Dates for your diary
29 May  Aussie Bush Camp instalment due $50
1 June  NDIS information session - 3:00pm
1 June  P & C meeting 5.30pm
1 June  Didjeribone visiting Performance
2 June  Athletics carnival lunch orders due back
2 June  Stage 1 Public Speaking finals - 12:30pm
3 June  Stage 3 Public Speaking finals - 9.00am
3 June  Stage 2 Public Speaking finals - 12:30pm
3 June  ICAS test - Science
4 June  Athletics Carnival - Yr 3 - 6
5 June  Pie Drive order forms due back
5 June  Book Club orders due back
12 June Canberra instalment due $60
12 June Star Struck Performance
13 June Star Struck Performance
16 June Pie Drive orders for collection from Uniform Shop
17 June School Public Speaking finals
19 June Reports sent home
22 June Deposit due for P & C shopping bus trip
26 June Last day of Term 2
14 July Students return for Term 3

PRINCIPAL TALK
P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting occurs next Monday evening at 5:30pm. All welcome.

Athletics Carnival Lunch Orders
For next Thursday’s athletics carnival there will be a special lunch order. Notes will go home today and will need to be returned by Tuesday 2nd June before 10am. If the carnival is postponed orders will be filled at school as normal.

Stage Public Speaking Finals
All class-based speeches have been given and the best presentations are being asked to repeat their performance at the Stage Finals next week. The school hall will be busy as students from each stage show their wares.
Stage 1 – Tues 2nd June at 12:30pm
Stage 2 - Wed 3rd June at 12:30pm
Stage 3 – Wed 3rd June at 9.00am.
Kinder finalists will perform in their own classrooms at a time which will suit.
Parents are welcome to come and watch.
Students will vie for the opportunity to make it to the next tier which is the School Final on Wed 17th June.

Staffing
Ms Alba Aparicio has taken leave until the last two days of term. Mr Steven Cook replaces Ms Aparicio on 2/3A. Ms Aparicio returns on Thu 25th June to conduct the student-led conferences.
Mrs Lynne Connell returns to 3/4C next week. Thanks to Mrs Jan Fanning who looked after the class beautifully in Lynne’s absence.

If Your Child has an Issue
Most of the time, your child’s experiences at school are positive. There are times however, when they come across a social dilemma, or other issue at school. It is great to know that parents listen actively to their child’s problem, help them reflect, and provide a number of suggested

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Students who are caught in the right place at the right time will have the chance to have their name drawn out of the box and win a prize.

Leanne Davison
strategies to help them resolve their own issues. Sometimes, however, a child finds it too hard to solve the issue themselves. In this case, we encourage parents to contact school staff so that we can assist in resolving the problem. We ask that under no circumstances do parents approach other students.

Student-Led Conferences
What are they?
The aim of Student-Led Conferencing is for the child to accept increased responsibility for their own learning. During the conference each child will:
- discuss their self-evaluation with their parents
- display a collection of school work completed during Semester One.
- discuss personal goals for Semester Two, 2015.
- invite the classroom teacher to discuss their progress, areas of concern, etc.

With reports going home on Friday 19th June, you will have time to look at your child’s report and collate any questions you would like to ask at the conference, which will be the following week.

Where and when?
We have arranged Student-Led Conferences to be held in the last week of this term. Each class teacher will have a dedicated day off class to facilitate student-led conferences. These will take place from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th June inclusive. The conferences will be held in the student's classroom (except for K/6Y and K/6T which will be in the offices).

How?
We are using the online system again this year to book the conferences! Your booking confirmation will be sent to your email account to refer to down the track. If your circumstances change, you will be able to change bookings. Instructions are on the back page of this week’s newsletter. First in, best dressed!

Last Week’s Quiz
What is the smallest number of coins you would need to make 85 cents?

Four coins!
Congratulations to Tyson, Elijah, Kavi and Amy-Jane who submitted correct entries.
Mr Jonathan Ridgway

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
- Athletics Carnival - Info for Year 3 - 6
- Star Struck costume details
- Athletics Carnival lunch orders

Bush Regeneration
As you are aware, we have been working to regenerate a small area of bush in the corner of our site near the dental clinic. We have been successful in attaining some grants to fund this project. One is called Stepping Stone. The Great Eastern Ranges initiative aims to provide a link of bush habitat from the Grampians in Western Victoria to the far north in Queensland. Due to many factors, the Hunter Valley has a big gap where birds and animals cannot pass. Thanks to Beresfield Public School, we have created a Stepping Stone. We should be very proud.

