Principal’s Message

NAPLAN results have arrived at school and will be sent home this week. They contain lots of information, not just Bands 1 to 8, and it can be useful to investigate this information using the online resources. If you need help better understanding the results please come and see Mrs Pearson, Mrs Leverett or myself.

Our choir and dance groups have been rehearsing well all year for tomorrow night’s performance in Celebrating the Arts at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. I hope to see lots of families there supporting our performers.

At the P&C meeting tonight, I will talk briefly about the possibility of expanding our support unit from one to three classes. I would like to hear your views on this matter at the meeting tonight.

I asked all K-2 students at last week’s assembly to remind mums and dads to write student names on their jumpers. As the weather warms up, kids take off jumpers and leave them anywhere. It is much easier to return jumpers that have names on them.

SPORTS NEWS

PSSA NEWS

Unfortunately, Winter PSSA had a disappointing end to the competition due to the inclement weather. Winter PSSA has now concluded for 2014 and the results of competitions will be determined by a first past the post system.

Friday 5th September – Week 8

ZONE Athletics Field Carnival @ CV Kelly Park, Girraween

Students will be transported to and from the ground to compete and there will be no cost for the carnival. Students will be escorted by Mr Wicks on the day.

NRL Parramatta Eels Gala Day @ Grantham Reserve, Seven Hills

Students will be transported to and from the ground to compete and there will be no cost for the Gala Day. Students will be escorted by Mr Laidlaw on the day.

SUMMER PSSA – commences in Week 9 on Friday 12th September. Summer PSSA will be kept in the afternoon for the remaining weeks of Term 3 from 12.30 – 2.50pm.

Round 5 – Friday 12th September

Softball BYE this week

- Tee ball vs Toongabbie @ Darling Street
- Newcombeball vs Wentworthville @ Wentworthville PS
- AFL Reds vs Pendle Hill @ Binalong Oval (field 4)
- AFL Blues vs Girraween @ Binalong Oval (field 5)

Bus 3 – Newcombeball & AFL going to Binalong Oval then onto Wentworthville PS

Round 6 – Friday 19th September

- Softball vs Metella Road @ Darling Street
- Tee ball vs Metella Road @ Darling Street
- Newcombeball vs Wenty White @ Beresford Road PS
- AFL Reds vs Girraween @ Binalong Oval (field 5)
- AFL Blues BYE this week

Bus 3 – AFL Reds going to Metella Road then onto Girraween Oval and then onto Binalong Oval

Upcoming Events

Sept

Wed 3rd Celebrating the Arts 6:30pm

Wed 3rd Fathers Day Stall

Fri 5th Fathers Day BBQ

Sept 9th-12th Stage 3 camp

Thurs 11th K-2 Carnival

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Stranger Danger

This is a general reminder to have a talk with your children about the potential dangers of talking to strangers.

Here are few things that you may want to discuss with your children.

‘Safe People, Safe Places’ messages with your children, including:

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier streets, or use a path that you know will have more people on it.
- Know where safe places are—a shop, service station, police station, library or a school. If you ever get frightened by anyone you should go to one of these places and get them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults like police officers, teachers at school.
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and NEVER get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person, do NOT stop.
- If you have a phone and are scared call 000
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out “Go Away, I don’t know you”. This will let anyone else that is around know that you are in danger.

Here is a link from the NSW police force website which may also be of help to you.


ZONE ATHLETICS – Field events update

The Wentworthville/Seven Hills Zone Athletics Track & Field Carnival has been rescheduled for this coming Friday 5th September. The carnival will take place at CV Kelly Park, Oramzi Road Girraween (where we held our athletics carnival this year).

The Field events will commence at 9.15am.

There will be no cost to the students on the day and the students will be transported to and from the ground by bus (travel costs are being subsidised by the Wentworthville PSSA). Mr Wicks will be escorting the students on the day.

Students will need to be at school by 8.45am to leave promptly at 9.00am, so the field events can start on time.

Students are advised to bring along some wet weather clothing and something to sit on, as the ground will more than likely be wet and muddy from the recent weather.

Yr5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion

Our Canberra/Snow Camp has finally arrived and is only a few sleeps away and below is some useful information for when we depart and arrive back at school.

Tuesday 9th September, 2014 (departure date)

Children MUST be at school by 6.30am, (but no earlier than 6.20am) dressed in their full winter school uniform, ready to visit Parliament House and the War Memorial. They will need to be dressed appropriately for a Canberra night time as we will be doing activities until at least 9.30pm and it may get quite cold.

