Principal's Message

NAPLAN
All students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in NAPLAN testing at our school next week. Students are assessed in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The assessments are conducted over 3 days (Tuesday – Thursday) and each of the tests are completed in under an hour. While it is a great way to gauge how your child is performing in relation to all students in Australia, it is important to remember that it is one test on one day. Please don’t place too much pressure on your child but ensure that they do get a good night’s rest and a hearty breakfast on each of the days.

School Voluntary Contributions
At the K-2 assembly last week we drew out the names of three families to win a $50 shopping voucher. All families who had made a school contribution payment were included in the draw. Congratulations to the Jessica Hey, Katherine Farrugia and Emre Caylak families!

Parent Parking
It is not safe to park in the school carpark after 8.00am in the morning or before 4.00pm in the afternoon. The carpark fills up quickly around these times and you will end up reversing out of the carpark across a footpath full of children coming to school. The carpark is a place for teachers to park and there have been a few incidents of parents being parked in and I would like to see this avoided. Students should not be in the carpark at any time.

I have had a couple of complaints from local residents about parents who are parking across, or even in driveways, to collect students after school. Please be considerate of the rights and property of others around the school.

O C Class
The Department of Education operates opportunity classes (OC) for high achieving students. Students in Year Four can sit a test for entry into the class for Years 5 & 6. The nearest class to Beresford Rd PS is at Greystanes Public. These classes are open to all students in our region and positions in the classes are very competitive. Notes were sent home with Year Four students last week inviting them to apply. Please see Mr Leydon or Mrs Pearson if you have any questions.

Bedtime
Bedtime can be a battle in many families as children resist attempts to end their day and allow parents to have some time to themselves. Often at the end of a long day all you want is a little peace and time for yourself. After all, you have probably devoted the entire day to the service of children in some form. Whether it is putting bread on the table or being gainfully employed in an unpaid position as housekeeper and cook, you deserve a break.

Come on, kids, be reasonable!

But children do not always see bedtime from a parent’s perspective. They often dispute calls for bed and complain loudly that it is too early. None of the other kids at school go to bed at 8 o’clock, Mum. “It’s not fair.” is the sort of line that is used in thousands of homes each night. Others procrastinate with toilet-time, last minute drinks and detailed arrangements of teddies so that bed-time

Upcoming Events

May
Wed 7th  Mothers Day Stall
Thurs 8th  Cross Country/walk-a-thon
Thurs 8th  Stage 3 incursion
Tues 13th  Naplan begins
Fri 16th  PSSA Begins
Tues 20th  UNSW computer test
Tues 27th  Stage 3 incursion
Fri 23rd  Zone cross country

Assemblies
Friday 09/05  9.00am  Years 3-6  3/4P
Friday 16/05  9.00am  Years K-2  1G
Friday 23/05  9.00am  Years 3-6  3/4L
stretches by half an hour before parents realise what is happening. Some parents are plagued by jack-in-the-boxes who reappear as soon as the bedroom light is turned off while others have night-callers who keep parents busy with comments such as: “I can’t get to sleep.” If bed-time presents difficulties in your home try the following ideas at kids’ bedtime so that you can maximise the time you have for yourself and your partner. A clear plan can help make the end of the day less of a chore for parents.

**DEVELOP A BEDTIME PLAN**

1. **Distinguish between being in bed and being in the bedroom.** Children differ in the amount of sleep they need – so to expect them to go to sleep at a certain time is unrealistic. However, they can be expected to be in their bedrooms at a set time and then regulate their own sleep habits.

2. **Have a set routine** such as ‘quiet time, drink and story’ which signals the end of the day and stick to it. Even older primary school children benefit from a set routine that lets them know what is expected so they can plan accordingly.

3. **Be firm and resist procrastination.** Try always to say good night at the appointed time even if children are not quite ready.

4. **Turn the television off** and, if necessary, remove other distractions such as computers, mobile phones and video games while children are going to bed.

