Principal’s Message

Farewell

I am sad to say that Mrs Harvey is leaving us tomorrow. She is moving and our school will be too far for a daily commute.

Mrs Harvey has been the Assistant Principal overseeing Kindergarten during my time at Beresford Road. I have enjoyed working with her and love her passion and enthusiasm for all things kindergarten. She has been a great guide for me as we have worked to improve the early learning outcomes at our school and has helped develop the skills of many teachers.

I have enjoyed witnessing the wonderful relationship she develops with the students in her class and the compassion and care she shows. Most of all I will miss the happiness she brings to school through her laughter.

Good luck as you start the next chapter of your life – we’ll all miss you!

School Crossing

The school crossing is the only place you should cross the road before or after school. Walking straight out of the gate opposite Bathurst Street and then continuing across the road is dangerous. All it takes is one K-2 student to follow behind you, trusting the adult is going the right way, and an accident could happen. Please take the extra 30 seconds to walk up to the crossing and model the correct behaviour for all our children.

Money

As a parent myself, I understand how difficult it can be to meet all the expenses at the beginning of a new school year but at the same time how we want our children to be a part of everything that is offered. Uniform, bag, stationery, shoes, PSSA, dance, gym, camp, piano lessons etc. all impact on our household budgets. Soccer, league and netball registrations also seem to be moving earlier each year and now occur right at the beginning of the school year. Sometimes, as parents, we need to make difficult choices about which activities matter most and that is okay!

Each year at school we try to offer a range of experiences that will enhance your children’s education but most of these expenses come at a cost. Parents want these activities offered at school and many enjoy the convenience of having the school organise it, having it occur in school hours and the reduced cost that we are able to offer these activities at.

This year many of these activities have started right at the beginning of the school year causing a strain on family finances. If you contact me at school, I can usually help with a plan to delay payments, make smaller payments or even help with reduced costs for some activities. Many of the fees can be delayed until later in the year including the voluntary contribution and camp payments while the $5 a week for dance lessons needs to paid as you go, due to our contract with the provider.

I hope the reduction in the School Voluntary Contribution Payment for 2014 goes some way to help ease the costs at this time. The amount for 2014 is $40 (1 student), $60 (2 Students) or $80 (per family) and offers a significant reduction over the 2013 fees of $60, $100 or $140 – especially for our larger families.

Upcoming Events

March

- Tues 4th: P & C AGM 7PM
- Thurs 6th: Zone Swimming carnival
- Thurs 13th: Paul Kelly Cup
- Thurs 20th: Sydney West Swimming
- Mon 17th—Fri 20th: Zoo Snooze

April

- Mon 7th: Photo Day
Meet the Teacher Evening

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening last night. I understand that if you have been at the school for a couple of years you will be aware of most topics covered but it is always nice for parents and teachers to meet face to face early in the year.

If you have any further questions, concerns or information about your child to share with the new class teacher, now is the time to make an appointment to discuss individual students. Simply call the office and ask for your class teacher to call you back.

Swimming Carnival

I would like to thank Mr Wicks for organising a great swimming carnival last week. He even managed to organise warm weather for the day. I was very impressed with the behaviour of all students between events. We have some great swimmers and I look forward to seeing them progress to the zone and regional carnivals. A special congratulations must go to Jake and Rachel Farrugia and Jacinta Theodoridis for breaking a number of long standing school records.

Uniforms

The school uniform looked great last week, we need to make sure we keep this up as the year progresses. Please remember that the school hat is the ONLY hat that is part of the uniform. While most students wear the correct hat, a small number of Stage Three students tried to wear caps relating to a variety of sporting teams and I would hope to see an end to that this year.

Sports shoes (joggers) should be mainly black or mainly white.

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.

- 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.
- 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.

Keeping up to date

The best way to keep up to date on school events is to follow the school on FACEBOOK (www.facebook.com/pages/Beresford-Road-Public-School). We use it to notify the community of upcoming events and classroom happenings. Over 280 people use it as a way to receive school information. The school website is also updated regularly with school news, newsletters and any notes that have been sent home.

Thank you

David Leydon
Principal

Library News

- Just a reminder that Book Club is due back to school on Thursday 20th February. (payment is online)
- Please ensure your child’s library bag has their name on it.
- It is important that children have the chance to borrow books that are of interest to them. This may mean that they are bringing home books that are difficult for them to read. What a great bonding opportunity this is for parents to model reading to their child. Check out an article in The Age below -


And this one in BBC News on the importance of reading to your child.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-24116088

PBL News

Rule of the week:

Week 4 – Be Safe - I stay in bounds

Week 5 – Strive for Excellence - I am prepared.
Sports News

Sports House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to the positions of Sport House Captains for 2014.

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I’m sure these students will do an outstanding job throughout the year as the captains of the sporting house, just as they did during the swimming carnival held last week. Their enthusiasm in leading their house in cheers throughout the day was outstanding.

