PRINCIPAL TALK

**Education Week 2015**

This week is Education Week. Last night a reception was held at Francis Greenway High School to recognise members of our community for their achievements. Recipients from the other schools in the Gateway Learning Community also attended. Congratulations go to the following recipients from Beresfield Public School...

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<td>Alanna Wallace</td>
<td>For her quality teaching, performing arts talents, and her positive relationships with students.</td>
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<td><strong>Non Teaching Award</strong></td>
<td>Jodi Fitness</td>
<td>For her dedication to the students of Beresfield Public School, going beyond what is required.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Award</strong></td>
<td>Jodi Payne</td>
<td>For her ongoing contributions to the Beresfield P&amp;C and the students of Beresfield Public School.</td>
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**Newsletter Revamp**

You will have noticed our school newsletter has a new look. We would like to give our newsletter a name. So this week instead of the weekly quiz question we will be having a competition to give our newsletter a name. 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.

**Concert**

Well, another great concert was enjoyed by all last week! In fact, it was out of this world!

Thanks to parents in supporting the show by dropping off and picking up children to make these evening shows possible.

Thanks again to Mrs Melissa Smith, Miss Alanna Wallace and their team for leading what has proved to be yet another wonderful show! And finally, thanks to all staff...
who gave up two evenings with their own families in order to look after students.

Visit from Ireland
From the rolling green fields of Ireland they came. Will Ryan and Deirdre Wallace have now left us, but they connected with students in the playground, and gave presentations to the older students about their own country. We gleaned from them as much as they learnt about us. It was lovely to host them!

Whole School Photo
With weather permitting we will take a whole school photo next Thursday 6th August. Please ensure correct school uniform is worn on this day. The photo will be used to help celebrate the 50th birthday of our main building later this year.

Playgroup
The playgroup for next year’s Kinder students and their siblings begins on Friday 7th August. It runs for 6 consecutive weeks from 9am till 10:45am.

NAIDOC Cup
This event will be played next Tuesday 4th August. Some classes will walk to Woodberry Oval to spectate.

Last Week’s Quiz
If you start at school and walk down Hawthorn Street, what is at the other end? Steggles (or Baiada).
Congratulations to Abbigail, Patrick, Georgia, and Chloe who submitted correct entries.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
- NAIDOC Cup spectators note
- K/6Y weekly excursion information
- Whooping Cough notification

Zone Athletics Carnival
The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow at Woodberry Oval.
Participating students are asked to meet Mr Gabrieldes at school no later than 7.45am in order to walk together to the oval. They will then walk back with Mr Gabrieldes and be dismissed from school at 3pm.
Michael Gabrieldes

Whooping Cough
2 students have tested positive to Whooping Cough. They have taken a course of antibiotics and have returned to school. Whooping cough (which is sometimes also called pertussis) is a serious infection that usually causes a long coughing illness. In babies, the infection can be more serious.

What Is Whooping Cough?
- Whooping cough disease (also called pertussis) causes coughing fits that make it hard to breathe.
- It spreads easily when someone with the disease coughs or sneezes.
- It can kill young babies.

Whooping Cough Signs and Symptoms
Early Symptoms
- Coughs start mild and are like a common cold.
- Sneeze
- Nasal mucus
- Reduced appetite

Symptoms After 1-2 Weeks
- Coughing lasts for months and can last for months.
- Difficulty breathing
- Coughing
- Rash on face and neck
- Red eyes
- Tightness in chest
- Sneezing

Symptoms in Infants Are Different
- Infants younger than 3 months and older do not have a typical cough. In the early stages, infants may:
  - Cough
  - Be irritable
  - Have a watery nose
  - Have a fever

What to Do
- Open a window.
- Keep your child away from other kids.
- Contact your doctor.

Treat Whooping Cough Early
- Keep Your Doctor if you or a family member:
  - Are around someone with whooping cough or a bad cold.
  - Have any symptoms of whooping cough.

Whooping Cough Sticks Prevent
the Disease
- Everyone needs to be up-to-date on their whooping cough shots (DTP for kids younger than 7 years or Tdap for older aged).
- Anyone in this group is too young for the shots.
- Interested from the disease or the shots were a few people 10 years older, need a booster shot.

Know the Symptoms. Call Your Doctor.
www.getimmunized.ca

Stockland Stars
Our school is participating in the Greenhills Stockland Star Promotion as of Monday 3rd August. For any purchases over $10 you will receive one vote.
Most Stockland stores are participating except Coles, Woolworths and Big W. Happy shopping!
Jodi Fitness & Amanda Kellner
**Week 3 Focus: Speak Appropriately**

**When I’m speaking appropriately:**

- I use friendly words
- I use a friendly voice
- I use my best manners
- I say sorry

Congratulations to......
1. Ebonie
2. Indi
3. Chelsea
4. Tyson
5. Emily

...who were our Weekly focus winners and had their names drawn out of the box.

Leanne Davison

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**

It’s on again. From now till Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers and place them on a Sticker Sheet. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box which will be located in the school foyer.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

**Zone Public Speaking**

The first round of the Zone public speaking finals will be held week 5 at Nulkaba Public School.

