The Buzz - Term 2 - Week 6

Principal’s Message

Safety on the roads around schools

Beresford Road students are generally safe on and around the road. I see them use the crossing, walking on the paths and showing respect towards the dangers on the road.

Unfortunately we have a small number of parents who aren’t showing the same level of safety on the roads. I have seen parents park illegally, call children across the street while the students are waiting for the crossing and even drop kids off while waiting to turn from Bathurst St into Beresford Rd.

Children see their parents as the model for correct behaviour – if you cross the road in traffic, they’re going to do it! If you illegally park wherever you like, it shows them that not all rules and laws need to be followed. While we teach road safety at school, you must reinforce this learning with your own behaviour, if we are to raise children with a true understanding of road safety.

Personal Tutor Program

Last week every student in the school received a letter stating that we have new maths and English software in the school that you can try at home. The company that provides this software, Kinetic Education, allows schools to use it for FREE by simply advertising it to our parents – There is no obligation for you to try or buy!

While I had a look at both the Maths Wiz and English Wiz last week, we have not tested its usefulness in the classroom. Both programs looked good, tied in nicely with the new syllabus and provided online learning and the opportunity for drill and practice. I liked what I saw enough to go ahead with a trial in the school. I will let you know how the program is going after we have used it for a period of time.

Chinese Culture & Language Classes

I understand how difficult it is to be a parent in 2014 – our children have the opportunity to take classes outside school in dance, drama, guitar, piano, soccer, netball, martial arts, speech therapy, church youth groups, tutoring etc. It is impossible to find the time in the week to have our children participate in even a selection of these events. There are weeks where I feel my main job is driving my daughter from netball, to drama rehearsals, to netball practice and back to swimming!

I have tried to offer a number at activities at school to help parents out. We have guitar, piano and drum lessons, we have a chess club, we offer dance groups at and after school, martial arts groups use the hall, there is Greek School, speech therapists visit during the day – lots of opportunities without leaving the school grounds!

I was approached by Dr Dacheng Zhao last week to operate a Chinese language and culture class at the school on Wednesday afternoons. Dr Zhao is a Research Fellow at the University of Western Sydney. This class would operate for an hour from 3.15pm each week. The class would cost $15 a week or $135 for the term.

The class is open to all students at Beresford Road (K-6) who are interested in learning to speak, read and write Chinese (Mandarin) and learn about the Chinese culture. Dr Zhao currently operates classes in the Blue Mountains and at Penrith and would like to open up classes in the Parramatta area.

Upcoming Events

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This is a great opportunity to learn another language! Dr Zhaoa will hold a parent information session on Wednesday 18th June at 3.15pm in the library for interested parents. Please complete the expression of interest form on page 6.

**Friendships Made East – Michael Grose**

Most research into children’s friendships shows that those children who are able to form friendships when they start school are happier and also learn better. More significantly, a positive beginning to friendships has long-term implications for social and indirectly academic success.

Developing and maintaining friendships is a dynamic process. Most children experience some type of rejection from their peers throughout childhood. One study found that even popular children were rejected about one quarter of the time when they approached children in school.

Most children recover from such rejection. They move on and form constructive, worthwhile relationships with others but some children need some help in this area.

The results of number of studies indicate that children can be taught friendships skills. The strategies are simple and revolve around teaching children a range of friendly behaviours such as: talking with others while playing, showing an interest in others, smiling, offering help and encouragement when needed, a willingness to share and learning how to enter a game or social situation. It is also useful to teach some children alternatives to fighting and arguing when there is disagreement and conflict within groups.

Gender impacts on the ability to make friends. Professor Miraca Gross from the University of NSW has found that girls are further advanced along the stages of friendship than boys. Her research also indicates that gifted children were further advanced along the continuum of friendship behaviours than their peers. They look for more intimate friendships at a far younger age than their peers. This challenges the perception that only gifted children have poor social skills – it seems that they have a different concept of friendships than those around them.

**Children form friendships in different ways:**

Children form friendships inside and outside of school and their regular day settings. It has been noted by some researchers that children who appear to have no friends at school frequently have networks of friends outside school.

It seems that having friends outside school can be quite an insulating factor to teasing and bullying that can occur within the school gate.

Parents often become quite concerned about an apparent lack of friends that a child has compared to a sibling or a friend. One research project indicated that children on average have only two significant friendships at any one time. Anecdotal evidence suggests that seconds frequently have more friends than the elder siblings and only children prefer one-on-one friendships to group relationships.

Generally parents need to do little more than provide social situations for children to build and maintain friendships. They need to ensure children are involved in some out-of-school activities, but not so many that a child’s life becomes overcomplicated.

When appropriate we need to provide opportunities for children to visit the homes of their friends and also encourage his or her friends to visit your home. It also maybe necessary for you to help make sense of some of the less satisfactory social situations he or she may encounter during the day, but this doesn’t mean we take responsibility for the social challenges they may face.

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**SRC Crazy Sock Day**

19 June 2014

What's the CRAZIEST sock combination you can imagine? Can you find a pair so bright they hurt your teacher’s eyes?

