.
Michael Gabrielides
Rugby League Coach
Debating
Beresfield PS Debating Team will be competing in their first round against Thornton PS on Thursday 21st May. Students from both schools will be in lock down for an hour so they can prepare their arguments on an education topic, which will be given to them on the day. The battle between the two schools will hopefully start at 12.10pm, to be held in the hall.
Fia Lyle

Kindergarten Enrolment for 2016
Beresfield Public School is now taking enrolments for 2016. If you have a child or know of a child who will turn 5 years old before 31st July 2016 and wishes to enrol in Kindergarten please contact the school and collect an enrolment form. Playgroup will begin running in Term 3. All families with their name down will get an invitation later this term.

Girls Soccer Gala Day
On Tuesday we finally received the details of the Gala day. It is to be held on Monday, which I knew was a possible date, at Maitland park. Unfortunately as Monday is also the day of the GRIP Leadership conference in Newcastle we are unable to field a team. Three of our players are also leaders. Also we have one girl unavailable due to illness. Therefore I have withdrawn from the competition and there will be no training on Thursday.
Thanks to the girls for the effort they put in at training.
Maria Kirby AP

Kindergarten excursion
On Wednesday, the 27th of May, the children in Kindergarten will be going to the Beresfield Library to participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime. They will join with over 2000 libraries across Australia who will simultaneously read the delightful story, “The Brothers Quibble” by Nick Bland. The pupils will also have the opportunity to participate in craft, rhymes and songs. The children will be walking to the library and will be accompanied by Gemma Gash, Melissa Smith and Amanda Kellner. All attending teachers possess an Emergency Care Certificate. Children are required to wear school uniform. If your child needs any medications, please ensure they are given to your class teacher so that they can be taken on the excursion. The children will be leaving school at 10.20am and returning at 11.05am.
Karen Meyer

Year 6 Farewell Meeting
Next Tuesday 19th May, we will be holding our first Year Six Farewell Committee for the year. Any parents of Year Six students are more than welcome to join the Stage 3 teachers in Miss Wallace’s room at 3.10pm. Our first point of discussion will be the Year Six shirts.
Hope to see you there.
Alanna Wallace

ICAS
The first ICAS test (Digital Technologies) will be held at 9:30am on Tuesday 18th May. Students will be advised where it will be held before then.
Leanne Davison - Co-Ordinator

Public Speaking Competition 2015
Each year Beresfield Public School conducts a whole school public speaking competition, with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 all participating. The competition winners from the School finals will then continue on to represent the school at the Zone level.
Your child/ren should have received a note from their class teacher outlining the details of an oral presentation (speech) and the requirements for their Stage. Students should have begun preparing their speeches in preparation for their delivery to their class teacher and peers in Week 5. This oral presentation is a part of your child/ren’s Semester One assessments and therefore all students are required to participate.

Competition Protocols:
Firstly the students will present their speech to their class and teacher in Week 5, this is the week beginning May 18th. Their teacher will then select three students to continue on to the Stage competition, where they will then present their speech in front of all classes and teachers from the Stage. Stage finals will be held in Week 6. Four students from each Stage will then be chosen to compete in the school finals, which will be held in Week 8. A winner and a runner-up for each Stage will be chosen from the school finals. The winner of each Stage will then represent our school at the Zone public speaking competition.

Disco
This term’s disco is on Tuesday evening 26th May. The theme is your favourite music artist.
Infants 5:30-6:45pm
Primary 7:00-8:30pm
$6 entry which includes snacks.
Athletics Carnival
Shot put, discus, long jump, relay and running races. Yes, it’s that time of year again! Coming up on Thursday 4th June we have our annual Athletics Carnival. A note has been given out this week requesting the much needed assistance of parent volunteers. We need timekeepers for our races and helpers at each of the events. No experience needed! Please come along and offer support to our kids. All volunteer slips to be handed back by 27th May. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Grall or Michael Gabrielides at the school. Thank you.
Lisa Grall

Hunter Cross Country
Last Friday, Paris Wilson was one of 10 runners that represented Maitland Zone at the Hunter Cross Country Championships in Newcastle. She ran the full 3km and did not stop ONCE! Paris placed 45th amongst runners from all over the Hunter/Central Coast Region. Congratulations for a tremendous effort!
Stefani Hainsworth

Transition Day for Year 6s
All Year 6 students will walk with their teachers to a social orientation at Woodberry Oval on Wednesday 27th May. This is organised by FGHS and runs from 12pm to 2:30pm. This excursion is covered by the General Permission note that parents/caregivers signed at the beginning of this year. Students will leave here at 11:30am and return by 3:00pm. Students will need a snack and a drink and are to wear their school broad brimmed hat.
Leanne Davison

K-6 Assembly
Parents are welcome to attend our whole school assembly tomorrow at 2:05pm.