Zone Sports Trials

There are numerous Zone sporting trials happening over the next few weeks and several students have been identified to attend trials for different sports. If your child has brought home a zone trials note it needs to be signed by you 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. Students will be notified accordingly if they have been successful in selection to a Zone Sporting team for the Sydney West Championships.

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all the children who gave it their best and participated at our swimming carnival last week. The pool staff at Wentworthville Pool were very impressed with the swimming ability, behaviour and respectful manners shown by Beresford Road students.

A big thank you must go out to all the teaching staff of BRPS for their hard work during our carnival. It certainly makes the day run very smoothly!!!

The Winning house for the carnival was GILMORE. Ribbons and swimming champions will be announced at the Week 6 Primary (Years 3 – 6) assembly on the Friday 7th March 2014.

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 twelve (yes twelve) long standing school records broken in impressive style by three very talented swimmers.

Rachel Farrugia broke 5 records on the day. They are listed below:

- 9yrs girls 50m Freestyle record held by Katrina King since 1991 by 1.85 seconds in a time of 41.20 seconds.
- Junior girls 50m Backstroke record held by Katrina King since 1992 by 0.13 seconds in a time of 48.47 seconds.
- Junior girls 50m Breaststroke record held by Elizabeth Cowan since 1986 by 0.99 seconds in a time of 53.80 seconds.
- Junior girls 50m Butterfly record held by Beth Sutton since 1988 by 7.28 seconds in a time of 43.97 seconds.
- 200m girls Individual Medley record held by Jennifer Farrugia since 2011 by 16.16 seconds in a time of 3.24:88 seconds.

Jacinda Theodoridis broke 2 records on the day and she was also part of the record breaking swim in the 200m Individual Medley where she also beat the old time by 9.36 seconds. Her records are listed as below:

- 12yrs girls 50m Freestyle record held by Beth Sutton since 1990 by 1.54 seconds in a time of 36.93 seconds.
- Senior girls 50m Backstroke record held by Beth Sutton since 1990 by 0.28 seconds in a time of 44.22 seconds.
Office News

Family Information form
All families have received a family information form to fill in and return to school. Could everyone please make sure to return these to school ASAP.

Money Days
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Scripture
Scripture is going to commence again soon so if you do NOT want your child to attend scripture please let your child’s teacher know in writing.

After School Pick up
If you are going to be late to pick up your child for any reason please make sure that you call the office well before 3pm as we are unable to leave the office unattended.

Clean up Australia Day 2014
This year, Clean up Australia Day is on Sunday, March 2. Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in a Schools Clean Up Day.

This year, Schools Clean Up Day is 28 February. On this day your child will be involved in cleaning up a part of the school grounds to help support this great cause and keep our school looking beautiful. Please send a pair of gloves to school with your child on this day. Gardening gloves are great but kitchen gloves and the rubber disposable ones are fine too.

Mrs Griffiths

PSSA News
The start of the Summer PSSA competition will commence on Friday 28th February, 2014. A reminder to parents that permission notes and money needs to be paid by next Thursday 27th February otherwise students will not be able to play PSSA. Draws for PSSA will be released during the week.

Permission slips
Can you please make sure that you fill in a permission slip for EACH child and not put siblings on the same slip as these are then sent to the class teachers.

P & C News
AGM
The annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March in the school staff room at 7pm.
The AGM (Annual General Meeting) gives you an opportunity as Parents to elect people who will be responsible for the running of our schools P & C.

The following positions will be made available on the committee:
- President
- Vice President x 2
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sub Committee
  - Fundraiser
  - Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop
Election forms are available from the office and should be placed in the P & C letter box once completed.
After the AGM at 7.30pm, Mr Sparke Principal of Greystanes High School will be providing information to parents whose children are in Year 6 in preparation for high school next year.
P & C meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Your thoughts and new ideas are always welcome so come along or you can email us at beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com

Jake Farrugia broke 5 records on the day. They are listed below:

- 11yrs boys 50m Freestyle record held by Ben Spencer since 1990 by 1.57 seconds in a time of 34.10 seconds.
- 11yrs 50m Backstroke record held by Nathan Theodoridis since 2009 by 3.88 seconds in a time of 40.80 seconds.
- 11yrs 50m Butterfly record held by Darren King since 1990 by 2.75 seconds in a time of 38.94 seconds.
- Open 100m Freestyle record held by Nathan Theodoridis since 2009 by 1.94 seconds in a time of 1.14:31 seconds.
- 200m boys Individual Medley record held by Mitchell Emery since 2002 by 7.47 seconds in a time of 3.06:00 seconds.

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Can you figure out what we are learning about?

5/6W has been very active in the first 3 weeks of Term 1

This term we are learning about Canada and the First Nations People (The Inuit’s). So far we have learnt that the Inuit’s travelled to North America by crossing a land bridge from Asia. The Inuit’s descended from a small group of migrants during the ice ages 15,000 years ago.
Did you know?

Canada’s Indigenous people are also called Aboriginal. There are over 500 individual tribes of Indigenous peoples living within North America.

The original name for Canada was “Kanata” derived from the Iroquois Indians tribal language.

