**The Buzz Term 3 - Week 2**  
**Tuesday 22nd July 2014**

**PSSA News**

**Round 8 – Friday 25th July**
- 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

**Athletics Carnival**

Our athletics carnival is this week and the permission note and money was due by yesterday Monday 21st July. If your child hasn’t brought in their permission note and money they have until tomorrow Wednesday 23rd July to bring it in.

Parents and students are reminded that the athletics carnival is a normal school day and if a student is away they will need a written response to be supplied to their classroom teacher to explain their absence from the athletics carnival.

Students and parents are reminded to bring something to sit on, like a blanket or rug as there are no stands at the ground. Students would also be advised to bring a spare pair of shoes and socks to change into should they get wet, due to the track being a grass surface.

Jerome Wicks

Sports Co-ordinator

**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

**Upcoming Events**

**July**

- Thurs 24th  
  Athletics Carnival
- Tues 29th  
  UNSW English

**Aug**

- Fri 1st  
  Stage 2 Incursion
- Wed 6th  
  Art in the Dark
- Tues 12th  
  UNSW Maths
- Fri 15th  
  Book Fair Begins
- Tues 19th  
  Character Parade
- Wed 20th  
  Book Fair Ends
- Mon 25th  
  Kindergarten Excursion
- Tues 26th  
  Zone Athletics Carnival

**Assemblies**

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Principals Report

Welcome back to an exciting fun-filled term of learning. What a great school we have at Beresford Road! We have lots of exciting things happening:

The Arts

We are showcasing the arts in two special events this term. The first is Art in the Dark in week 4 where you have the opportunity to see the artworks our students have created. There will be a piece of artwork from every child in the school. During this night, all our dance and choirs will also be performing.

Celebrating the Arts, is a showcasing of school performance groups in the Cumberland area at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Our senior and intermediate dance groups and our senior choir successfully auditioned for this concert. What a great opportunity for our students!

Home Reading

We have started a new home reading program. We have purchased new home readers that are at the appropriate level for your child. We have parents helping to exchange them so students can change their readers more often and have a larger variety of titles at their level. It may take a couple of weeks to iron out glitches in the system, so please be patient with us. Teachers have noticed that students who regularly participate in home reading, progress faster. It is a wonderful thing you can share with your child, even if it can be a bit of a struggle sometimes. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help. You are wonderful and an important part of the partnership of your child’s education.

XO Computers

You may have heard you child talk about their XO. What is an XO? The XOs are part of the ‘One Laptop Per Child’ program where a group of people have been endeavouring to provide a cheap laptop to every child throughout the world. While it looks like a toy, it is a computer, weighing 1.5kg using an open source operating system called Sugar. It has a wireless connection system linking geographically close laptops with each other as well as linking with the internet. They can watch short videos, research and go to websites like IXL and Count Me In Too. It has both a colour touch screen and a mouse and keyboard. It is also an e-book reader which can store hundreds of books. It is highly energy efficient, has a sound recorder, a camera and a video camera. It has a word processor and students can create graphs with it. And by the end of this year, every child at Beresford Road will be using them in their classroom. Every child will have their own laptop. So if you wonder where a lot of the money that the P and C raise is going to, now you know.

UNSW Competitions

The UNSW English competition is on July 29 and the UNSW Mathematics competition is on August 12. Certificates for those children who attained a Merit (M), Credit (C), Distinction (D) or High Distinction(HD) in the Computer Skills or Science competitions, will be handed out in this week’s 3-6 Assembly. For Science, Congratulations to Pene Bonovas (D), Melanie Kidd (C), Daniel Mandich (C), Ruzaiq Rauff Azzam (C), Ainsley Brown (C), Yash Salakonda (C), Jacques Murray (D), Rahi Chhugani (D), Colby Austine (D), Sarah Tame (C), Brayden Brown (D), Alicia Bidin (C), Nishitha Ravipudi (C), Mark Lee (M), Jack Eisenhuth (D), Piper Cole (C), Hesandi Kariyawasam (D), Ethan Khisa (D).

