IMPORTANT REMINDERS:
- Great Aussie Bush Camp final payment due tomorrow
- Monday - Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting
  3.10pm in 5/6W

PRINCIPAL TALK

Holiday Travel During School Term
A reminder that the Dept. of Education has made some changes to its attendance policy and procedures. Since the beginning of this year, if students are travelling during school time, they can no longer apply for an exemption from school. Instead, the school should be made aware of the travel in advance. The school will provide an application for a Certificate of Extended Leave. If considered appropriate, the certificate will be issued by the principal and the student’s absences will be recorded as “Leave”.

Staffing
Ms Stefani Hainsworth will soon be off on maternity leave. Her last day will be next Friday 28th August. Class 3/4H will be taught by Ms Belinda Ward for the remainder of the year. Ms Ward has had the class on a weekly basis till now, so the transition will be smooth.
Ms Lisa Grall will backfill Ms Belinda Ward’s position as support teacher in primary. Ms Grall, who already works in the role 3 days per week, will now teach in the role full time for the rest of the year.
Miss Lucinda Hopkins will now work each Tuesday as a support teacher in primary classrooms. We welcome Lucinda in a temporary part time position.

Celebrity for a Day
Tomorrow the student leaders have co-ordinated a fundraising day to raise money for one of our families. Students can dress up as their favourite celebrity for the cost of a gold coin. We scheduled this day very close to the Book Parade – silly us. Don’t go to much trouble, as you need to save your energy for the parade next Tuesday also.
Backyard Blitz
Between 10am and noon on Sunday 30th August, the students want to help one of our families in our school community. A note has gone home today seeking volunteers to tidy up a garden just like they do on TV shows like Backyard Blitz and Better Homes and Gardens! If you’d like to help, let us know. More details once you’ve volunteered!

Last Week’s Quiz
Name three countries in south-east Asia. Some of the countries include Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and the Philippines.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
⇒ 3/4H Parent information
⇒ Great Aussie Bush Camp Info for Year 4
⇒ Backyard Blitz

Children’s Book Week Parade is on next Tuesday!
Book Week, this year, will be celebrated next week. We have many special events planned for the children during this week, but the highlight will be our “Book Parade” where the children are asked to come dressed in a costume. The parade will take place next Tuesday, 25th of August at 11.30pm. (Save the date!)
The theme for Book Week this year is “Books Light up our World”. In keeping with our theme, we are asking the children to dress in a costume related to a book they enjoy. They may come dressed as an action/adventure character (e.g. Harry Potter, Tashi), a science fiction character (e.g. Star Wars), a historical fiction character (e.g. Robin Hood, characters from the Royal Diaries, Anne of Green Gables, King Arthur), a fairy-tale character (e.g. Snow White, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood) or a character from a crime/mystery/spy novel.
Many children also connect with our non-fiction/information section of our library. If your child connects with planets/space, history, explorers, animals, dinosaurs etc, they can dress-up as real life entities. It would be great to see walking planets, volcanoes, dinosaurs, knights, mummies, pharaohs, kings and queens in our parade.
The possibilities are endless, so let your imaginations run wild. All children participating in our parade are eligible to win a gift voucher to spend at our Book Fair in our prize draws. Please invite grandparents and friends to come along and enjoy the fun.

Reading Picnic is on next Tuesday!
Following our Book Parade, at approximately 1.00pm, all parents, relatives and friends are invited to join our children in our annual “Reading Picnic”. Families and friends are invited to bring along fold-up chairs, picnic blankets, a delicious picnic lunch and your favourite books from home, that you can read to your children (or your children read to you!). This is a special time where we can help to instil a love of books in our children and just enjoy each other’s company. Reading is not only a learning experience but a pleasure that can be enjoyed for the whole of our lives. Books will also be supplied by our library for you to share with your children.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Entries for the Premier’s Reading Challenge will close shortly. All record sheets need to be brought to me in the Library as soon as possible. Children are able to enter their own records on the “Premier’s Reading Challenge” website if they wish to do so. If you would like me to enter your child’s records, I am more than happy to enter them for you. The challenge closed today. All children completing the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the Premier of NSW.
Happy Reading Everyone,
Karen Meyer,
Teacher Librarian

Infectious Disease
A case of scabies has been confirmed in the school this week. The time from exposure to illness is 2-6 weeks. Symptoms include itchy skin, worse around the wrists, armpits, buttocks and groin, and between fingers and toes. If diagnosed, students need to stay at home until the day after treatment begins. To help prevent the spread, close contacts should be examined for infestation and treat if necessary. Wash linen, towels and clothing worn in last 2 days in hot water and detergent.
**Week 7 Focus: Right Place, Right Time**

When I’m in the right place at the right time:

⇒ I stay with the group
⇒ I play in the right place
⇒ I follow instructions
⇒ I follow the rules

Congratulations to......

1. Piper
2. Charlee
3. Mikayla
4. Brianna
5. Anthony

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

Leanne Davison

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**Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition**

On Wednesday 26th August all Stage 3 students will participate in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition during maths groups lessons. This is a great opportunity for our senior students to demonstrate their skills of Mathematics. The cost for this competition is covered by the school.

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**Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting**

A Year 6 Farewell Committee meeting will be held next Monday 24th August at 3.10pm in Miss Wallace’s room. As we are yet to officially form a committee large enough, we are asking that any parents interested in assisting with this important event to please come along. We rely on parent volunteers to assist in organising a fantastic night for the Year 6 students. See you there!

