**Term 1 Week 6**

### 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

**Prize for Voluntary Contribution**

Please get your $30 contribution per student in before the end of Term 1 in order to go into the draw for a great prize. The class of students who return the most contributions will win an outdoor session of fun on the last day of Term1.

**K-6 Assembly**

Our first for the year starts tomorrow at the special time of 11:35am. Parents are invited to attend.

**Visiting Performance**

Bangourake $4

As part of our celebration of Harmony week we have invited Mohamed Bangoura to entertain the students. Mohamed Bangoura 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 10\(^{th}\) March 2016. The cost for the performance is $4.00 which needs to be sent to school by 10am on 9\(^{th}\) March.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Tomorrow we Clean Up Australia. Infants students will be making sure the school grounds look wonderful.

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### 2016 TERM 1

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Primary students will be cleaning up the local area. Students should bring gloves, a hat, sunscreen and K-2 students are welcome to bring gardening tools to pull out some weeds.
Personalised Learning Plans
Do you know that we have over 40 Aboriginal students at Beresfield? All Aboriginal students have a Personalised Learning Plan that is updated annually. This involves a discussion between parents and staff and the student to consider progress on last year’s goals, and then set new goals. Invitations have gone out for meetings which will occur next Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March.

Selective HS Test
Next Thursday is test day for Year 6 students who wish to apply for selective high school placement. For the greater Newcastle area, the only option is Merewether High School. If students in Year 5 are interested in applying for the test next year, the application process begins in Term 4 of this year. Look out for the articles in the newsletter later in the year or speak to your child’s teacher.

Dogs
It’s been a while since we gave a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. This is a directive from the department in ensuring that all students have a feeling of safety. Thanks for abiding by this regulation.

Year 6 Expression of Interest Forms
These will be handed out to all Year 6 students soon and will need to be filled out and returned to Beresfield Public School by Friday 18th March. Please see your class teacher or the office if you require advice about filling out the form.

Last Week’s Quiz
The purple and yellow Wiggles — Lachlan “Lachy” Gillespie and Emma Watkins — are getting...what? They’re getting married!
Congratulations to Emily, Kye, Tahlia and Ben who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Quiz
What kind of creature was defeated by the Three Billy Goats Gruff?
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.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
- Great Aussie Bush Camp - Year 4
- Year 7 2017 FGHS Transition Calendar
- PLP’s - aboriginal students

Great Aussie Bush Camp Year 4
The Year 4 camp will be held at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Port Stephens from Monday 19th September to Wednesday 21st September.

A non-refundable deposit of $60 per child needs to be paid on or before Friday 24th March. The remaining $200 can be paid in four instalments on the following dates: $50 by Friday 20th May, $50 by Friday 24th June, $50 by Friday 29th July and the final instalment of $50 by Friday 26th August 2016. The excursion can be paid in instalments as shown above or paid in full on or before Friday 26th August. Payments over $10 may also be made by EFTPOS at the office or credit card over the phone.

Next week’s focus is: Speak Appropriately
When I’m speaking appropriately;
😊 I use friendly words
😊 I use a friendly voice
😊 I use my best manners
😊 I say sorry

Leanne Davison

Book Club Orders
Book club orders have been sent home this week and are due back no later than 10am on Monday 14th March.

Stage 3 Barrington Excursion
Expression of Interest note will be sent home next week for the year 5 and 6 overnight Barrington Excursion.
Our school library will be hosting a Book Fair from **Monday the 14th of March, until Thursday the 17th of March.** This is our major fundraiser for our library. There will be many fantastic books, novelties and posters for sale in the hall. 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 during this week.

Please return your note as soon as possible.

**K Meyer**  
Karen Meyer  
Teacher Librarian

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Book Fair Volunteer

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: _______________

Parent’s Name: ___________________________

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

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**P & C News**

**Daytime P&C Meeting**

Don’t forget the P&C will be holding an informal daytime meeting on Thursday 10th March at 9.15am in the staffroom.

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).

**Easter Raffle Tickets**

Easter raffle tickets will be handed out this week which will be drawn on 24th March. They are $1 per ticket $5 in a book. If you require more books they will be available from the office.

**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

The uniform shop has no EFTPOS facilities, so please bring cash.

**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

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**Canteen Roster 2016**

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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 Tracy Twitchin on 0418 979 514

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**Healthy Eating!**

Across the last two weeks we have been talking about healthy eating in OSHC. We have also made this fantastic healthy eating plate which shows us all the yummy food we can eat that is also good for us.

Parents of Camp Australia Beresfield are currently seeking interest in sign-ups to reopen our service for holiday care in 2016. If you would like to register your interest to re-open Camp Australia Beresfield for the school holidays, please drop in to the OSHC Room, located near the Kindergarten Rooms to sign up.

If you would like further information regarding holiday care please don’t hesitate to ask educators within the service.

Coordinator Jessica Osland Johnston Service Number: 0424 566 749 Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

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**GREAT FUN**

Visit www.campaustalia.com.au

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**Service Operation Hours**

- BSC: 6:30AM – 8:30AM
- ABC: 3:00PM – 6:00PM

**How to Enrol:**

Enrolment information can be found on our website: www.campaustalia.com.au

Brochures are available in the OSHC Room or the front office with further information including costs of attendance.

Please don’t hesitate to drop in if you have any questions about enrolling your child into OSHC.

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We make kids smile.
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

Maria Kirby
ICAS Coordinator

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

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: ______________
Dyslexia or Learning Difficulties?
Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity. Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:

- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Concentration
- Fatigue
- Eye Strain

Irlen Diagnostic Clinic Newcastle
Regional Clinics
Taree: 0409 635 700
Coffs Harbour: 0437 698 559
Singleton: 495 569 04
Suite 3/136 Nelson Street
Wallsend 2287
Phone 49 556 904
www.irlendyslexia.com

Parent Information Session
The Hunter Primary GATS Committee will be holding 2 Parent Information Sessions to accommodate the Newcastle and Maitland regions.

**Maitland session**
When: Wednesday 9th March at 6pm
Where: School library
Rutherford Public School
Weblands Street, Rutherford
NSW 2320

**Newcastle session**
When: Wednesday 16th March at 6pm
Where: School hall
The Junction Public School
Union Street, Merewether
NSW 2291

Guest Speakers:
Mrs Christine Rippon
Principal of
Merewether High School

Mrs Lee Saurins
Principal of
Wirraa Public School

Agenda:
- What is a Gifted and Talented Student?
- Myths around ‘Gifted Students’
- Respect, Rights and Responsibilities
- Geniuses in the Making

Tea, coffee and light supper will be provided from 5:30pm.

Good for Kids good for life
SCREEN FREE QUIET TIME
Some families have a daily quiet time where everyone takes a break. Do your children watch movies during their quiet time?

Why not try some of these activities instead to reduce the amount of screen time they are exposed to during the day and to keep their minds active!

- Reading books
- Arts and crafts
- Puzzles
- Card games
- Listening to some relaxing music
- Spending time in the garden

Adapted from: Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bits
PHONE 6924 6499

Private, In-Home Tutoring
Grades K-6
Reading Skills / Math Skills / Organisational Skills / Help with Projects and Test Preparation
I am a 2015 Higher School Certificate Graduate from All Saints College, Maitland. I charge affordable rates with the first consultation being free. Please contact me and together we can help your child reach their full potential!
Bethany Mate 0403 143 211