Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Principal’s Message

Teachers Teach
Teachers teach.....that’s what we do. It is not an easy job, but it is a great job and one that we love to do. Teachers at Beresford Road have spent at least four years at university studying to become a teacher - many also have a Bachelor of Arts degree meaning that they have completed five or more years of university study. Teachers then commit to further training each year to maintain their employment with the Department of Education & Communities. Teachers are highly trained professionals!

Our job can be explained quite simply – To maximise the learning outcomes for each child.

But to do this doesn’t begin to take into account the complexities of the job.

Public schools are inclusive - all students are welcome and we aim to provide the best learning outcome for each individual child. Our school is made up of students with backgrounds from over 30 different countries, some who were born in Australia and some who have been here less than 3 months, some with great English skills and some with none. We also cater for students who are very bright (with reading ages three years higher than their actual age) and students who have major learning delays. We have students with hearing and vision issues and students who are talented musicians. We have students who can concentrate on a single task for 2 or more hours and those who struggle to concentrate for 2 minutes. No two children in a class of 30 are the same.

Each teacher at our school deals with all these individual students every day!

The ability to develop a teaching program that caters for all these differences in ONE class is not an easy job. It is amazing that our teachers can program a lesson to meet the learning needs of each diverse class but they do it each day - they do it every day - they do it many times every day.
Because teachers are so visible and approachable it is easy to forget the wonderful job they do each day or simply think of them as friendly or patient and forget that they have 30 little individuals that they think about before deciding how a lesson will best be taught – whole class? groups? pairs? technology? assessment strategies?, syllabus outcomes?, prior knowledge?, scaffolding?, resources?, timing?, remediation?, motivation technique?, along with hundreds of other decisions to be considered. Not quite as simple as ‘maximising learning’.

The teachers then take on the extra duties of dance group, choir, softball, netball, football, debating, public speaking, Premier’s Reading & Spelling Challenges, computers, SRC etc. to make school a memorable and happy place for students. Teachers switch between the roles of educators, nurses, counsellors, tutors, friends, parents many times each day to cater for the needs of their students and their families.

These are the teachers you trust your loved children to every day from 9am to 3pm, the teachers who teach your children to read, to write, to add, to solve problems, to understand the world. These are the same teachers who make the educational decisions each year about where best to place the students for the following year. These decisions are made in the best interest of all students in the context of limited resources and the Department of Education staffing allocation and I am always a little disappointed that a few parents are more worried about a composite class than the many wonderful things their children have been taught, and will be taught, by the talented and dedicated teachers of Beresford Road.

It is a complex and difficult job…..but we love it!

**Swimming Carnival**
The swimming carnival last week was a great success and I would like to thank Mr Wicks for organising and running the day. It was great to see a couple of the old records fall and I wish our team every success at the zone carnival.

**Meet the Teacher evening**
A big thank you to all the parents who took the time out of their busy lives to attend the teacher evening last night. I’m sure lots of families have heard the same sort of things over many years but we appreciate the chance to meet and share information. It is the best way to communicate information about the ‘word bags’ in kindergarten, the camp in Stage Two and to discuss the high school enrolment forms in Stage Three. Having parents there as we discuss these topics helps us better understand areas that may require further explanation in the future.

Thank you
David Leydon
Principal
**MERIT AWARDS**

Our special pupils who were recognised and rewarded at our assemblies for their efforts during the week were:

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**Blue Certificates**

Congratulations to the following pupils who last week received their Blue Certificates for continued fine habits and attitudes.

Sarah Talab 5/6W
Oliver Chan 1L

**Sport Awards**

Congratulations to the following students

Dragana Arambasic 3/4P

Caught You Being Good: Kayden Haddad 1L
The following is a letter from the student in Africa that our students sponsor through the SRC.

Happy new year, I hope that you are fine and doing well. How is your new year? Do you have any resolution for this year? I hope to hear from you.

I am doing fine, we don’t celebrate Christmas since we are Muslim, but we celebrated the New Year, I ate good meat and rice with soda.

I am happy and grateful for your assistance.

I wish you God’s blessings and may all your plans succeed this 2013. Thank you sponsor!

