PRINCIPAL TALK

Student-Led Conferences
This year we have moved our student-led conferences to Term 1. This is to add to the communication about your child’s progress earlier in the year. Students in Mrs Connell’s class will have their conferences next Monday. All other students’ conferences are at the end of term. Book online. See the full page instructions on the back of this newsletter.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is next Monday at 5:30pm. Come along and discuss items such as upcoming fundraisers, events, uniforms and more. Ideas from today’s morning meeting will be shared.

Book Fair
On Monday the 14th of March our school will be hosting a Book Fair. We would like to extend an invitation to all our school families, friends, neighbours, grandparents and community members to come and visit our Fair. A large variety of beautiful books, novelty items and posters will be on sale. This is the library’s major fundraiser for the year. The Fair will be open before school each morning from 8.30 – 9.00am and between 3 -3.30pm from Monday to Thursday. There can be no better gift than a book for your child. We hope to see you there next week!

Cross Country
Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 31st March at Tarro Reserve. Parents are welcome to come and assist or watch.

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket Competition
The school cricket team will be play their first game next Monday versus Largs PS. Our second game is Friday 1st April vs Clarencetown PS. Both games will be at Tarro Reserve.

Easter Celebrations
Join us on Thursday 24th March at 11:30am when we celebrate Easter. Mark it in your diary! Always a fun event!
Arriving at school early
Quite a number of students are arriving at school before the 8:30am bell. There is no supervision of students until this time. If you require care for your child before 8:30am, we have a Before School Care facility operating on site. Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343.

Food Pantry
The Beresfield Anglican Church is again asking for food items for its food pantry. Specifically, they would like our school community to provide 1kg plastic jars of fruit and 1 litre cartons of full cream long life milk. Please be generous to those more needy than us. There is a box in the office foyer where donations can be left and will be collected on Wednesday 23rd March.

Last Week’s Quiz
What kind of creature was defeated by the Three Billy Goats Gruff? A Troll
Congratulations to Jaydee, Blayden, Kye, Aleia and Emily who submitted correct entries.

This Week’s Quiz
Crack this code. 1=! 2=@ 3=# 4=$ 5=% 6=^ 7=& What does 8 equal?
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 EOI High School Forms
- Barrington Outdoor Excursion Stage 3
- Cross Country Carnival Parent Helper

Cross Country
The school Cross Country is on Thursday 31st March. The organisation is the same as last year with all students coming to school first for roll call and then walking to Tarro Reserve together for a 9.30am start. Students are to wear House colours and wear suitable joggers for running or walking. Please remember not to order recess from the canteen, but rather bring from home with plenty of water. Students will also need a hat and sunscreen. Parents and caregivers are welcome to watch or assist on the course. If you are able to help could you please advise your classroom teacher or Mrs Kirby.
Maria Kirby

All Areas Speech Pathology Kindergarten Assessment
As part of the Speech Pathology in Schools Program at Beresfield Public School, all Kindergarten students were offered a speech and language screening. This involved a short assessment of your child’s ability to use speech sounds, understand instructions and speak in sentences. On Friday 26th of February, all Kindergarten students received a result sheet outlining whether your child will or will not be receiving further speech therapy at school. If you wish to discuss these results further, please make an appointment to see Rowena, All Areas Speech Pathologist, by phoning her on 0425 834 859.

Year 6 Expression of Interest Forms
As your Year 6 child’s primary school education is coming to a close at the end of this year, it is now time to think about which secondary school your child will attend in 2017. On Tuesday 8th March, an information guide and Expression of Interest form was sent home to the parents / carers of Year 6 students.
The guide will give you information about the different types of government secondary schools to help you decide which school you would like your child to attend. Included was an Expression of Interest form that you will need to complete with your preferences for placement(s) of your child in Year 7. Please see your child’s class teacher or the office if you require advice about completing the form.
The Expression of Interest will need to be returned by Friday 18th March 2016 as we need to process them and have them ready for the high school to collect.
Leanne Davison

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.

Like us on Facebook - Beresfield Public School
Next week’s focus is: Listen Actively
When I’m listening actively;
😊 I’m looking at the person speaking
😊 I have a calm body
😊 I wait quietly
😊 I say sorry
Leanne Davison

Book Club Orders
Book club orders are due back no later than 10am on Monday 14th March.

