Student Representative Council

Purple Day March 26 – Get your purple on!

Purple Day (26th March) is a global effort dedicated to raising epilepsy awareness. Purple Day was founded in 2008, by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan from Canada. Motivated by her own struggles with epilepsy, Cassidy Megan started Purple Day in an effort to get people talking about the condition and inform those with seizures that they are not alone. She named the day Purple Day after the internationally recognised colour for epilepsy, lavender.

Epilepsy affects over 50 million people worldwide or approximately 1 in 100 people. That’s more than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and parkinson’s disease combined. Epilepsy is the world’s most common serious brain disorder and it is currently impacting the lives of over 225,000 Australians.

At BRPS we have students and families living with epilepsy every day. To show our support we are promoting awareness for epilepsy by having a PURPLE mufti day on March 26.

We will not be collecting money on the mufti day but if you would like to make a donation you can do so at the office.

For more information you can go to:
www.epilepsy.org.au/purpleday or call 1300 EPILEPSY (37 45 37)

We hope to see everybody supporting this important cause and wearing something purple on the day.

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PSSA News

Rain, rain please go away and come again another day...So we can all play PSSA!!!

Friday 22nd March, 2013:
- Teeball – Boys & Girls v Warriors at Darling St Park
- Softball – Boys & Girls v Darcy Road at Darling St Park
- Newcombeball – BYE this week (training at school)
- AFL – Juniors & Seniors v Blues at Binalong Oval
- AFL Blues – Juniors & Seniors v Beresford Rd at Binalong Oval

(AFL & Blues will be catching Bus no.7 to Metella Rd then onto Girraween Oval then onto Binalong Oval)

Upcoming Events

March

Wed 20th  Mufti Day
Wed 27th  School Photo day
Wed 27th  Scripture Assembly 2:00pm
Thurs 28th  Easter hat parade K-2 2:00pm
Thurs 28th  ‘Drop your bundle’ competition 3:30-3:45pm
Thurs 28th  Deposit for Stage 3 camp due
Fri 29th  Good Friday

April

Mon 1st  Easter Monday
Thurs 11th  ICAS money due
Fri 12th  End of Term

Assemblies

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PSSA News Cont.

Friday 5th April, 2013:

- Teeball – Boys & Girls v Westmead at Darling St Park
- Softball – Boys & Girls v Westmead at Darling St Park
- Newcombeball – Boys & Girls v Westmead at Beresford Road
- AFL – Juniors & Seniors v Reds at Binalong Oval
- AFL Blues – Juniors & Seniors v Westmead at Binalong Oval

(AFL & Blues will be catching Bus no.3 to Metella Rd then onto Binalong Oval)

Zone Swimming News

Zone Swimming

In Week 6 the Wentworthville/Seven Hills Zone swimming carnival was held at Blacktown Aquatic Centre and Beresford Road did exceptionally well finishing in overall 4th place against all other schools.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Wentworthville / Seven Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. Your sportsmanship and behaviour was excellent. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support Beresford Road and a big thank you to Mrs Farrugia who acted as our team manager on the day.

The following children performed very well in the pool and will be representing our district at the Sydney West Regional Carnival on Tuesday 20th March commencing at 8.30am at Homebush Olympic Aquatic Centre.

Jake Farrugia –
Junior Boys Champion
1st Junior 200m Individual Medley – New Zone & School Record of 3.27:55
1st 10yrs 50m Freestyle – New School Record 36.73
1st Junior Breaststroke
1st Junior Backstroke – New Zone and School Record of 43:58
1st Junior Butterfly – New School Record 40:84
6th Open 100m Freestyle

Rachel Farrugia –
2nd Byrs 50m Freestyle
3rd Junior 200m Individual Medley
4th Junior Breaststroke
6th Junior 50m Butterfly
10th Junior 50m Backstroke

Special congratulations must go to Jake Farrugia who was the Junior Boys Age Champion at the carnival.

Office News

Medication at School

In order to safeguard the health of all students, prescribed medication can only be administered at school by our administration staff. Students cannot bring and administer their own medication at school. If your child needs prescribed medication at school please obtain a form from the office authorising its administration and detailing the dose and dates required – only the dose in either a syringe or tablet container with child’s name clearly written on front to be taken at school should be supplied each day, NOT the whole container. All medication is held securely in our office and each dose given is recorded. These procedures will ensure the safety of all students.