In the UNSW Computer Skills Competition, the following people attained awards: Daniel Mandich (D) Melanie Kidd (D), Angela Khuu (C), Ainsley Brown (C), Pene Bonovas (C), Ruzaiq Rauff Azzam (C), Jacques Murray (C), Rahi Chhugani (C), Colby Austine (C), Sarah Tame (D), Manogna Popuri (D), Thomas Murdoch (D), Mark Lee (D), Luke Mandich (C), Hesandi Kariyawasam (D), Yasmin Elriche (C), Jack Eisenhuth (HD), Piper Cole (C). What a fantastic result! Well done! Participants, who participated but did not attain awards, will receive their certificates in class.
**Book week**

We have our annual Book Week Character Parade coming up on Tuesday week 6. Start getting your costume ready.

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**Early Stage 1**

Kindergarten have a very exciting term ahead. We are planning an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm on Monday 25th August. Kindergarten children will have the opportunity to observe ways in which living things are different and have different needs. They will be able to milk a cow and have a tractor ride. This term Kindergarten will be involved in a unit on ‘Living Things’. They will be introduced to life cycles and animals that are native to Australia.

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**Stage One (incorporating 1L, 1A, 1G, 2F, 2M and 2S)**

This Term, Stage One will be exploring the science topic ‘Living Things’ which links in with ‘Living World’ in the new Science Syllabus. We will be looking at changes and growth in living things, including plants and animals and exploring their needs. We will be growing seedlings in the classroom and observing and recording their progress (if you have access to any gardening resources that can assist us, please let your child’s teacher know). News topics this term are also based around our interesting theme and we encourage students to come prepared on their news day.

We are also expecting our XOs this term and we are looking forward to getting started on them. It will take some time for students to understand and use them but it will allow every student in the class to have their own computer, providing students with new educational opportunities. Students will use them to type on, take photos and explore the internet just to name a few!

Stage One students will also be introduced to a mathematics program ‘Count Me In Too’ (CMIT) this term where students will participate in some engaging maths games and activities in line with the new Mathematics Syllabus.

Students across Stage One will receive weekly homework and they are expected to complete the tasks to the best of their ability and show responsibility by handing it in on time. We are also introducing our new home reading program this term, which will allow students to read at their appropriate reading level. Your child will receive a folder with a levelled book in it as well as a booklet which will give you more information.

Students are also getting very creative this term with ‘Art In The Dark’ coming up in Week 4! Students are using their creative flare and exploring their artistic skills in preparation for the big event!

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**Stage 2 (incorporating 2/3E, 3F, 3/4L, 3/4P, 4/5L)**

This term, Stage 2 students are exploring the theme, ‘Let’s Explore’. One definition of explorer is *someone who travels into little known regions*. We will explore how and why early Polynesians in canoes left their homelands to seek new lands. We will explore how and why explorers, such as Christopher Columbus and Captain James Cook, left the comfort of home and by exploring the unknown, changed the world. We will explore, not only the effect on world history of their discoveries, but also the effect of their exploration on indigenous people around the world. We will explore what it was like from the point of view of people such as Indigenous Australians, Hawaiian islanders and American Indians.

We are asking Stage 2 students to leave their comfort zones and take learning risks. Going over what we already know, makes us feel good. But when we attempt to learn unfamiliar content, it is scary; we feel uncomfortable and risk failure. We will be exploring the content we don’t know. We will be exploring literature from other cultures and its language features. We will be exploring properties of numbers and 3D objects. We will be exploring art techniques and different types of music.
It is interesting that the other definition of explorer in the online dictionary is a commercial browser. The introduction of our XO laptops to our learning environment is of great value but will involve a lot of learning risks as students learn to explore a new operating system and learn to overcome technical difficulties, often by experimentation.

In Week 3, we have an excellent incursion in the form of a performance called, ‘Crossing’. It is a play about the crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson. We also have an excursion to Newington Armoury where the students will participate in a quest following clues and a map.

**Stage 3**

Stage 3 have yet another exciting term ahead. In week 4, 5/6D and 5/6L will be submitting their final energy savers proposal to the climate clever group and Mr Leydon. This is a proposal of how to cut electricity use within the school and ultimately reduce the amount of CO2 that in released into the atmosphere. The students have already conducted an in depth school audit of electricity use within the school as a part of this action research project. The students have already started to propose ideas for their final proposal and both classes will be granted $900 by the climate clever group to make their energy saving ideas a reality around the school.