Did you know?

Canada’s Indigenous people live in 3 different styles of housing.

- A traditional igloo for the tribes that live in the icy Artic Circle.
- A longhouse for the tribes that live in wooded forest areas.
- The tepee is the house of choice for tribes that live on the open plains.

Here we are constructing our class igloo.
We are also learning about the Winter Olympics by following the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics Games from Russia.

Did you know?

That Canada has hosted the Winter Olympics in 2010 in Vancouver and 1998 in Calgary.

The Calgary Winter Olympics were made famous by Eddy the Eagle (English Ski Jumper who couldn’t ski jump and kept crashing) and the Jamaican Bobsled Team (who were made famous by the movie Cool Running’s).

Did you know?
The Inukshuk (see previous page) is a stone landmark that marks traditional travel and hunting routes in the Arctic Circle. The Inukshuk called “Ilanaaq” was the official mascot logo of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics in Canada.

Look at our Olympic Mascot designs for Sochi 2014.
Belonging at school makes a difference

Tommy’s Aunt Sue had just arrived for a visit.

“Hi Tommy. You’re a big school boy now! How is school?”
“Good,” Tommy said.
“What do you like about it?” asked Aunt Sue.
“Friends - Allan and Georgie.”
“Great! You’ve made some friends already.”
“I like my teacher too.”

Aunt Sue also talked to Tommy’s friend, Lulu, who had come over to play.

“What about you Lulu? How do you like school?”
“It’s good. If I need the teacher then I have to put up my hand. But if I need help at playtime I can ask Jackie,” said Lulu.

“Is Jackie your friend?”
“Jackie’s my buddy. She’s a big girl.”
“What does a buddy do?”
“She helps me if I don’t know where to go or other stuff. She helps to look after me ‘cos she’s big and I’m new.”

Starting school is a big change for kids...

Not only do they have to cope with schoolwork and teachers, but they also have to get used to being part of a class and a whole school.
A lot more is expected of children when they start school and there are lots more people to get on with. It helps kids to know that there are people at school who will look after them.

Belonging improves mental health and learning

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging at school. Belonging is very important for mental health.

Children who feel that they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behaviour problems than others. They also learn better, are more motivated and more successful with schoolwork. Research into children’s mental health has found that a sense of belonging at school helps to protect children against mental health problems and improves their learning.

Making friends and having positive relationships with teachers helps children develop a sense of belonging at school. Having older “buddies” to turn to helps younger children feel that school is a place where they can get help if they need it. Looking after younger children encourages caring and helping in older children and helps to reduce conflicts and bullying. These are some of the ways that children’s sense of belonging at school can be supported.
More ways schools can help create a sense of belonging

As part of KidsMatter, schools look closely at ways they can continue to build strong positive relationships with all students and families. This includes things like:

- Making the school environment welcoming for all students and families
- Encouraging teachers to get to know all their students and their families
- Identifying ways of improving communication with families
- Making sure that school policies on safety, welfare and discipline are clearly communicated and support a sense of belonging for children and families.

What parents and carers can do

Parents and carers can work with school staff to help create a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school it helps children feel at home with school. It also makes it easier to pick up any problems early when they are easiest to resolve.

- Find out about the school and what your child is learning; participate in information sessions
- Make time to listen to your child and tell you about what he or she is doing at school
- Let your child’s teacher know if he/she is having difficulties and discuss what kinds of things you can do at home and school to help.

This resource is part of the KidsMatter Primary initiative. The team at KidsMatter welcomes your feedback at www.kidsmatter.edu.au
Prospect United Netball Club

2014 SEASON

Do you want to play netball in 2014?
Do you want to be involved in a club that values its members?
Do you want to have your child’s skills developed and nurtured with qualified coaches?

Then join Prospect United Netball for the 2014 season.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS - OF ALL AGES TO COME AND PLAY...SEASON STARTS SOON SO GET IN TOUCH NOW!!

PLAYERS 10 YEARS AND UNDER WHO REGISTER WILL RECEIVE A FREE BACKPACK!

PUNC players train at William Lawson Reserve, Myrtle Street Prospect every week on a suitable day decided on by all players and the coach.

Competition games are played on Saturdays at International Peace Park (behind Blacktown pools) and there are set times for each age group with Juniors playing in the mornings and Seniors in the afternoons.

For more information about joining our club for the 2014 season please contact our Registrars: Pam Reynolds 9621 8359 or Kylie Fraser 0402 881 355
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GREYSTANES HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Date:  Wednesday 26 February 2014

Time:  11am until 2.00pm (Year 6 students)

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

STUDENTS:  BBQ Lunch – 11.20 to 12.00pm
            Taster Lessons – 12.00 to 2.00PM

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

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TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2014
Year 5 (entering Yr 7 2016)
Year 6 (entering Yr 7 2015)

Morning Session: 9.15am - 1.00pm
Evening Session: 5.00pm - 8.00pm

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    ◊ Year 7 Camp
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  – Mock Trials
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