Email is the way to go

If anyone is interested in receiving the newsletter via email please return the blue slips sent home or come into the front office to collect a new one to fill in.

Permission Slips

Please ensure that your child’s full name and class is written on all permission slips, this helps confusion as to who has paid.

Sounding out aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.


Amazing art

Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.

Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Scripture News

There will be a scripture service taking place on the 27th March at 2:00pm in the school hall. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.
Did you know that China as a country is over 4000 years old and was made up of a series of Dynasties that were controlled by families and they often ruled for hundreds of years at a time.

Here is what 5/6W has been up to so far this term?

China has an interesting geographical makeup in that it has some of the world’s tallest mountains, driest deserts and longest rivers in the world.

It has the longest man made structure in the world The Great Wall (which can be seen from outer space).

Here we are learning about the provinces of China

Did you know that the Chinese people use characters instead of letters when they write?

We have been learning about China our Asian neighbours.
We have also been having so much fun learning new drama techniques like improvisation.

There are 3 main philosophies in China—Taoism, Confucianism and Buddhism. Each of them have different ideologies and beliefs.

Here is Aydan showing his traditional little boys Chinese clothes.

My Science
Is a program we have just started with mentors from the Australian Catholic University and the University of Western Sydney.

It is where we investigate an element of science and design experiments to go with it. Our focus area for My Science is Chinese Inventions.

Our brainstorming session on Chinese inventions...
**PBL News**

**Rule of the Week**
Week 8 = Be Safe – I respond to bells  
Week 9 = Strive for Excellence – I ask for help when needed  

Friday the 15th March was the ‘National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence’.  

There is some general information below that may assist or you could visit the website.

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**Stage 2- Camp Deposit Due Dates**

Following are the due dates for the camp deposits.

- $50 Thursday 11th April
- $50 Thursday 30th May
- $50 Thursday 27th June
- $50 Thursday 1st August – *Final payment*

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**What bullying is...**

Bullying involves deliberately and repeatedly attempting to hurt, scare or exclude someone. It can include hitting, pushing, name calling, or taking someone’s belongings.

Bullying can also be more indirect, for example, deliberately leaving someone out of games, spreading rumours about them, or sending them nasty messages. Cyber-bullying involves using mobile phones and the internet to bully others.

Bullying is a mental health concern because it causes distress and can lead to loneliness, anxiety and depression. Bullying can also affect children’s concentration and lower their achievement at school.

When children have been bullied they may:
- not want to go to school
- have property damaged or missing
- be unusually quiet or secretive
- not have friends
- seem over-sensitive or weepy
- have angry outbursts.

**The main purpose of bullying is to have power over someone else.**
Responding to bullying

It is very important to let children know that bullying is not okay and that they should report it when it does occur. Schools set standards for appropriate behaviour and safety. They also have guidelines for reporting and responding to bullying when it occurs.

The consequences for bullying should address what has happened and help to ensure it will not happen again. It is very important for the bully to understand how his/her behaviour has affected the other person and to be clear not to repeat that behaviour.

To help prevent bullying children need to be taught how to be respectful and caring towards others. Children who bully may appear confident but often lack skills for building positive friendships.

Learning to be more assertive can help those who are bullied to stand up for themselves. Learning the skills of assertiveness can also help those who bully find ways to communicate their wants, needs and opinions without becoming aggressive.

Both those who are bullied and those who do the bullying will benefit from learning effective social and emotional skills.

How parents and carers can help

If your child is being bullied:
- listen and provide support to your child
- try to understand what has been happening, how often and how long
- encourage social skills, like being assertive, telling the bully to stop and seeking help
- support your child to think through different ways they could deal with the problem
- talk with your child’s teacher and ask for help
- keep talking with the school until your child feels safe.

If your child tells you about bullying he has seen or heard at school:
- encourage your child to stand up for the child who is being bullied.
- encourage your child to report what he has seen or heard to the teacher or principal.

