Principal’s Message

School Image

Beresford Road is a great school where great things happen every week but with such large school grounds, and only a General Assistant three days a week, it is almost impossible to keep the grounds looking as great as the school is.

Last year the P & C held Working Bees to weed and mulch gardens. These days were very successful. And anyone who visits the school during the day will have seen one of our mums, Ms Sue Eyles, working tirelessly in the gardens. This year I am hoping a few mums, or dads, or grandparents could give up time during the school day to assist Sue to move mulch or weed gardens. A couple of hours once a week or fortnight would make a huge difference to the school. This would not have to happen on the same day for everyone. Small groups could take over individual gardens. Please see me if you are interested.

High School Students

If your high school aged children are responsible for collecting younger brothers and sisters from our school can you remind them of a couple of simple rules.

1. If they are collecting children in Years 3-6 they must wait on the grass area at the front of the school adjacent to the carpark. They should not be in the primary quad.
2. If they are collecting K-2 students they should organise a pass at the school office and then wait quietly in the infants quad.

These rules are in place to keep our children safe and happy and able to concentrate on their school work right up to 3.00pm. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

P & C

The AGM for the school P & C is tonight and will be followed by the regular meeting at 7.30pm. A successful P&C Association relies on the support of parents and we have been very lucky to have a supportive parent body over the last few years.

The regular meeting at 7.30pm will begin with a presentation by Mr Grant Sparke, principal at Greystanes High School. He will outline the benefits and programs that are on offer at Greystanes HS. This is not just for Year 6 parents – anyone who is considering Greystanes High School should take this opportunity to hear the presentation and ask questions.

Upcoming Events

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School Voluntary Contributions
A big thank you to all the families who have paid the contribution for 2013, the funds raised really do make a difference to the programs we can deliver. Please remember that all families who pay this contribution before Thursday 21 March will go into a draw to receive 1 of 3 $50 shopping vouchers.
An extra big thank you to the many families who have donated money to the wireless technology fund, so far we have raised around $1500.

Approaching Children
Every year we have lots of new kinders at school and that means a lot of first time parents. These parents love to be involved in the education of their children which is great but sometimes they forget that school is a little different from the local playground. If your child has an issue at the local playground you might go over and speak directly to the child or the child and the parent. At school, we cannot have parents speaking directly to other children about things that happen in the playground – the teachers are legally responsible for those children and they are the ones you should speak to about school incidents. We want all children to be safe and happy and need to be part of all discussions to ensure this happens.

Doing Maths in your head
We teach children a range of different ways to add and subtract numbers. We want them to look for patterns and use them as much as they can. We want them to have good number sense – an understanding of how and why different ways to add and subtract work well.

The goal is for them to be able to do it in their head in a way that makes sense to them. Please refer to the table at the back of the newsletter.

Student Representative Council
I would like to congratulate the SRC members from MCZ. Well done Abby Sissi and Seth Di Salvia. A big apology from me for leaving your names off 2 weeks ago! Just a reminder that the SRC meeting will be first half lunch this Wednesday.

Mrs Griffiths

PSSA News

Zone SWIMMING
All students competing at the Zone Swimming carnival at Blacktown on Wednesday 6th March are reminded that they need to be at the pool by 8.15am and that they are to find Mrs Farrugia to have their names ticked off when arriving and leaving.

PSSA
After a good start to the summer season in all sports it looks like the Beresford Road Bulls are well on their way to a few championships!!!