Assisted by,
Hussien Garma
community volunteer

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Next Friday 1st March is Clean Up Australia Day for schools. Students are asked to bring a pair of disposable gloves to school so that they can assist in the clean up. The school will be divided into areas and each grade will be designated an area to clean up.

Thank you,
Mrs Clewer

PBL News

Rule of the week
Week 4 - Be Safe; I Stay in bounds
Week 5 - Strive for Excellence; I am prepared.
Congratulations to our elected SRC members for Semester 1 2013. Our SRC members will meet once a week to discuss, plan and implement ideas that will help the school and the community. Students will be presented with their badges in the Primary Assembly this Friday.

Our elected members are:
1/2M - Kurt Thornley-Hayward and Henry Barr
2E - Sophie Agius and Piper Cole
2L - Jessie Douaihy and Jack Eisenhuth
2C - Mark Lee and Emilia Agius
3F - Lucas Scott and Emogen Lane
3/4P - Megan Abood and Caitlin Adams-Ayoub
3/4G - Rachel Farrugia and Tamin Nasiri
4/5F - Blake Tinker and Tara Salopek
5/6D - Emma Wiggins and Jehan Chahrouk
5/6W - Zac Flores and Pene Bonovas
5/6L - Reit Kakar and Dylan Morley
Captains - Monique Martin and Boehn Russell
Vice Captains - Ivan Videla and Shana Haddad

Congratulations!

P&C NEWS

Thank you to all the new Mums that came along to our P&C meeting on the 5th February. We hope it wasn’t too daunting for you. Remember if you ever have any questions for the P&C, please feel free to email us at BeresfordRdPandC@y7mail.com.

AGM - March 5th 2013
Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5th March at 7pm in the Staffroom. Attached to this newsletter will be a nomination sheet and some information on each position within the P&C. If you wish to be nominated or nominate someone for a position, please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter and drop it into the P&C Mail box in the office before Monday 4th March. Everyone is welcome to attend our AGM and become a financial member for the year. It only costs 50c to have your say and be a part of a fantastic and hard working group of parents who help our school in so many ways.

Our regular P&C meeting will follow on after the AGM at 7:30pm, on the same date and Mr Sparks, principal from Greystanes High School will be there to discuss High School.
Fundraising in 2013
The P&C have some events already planned for the year and we hope we can count on your support once again. Last year was fantastic and while we know we can't always get that sort of result, having the support and commitment of the parents is important. Some events planned are:

Mufti Day - 20th March 2013 Gold coin Donation

Mothers Day Stall - 8th and 10th May 2013. We hope to have a huge variety of gifts on offer this year. If you are able to donate any new items, please drop them into the office before the Mothers Day Stall dates. We will also have a day for wrapping all the lovely presents which we will need some extra hands for. Watch this space for dates and times.

Cross Country Fundraiser - 9th May 2013. The school cross country will be a fundraiser this year with some fantastic prizes on offer for those that raise $10 and more. Our Walk-a-thon last year was very successful and the students had so much fun participating and raising money. This event alone enabled us to purchase a new Interactive White Board for the school. Support forms will go out a couple of weeks before the event. More details to follow. This is just some of what the P&C have planned for 2013. We hope you all jump on board and lend a hand this year as well.

SPORT NEWS

Sport House Captains
Congratulations to the following students who were elected to the positions of Sport House Captains for 2013.

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I'm sure these students will do an outstanding job throughout the year as the captains of the sporting house.

ZONE SPORT TRIALS
There are numerous Zone sporting trials happening over the next few weeks and several students have been identified to attend different trials for different sports. If your child has brought home a zone trials note it needs to be signed by you the parent and brought along to the trial and given to the teacher who is operating the trial. If you don't bring the note to the trial your child will not be able to trial for that sport.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A big thank you to all the children who participated and tried their absolute best at our swimming carnival last week. The staff at Wentworthville Pool were most impressed with the behaviour and respectful manners shown by Beresford Road students.
A big thank you must go out to all the staff and parent helpers for their hard work during our carnival. It certainly makes the day run very smoothly!!!

The Winning house for the carnival was PATERSON. Ribbons and swimming champions will be announced at the next Primary (Yrs 3 - 6) assembly on the Friday 22nd February 2013.