5. **Return jack-in-the-boxes** to their bedrooms and ignore repeated calling out for drinks and other attempts to keep you busy. Make yourself scarce. Go to another part of the house and be unwilling to be drawn into a game of the children’s making. Only nightmares and earthquakes should cause you to go to their bedrooms.

**WHAT TO AVOID**

1. **Over-stimulating children before bedtime.** Engaging kids in a friendly wrestling match on the floor five minutes before bed-time will ensure you have a real battle on your hands.

2. **Allowing children who delayed bedtime to sleep in to make up for lost sleep.** This will ensure that they stay awake at night. Wake children at the same time each morning.

**SRC News**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as SRC Representatives for their classes:

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SRC Representatives will be presented with their SRC badges at the 3-6 assembly on Friday morning.

**PBL News**

Rule of the week:
Week 2 – Respect – I treat everyone equally

**Library News**

Issue 3 Book Club is due back to school by Thursday 14th May. Thank you to the very kind parent who donated $300 worth of brand new books to the school library. These titles were chosen by the students who are happy they have arrived.

Thank you again to Mrs Cole for covering more library books for our school.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge: Emilia Agius, Manogna Popuri, Zoe Kambouris, Megan Abood, Hesandi Kairyawasam, Jake Farrugia, Jacinda Theodoridis, Massi Gabucci, Harshita Kashyap, Tara Salopek, Teagan Neich, Keisha Lesaisaea, Romina Scarpignato, Teresa Ngata-Lelenoa, Ainsley Brown, Ryan Halabi.
Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country/Fun Run Fundraiser will be held this Thursday 8th May. Starting time will be 11.30am and we should be finished by 1pm.

We will start the day with the Infants students doing their 1km fun run and then conclude with the primary students doing their 2 or 3km cross country run.

Please note: Students in Yr2 who are turning 8 this year will be running the 2km course.

Please feel free to bring along a seat and sit in Darling Street Park or the playground and cheer the students on in this great event.

PSSA News

The Winter PSSA competition commences on Friday 16th May for the sports of boys and girls soccer, OZ Tag and Netball.

Please note that PSSA times have changed and we will now be competing in the afternoon from 12.45pm till 2.50pm with buses leaving school at 12.30pm sharp and returning by 3.00pm. Students will be having their lunch at 12.15pm before they leave on the buses.

Unfortunately PSSA students will not be able to order their lunch on Fridays.

Students are reminded that their permission note and money is due ASAP. If a student hasn’t brought in their permission note by Friday 16th May they will be unable to travel on the buses to play PSSA.

NSW PSSA Soccer Knockout

Yesterday BRPS took a girls and boys team to compete against our rivals, Metella Road, in the second round of the NSW PSSA Soccer Knockout.

It was very close in the girl’s game and it went into extra time after both teams were locked 5-5 after full time. The game remained locked at 5-5 and it was decided on a corner countback, with Metella Road going through on 4-3 to Round 3 of the Knockout.

The boys were unfortunately out classed by a quicker and very skilled team and lost 7-0.

The standard of soccer on display in both games was outstanding considering it is so early in the soccer season and it was our first game together. All looks very promising for the PSSA regular season ahead.

THANK YOU to all the parents who gave up their time to transport the students to the game and who stayed around to support the students during some tense times.

Peter Wynn’s 7’s Rugby League

Late term 1, the BRPS boys’ 7’s team competed in the Peter Wynn’s 7s Rugby League Tournament at Kellyville Memorial Park, Kellyville. In hot and humid conditions, with quite a few new offenders to rugby league, the boys did surprisingly well and narrowly missed out on making the finals.

We managed to win two games and lost two games by 1 try. All looks good for the future of rugby league at BRPS with the boys competing in the upcoming NSW PSSA Knockout and Parramatta All Schools Tournament in the coming weeks.