PSSA Sport playing venues for the next two weeks are as follows:

Friday 8th March, 2013
- Teeball – Boys & Girls vs. Toongabbie at Darling St Park
- Softball – Boys & Girls vs. Toongabbie at Darling St Park
- Newcombeball – Juniors & Seniors vs. Pendle Hill at Pendle Hill PS
- AFL – Juniors & Seniors vs. Pendle Hill at Binalong Oval
- AFL Blues – Juniors & Seniors vs. Girraween at Binalong Oval

(AFL & AFL Blues & Newcombeball will be catching Bus no.1 to Pendle Hill PS then to Binalong Oval)

Friday 15th March, 2013
- Teeball – Boys & Girls vs. Metella Rd at Darling St Park
- Softball – Boys & Girls vs. Metella Rd at Darling St Park
- Newcombeball – Juniors & Seniors vs. Girraween at Girraween PS
- AFL – Juniors & Seniors vs. Girraween at Binalong Oval
- AFL Blues – Juniors & Seniors vs. Darcy Road at Binalong Oval

(AFL & AFL Blues & Newcombeball will be catching Bus no.1 to Girraween PS then Toony West PS and onto Binalong Oval)

Thanks
Jerome Wicks
PBL News
Rule of the Week
Week 6 = Participation – I have a go.
Week 7 = Respect – I Follow the Teacher’s Instructions

Clean Up Australia Day
POSTPONED
Due to wet weather, Clean Up Australia Day will be POSTPONED until this Friday 8th March. Students are reminded to please 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

School Photos
School Photos will be taking place on the Wednesday 27th March. The envelopes for the school photos will be coming home in the next few days. There will be a letter attached with all the details on this for you to read. 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 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 an envelope for this.

Car Park
It is NOT SAFE to use the teachers’ car park to drop off or collect students between 7.45am and 4.30pm. We have more teachers than parking places so the few parents who use it end up backing blindly out the gate at 8.45 or 3.05 when the footpath is full of young children. We are not trying to make collecting students difficult but we are trying to make it SAFE. A school is a community and sometimes we have to act in the best interest of all families not just our own. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Office News
Payments
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 Contributions
Voluntary School Contributions are 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.

2013 Family Information Forms
Please make sure that all family information forms are returned to the office ASAP. This information is vital for us to be able to contact you in case of an emergency.

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 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.

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Ant Farm

2C have enjoyed collecting ants for their special Space Ant Farm! During our first attempt, we discovered that if we caught ants from many different colonies, they all fought each other until there were none left. On our next attempt we made sure to collect ants from the same colony!

Butterfly Collages
using paper, sequins, ribbons, felt and fabrics

“Pop Art” Dragonflies
inspired by Andy Warhol’s artworks
Making Bug Biscuits

2C enjoyed using icing, chocolate chips, fried noodles and plain biscuits to make spiders and ladybugs! The spiders had 8 legs and the ladybugs had 6!

Mathematics Fun With Bugs!

2C discussed how many legs each mini beast had and enjoyed creating addition problems using their favourite mini beasts!
Mrs Mangin in the spotlight

Interview by Nedinne Ratucoa and Elena Sevdimbas

Elena: What is the book you are currently reading?

Mrs Mangin: I am currently reading Harry Potter.

Nedinne: What is your hobby?

Mrs Mangin: I love to dance, sew, go bushwalking, cook, go for a walk and run.

Elena: What is your favourite movie?

Mrs Mangin: My favourite movie is Avatar.

Nedinne: What is your favourite food?

Mrs Mangin: My favourite food is chocolate and passionfruit.

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

Mrs Mangin: My mum has a pet dog that I walk every day and her name is Lucy.

Nedinne: What is your favourite colour?

Mrs Mangin: My favourite colour is blue.

P&C News

AGM and P&C Meeting TONIGHT

Don’t forget our Annual General Meeting will be held tonight in the staffroom at 7pm. All positions will be available. A great way to show your support for the school is to become a part of the P&C. This can be done either by taking on a Committee Position or by becoming a financial member. However if you are unable to commit to this throughout the year we are always looking for volunteers for school events. A successful P&C Association relies on the support of parents and we at Beresford Road Public School have been very lucky to have a very supportive parent body over the last few years. However as our children grow and move into High School our P&C members leave and we need more dedicated parents to step up and give us a hand. Don’t be shy and don’t underestimate the help you can give us! Tonights P&C Meeting will take place at 7:30pm after the AGM. We would love to see you there!