The Zone Swimming Team will be announced this week and will be put up on the student noticeboard outside the after school care room. Those students that have been selected will need to come and collect the permission note from Mr Wicks by the end of this week.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RECORDS

On Wednesday at our Swimming Carnival we had two long standing school records broken in impressive style by two very talented swimmers.

- Rachel Farrugia – broke the 8yrs girls 50m freestyle record held by Kaitlin Allan since 2007 by 2.3 seconds in a time of 48:12 seconds.

- Jake Farrugia – broke the junior boys 50m butterfly record held by Bradley King since 1986 by 4.28 seconds in a time of 43:80 seconds.

These record breaking swims are outstanding and these students need to be applauded for their huge efforts.

PSSA News

The start of the Summer PSSA competition will commence on Friday 22nd February, 2013 (next week). A reminder to parents that permission notes and money needs to be paid by next Thursday 21st February otherwise students will not be able to play PSSA. Draws for PSSA will be released during the week.

Jerome Wicks
Sports Coordinator
What’s bugging the students in 3/4P?

“My dear young fellow”, the Old-Green-Grasshopper said gently, “there are a whole lot of things in this world of ours you haven’t started wandering about yet.” Quote from James and the Giant Peach.

You may have noticed students from 3/4P wandering around at lunchtime with bug catchers and magnifying glasses, looking for mini-beasts. Like many other classes, we are learning about mini-beasts, or arthropods (invertebrates with jointed legs) in Science, English, Maths and HSIE. We are creating artworks of mini-beasts and even making them out of 3D shapes.

We created an insectarium in a fish tank at the back of the room so we can observe the arthropods we find. We try to keep things from their natural habitat like bark, grass and water. So far, we have collected cicadas, grasshoppers, crickets, slaters, a variety of beetles, daddy long legs and many other mini-beasts.

Colby has become a cricket fan. He has been experimenting with feeding his crickets different foods like carrots and bread and even a LCM bar! He was amazed when he noticed one of his crickets behaving strangely. We actually observed it shedding its exoskeleton! It ate so much it grew out of its skin! Look at this photo of the naked cricket!
James and the Giant Peach

We have been reading 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. What a great story! There is a section in the book where the peach and all its occupants are surrounded by thrashing sharks. James comes up with an idea to save them all. 3/4P came up with ideas of our own.

- Miss Spider could spin some string and they could make a net and throw it over the sharks. — Sareh
- They could throw the centipede’s 4.7 shoes at the sharks. — Farris
- They could run around in circles and make the sharks dizzy. — Anthony
- They could throw chunks of the peach on one side of it to distract the sharks while they make a swim for shore on the other side. — Amber

We read what James and his friends did. This is how we visualised what we thought it would look like. Can you tell what happened?

Book review—James and the Giant Peach

James and the Giant Peach — Another excellent Roald Dahl Adventure novel. A bit of comedy with an excellent storyline, it was written in 1961 and was followed by a movie in 1996.

It starts off in England where James’ parents get eaten by an escaped rhinoceros. James is forced to move out to live with his two old grumpy aunts, Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker. He gets called names like, ‘Filthbag’ and ‘Ninkerpoop’ and is ordered to do chores all day long. Until... one day while running away from a spanking, James finds a man, an old man behind the rose bush who gives him a bag of green wriggly things and says, “Take these green crocodile’s tongues, soak them in warm water, then guzzle it down.” But unfortunately, he drops all the crocodile tongues near the old withered peach tree. Later that day... a peach appears on the tree. It gets bigger and bigger until it is as big as a small house! The next night, a tunnel appears in the peach and James climbs in and finds some giant bugs that become his friends. Together, they travel far and wide on the peach.

This great story is definitely recommended by me. A book I never wanted to put down, I just wanted to read more and more. An excellent piece of writing.

By Jacques Murray 3/4P
Mrs Leverett in the Spotlight
Interview by Reit Kakar and Abbie Hayward

Abbie: What is the book you are currently reading?

Mrs Leverett: At the moment I am reading a book about yoga called ‘yoga mala’. I read the ‘Hunger Games’ series in the holidays.

Reit: What is your hobby?

Mrs Leverett: I practice yoga most days of the week.

Abbie: What is your favourite movie?