Keep NSW Beautiful - Stage 3 Incursion and news article

Throughout Term 1, Stage 3 examined water catchments, water sustainability and the built infrastructure that supports a healthy water supply, such as, water treatment plants, the sewerage system, man-made lakes and creek canals. Students participated in experiments examining the health of our local waterways and tested the phosphate levels, oxygen levels and temperature during visits to Pendle Creek and the lakes at Pemulwuy. This unit culminated in a visit from Hailey from Keep NSW Beautiful and involved students in the ‘catchment action’ workshop. Students interacted with a three dimensional model, dyes and a spray bottle which helped to build students understanding of what happens to water quality and biodiversity when rubbish and other pollutants are washed into creeks and rivers. This incursion was financed by Holroyd Council. The Sun, Parramatta, Holroyd visited on the day and have published an article about the incursion on their website. Follow the link to find out more about the exciting work students in Stage 3 have been involved in at Beresford Road Public School.


Office News

Asthma Forms

Some students that suffer from asthma would of received a student asthma record note home to be completed and returned to the front office. These need to be completed each year so that we have the most up to date information for your child. If you have not yet returned your childs form can you please send it back to the office.
**P & C News**

**Mother’s Day stall**
The stall is being held on Wednesday 7th May - students need to bring money to school to purchase gifts for their mums, grandmas, loved ones. Prices will range from $1 to 10. If there are any leftover gifts they will be on sale before school on Thursday morning.

**Cross country**
Thursday 8th May is the cross country fundraiser. Students need to complete their forms and collect all their money and bring both on the day to the front office before school starts.

**Coin Challenge**
The coin challenge is coming up in June. Keep collecting all those loose 5 cent coins. The class that collects the most will win a movie and pizza afternoon.

Our next P&C meeting is tonight 7.00pm in the library. Please feel free to come along to our P&C meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of every month.

If you have any questions, queries, or would like a copy of the meeting minutes, please email us at: beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com

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**UNIFORM SHOP - TERM 2, 2014.**

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KC...the GYMNASTS!
This term KC are having gymnastics every Wednesday!

Choo-choo!
Matilda and Teleia keeping their balance!

Blake’s motorbike landing!
Teleia focusing on her roll-back!

Isabel and her GIANT steps!
Isaac has a motorbike pose!
Next Station Please!

Kaitlyn getting ready for a BIG JUMP!

Lavenia in mid-air!

Arha finishing it off with a smile!

Luke knows how to keep balance!

Woops! Dylan fell!

Nathan being a motorbike!

Adem and Hale doing their warm-up stretches!

Maltilda running back for another go!!

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Nathan being a motorbike!

Ava landing from her jump!

Lucas… another motorbike finish!

Ethan showing off his best motorbike pose!

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Mary practising air-plane stretch!

Alexandra about to take a jump!
Beresford Road Public School Merit Cards Presented on Week 1

**Blue Certificate**

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Georgina Chan |
| KB    | Samit Lamba  
Amani Al Mosawe  
Luka Vergot |
| KC    | Dylan Tung  
Isabel Galea  
Chloe Green |
| KM    | Lewan Alan  
Lucas Topic  
Riley Hanna |
| 1A    | Mya Yaghi  
Aliesha Galea  
Jarrod Isaacs |
| 1G    | Mia Scott  
Jayden Tran  
Hudi Elriche |
| 1L    | Shreya Kumar  
Riley Clelland  
Stephanie Mirjanic |
| 2M    | Ella Newman  
Zain Adeli  
George Helou |
| 2F    | Alex Politt  
Kayla Wagner  
Arshia Chekidehkhoon |
| 2/3E  | Grace Hunt  
Bailey Wickens-Clancy  
Nichola Jenkins |

**Sport Awards**

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**Cross Country/ Walk-a-thon**

**Date: Thurs 8th May**

Please ensure that students enclose monies and sponsorship forms with prize choices in a sealed envelope with their name and class clearly marked on the front of the envelope. Monies and sponsorship forms are to be handed into the front office on the morning of the 8th.