Alanna Wallace
Year Six Teacher

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**Yr 4 Excursion : Great Aussie Bush Camp**

A reminder that final payment for the Year 4 end of term excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp is due this Friday, 21/8. Permission and medical notes have been distributed and are due back by Wednesday 2/9.

Lynne Connell
Excursion co-ordinator

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**Your time starts now!**

**Student – Madison - Class KS**

At home I... play with my brother.
At school I... write and learn lots of things.
My most treasured possession is... my books.
My mother/father always tell me... what to do.
I wish I had... an iPad and an iPod.
I am happiest when... my mum gives my cuddles.
When I grow up I want to... be a vet.
My favourite book is... Ella and Olivia books.
If I could live anywhere, I’d choose... anywhere in Australia.
The hardest thing I’ve ever done was... learning to ride my bike without training wheels.
I relax by... sitting on the couch.
My worst trait is... chewing my hair.
My best trait is... I’m honest.
My greatest fear is... not getting all my sight words right in our test.
If only I could... have a bigger bike.
I’m always being asked... to clean my room.
If I wasn’t me I’d like to be... my mum.
My worst moment was... my first day of school because I didn’t know anyone.
I often wonder... what it would be like to go to the snow.
Wet and Wild Stage 3 - Final Scores

This term, for three weeks, 5/6D and 5/6L participated 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 were given 24 different clues each week to work with and find the organism that it is associated with.

Our theme was Feathers, Fins and Things in the Wet & Wild.

After 3 weeks research, our final scores were:

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Ms Doornbos and Mrs Lyle

Wetlands Excursion

On Monday of this week, Stage 1 and 2/3A went on an excursion to the Hunter Wetlands Centre. The weather really turned out for us with a lovely sunny day. The students were genuinely fascinated by the various insect and animal life that we saw on the day and had lots of questions for our tour guides. They loved dip netting in the pond for little fish and insects and thankfully no one got wet, just a hat or two. They enjoyed becoming little scientists and examining insects using microscopes and magnifying glasses. We finished our day with a picnic lunch and a bush walk through the wetlands spotting some very fascinating and unique bird life. I think by the end of the day all students and teachers were exhausted but thoroughly enjoyed themselves and would definitely visit again.

Kayla Hawkins

This Week’s Quiz

How many minutes are in three-quarters of an hour?

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.

Earn and Learn

There is a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend.

The Amazing Planetarium Visit

On the 12th and 13th of August, Beresfield Public School had a visit from Geoff and his planetarium dome. Have you ever wondered about space? Well then the planetarium is for you!

We learnt about some constellations like Orion, Orion’s belt, the Southern Cross and Scorpius. Geoff used a lot of technology. The Southern Cross is on the Australian flag. We also learnt about other stars, planets, dwarf planets and the moon.

First to get inside we had to take our shoes off and crawl inside a tunnel. Once you were in the dome you had to sit really quietly. Then it went dark...

One thing we learnt is that there are 8 planets and 5 dwarf planets. I loved going through the tunnel. Shanayah said “My favourite part was seeing all the constellations and the stars.”

Ayden F & Brison M 3/4G

Woodberry Athletics Registrations

Registration will be held at Fred Harvey Oval on Saturday August 22nd and 29th from 10.30-12.00.

The season will start on Saturday 19th September.

For more information ring Anne on 0466412348.
Book Fair

Our school library will be hosting a Book Fair from Monday 24th to the 27th of August. This is our major fundraiser for our library. We would like to extend an invitation to all our families, friends, neighbours, grandparents and community member to come and visit our Fair. There will be many fantastic books, novelties and posters for sale.

Book Fair hours are 8.30am-9.00am and 3.00pm-3.30pm from Monday until Thursday.

However, it is impossible to run these special events without the help of parent volunteers. Please indicate on the note below if you are able to assist for half an hour, before or after school.

Please return your note as soon as possible.
Karen Meyer, Teacher Librarian

Please return to Mrs Meyer

Book Fair Volunteer

Child’s Name:_________________________________________ Class:__________________

Parent’s Name:_____________________________________

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I am available to help at the Book Fair at the following times:
(Please indicate day and time available)

Canteen Helpers Form

I would love to assist on the Canteen Roster, meet other parents and make new friends.
I have circled the days that suit me

MONDAY        WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY

My name is: ___________________________ My phone number: ________________________

My child’s name is: ____________________ Child’s class: ________________

Please return to the office or canteen
Watch This Space!
Jodie and Angela from the P & C have been working hard this week to transform the office foyer area. They have given the walls a fresh coat of paint and have some new furniture on the way. Keep an eye out for a picture of the completed renovation coming soon!

P & C News
Entertainment Books
The P & C have Entertainment Books for families to purchase. Books or digital memberships are $60. There is 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.

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

Term 3 - Week 7 $4.50 Meal Deal is:
♦ Chicken Parmigiana
♦ Drink of your choice
♦ Quelch

Canteen Roster

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Beresfield Memorial Cricket Club
Registration for Season 2015/16

Dates: Saturday 22nd August 2.00-4.00pm
(BBQ and net session will be available)
Venue: Lindsay Oval, Beresfield
Costs
Note: the NJCA has adopted a number of different formats for Under 12s and below. Please ask at registrations about the various options. Under 13s and above remain normal competition cricket.

Follow us on Facebook: Beresfield Memorial Cricket Club

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