On Thursday 19th June, bring a gold coin donation to come to school wearing the craziest socks you can find. Funds raised will be put towards supporting Ibrahim Sain Diakha, our World Vision Sponsor Child.

Note: other than crazy socks, regular school uniform should be worn.
PSSA NEWS

Round 3 – Friday 6th June

- Girls Soccer vs Girraween Green @ Girraween Oval
- Boys Soccer vs Pendle Hill @ Daniel St
- OZ Tag vs Girraween @ Binalong Oval
- Netball vs Toony West @ Beresford Rd

Bus 1 – OZ Tag, Soccer and Girls Soccer going to Daniel St then onto Binalong Oval and Girraween Oval

Round 4 – Friday 13th June

- Girls Soccer BYE this week (training at school)
- Boys Soccer vs Girraween Green @ Daniel St
- OZ Tag BYE this week (training at school)
- Netball vs Pendle Hill @ Beresford Rd

Bus 1 – Soccer going to Daniel St then onto Pendle Hill PS then onto Binalong Oval

SPORTS NEWS

Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country Championships were held on Friday 23rd May at Alwyn Lindfield Reserve, Glenwood. Under glorious sunny skies, Beresford Road has again performed very well with all competitors running their best in warm conditions.

These runners did an outstanding job qualifying to run at the Sydney West Championships at Penrith next Friday 14th June, by finishing in the top 8 for their respective age grouping.

- 8/9 years Girls – Rachel Farrugia (1st place)
- 8/9 years Girls - Elishia Speechley (2nd place)
- 8/9 years Girls – Emogen Lane (7th place)
- 10 years Boys – Tyrone Iaone (7th place)
- 10 years Girls – Kayla Nader (8th place)
- 11 years Boys – Jake Farrugia (3rd place)
- 11 years Girls – Marley Fausto (6th place)

A big THANK YOU must go out to Mrs Doris Farrugia who acted as team manager throughout the day for our team. Without the support of parents at large events like this the day cannot run smoothly and successfully. Thanks to all the mums and dads who gave up their time to support our athletes on the day.

NSW AFL Championships

A few weeks ago Karl Khouiss competed with the Sydney West AFL team at the NSW Championships at Macquarie University, North Ryde. Karl and the Sydney Team did extremely well finishing 8th in the tournament.

For Karl it was an extremely good carnival and he was named the Player’s Player of the tournament and he received a trophy and certificate for his efforts. Karl was very unlucky to not be selected in the NSW team, as is the case with a sport like AFL being tall is a huge asset and Karl was unfortunately not tall enough. But we would like to congratulate Karl on his efforts and wish him all the best for his future AFL sporting career.

NSW PSSA Rugby League Knockout

BRPS Bulls competed in Round 2 of the NSW PSSA Rugby League Knockout, which is a state wide knockout played in a round robin format. On the 20th May we played a very strong and committed side in Plumpton PS at Darling St Park (home of the Greystanes Devils Rugby League Club).

The Bulls played very well winning the game 30 - 16 and have progressed to the Round 3 of the competition against one of the Hills area schools. I would like to congratulate these boys for their outstanding performances during the game – Jake Farrugia, Leo Puruto, Jaime Fowler, Timana Mikaere, Tyrone Iaone and Dylan Rogers.
**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.


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.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:


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.

**Stage 1 Excursion Date change**

There has been a change of date to the stage one excursion to the Reverse Garbage. The dates have changed to Week 8

Year 1– Tuesday 17th June

Year 2–Thursday 19th June

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**PBL News**

Week 6 = Respect – I speak politely to everyone

Week 7 = Be Safe – I line up quickly, quietly and sensibly

**Library News**

Issue 4 of Book Club is due back to the school by Thursday 12th June (Credit card and cheque only)

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge:

Jamil Chalghin, Jessie Douaihy, Brayden Brown, Kobi Hurford, Sally Reweti, Harrison Haladus, Abbie Thornley-Hayward, Dylan Rogers, Bridie Austine, John Mencarious, Emma Yaghi, Kayla Marks, Benjamin Tunks.

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**Bringing Up Great Kids**

A group program for parents and carers of children experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties

The program will run for 6 weeks at Beresford Rd. public school

**WHEN:** Tuesday mornings 9.30am – 11.30am

**Starting Tuesday 12th August, 2014**

**All interested parents please email Mrs Cavar at anita.cavar4@det.nsw.edu.au for registration**

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**Office News**

Parents wanting to give messages to students are asked to please phone the office by 1.45pm

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**Winter Jackets**

Our lost property box is overflowing with lots of winter jackets and jumpers. It is very important that you put your children’s name on their jackets so that we can return them to their classes. If your child has lost their jacket come and have a look in our lost property bucket in the front office.
P & C News

Coin Challenge
It’s here!! It’s here!! The annual P&C Coin Challenge is here! Every Wednesday in the month of June we want your loose change! Collect your Australian coins and bring them into class. The P&C will collect it on Wednesday mornings and give you an update on how everyone is going. We will be using all the money raised to purchase lots of educational resources. The class that raises the most money will win an awesome pizza party and movie afternoon, in their class! Get all that loose change and get ready!!! It’s going to be fun! Which class is going to win? Is it yours?