If your child is doing the bullying:
- make sure your child knows the bullying behaviour is inappropriate and why
- try to understand the reasons why your child has behaved in this way and look for ways to address problems
- encourage perspective taking, e.g., “how would you feel if…”
- help your child think of alternative paths of action.

To help prevent cyber-bullying:
- supervise children’s use of electronic devices.
**Mr Wicks in the Spotlight**

*Interview by Keisha Lesaisae and Bejann Muhamed*

![Mr Wicks](image)

**Keisha:** What is the book you are currently reading?

**Mr wicks:** China's son and also the True Story of Frank Sinatra.

**Bejann:** What is your hobby?

**Mr Wicks:** One of my hobbies is playing PS3 and another one is sport coaching.

**Keisha:** What is your favourite movie?

**Mr wicks:** The Shawshank Redemption or Pulp Fiction.

**Bejann:** What is your favourite food?

**Mr Wicks:** Chocolate.

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

**Mr Wicks:** Yes, a pet dog and its name is Toby.

**Bejann:** What is your favourite colour?

**Mr Wicks:** Blue.

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**P&C News**

The P & C meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month in the school Staff room at 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend but have something you wish to bring up or would like to help in any way please feel free to email us. [brpspandc@7ymail.com](mailto:brpspandc@7ymail.com)

**P&C AGM**

Last Tuesday we held our AGM, thankyou to everyone who came along and voted for your 2013 Committee. Here is the new committee members for 2013.

- **President**- Annette Cachia
- **Vice President**- Michelle Burns
- **Vice President**- Matt Austine
- **Treasurer**- Beth Rich
- **Secretary**- Nicole Hudson

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**Mufti Day**

Wednesday 20 March gold coin Donation.

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**Mother Day Stall**

Wednesday 8th May and Friday 10th May

There will be gifts starting from $1 up to $10

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**Silver coin challenge**

Yes we are doing this again so start saving all your loose change.

The P & C would like to thank the school community for all its fundraising efforts we now have all the funds to put smartboards in every classroom.

Well done this is a HUGE achievement.

P&C Committee

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**School Photos**

School Photos will be taking place on the Wednesday 27th March. The envelopes for the school photo have already come home so please keep them safe. Please make sure that the CORRECT money is in the envelope, change will NOT be given. The money is collected on the day of the photos so please do NOT bring it in before this date. The money is collected by the photographers so the school is not liable for this money. Please make sure to take good care of those envelopes as we have only been given enough for one per child. If you are interested in a family photo please come to the front office and we will give you an envelope for this.
### Beresford Road Public School Merit Card Winners, Weeks 6 & 7

#### Blue Certificate
- Kobi Hurford
- Tyson Newby
- Dimitri Halacas
- Liam Craig
- Mark Lee
- Bridie Austine
- Jake Farrugia
- Grace Hunt
- Jessie Douaihy

#### Caught You Being Good:
- Khushi Chatterjee
- Paul Ghosn

#### Gold Certificate
- Jake Farrugia 5/6W

| KA       | Mya Yaghi               | Edrees Akbarzada | Kelvin Zhang | Prayag Patel | Marley Reddy | Charlee Lake | Hudi Elricle | Samuel Corbin | Cooper Begg | Chelsea Ryan | Ashton Simonsen | Tahlia Formosa | Donya Afshari | Emma Overton | Brigid Chakti | Kayla McGinty | Ryan Halabi | Kayla Nader | Alexandra Alizart | MCZ       | Abby Sissi |
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| 1S       | Ethushan Sivaraj        | Ye Eun Choi      | Joshua Martin | Charlotte Azzopardi | Joan Edwards | Charlie Elaro | Amelia Stevens | Zayaan Syed | Matthew Nader | Yasmin Elricle | Carol Askandar | Tulisha Chettiar | Moufid El Moubayed | Tamai Harmer | Jamie Fowler | Nirojan Sivakumar | Blake Tinker | Olivia Stevens | Suzana Mikovic | Zac Flores | Rajat Chatterjee | Athena Hassapis |

#### Sport Awards
- Max Alalikin
- Farris Al Qadoumi
- Zaylan Schultz
- Reit Kakar
- Yad Jauher