Also, this term in week 9 (9th – 12th September) Stage 3 are going to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. Some of the highlights of this trip will be Parliament house, High Court of Australia, Cockington Green, Royal Mint, Australian War Memorial, Questacon and fun at the snow. Students will start learning about government this term as it will coincide with our Canberra and Snowy Mountains Camp. At the end of this term the students will be involved in a mock election where all students will create a political party and decide their party’s policies and develop a party campaign. All of the political parties will present their policies to the rest of the grade and the students will vote for what party they believe in. This will take place in the last week of term.

Stage 3 will continue to implement TOWN (taking off with numeracy) this is a math program that teaches targeted numeracy skills to students through games. If there are any parent helpers that would like to volunteer some time to help prepare some TOWN games, it would be much appreciated. It would involve photocopying and laminating. If you are able to help, please see Mrs Leverett or leave a message with the office staff. We have also been and will continue to be very artistic in preparation for **Art in the Dark** in week 4.

Kaye Pearson

Relieving Principal

**Yr5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion**

This is just a reminder that the next payment instalment for the Yr5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion is due by 9am Thursday 24th July, as per the payment schedule sent out with the original permission letter. This is the second last payment instalment.

Final payment is due by **Thursday 21st August, 2014!!!**

Thank you to all the parents who are paying their payments as per the schedule. We have noticed that parents are falling behind in payments and 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 you 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.

Thanks, Jerome Wicks
Library News

**Book Club** is due back to school by Thursday 31st July (payment online or cheque only).

It is that time of year again to start thinking about what book character you will dress up as for the **Character Parade** in week 6. The Book Week theme this year is Connect to Reading. You can dress up as your favourite character or in line with the book week theme. Children will parade their costumes on Tuesday the 19th August at 11.30. All parents are welcome to attend. There will be a book prize for the best dressed in each class.

The **Book Fair** will begin on Friday the 15th August in the library and conclude on Wednesday 20th August. Prices are set by scholastic and start from $1 (stationary items, limited books) with most books costing from $7 to $15. You will be able to purchase books for yourself, or as donations to the school library before school (8.30am) and at lunch times.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

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

- Alexa Adrineda
- Jodie Corbin
- Tevita Lesavua
- Leen Swadi
- Pelekatí Afasene
- Emrran Dadyar
- Amy Lockwood
- Gabriella Szaak
- Jessica Agius
- Calvinn Edirimanasinghe
- Lucas McLaren
- Jessica Talsma
- Mathew Agius
- Mya Elkheir
- Jack Montagnoli
- Natalie Teoh
- Tiba Al Sawafi
- Teleia Falzon
- Xander Mouradian
- Nicky Teoh
- Lewan Alan
- Katherine Farrugia
- Luke Mouradian
- Lucas Topic
- Amani Almosawe
- Nathan Farrugia
- Matthew Ng
- Noah Troutman
- Yunus Babat
- Alexandra Francis
- Altan Ozturk
- Dylan Tung
- Liam Barnsley
- Isabel Galea
- Taylan Ozturk
- Ethan Tung
- Matilda Begg
- Ayla Gallacher
- Arha Patel
- Luka Vergot
- Tanuj Bhatta
- Jolin Gao
- Mishwa Patel
- Koby Wagner
- Valentina Billings
- Kaitlyn Gava
- Mrida Patel
- Bailey Wills
- Daniel Blanche
- Ashanti Grant
- Zahra Patel
- Aisha Yassine
- Ava Bosnjak
- Chloe Green
- Lavenia Ratuoka
- Ameena Abdelraheem
- Jirelle Boutros
- Marley Gristwood
- Dakotah Reid
- Monawar Abdulrazaq
- Isaac Bradbury
- Rami Hamwi
- Ashlee Sassine
- Rabia Akbari
- Kash Bugeja
- Riley Hanna
- Aarna Shah
- Edrees Akbarzada
- Levi Bugeja
- Jada Hollis
- Matilda Sie
- Angelina Antoniou
- Mahalia Café
- Ja’Rome Hovell-Marsters
- Ivan Simunovich
- Annabelle Azzopardi
- Adem Canli
- Levi Hurford
- Arav Singh
- Charlotte Azzopardi
- Hale Canli
- Shania Jauher
- Mary Sleiman
- Mia Bosnjak
- Luke Castrogiovanni
- Azuri Karim
- Izabella Smith
- Amreen Brar
- Kiara Chalhoub
- Samit Lamba
- Sameer Sultani
- Teisha Britton-Harris
- Georgina Chan
Kids Matter