Maitland PSSA Zone Netball Trials
Over the last week a number of girls from years 5 and 6 participated in trial games to qualify for zone. Thank you to all the girls for participating, doing their best and being great team players! Congratulations to the two girls who have been chosen for the zone trials this year - Kaleah P and Kassann T. Both girls will travel to Maitland Federation Centre on Friday 18th March to participate on the day. Beresfield wishes you all the best girls!
Lisa Grall

Year 6 Parents
We are looking for parents of Year 6 students to be involved in the planning for the end of year events. If you are interested, the first meeting will be held in my room on Tuesday 15th March, 2016 at 3.10pm.
Please get involved to make your child’s final year at primary school memorable!
Mel Doornbos

Rugby League
Good luck to Hayden W next Friday 18th March, when he represents the Zone in Rugby League at Lakeside Raymond Terrace. We wish these players all the best.
Michael Edwards

Clean Up Australia Day
Last Friday, Stage 3 travelled around the Beresfield area cleaning up some of our community sites such as the church and park along Lawson Ave as well as along the grass areas near the railway station. We also cleaned up the park near the pre-schools and then walked up the other side of Lawson Ave, cleaning around the Library and fronts of homes and businesses. Other classes went down Anderson Drive toward the park and did a great job of cleaning this part of the community. At face value, the community looks reasonably tidy, but up close there were many pieces of plastics, glass and far too many cigarette butts. This concerned the students to see so many pieces of litter from people who are too lazy to use the community bins provided. We all felt that it is important to keep our community tidy as this demonstrates pride and respect by everyone.
Stage 3
**P & C News**

**P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting is **Monday 14th March** (held at 5.30pm also in the staffroom). All welcome.

**Easter Raffle Tickets**

Easter raffle tickets were sent home last week for our Easter raffle. Please return tickets sold or unsold. More tickets are available from the office. There are some great prizes to be won.

**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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**Exciting news!**

Starting in Term 2 this year at Beresfield Public School will be a playgroup called ‘Busy Bees’.

Each week, both you and your child will participate in a range of activities to prepare them for the start of Kindergarten. This playgroup will be held every Friday in Term 2 and Term 3 for students who intend to enrol in Kindergarten at Beresfield Public School in 2017.

Busy Bees will run from 9:15am-10:45am. Each Friday, students will be asked to bring a gold coin donation, a hat, a drink bottle and a piece of fruit.

Places will be limited to 16 students. If you are interested please fill in an application form which is available at the office. You will then be contacted to book in an appointment to meet the teachers this term on Friday morning in Week 10 or Week 11.

Thanks,
Mikaela Vermeulen and Gemma Gash.

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**Francis Greenway HS has been rebranded!**

After months of community consultation and research, the Woolcott Research has finalised our new school logo. We have kept the school name and colours and modernised our crest. We hope you like it! The next phase of the Schools renewal Program involves architects redesigning the front of our school to provide easier access and to soften the look of the front of the school.
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.

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

2016 ICAS UNIVERSITY NSW 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: __________

×———-PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO MRS KIRBY BY Thursday 24th March, 2016———-×
BOOK FAIR

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

&-----------------------------Please return to Mrs Meyer in the library-----------------------------

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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**LeapFrogability**

**Konnnected Kids!**

School holiday group-based therapy programs for social skills

- Two programs on offer during the April school holidays catering to different age groups
- Ideal for children who are able to express their wants and needs verbally
- Goal areas: Turn taking, inhibition, asking and answering questions, identifying emotions, coping with winning and losing, conversation skills, emotion skills, social problem solving, cooperative play and team work.

**“Talking Tadpoles” (5-8 years)**
3 Days - 2 hours per day
Mon 11th, Tues 12th & Wed 13th April

**“Froggy Friends” (9-12 years)**
2 Days - 3 hours per day
Thurs 14th & Friday 15th April

For more information:
Phone: 02 4979 7777
Web: www.leapfrog.org.au
Email: admin@leapfrog.org.au
37 Fern St, Islington NSW 2296

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ALL PLAYERS NEW OR RETURNING NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE AT myfootballclub.com
FOR ALL ENQUIRIES OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
SUE 4985 4018
DENISE 4966 1192
Email: berfo_tca@hotmail.com

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**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
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**Camp Australia Holiday Club presents**

**Jungle Quest!**

Adventure can be found ahead with Holiday Club in the upcoming April School Holidays. Holiday club can be found at the following services:

- NSW St. Aloyius, Heritage Drive, Chisholm.
- NSW Gillieston, Cnr Gillieston & Ryan’s Road, Gillieston Heights.
- NSW Elermore Vale, Jubilee Road, Elermore Vale.

Programs for each service are available on our website: www.campaustralia.com.au or in the OSHC Room.

Coordinator Jessica Oland Johnston
Service Number: 0424 696 740
Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

visit www.campaustralia.com.au
Dear Parents

Student led conferences will be held in the last week of Term 1, from Friday 1st April to Thursday 7th April.

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

Bookings are done online and can be made from a Smartphone, tablet or other device. Bookings will open from Thursday 10th March.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Bookings close at 3pm the day before conferences.

Enter THIS school event code - 3j79q
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 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 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