Mufti Day

On Wednesday 20th March, the P&C will be holding a Mufti Day. Just bring a gold coin ($2 or $1) as a donation and come dressed in mufti instead of your uniform. Please remember to stay sun safe and bring a hat!

Mothers Day Stall

Also a reminder that our Mothers Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th May. 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.

Questions?

If you ever have any questions or suggestions for the P&C, please email us at BeresfordRdPandC@y7mail.com or via our mail box in the office. If you would like to be added to the volunteers list please email your name, contact details and your availability to our email address or drop in the letter box.

Uniform Shop

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Beresford Road Public School Merit Card Winners, Weeks 4 & 5

Blue Certificate
Colby Austine
Connor Cox

Caught You Being Good: Isabella Kearney 1L

KA
Annabelle Azzopardi
Kiara Poullos
Tyron Schultz
Jordan Pereira
Mia Bosnjak

K/1B
Patrick Eisenhuth
Olivia Cassisi
Anthony Topic
Lucy Topic
Rayan Hamwi
Lotus Haladus
Cassandra Box
Bella Bugeja
Elizabeth Waddington
Isabella Nasreldin
Charlize Johnson
John Mencarious
Marley Fausto
Mitchell Keygan
Rachel Farrugia

KC
Oriel Shepherd
Angelina Antoniou
Mia Scott
Jarrod Isaacs
Leon Alizart
Fatema Sarwari
Ozkan Ozbal
Chantelle Hovell-Marsters

1A
1L

MCZ
Tara Firth

KHD
Joshua Fulton
Niharica Shrestha
Rabia Akbari
Jayda Siitta
Sarah Cassar
Jennifer Francis
Illyas Sultani
Shahir Ali
Mark Lee
Emilia Agius
Grace Hunt
Junior Ratucoka
Luke Lloyd
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1/2M
Monique Cain
Junior Afsane
Tyson Newby
Timmy Dewar
Bridie Austine
Siena Bozket
Dimitri Halacas
Omid Shams

3/4G
John Mencarious
Marley Fausto
Mitchell Keygan
Rachel Farrugia

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5/6D
Tyra Gristwood
Benjamin Gregory
Alyssa Caran

5/6L
Josh Overton
Isabella Chiriff
Anastasia Billings

5/6D
Tyra Gristwood
Benjamin Gregory
Alyssa Caran

6/5

5/6W
Gautam Singh
Sally Reweti
Aydan Abood

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Sport Awards
Jacques Murray
Tara Salopek
Jake Farrugia
Zayne Edmonds
Cody Bugeja
Daniel Mandich
Your child can experience a positive start to the love of dancing by joining Gemz Dance Academy.

Gemz Dance Academy is a newly established dance provider offering affordable options to parents. I offer a number of classes for both boys and girls in tiny tots, primary, junior and beginner jazz.

All classes are designed to promote a positive and fun experience for all involved.

Dancing is a wonderful way for children to develop their physical skills, stimulate their imagination, promote their creativity and confidence as well as cooperation and respect.

Your child will have an enjoyable dance experience through a series of fun, movement based activities and exercises, as they are developing core strength and gross motor skills, rhythm and counting, as well as spatial awareness and balance.

Most children attend for the term as this offers consistency and maximises the fun. However, children can attend on a casual basis (subject to class size) if term commitment is not suitable. No uniform is required. I encourage my students to come in comfortable clothing.

Gemz Dance Academy offers an end of year concert which allows friends and family to see what your children have learnt and practised throughout the year.

Fees must be paid by the due date to secure your child’s place in class.

Payment can be made by direct deposit or cash.

Tiny Tots, Mums & Bubs $100 per term. Primary, Junior, Beginner $110 per term.