Your time starts now!  Stephanie Bagnall - School Admin Manager
My earliest memory is...playing with my sister.
At school I... always tried my hardest.
My most treasured possession is... photo’s of my children.
My mother/father always tells me... treat others the way you want them to treat you.
I wish I had...gone to University.
I am happiest when... spending time with the people I love.
When I was a child I wanted to...be a dancer.
The book that changed my life is...Eat Pray Love.
If I could live anywhere, I’d choose... Paris
The hardest thing I’ve ever done was... solve the Rubik’s cube.
I relax by... reading a book and cuddling my cat.
My worst trait is... being too organized.
My best trait is... finding the good things in life and laughing.
If only I could... fly.
I’m always being asked... when you get a chance can you do this for me....
If I wasn’t me I’d like to be... a travel journalist.
I often wonder... what’s around the corner.
I love Beresfield because...everyone is laid back and friendly.
You know you are in Beresfield when...I’m at work!!
This Week’s Quiz
What do sailors call the front, back, left and right hand sides of the ship?
Write your name and class with the answer on a piece of paper, and post it into the Quiz Box near the office by Wednesday.

Boys Soccer Gala Day
Our PSSA Boys Soccer team will participate in a Gala Day at Maitland Park on Monday 25th May. As well as training during lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a session will be run after school on Tuesday 19th from 3pm-4pm by Glenn Pro. Notes will go home as soon as details are finalised.
Jen Bissett

School Blazers
Beresfield’s student leaders for 2015 proudly show off in their ‘new threads’! Blazers, shirts and ties for the students have been donated to Beresfield Public School by the Baiada company. This attire helps to make our students look very smart on special occasions throughout the year. They have worn the blazers at their induction ceremony, ANZAC Day and the school photos. The blazers will also be used for our debating team, and public speakers who represent our school. We have purchased 12 blazers so that no matter what size our students are from year to year, we will have blazers that fit. Thanks to the staff at Baiada for your generosity.
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Refreshments provided.

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To register for this course contact Cynthia at Place of Friends on 49 642 174

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For more information contact Cynthia on 49 642 174

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**P & C News**
Firstly we hope all the mums had a lovely Mother’s Day last Sunday.
Thank you to our volunteers who helped with the Mother’s Day Stall, we believe it was a success.

We will need some help with upcoming fundraisers like the Pie Drive, Father’s Day stall and as always Discos. If you are interested in giving us a hand please see the ladies in the canteen. If we don’t get enough volunteers for the Father’s Day Stall we may not be able to have it at all. Non school aged children are welcome as we will have activities to occupy them.

There are still some positions vacant in our P & C. Vice President and Canteen Treasurer.
If you are interested please come to our next P & C meeting on 1st June at 5.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome!

**Disco**
The next disco will be on Tuesday 26th May.
The Theme will be to dress up as your favourite music artist.
Infants 5.30pm– 6.45pm
Primary 7pm– 8.30pm
$6 entry which includes chips, lollies and a drink.

**Uniform Shop**
There are none of the NEW size 6 shirts available at the moment. We will let everyone know when they are back in stock.

**Canteen News**
The canteen is looking for more volunteers. Weekly, fortnightly or even monthly are options if you are interested and would be greatly appreciated.
Please contact Christine Shelton on 0401 243 323

Please note that Chicken Chippies are on the menu as .40c each, however they are actually .30c each and there is a limit of 8 per order.

**Term 2 - Week 5 $4.50 Meal Deal is:**
♦ Bero Burger
♦ Drink of your choice
♦ Juicie

**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 $85p/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.
Get your tickets NOW

San Andreas ctc

This is a great opportunity to attend the screening of the movie “San Andreas” ctc 2 days after its worldwide release. Starring Kylie Minogue and Dwayne Johnson.

This is a fundraising event for ShelterBox Australia, Rotary provides humanitarian relief of shelter, warmth and dignity to families who have lost their homes to disasters. Currently providing immediate relief in NEPAL.

Date: Sunday May 31st 2015
Time: 1:30 pm (movie duration 120 minutes)
Place: Scotty’s Cinema, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324 (Adelaide St & Bourke St East)
Cost: $20 per ticket, which includes tea/coffee & cake after the show.

Tickets available from:
Myall Pharmacy at Hawks Nest & at Tea Gardens
Raymond Terrace Dental Care- 47 William St Raymond Terrace
Myall Coast Rotarian Judy Richardson on 0402655790
Or judyshelterbox@outlook.com
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