This Week’s Quiz
What do the colours in the Aboriginal flag stand for?
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.

Great Aussie Bush Camp - Year 4
Thank you to the parents that have paid their deposit and the first instalment. The next $50 instalment is due tomorrow, Friday 29th May.
**U12s Knights Knockout**
On the 21st the Beresfield Rugby League team travelled to Raymond Terrace to compete in the annual Knights Knockout. The boys came up against Belmont South in their first game. The boys had shown played with great energy and came away with a 16 – 8 victory.

In the following games the boys came up against much stiffer opposition. Both St Mary’s and Scone had very sizeable forwards and a very well drilled team. The boys fought bravely but went down in both games 12 – 4. By the end of the final game the boys were down to 11 players and their desperation in defence was commendable. After the games the players were able to vote for their players’ player. The award is a great sign of respect from your team mates. Congratulations to Jake Lee for winning the award on the day. Jake captained and led the team in both attack and defence. Well done Jake.

Special thanks to the parents that helped out on the day. Beresfield Public can be proud of the effort and behaviour displayed by the team on the day.

Michael Gabrielides

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**NAIDOC Week**
Our annual NAIDOC Week celebrations are coming up in Week 9. NAIDOC Week is a National event that occurs each year. This is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and bring everyone in our nation together.

The activities your child will participate in include:
- Traditional Aboriginal painting
- Traditional Indigenous Games
- Dreamtime story telling
- Traditional dance workshops
- Tasting of Kangaroo, Emu & Crocodile
- Visiting performance based around traditional dance and music “Didjeribone” on 1st June.

Please let the school know if your child has any known allergies to food.

Gemma Gash

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**PSSA Boys Football**
On Monday 25th May 2015 our senior boys soccer team participated in a gala day at Maitland Park as part of the NSW PSSA Knockout Competition. The schools we played against were Minmi, Maitland and Woodberry. Unfortunately we were defeated in all games and will not be progressing through to the next round. The boys did however have a fun day and all displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport and cheerleading on the day. Well done Beroroos!

Jennifer Bissett

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**Athletics Carnival**
It is only one week away from our Primary Athletics Carnival. It will be held next Thursday 4th June at Woodberry Oval. The kids have been practising their shot put, discus, long jump, relay and running skills and are all ready to go. At this stage the weather forecast is all clear with sunshine. It may be a little chilly down on the grounds so we are lucky enough to have the “Local Coffee Man” visit throughout the day. We are still requesting parent volunteers for the day. We hope to see you down there to encourage the kids.

Lisa Grall

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**Book Club Orders**
Book club orders are due back by 10am Friday 5th June.
1st Round Debating Team
JUST AMAZING!!! Last Thursday our debating team did our school proud by putting forward their amazing arguments in their first bout. Going against a strong team from Thornton Public School, our fantastic students did an amazing job in agreeing with the topic, ‘School should teach computer skills instead of art and music’. We did not win this debate but I am very proud of our hard working students. Next week we will be up against Ashtonfield Public School.
Fia Lyle

Newcastle University Practical Students
From Tuesday 9th June until Friday 26th June, we will have three practicing teachers from Newcastle University. They will be observing and assisting teachers, as well as teaching under supervision. They will be in the following classrooms for this time:
Year 5/6L (Mrs Lyle) - Ashleigh Rush
Year 5/6D (Ms Doornbos) - Julia Mulligan
Year 1/2E (Mrs Evans) - Emily Coppins.
Helen Wiedermann

Work Experience Students
Next week we will have five students from Francis Greenway High School participating in a work experience program at our school: Kaitlyn Elliot, Makayla Bradford, Jordan Cooper, Lucy Straker and Dakota Wells. They will rotate around all classes from Kindergarten to Stage 3, in order to obtain a wide variety of experiences. They will assist teachers in the day to day functioning of their classrooms, as well as assist at the Primary Athletics Carnival.
Helen Wiedermann
Organising Teacher

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.