Working Bee
Saturday, 30th August is the annual school working bee! Pencil it in your diaries! We’d love to see lots of faces there helping us make the school look wonderful! If you’d like to help out, please send an email to beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com.

P&C Meetings
We would love to see more parents at our monthly meetings! Children are more than welcome, (bring along some quiet activities for them). Meetings usually last under 1 hour, and are a great opportunity to find out what’s happening at your school. Every meeting the principal gives a report, and shares valuable information. You also have the opportunity to contribute to what you’d like to see happening around the school. We’re not just about fundraising! We’re about community and providing great opportunities for students and parents. The next monthly meeting is Tuesday, 3rd June at 7.30pm, in the staff room. We hope to see you there.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, but would like to keep up to date, including meeting minutes and news, please send an email to beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com so that you can be included on the mailing list.

Upcoming Events
- 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

Stewart House
Stewart house clothing bags went home last week. Could you please return these to the infants wash sheds by tomorrow the 4th June as this will be pick up day.

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk
Dance Groups Performing at the Sydney Opera House

As part of the McDonalds Performing Arts Challenge, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Dance will be performing their routines on **Sunday 22nd June** at the Sydney Opera House in the Concert hall. This will be on the Sunday **BEFORE** the school holidays (end of week 8) as the original note stated. Students will be meeting at 8:30am at the bottom of the Opera House stairs. All Beresford Road Dance Groups have been entered in ‘Primary School Dance Group’ section, event 526. The concert will go from 9am til approximately 11:30am.

Come along and support our talented dance groups by watching them perform!

You can catch a train into the city and get off at Circular Quay and walk to the opera House OR paid parking is available near the Opera House. For more information on parking go to [http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/Visit/Parking.aspx](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/Visit/Parking.aspx)

Ticket costs are:

**Each session:** Adult: $33.00; Concession: $28.00

Session seating is unreserved. Tickets are sold at the venue prior to the sessions. Correct money for the volunteer ticket sellers is appreciated. **Debit or Credit cards are not accepted at general concessions. Check this website for more information.**


Regards

Mrs Renee Mangin

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**Chinese Language and Culture School**

I am interested in having my child learn Chinese (Mandarin) at Beresford Rd on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15 each week. I understand the cost is $15 a week or $135 for the term.

☐ I will be attending the parent information session on Wednesday 18 June at 3.15 to learn more.

☐ I am unable to attend the information session but would like my child to be part of the class.

Child’s name: _____________________________  Class: ____________

Child’s name: _____________________________  Class: ____________

Parent’s Name: ____________________________

Best contact number: ______________________
What have 2F been up to these past few weeks?

We’ve been learning how to measure the mass of objects. We wrote a procedure to explain how it's done.

Our class pet dinosaur, Spike, was our heaviest item, weighing in at over 100 unit blocks!

Some in 2F suggested he should eat more healthy food and stop unhealthy snacking to
We got creative, designing and making masks!

We also looked at our families, made a family tree and talked about how they’re different.

We found out what our parents and grandparents did for fun when they were our age.
Premier’s Debating Competition

Our Year 5/6 debating team consisting of Melanie Kidd, Ruzaik Rauff Azzam, Ainsley Brown, Sally Reweti, Caitlin Adams Ayoub and Olivia Topic are currently competing in the Premier’s Debating Challenge Competition.

The Premier’s Debating Challenge Competition is a debating competition between schools from all over NSW played in a round robin format, where students test their public speaking skills through debating a pre-selected topic.

**Round 1 vs John Palmer Public School**

**Topic** – That there should be separate primary schools for smart kids?

BRPS got the lucky side of the coin toss and chose the negative side for this debate and we selected arguments that were appropriate and strong enough for the opposition to have difficulty in refuting.

The end result was that the adjudicator viewed BRPS had the stronger case and awarded the debate to us and we came away with the win. The team of Olivia, Ruzaik, and Melanie did exceptionally well for their first debate and were assisted by Caitlin who was the team adviser.

**Round 2 vs Barnier Public School**

**Topic** - Parents should ban their children from using social media?

This time BRPS got the difficult task of having the negative side to an argument that was going to be hard to win.

The team of Caitlin, Ainsley, Melanie and Sally had the better public speaking performances, but unfortunately the rebuttal of Barnier’s arguments and our own arguments were not strong enough to convince the adjudicator.

The adjudicator awarded the debate narrowly to Barnier PS.

So it stands as 1 win and 1 loss in the 2014 Premiers Debating Challenge for BRPS with our next debate against Crestwood PS in 3 weeks’ time.
**Beresford Road Public School Merit Cards Presented on Week 4 & 5**

### GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Dimitri Halacu
Gabby Topic

### Blue Certificate

Lucy Topic    Kingdy Zhang    Javen Zhang
Nina Furtado  Reit Kaker     Olivia Topic
Jasmine Speechly

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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