Permission notes and information about individual speaking times has been sent home with the following students:

**Early Stage 1**
- Name withheld
- Emily W

**Stage 2**
- Josie T
- Lilli G

**Stage 1**
- William H
- Jacob R

**Stage 3**
- Maddison M
- Isabelle R

We wish our talented students the best of luck as they compete against students from other schools in our zone. Please see me if you have any further questions.

Patricia Scott

**Out of this World**

We certainly were out of this world at least for a few hours last week. What a spectacular performance our school concert turned out to be. The children performed admirably and should be commended on their behaviour over what was an exhausting week. Many thanks to director extraordinaire Alanna Wallace and to the wonderful musical director Helen Wiedermann. Also a huge shout out to the Concert committee for organising posters, costumes for main performers, tickets and decorating the hall. Keep checking Facebook for some fantastic photos from the performances.

Thankfully the shuttle landed safely and the performers were able to go back to their parents at the end of each performance.

**Starting Kinder in 2016 at Beresfield Public School Playgroup**

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten next year or know someone who does??

Playgroup for our 2016 Kinder’s will be starting soon. Registrations are now open for this great program. Details are outlined below:

**When:** Fridays 7th August to 11th September (Term 3 Week 4-9).

**Time:** 9.00am - 11.00am

**Cost:** Weekly $2 donation per family to contribute to consumable play resources

**Where:** Beresfield Public School Hall (Lloyd Crockett Community Hall)

**Who:** Students eligible to start Kindergarten at Beresfield Public School in 2016 and their younger siblings may attend.

To register your child please complete a registration form available from Beresfield Public School office and return it to the school office asap. For more information about the playgroup please ring Cynthia Jenkins at Place of Friends on 4964 2174.
An Irish touch to end our debating
The topic for debate was ‘Schools should ban school sports when it involves students keeping score’.
It was certainly a challenging topic to debate for both Ashtonfield and Beresfield. The visiting school won this bout under the adjudication of our wonderful Mr Will Ryan.
Both schools received some very constructive feedback. Our visiting school was excited about sharing the company of our Irish visitors.
Well done to Sophie, Maddison, Charlee and Kiara for making our first year of debating enjoyable!!
Mrs Fia Lyle

Wet and Wild Stage 3
This term, for three weeks, 5/6D, 5/6L and 5/6W are participants in our local Wetlands research incentive.
Wet & Wild is a research challenge for Stage 3 students, which integrates technology, research skills, HSIE and Science. Students are challenged to find the names of 12 organisms using mixed sets of clues over three weeks.
In our computer lessons students are given 24 different clues each week to work with and find the organism that it is associated with.
Our theme is Feathers, Fins and Things in the Wet & Wild.
Stage 3 Teachers

Imagine bringing the wonders of the night sky directly into our school. As the lights dim, the class is surrounded by thousands of stars. Students and teachers are awestruck by the sheer beauty of the stunning starfield. The experience is enhanced by inspiring and informative commentary.
Well on Wednesday 12th August and Thursday 13th August we will have exactly that. The Skyworks Planetarium will be visiting and each class will be participating in a science lesson inside the inflatable planetarium dome.
There will be no cost for this program. The school will be covering the cost to ensure that all students participate.

3/4C Concert Review
Last Wednesday and Thursday the ground was shaking as the Beresfield School concert ‘rocket’ from ‘out of this world’ landed in the hall. Lights were flashing and everybody was twisting, jumping and moving to the beat of the music.
The costumes were fabulous, creative and colourful. I liked K-6Y’s costumes. They were Ghostbusters.
KS performed Space Jam. They sure did bust some moves. The music was really funky. 3/4C’s Ballroom Blitz was loud!
I really liked all the performances and the audience did too. They clapped and cheered. I wonder what the theme will be next year?
Tyson

Quotable quotes
“It was fun having a concert with your friends and getting your parents to watch you perform” Noah

“The actors were funny…and when we went on stage you could hear the thumping and the crowd cheered and clapped.” Breahana

“I loved the whole thing. It was excellent. It was out of this world!” Lilli

“The whole school practised for weeks and weeks and they were just astounding” Kye

“The tickets sold out very quickly because everyone just knew it would be a terrific show. The drama kids were hilarious!” Georgia

“Heaps of cool and even cooler songs just kept coming. The costumes were a mixture of creative and inventive. We had really talented drama people as well. The acting was funny.” Dylan
K/6Y Civic Theatre Excursion

On Monday 27th July K/6Y went to Civic Theatre to see The 26 Storey Treehouse. It was FABULOUS!! There were lots of funny jokes and the costumes were great. Kellie Dooner

P & C News

Entertainment Books

The P & C now have The Entertainment Book for families to purchase. Books or digital memberships are $60. There will be a small supply available for purchase at the office. Alternatively you can order online at www.entbook.com.au/34615f. $12 from each book sale comes back to the school, so this is a great fundraiser.

P & C meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be on Monday 10th August 5:30pm in the staffroom. New members are always welcome.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 9am.

The Shopping Weekend has been cancelled due to a lack of numbers

Term 3 - Week 4 $4.50 Meal Deal is:

♦ Volcano bun
♦ Drink of your choice
♦ Custard/yoghurt

Canteen Roster

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If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, or if you would like to help in the canteen, contact Christine on 0401 243 323