Thank you to all the families who completed the Kids Matter survey. The data is still being reviewed, however we can already see that parents and careers would like more information on parenting skills, mental health and wellbeing, managing challenging behaviours, building resilience and bullying (including cyber). We will continue to analyse the data along with the staff survey to determine our next steps as a school. Thanks you again for your support.

There will be a Kids Matter stall at Art in the Dark on Wednesday 6th August. Students will have the opportunity to add their photo to a school collage to show that Every Kid Matters.

PBL News

Rule of the Week

Week 2 - Respect – I treat others nicely

Week 3 - Be Safe – I use the toilets sensibly and leave them quickly

Office news

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONEY DAYS ARE ONLY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. Please make sure that you

DO NOT send money in on these Tuesday and Friday.
MCZ took part in a special sports clinic at the Anne Clark centre in Lidcombe. We were one of 10 schools who learnt how to play AFL, t-ball, basketball, netball and soccer! It was a super fun, exciting day!
MCZ get to use mixed materials and a hot glue gun to make their Art in the Dark mixed media owl.

We’re recycling round objects from around the house and repurposing them to make funky, contemporary artwork! Make sure you check them out on the 6th of August.

MCZ having a hoot!
Art in the Dark

You are invited to join Beresford Road Public School staff and students for a night of celebrating the arts.

Art in the Dark is a special school event that will showcase talented artwork from all the students in the school. Please come along and admire the students' talents.

When

Week 4 Wednesday 6th August

Where

Beresford Road Public School Hall and primary quadrangle

Time

The exhibition will be open from 5pm till 8pm. You are welcome to arrive and leave at any time during the exhibition opening hours. Please see the performance timetable on the back of this invitation to help determine your arrival time.

Cost

We are asking for a gold coin donation upon entry to help cover the cost of the art supplies used to create the artwork for the event.

Please join us for dinner

The P and C together with Outback Steaks will be cooking a barbeque and selling steak sandwiches for $5. A coffee cart will also be on site selling delicious coffee and refreshing cold drinks. Why not bring a blanket and have a family picnic?

This is a special event and all of the students have worked hard to produce their best quality work for the exhibition. Please come along and support our schools wonderful achievements.
# Art in the Dark

**Performance Run Sheet**

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That includes Assembly Days

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Beresford Road Public School

Term Three 2014
The Buzz Term 3- Week 2
Tuesday 22nd July 2014

P&C News

- Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th August at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Meetings generally take an hour or less. It would be really great to see some new faces, Children are welcome to attend.

- THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the annual coin challenge. This year we asked for any loose change, and are really proud to announce we raised over $1000. Some great resources will be coming to our classrooms, very soon. A big congratulations to 4/5L who took out the overall prize! With a generous donation from Wetherill Park Dominoes, a pizza party and movie afternoon will be organised soon! For any of your pizza needs, don't forget to give them a call Unit 13B Greenway Plaza/1183-1185 The Horsley Dr, Wetherill Park NSW 2164 (02) 9756 6474.

- As you’ve heard, Art in the Dark will be held Wednesday, August 6th. We really need some parent helpers to assist with collecting money for the catering we have organised. Outback Steakhouse will be making delicious burgers for us. If you can spare 30 minutes, between 5-8pm please email beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com, your help would be greatly appreciated, and help to make the night a great success for the school.

- IMPORTANT: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED! We are coordinating a school working bee on the Thursday 28th of August. We'll be working throughout the day and encourage all families to come along and help, bring some family and friends! Please email beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com if you are able to offer up some time to help us make the school lookgreat.

