Upcoming Events

May
- Tues 27th: Stage 3 incursion
- Fri 23rd: Zone cross country
- Thurs 22nd: Payment due for Sydney Met West Dance

June
- Tues 3rd: Sydney Met West dress rehearsal
- Wed 4th: UNSW Science test
- Thurs 5th: Sydney Met West Dance night performance 7pm
- Fri 6th: Sydney Met West Dance Matinee performance 11am—1pm
- Mon 9th: Queens Birthday Public holiday

Assemblies
- Friday 23/05 9.00am: Years 3-6, 3/4L
- Friday 30/05 9.00am: Years K-2, KC

A Big Congratulations to the Senior Dance Group!

Senior Dance Group previously auditioned for the Sydney Met West Dance Festival and were successful in their audition and will be performing their item ‘I'm a be rockin' like this’ at The Evan Theatre, Penrith Panthers as part of the Sydney West Dance Festival. Senior Dance Group have been working hard rehearsing and preparing for the Festival and are very excited!

The matinee performance will be on Friday 6th June at 11:00am and their evening performance will be on Thursday 5th June, 7:30pm. If you would like to watch and support our Senior Dance Group tickets are available from www.ticketek.com.au

Evening Performances:
- Adult $25  Concession/Child $15

Matinee Performances:
- Adult $10  Concession/Child $5

Renee Mangin
Senior Dance Group Teacher

BACK GATE
Please be aware for the safety of our students the back gate is locked from 9.10am to 2.45pm each day This includes Friday Assembly Days

Please exit via the front gate at the end of Assembly
PBL News

Rule of the week:
Week 4 - Strive for Excellence – I try my best at all times
Week 5 – Participate – I keep going even if I don’t want to

Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge: Olivia Stevens, Grace Hunt, Jack Eisenhuth, Elizabeth Waddington, Claire Cox, Moufied ElMoubayed, Jamie Fowler, Angel Arcenal, Luke Mandich, Yasmin Elriche, Charljize Johnson, Emogen Lane, Leo Puruto, Jimmy Hunter, Jennifer Speechley, Alyssa Rapley, Dragana Arambasic, Amber Manners, Mackenzie Haladus, Avegail Matutina, Daniel Mandich, Jade Scott, Aydan Abood, Nina Furtado.

Office News

Absences
If your child is absent from school for only one or two days there is no need to call the front office, we only need to know if your child is going to be away for 3 or more consecutive days. If you ring the office to advise us of their absence we will still need a note to their teacher explaining the absence on their return. This is a legal requirement from the Department of Education.

Kindergarten 2015
The office is now taking enrolments for 2015.
If you have a child turning 5 years by the end of July 2015 you can come to the office to pick up an enrolment form.

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection please speak to the school principal by the end Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.
P & C News

We would like to start by saying thank you to all those who supported and participated in the cross-country fundraiser. The last day to bring in your forms and money is Friday, 23rd May. Prizes should be available in a few weeks. Another thank you to all the parents who helped with the Mother’s Day stall and a BIG thank you to Dinka for organising it all. Hope all the mums have been enjoying their presents.

Our next fundraiser is the Coin Challenge. Every Wednesday in June coins will be collected from each class and the class with the most at the end of the month will win a pizza and movie afternoon. All Australian coins will be accepted so start collecting at home!
The P & C has some great events coming up this year – for fundraising, to build community and to support our school. Please put the following dates in your diary:

- Wednesday 6th August, 5pm to 8pm – Art in the Dark exhibition. Outback Steakhouse will be providing burgers for dinner and a coffee cart will be available for hot and cold drinks.
- Saturday 30th August – working bee in the school gardens.
- Wednesday 3rd September – Father’s Day stall
- Friday 5th September – Father’s Day BBQ breakfast before school, for all the dads, granddads and kids.
- Saturday 1st November – Market day and family portraits

Thursday 11th December – Christmas hamper Peddlers’ Parade

Have you seen the new bike racks at the front of the school? Thanks to a kind donation by Matt and Dinka Austine, we now have space for the children to put their bikes and helmets. Have fun and ride your bike to school, but don’t forget to wear your helmet!

Our email list needs to be updated. If you would like to be receive emails from the P & C with notifications of meetings, events and calls for help, please email us at beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com. Even if you have previously given us your email address, please email us soon so that we keep you on the current mailing list.
The next P&C meeting is Tuesday, 3rd June at 7.30pm in the staff room. We encourage all parents to come along and introduce yourself. Learn about what’s happening with the school, and contribute to your school community. We hope to see you there.

Yr5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion

This is just a reminder that the next payment installment for the Yr5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion is due by 9am Thursday 29th May, as per the payment schedule sent out with the original permission letter.

Thank you to all the parents who are paying their payments as per the schedule. If you are falling behind can you please arrange to make some payments ASAP, so you are not burdened with such a large amount in the coming months.

If parents are having difficulties in keeping to the payment schedule can you please contact the school ASAP, so we can sort out an arrangement, so your child doesn’t miss out on what is going to be a great excursion.

Parents are reminded that payments can be made on any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday through the school office and that credit card payments will be gladly accepted.

Can all the green medical form please be completed and returned to your child’s class teacher ASAP, so we can finalise details of the excursion.

Thanks

Jerome Wicks

Camp co-ordinator

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E
Class 3/4L last term enjoyed learning about animals and their environments. We especially loved a zoo snooze sleepover at Taronga Zoo.
3/4L have enjoyed learning about chickens. Did you know a hen does not need a rooster to lay eggs and eggs are produced in response to day light patterns. The eggs we buy in the store are not fertilized (they don’t hatch). We can’t wait to see Ethel and Myrtle laying eggs soon!!

Omar, Tommy and Sharyn watering and measuring the growth of their snow peas.

Bella and Monique checking on the earth worms we have growing. If you’ve ever been around a farm in spring, you know that farmers need to plough the soil. Ploughing breaks up the soil, allowing air and water to get to seeds and the roots of plants. Earthworms act like tiny ploughs when they live in a garden.

In Term 1 we enjoyed learning a difficult hip hop dance routine. Pictured is Avelyn, Diego, Deema and Gabe C practising their own moves.

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**Symptoms of vision problems in children**

Some children will develop visual problems that require assistance. The observant parent or teacher who watches the child particularly when the child is reading can look for the following symptoms of vision problems:

- Losing place when reading
- Avoiding or disliking work at close distance (drawing, reading) or showing body tension during close work
- Body rigidity and tension when looking at distant objects
- Holding reading material closer than normal
- Moving head excessively
- Tilting head to one side
- Rubbing eyes
- Thrusting head forward
- Headaches
- Little or no voluntary reading at home
- Poor sitting posture or facial distortion while reading – frowning, excessive blinking, scowling, squinting

In general, it is advisable that children in the lower third of the class have a complete eye examination, particularly if the child seems to have the ability to achieve at higher levels. Many slow readers have neglected vision problems.
### Beresford Road Public School Merit Cards Presented on Week 2 & 3

#### Blue Certificate

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### Sport Awards

- Khalid Alasmar
- Donya Afshari
- Tre Sittia
- Harshita Kashyap
- Piper Cole
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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.
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