StarStruck
Star Struck – A-MAZE-ing is now only TWO WEEKS AWAY!!
The dance team has been busy preparing for their performance pieces ‘Life In The Arcade’ and the finale. We are all looking forward to another spectacular and magical event. Remember tickets are available through Ticketek, so please come along and enjoy the show!
Stef Hainsworth

National Disability Insurance Scheme
On Monday support staff attended a community network meeting to learn a little about the National Disability Insurance Scheme. If you are interested in understanding what the scheme is and to learn how to access community information sessions please join us on Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in Room 2 (K/6Y classroom).
Kellie Dooner

Stewart House
A gold trophy has arrived! Beresfield Public School was one of 21 schools in NSW to receive a gold award to recognise our contributions to Stewart House. The Stewart House Donor Recognition Program recognises fundraising on a per capita basis. With a combination of the Stewart House Fundraising day donation and staff salary contribution we are donating approximately $10 per student. With approx 300 students, that equates to a total of over $3000! Thank you to our fabulous and generous community and staff for your efforts!
Kellie Dooner
Your time starts now!

Tyson 5/6L

At home I… play hide and seek.
At school I… do my work.
My most treasured possession is… my necklace.
My mother/father always tells me… no fighting.
I wish I had… made a better choice.
I wish I hadn't… made a bad.
I am happiest when… I am with my mum.
When I grow up I want to… be a Knights player.
My favourite book is… Pokemon.
If I could live anywhere, I'd choose… Brisbane.
The hardest thing I've ever done was… get 100%.
I relax by… listening to music.
My worst trait is… being naughty.
My best trait is… playing footy.
My greatest fear is… the unknown.
If only I could… play for the Knights.
I'm always being asked… questions.
If I wasn't me I'd like to be… a Knights player.
I often wonder… what it would be like to play football.
My worst moment was… being embarrassed.
Pie Drive order forms went home last week. Orders are due back to the canteen by Friday 5th June and then can be collected from the Uniform Shop Tuesday 16th June between 1.30pm and 3pm. Extra order forms are available from the canteen.

The next P & C meeting on 1st June at 5.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome!

Each term the P & C will be running some mini fundraisers to help raise extra money for our school. The first mini fundraiser is a lolly guessing competition. It is .50c per guess and the most exact guess will win the jar of lollies. Guesses can be submitted at the canteen each morning until 5th June when the winner will be drawn.

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 9am. Order forms are available at the school office.

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

Lasagne
Drink of your choice
Quelch

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.
COMMUNITY NEWS

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?
Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by

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Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:
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RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Beresfield / Woodberry / Tarro
TERMS 3 & 4  2015

GROUPS

Women: Choice & Change  term 3
This is a course for women who are in, or have been in, an abusive relationship. It offers women a chance to meet with others who have had similar experiences, to talk through their concerns and look at positive choices for the future.

The course covers:
Past relationships, Communication, Feelings of grief & loss, Managing conflict & stress, and Building confidence & self-esteem
When: Thursdays 16 July – 3 September (8 weeks)
Time: 10am to 1230pm
Cost: free
Expressions of interest from Tues 9 June

Me and My Friend  term 4
Confidence & Self-Esteem Building for Children
A fun, 8 week program enabling children to grow in self-esteem and confidence
This is a course for 7-11 year olds to help build confidence and self-esteem. The group will assist children in getting to know themselves better, understand their unique qualities, deal with conflict situations, and talk about feelings and practise social skills in a safe and supportive environment
Parents alone are required to attend an Orientation Session;
On: Week 1, Term 4 (day TBC)
Time: 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Parents are also invited into the group for the last half hour of each session to get feedback on progress and to support their child’s learning.
When: Week 2, Term 4, day/venue TBC (8 weeks)
Time: 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Cost: Free
Expressions of interest from Tuesday 1st September

Bookings Essential - Phone 4940 1500 or
Email: hunterrep@nsw.org.au

These courses and others can be tailored to meet specific community needs.
For further information, please contact www.nsw.relationships.com.au

ABN: 73 000 509 982
Dear Parents

Student led conferences will be held in the last week of Term 2, from **Monday 22nd June to Thursday 25th June**.

All conferences will be in home classrooms, except K/6Y and K/6T which will be in one of the offices.

**Bookings will now be done online and also can be made from a Smartphone, tablet or other device. Bookings will open from Thursday 28th May.**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

**Bookings close at 3pm the day before conferences.**

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**Enter THIS school event code - 7E6JE.**

Then follow the 3 simple steps:

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately**. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Parents that do not have access to the internet at home, at a friend’s house or on their phones may ring the school office to make appointments.

Interviews are 15 minutes and spaces are limited.

If you require more time, please contact the teacher via the office to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on 49661146.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on 4966 1146.

Jonathan Ridgway