If you have any questions, or queries regarding the P&C, please don't hesitate to email us, or contact any of the members listed on the P&C page on the school website. http://www.beresfdrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c-committee

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2014 COIN CHALLENGE WEEKLY TALLY 18.06.14

![Coin Challenge Graph](image-url)
Learning to value others

Some girls in Grace’s year four class were taking turns at skipping. Grace watched them closely and decided she would like to have a turn too. She asked to join in but Sally said, “It’s too hard for you.”

Grace had an intellectual disability. This meant she sometimes took longer to learn things. She was also not as well coordinated in sports as the other girls.

“Come on. Let me have a turn,” said Grace. “Anyone can have a turn,” said Deepa. “Have your turn after me.”

So Grace tried to skip over the rope, but it got caught at her feet. “Try again”, a few of the girls said. “You have to jump just as it hits the ground.” Grace tried again. They gave her extra tries because she was learning. On the last try she managed two skips in a row. “You did it,” said Deepa. Grace was really proud. “I did it!” she said. “And you helped me.”

Learning to see another person’s point of view

Learning to see another person’s point of view is important for getting along with others and building positive friendships. Understanding others helps children know what to do in social situations and is the basis for developing caring and responsibility.

It’s not always easy for children to see the point of view of someone who is different from them. Being different could mean having a disability, coming from a different country, being a different age or gender, or having different values and interests. Children who are seen as different may be left out of activities.

They may face discrimination because others think they are not as good, as talented, or as important as they are. Discrimination can have very negative effects on children’s self-esteem and mental health and wellbeing.

Skills for empathy

Taking others’ needs into account involves values of caring, compassion and acceptance of others. It also involves emotional skills for empathy. Learning to empathise with another person means learning to ‘walk in their shoes.’ It means being able to recognise and value their feelings and needs, even though they may be different from your own.

Skills for empathy develop over time and include:

- recognising your own feelings
- recognising others’ feelings
- listening to others’ opinions
- thinking what it would feel like if you saw the situation their way
- thinking how you can respond in a caring way
- doing something to help.

Some children find it easy to tune into feelings. Others need more guidance to learn empathic skills. Adults have an important role in supporting children to learn kindness and empathy.

A little kindness can sometimes go a long way. Learning to skip has made Grace’s day. Watching and supporting her has helped everyone else feel good too.
How parents and carers can help

Research has found that the examples shown by caring adults have a big influence on children’s empathy. Parents and carers (as well as school staff) can also foster empathy by promoting values of caring and compassion and coaching children to be kind and thoughtful towards others.

- Model empathy by tuning into children’s feelings (eg “Ouch! That must have hurt,” or “You must be feeling disappointed that your friend can’t come over”).
- Help children think about how feelings affect other people (eg “How do you think your friend might be feeling?”).
- Help children develop skills for understanding other people’s points of view by discussing the effects of discrimination and the importance of respectful and caring attitudes towards everybody.
- Talk about situations that involve empathy (eg “What I liked about the story was how kind the hero was,” or “That was a mean thing to do. Don’t you think she should have helped her friend?”).
- Notice when children are kind and let them know you value their behaviour (eg “That was a very thoughtful thing to do. I really appreciate it!”).

How to support children to accept and include others

- Teach children that there is nothing wrong with being different and that each of us is different to somebody else.
- Teach children that everyone has a right to be respected.
- Help children develop skills for positive friendships and cooperative play.
- Parents and carers of children with special needs can talk to the staff at their children’s school about how to support their strengths and about encouraging other children to include them.

Valuing others means seeing difference as something positive. It means trying to understand how others think and feel, and knowing that this helps you as well as them.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au
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2 – 6 Years

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NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: SATURDAYS, 26 JULY, 2 AUGUST.

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Parents must be present during class
Class Time: 8:00 to 9:00 A.M.
New Students Ages 6 to 8
and returning students for 2nd Degree Yellow
Ages 5 to 8
Class Time: 9:00 to 9:40 A.M.
New Students Ages 9 to 12
Orange belt thru 3rd Degree Purple
Class Time: 9:45 to 10:25 A.M.

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