Term 1 Week 5
Thursday 25th February 2016

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Don’t forget to pay your $4 for our visiting performer, see below.
- Please pay your Voluntary Contribution of $30 per student

PRINCIPAL TALK
Bangourake $4
As part of our celebration of Harmony week we have invited Mohamed Bangourake to entertain the students. Mohamed Bangourake is a master drummer, performer and teacher of traditional Guinean music. He was born into a traditional ‘Griot’ family. ‘Griot’ is an oral tradition that passes on African culture through music, story and song.

This amazing performance will be held on 10th March 2016. The cost for the performance is $4.00 which needs to be sent to school by 10am on 9th March.

Voluntary Contribution $30
This year we are asking for a voluntary contribution of $30 per student. This will cover expenses that are provided for your child during the year such as stationery, books, sports and art equipment as well as other consumables.

Ride 2 School Day
Tomorrow is National Ride 2 School Day. You may wish to ride to school as a way to keep fit and active. Infants students can ride if accompanied by an adult – primary students can ride independently.

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Year 5 and 6 Parent Information Evening at FGHS
On Wed 2nd March there will be a parent information evening at Francis Greenway High School to explain about the transition to high school. Parents of Year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend with their children. It is on between 5:30pm and 7:00pm and is in the Multi Purpose Centre at the high school.

Clean Up Australia Day
Our student leaders are organising the upcoming Clean Up Australia Day on either Thursday 3rd March or Friday 4th March. Infants students will be making sure the school grounds look wonderful. Primary students will be cleaning up areas around the local area. All students will receive a note next Monday with all the details, including what to bring.
Assemblies This Term
Our first whole school assembly for the year is on Friday 4th Mar starting at the special time of 11:35am.

Last Week’s Quiz
To the nearest million, what is Australia’s population? The correct answer is 24 million.
Congratulations to Tahlia, Kye and Daisy who submitted correct entries.

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket Competition
We are part of the Reg Kelly Shield competition where we play 5 games against local schools over Terms 1 and 4 of this year. If we top our pool (of 6 schools) we go into the semifinals at the end of Term 4. Mr Edwards is our cricket coach this year.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

Next week’s focus is: Do Your Best
When I’m doing my best:
😊 I focus on my work
😊 I actively participate
😊 I set goals
😊 I am a good sport

Congratulations to......
1. Tyson
2. Emma
3. Abbie
4. Isaac
5. Jake

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

Leanne Davison

PAYING FOR THINGS AT SCHOOL
When paying for things at school the correct change is appreciated as we usually do not carry change. Payments over $10 may also be made by EFTPOS at the office or credit card over the phone.

Thanks
Stephanie Bagnall

Reward Day
Reward Day will now be Thursday next week. It has been postponed due to the hot weather.

Leanne Davison

Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the 14 students who accompanied me to Maitland Pool on Tuesday to compete in the Zone championships. Everyone swam to the best of their ability achieving personal bests in most races. The children consistently placed in the top three in their races but due to the fast times required for Regional we had no swimmers qualify. Thanks especially to Chaise and Libby who had to sit around all day for one race. Thank you to everyone for your excellent behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. You did Beresfield proud.

Maria Kirby

REMINDERS
♦ The early morning session is the most valuable learning time for all students at school. Parents are asked to please ensure that children arrive at school before 9am so that their learning and the learning of other children is not disrupted.
♦ Parents wishing to talk to teachers are welcome but please catch the teacher at the end of the school day or arrange an appointment through the office for a private interview. Morning messages should only be provided in written form.

Good for Kids good for life
PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX
Many products marketed as being a healthy lunchbox addition can be high in sugar and fat, and low in nutrients. Here are some healthy options to consider swapping in your child’s lunchbox:
• An apple or banana instead of a fruit roll-up.
• Swap chips for unsalted air-popped popcorn.
• Include low-fat plain milk instead of drinks high in sugar such as sports drinks and fruit drinks with less than 99% juice.
• Swap sugary snacks, such as cake or biscuits, for a low-fat plain/fruit-based yoghurt.
• Use wholemeal or multi-grain bread instead of white bread for sandwiches.

NSW Health Hunter New England Local Health District

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Medication at school
Unfortunately only prescribed medication can be administered at school. Please see office staff to complete the necessary forms before medication is needed.

This Week’s Quiz
The purple and yellow Wiggles — Lachlan “Lachy” Gillespie and Emma Watkins — are getting...what?

Remember to write your name and class with the answer on a piece of paper, and post it into the Quiz Box near the office.

Colouring Competition
Kinder and Year 1 were given Newpower colouring Competition Entry forms today. Entries need to be returned to the Beresfield Newsagency by Saturday 26th March. More entries are available from the newsagency.