*FREE TRIAL CLASS*

Class Timetable

**Tuesday**

9:30 – 10:15am – TINY TOTS 2-4yrs (45mins)

10:30am – 11:15am – TINY TOTS 2-4yrs (45mins)

3:30pm - 4:30pm – PRIMARY 4-6yrs (1hr)

4:30pm - 5:30pm – JUNIOR 6-9yrs (1hr)

5:30pm - 6:30pm – BEGINNER JAZZ 10+yrs (1hr)

**Thursday**

10:30am – 11:00am – MUMS & BUBS Newborn – 3yrs (1/2hr)

11:15am – 12:00pm – TINY TOTS 2-4yrs (45mins)

Classes are held at - Guide Hall, 9 Ettalong Rd Greystanes

Enrol now!

Please contact Gemma on 0424 100 968 or email gemzdanceacademy@gmail.com

Facebook Page: GEMZ DANCE ACADEMY

The Buzz - Term 1 - Week 6
The Michaels Touch is a reliable skilled one stop handyman service that can repair, renovate, build and do maintenance for both residential and commercial needs.

The Michaels Touch offer a variety of services, no job is too big or too small- look no further, whether you want to change a light bulb or door handle, assemble equipment, install floor boards, renovate a kitchen or erect a shed, The Michaels touch has ALL your needs covered!

For quality, professional and affordable service you can trust, whether it’s big or small, if you need help, call The Michaels Touch to put the special touch in your home or office today!

CALL ANTHONY ON 0414974622
Doing Maths in your Head (Continued)

| Counting on and counting back | 14 + 3 ...  
|                              | start at 14, then count on to 17 ie 15, 16, 17.  
|                              | 12 − 3 ...  
|                              | start at 12 then count back to 9, ie 11, 10, 9.  
| To bridge to 10              | Find the nearest 10 eg 17 + 5; 17 and 3 is 20 and add 2 more  
| To pull numbers apart         | 5 = 2 + 3 so 8 + 5 = (8 + 2) + 3 = 13  
|                              | 24 = 20 + 4 so 66 + 24 = (66 + 4) + 20 = 90  
| Addition facts to 10          | 0 + 10, 1 + 9, 2 + 8, 3 + 7, 4 + 6, 5 + 5  
| Doubles                       | 1 + 1, 2 + 2, 3 + 3, 4 + 4  

| Splitting numbers into 10s and ones | 62 = 6 tens and 2 ones  
| Counting up in 10s | eg 5, 15, 25, 35, 45 or 2, 12, 22, 32 etc for 58 + 30 start at 58, then think 68, 78, 88  
| Counting down in 10s | eg 97, 87, 77, 67, 57 for 85 − 40 start at 85, then think 75, 65, 55, 45  
| Easy combinations that add up to 10 | 5 + 4 + 9 + 1 + 6 = 5 + (4 + 6) + (9 + 1)  
| Easy combinations that add up to 50, 75 and 100 | 45 + 80 + 55 + 20 = (80 + 20) + (45 + 55) = 200  
| You can add in any order but not subtract in any order | 36 + 45 = 45 + 36 but 76 − 32 ≠ 32 − 76  

What is Positive Behaviour for learning?

Who is PBL for?

- PBL is for all schools. PBL helps to make schools better places to live, work and learn. It does so by giving schools the tools to build comprehensive, school-wide systems that support academic and behavioural learning for all students.

How will PBL help my child and their school?

- PBL promotes positive student behaviour by building the school’s leadership capacity and teachers’ knowledge, understanding and skills in applying effective school-wide behaviour systems.
- PBL boosts student engagement in learning by increasing attendance and retention, and improving student behaviour.
- PBL helps schools deliver highest quality learning programs to improve student academic and behavioural learning.

How can I help my child with PBL?

- Positively reinforcing and talking about the school’s core expectations and appropriate behaviour expectations matrix.
- Becoming an active team member, attending meetings and / or undertaking tasks to assist the school in its implementation.
Woolworths Earn and Learn

A big Thank you to all the families that collected the Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths last year. We got our delivery the other day and I am sure the kids are going to have a lot of fun playing with their new toys.