Mrs Leverett: I love lots of movies. Recently, I watch The Hobbit and I really enjoyed that.

Reit: What is your favourite food?

Mrs Leverett: This is hard because I like so many foods. I would have to say pasta.

Abbie: Do you have a pet and what is it and what is its name?

Mrs Leverett: I have a cat called Indi. He is a Russian Blue and he follows me everywhere.

Reit: What is your favourite colour?

Mrs Leverett: I love the colour green.
Beresford Road Public School does not endorse any item or service advertised in this newsletter.

**REGISTER NOW!**
Wednesdays from 5.30 til 8pm or
Sundays 10am til 12 noon
At Gipps Road Sporting Complex - Gipps Rd Greystanes
www.gogoannas.com.au

Cash, Cheque or Credit Card payments may be made by 9am Monday, Wednesday & Thursday.

Please send ALL payments in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on the front.

Voluntary School Contribution
DUE NOW
Prices for students are as follows:
One Student    $60
Two Students    $100
Family         $140

Thank you to the families who have donated to the technology fund.
GREYSTANES HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Date: Wednesday 13 March 2013

Time: 11am until 1.40pm (Year 6 students)

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

STUDENTS: BBQ Lunch – 11.20 to 12.00pm
Taster Lessons – 12.00 to 1.40PM

PARENTS: 6.00 to 7.00pm Information Session for interested parents of Years 5 & 6

www.greystaneshighschool.org
greystanes-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 9631 9144  Fax: 9896 3087
The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days:

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2013 Captains & Vice Captains: Shana Haddad (Vice-Captain), Monique Martin (School Captain), Ivan Videla (Vice-captain), Boehn Russell (School Captain).
8 March 2013

Charity Dinner

Help Chandelle

Starts 6pm

* Live Entertainment
* 3 course meal
* Beer, Wine
* Soft Drink
* All Night Included

& Auctions

Club Marconi

Tickets $80.00 or table of 10 - $700
Kids at discounted prices

Help Chandelle make her day to day life & travel easier

Donations are kindly appreciated.
For more info contact the Falls family ph: 0452 207 783
or Nancie ph: 0424 862 813

http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Chandelle-Falls-Fundraising-Ball/479563412103731?fref=ts
Beresford Road Public School
Parents and Citizens Committee

AGM Information

On Tuesday 5th March 2013, at 7pm in the Staffroom, the P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting. During this meeting, the Executive Committee of 2012 will stand down and a new Committee will be elected in for 2013.

The Executive Committee consists of the following volunteer roles.

President
The President of the P and C has a very important role to play. They are responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association
- The attainment of the P&C Association’s objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association’s spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association’s bank accounts
- Chairing meetings

Vice President (x 2)
Vice Presidents are there to support the President and to take on any duties unable to be met by the President.

Secretary
The Secretary is responsible for carrying out all administrative tasks. They are responsible for:

- Preparation of meeting agendas
- Attending every association meeting to take notes in order to produce a set of minutes to be distributed to members at each meeting.
- Receiving all correspondence
- Issuing all notices of meetings and maintaining official records of the P&C Association.
- Responsible for Newsletter updates

Treasurer
Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer’s primary responsibility.

- The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts.
The Treasurer presents a report in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement for each and every P&C meeting.

The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C.

The Treasurer is a signatory on the P&C accounts and should not delegate this responsibility.

The Treasurer should encourage members to understand the state of the P&C finances.

The Treasurer must ensure a case book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association.

For more information on each role, please visit http://www.pandc.org.au/faqseo

If you are interested in taking on any of the above positions, please fill out the nomination form found below, with the required details and make sure you are able to attend the AGM on Tuesday 5th March. Place your nomination form in the P&C Mail Box in the office before Monday 4th March for your nomination to be submitted.

For any further details, please email us on BeresfordRdPandC@7ymail.com

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Beresford Road Public School P&C Association

NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I, ______________________________________________

nominate ________________________________ for the position of:

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Proposers Signature ________________________________ Date: ____________

Seconded_________________________ Signature ________________ Date: ____________

Name __________________________

I accept the nomination for the position of __________________

Signed __________________________ Date: ____________

Please note – You do not have to be a financial member at the time of nomination, as long as you become one for the new year.