M1 extension
Please find below a diagram of the latest proposal for the extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway to Raymond Terrace. For further info, see www.rms.nsw.gov.au/m1rt.
**P & C News**

**Daytime P&C Meeting**
The P&C will be holding a daytime meeting on Thursday 10th March at 9.15am in the staffroom.

Why not pop in after the kids are settled into class? The meeting will be kept under an hour and non-school age siblings are welcome. We will be discussing 2016 fundraising ideas. This is also the place to discuss any queries, issues, make suggestions or provide feedback to our school. Come along and help us make decisions with regards to keeping our kids happy and healthy. Ideas will then be taken to our next P&C meeting on Monday 14th March (held at 5.30pm also in the staffroom).

**What do we do with funds raised?**
This year we would like to air condition the hall.

**What can you do?**
You can volunteer in the canteen, help with the Mother’s Day and / or Father’s Day Stall, Easter Raffle, Disco’s, Carols are examples of P&C events, just to name a few. All of which relies on parent volunteers to run.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped run our school disco.

**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop is run by parent volunteers and is open at the following times:
- Tuesdays - 8.30 - 9.00am
- Wednesdays - 8.30 - 9.00am

**Canteen News**
Don’t forget that the canteen is now open 5 days a week. If your child has a lunch order it would be appreciated if you can send them with the correct change or small notes.
Thank you once again to all the great canteen helpers.
Tracy Twitchin
Canteen Co-Ordinator
Dear Parents / Carers of Years 3-6 students

We are offering students in Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) tests. This competition is run by Educational Assessment Australia, a division of the University of NSW. This year we are offering English, Mathematics, Spelling and Digital Technology and Science papers.

*Please note, these tests will only proceed if there are sufficient numbers.*

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Entry is optional. If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions, please complete the application form below. Please note that full payment is due by Thursday 24th March for all entries. You can find out more information at this website - [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

Maria Kirby
ICAS Coordinator

-pencil selection-

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO MRS KIRBY BY Thursday 24th March, 2016 ——— ———

2016 UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS

I would like my child__________________________ of class____ to participate in the following ICAS Tests:

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I understand that payment has to be made in advance and cannot be refunded.

Parent: signature: ___________________________ Date: __________

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2016 ICAS UNIVERSITY NSW COMPETITIONS
APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Program for Vacation Care Centres
Vacation Care Centre Directors are invited to bring groups of 12 or more to the Hunter Wetlands Centre for one of our special school holiday programs. Staff from the Hunter Wetlands Centre will guide your students on a fun day of outdoor adventure and learning. For the School Holidays we can again offer a choice of:

1. Bush Adventure Day  Cost: $14 per child
This program may include:
- Preparing and eating a damper (cooked in a BBQ)
- Short talk on bush survival skills
- Shelter building using sticks, branches, logs and other material
- A guided walk around the Bush Tucker Garden or the Sensory Trail
- Knot tying and rope skills
- Interactive reptile talk

2. Wetlands Explorers  Cost: $14 per child
This program may include:
- Introduction to birds of the wetlands
- Dip-netting and identifying pond-life
- Guided walk visiting bird hides, egret tower, freckled duck enclosure
- Bush crafts
- Interactive reptile talk

3. Self Guided Program  Cost: $5 per child
Your staff can bring children to the wetlands and use the self-guided tour notes to explore the site. Entry includes the use of dip-nets and attendance at an interactive reptile talk.

Bookings essential
If you would like to discuss developing a program tailored to meet the needs of your students please phone Val or Michelle on 02 4951 6466
or email: valnoake@tpg.com.au

Facilities
- Undercover picnic tables and shelters
- Discovery Playground
- Grassy area suitable for games and picnics
- BBQ Hire
- Cafe – meals, chips, ice creams, drinks
- Shop – gift shop

Access
- Free car and bus parking available
- Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station
- Bus – 107 & 106, 10 minute walk from stop at Marton St & Sandgate Rd
Second Wind is a community project to provide kids with equipment to enable them to participate in sport. We can also provide assistance with sport/activity registration fees for children with a disability and their siblings.

Please Donate sporting goods and equipment at:

Maitland Neighbourhood Centre
Arthur St Rutherford NSW 2320
4932 0950
COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE ABORIGINAL BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM

HUNTER REGION
Woodberry Public School 11th March, 3pm to 6pm

For further information please email info@bikeandfitness.com.au
Or call 0411 260 735

The Thornton Beresfield Rugby League Club invites you to

Be a Bear in 2016

With rules to suit Mini (Under 6 to Under 9), Mod (Under 10 to Under 12), and International (Under 13 to Under 17) players, our club provides a positive and inclusive opportunity for kids to play the great game of Rugby League.

* All registered players receive a FREE Bears Polo Shirt *
* Under 6’s also receive FREE registration, player shorts and socks *

We are a local club with a great community spirit. We encourage children to be active and have fun while learning the skills and importance of being part of a team.

For more information, find us online at www.tbrrc.leaguenet.com.au or www.facebook.com/ThorntonBeresfieldRugbyLeagueClub