Children must have a small backpack with their recess & lunch & afternoon tea & wallet or purse in it as we will be making a comfort stop on the way to Canberra.

Friday 12th September, 2014 (return date)

Children will return to Beresford Road around 6.30pm on Friday 12th September and parents are requested to be waiting at the school to pick up their child on our return. The students will be brought into the school and parents can then pick up their child from inside the school gates, near the staff car park once they have checked with a teacher.

Parents are requested to be waiting inside the school gates on the grassed area near the staff car park, so that students and the coach drivers can retrieve luggage smoothly from underneath the buses. We would appreciate if you could abide by this request as it is a very stressful time for the coach drivers and if there is little interference from parents then the process can be quickened and all concerned can get home safely.
P&C News
We would like to welcome every one to the P&C meeting tonight, at 7.30pm in the staff room. Don’t forget - children are welcome to attend!

The annual P&C Father’s Day stall will be held WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER. There are some great gifts available from $1 - $10. Items will be on sale, Thursday 4th September, pending availability.

We have had to change the date of the upcoming portrait and market day, due to a conflict. The new date will now be NOVEMBER 29th. Put it in your diaries and look out for further information in the next newsletter. If you would like information on becoming a stall holder, please email beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com

If you have any questions for us, please email beresfordrdpandc@y7mail.com - alternately, please email to be included on the mailing list for all the latest news, minutes, agenda items, calls for assistance.

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Fathers Day Stall

Wednesday, 3rd September 2014

Gifts from $1 to $10
Library News

The Book Fair was a great success this year raising $4600. This means that the school receives $1380 in Scholastic rewards to be spent through Book Club. Thanks you to all the families that helped us achieve this outstanding result for our school library.

The Character Parade was also highly successful even though we were inside due to the weather. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who went to such a great effort to look fabulous on the day.

Congratulations to the following winners for the character parade:

Liam Barnsley
Mathew Aguis
Chloe Green
Yunus Babat
YeEun Choi
Olivia Cho
Mac Hunt

Anthony Topic
Sarah Cassar
Dylan Rios
Tristan Stiff
Aydin Ozbal
John Azzopardi
Megan Abood

Avelyn Peters
Kobi Hurford
Sarah Alameddine
Ainsley Brown
Ben McNaughton

Premier’s Reading Challenge Honour Roll

2014 was the most successful year we have had with 377 children finishing the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to the following students:

Alexa Adrineda
Pelekati Afasene
Jessica Agius
Mathew Agius
Tiba Al Sawafi
Lewan Alan
Amani Almosawe
Yunus Babat
Liam Barnsley
Matilda Begg
Tanuj Bhatia
Valentina Billings
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Arha Patel
Mishwa Patel
Mrida Patel
Zahra Patel
Lavenia Ratucoka
Dakotah Reid
Ashlee Sassine
Aarna Shah
Matilda Sie
Ivan Simunovich
**Kids Matter**

As a result of our survey information an information wall for parents has been completed in the foyer of the library information includes:

- Child development
- Children with disabilities
- Dealing with anxiety
- Depression
- Events within our local community
- ADD
- Finding assistance
- Men’s health
- How to eat well

This information will change on a regular basis so make sure you keep checking in! If there is a topic that you would like information about don’t hesitate to ask. If we don’t already have it we will find it for you.

**Rule of the Week**

Week 8 - Strive for excellence – I ask for help when needed

Week 9 – Participate – I encourage others to participate

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**MONEY DAYS**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY ONLY by 10am.** Please also make sure that all money is in an envelope and clearly marked with child’s name, class, excursion. If money is paid via credit card please make sure this is marked on front of envelope also.

It is a Departmental policy that money not be kept on the premises so can you please assist by not sending money in on any other day. Please also make sure that money is paid on the due date by 10am as all the appropriate paperwork for the excursion must also be completed.

**Uniform Shop**

Just advising that there will be a price rise of some items from the beginning of next term so hurry in to buy at current prices.

We are sorry that we have been out of caps for the past few weeks. New stock has arrived and the office will have a supply so that you can buy directly from them if you need one in a hurry. They are $14, Please have correct money if purchasing from the office.

Ann Kidd

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**Money Due for:**

By: The end of term

Hip Hop Dance classes for Kindergarten, 5/6D and 5/6W

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What's been happening in 3/4P?

The theme of this term in 3/4P has been ‘Explore!’ We have been exploring how language has changed from earlier years through the reading of ‘Peter Pan’. We have used our XOs to explore the internet. We have spent time exploring and creating maps and exploring mass using balance scales.

In History, we have been learning about explorers such as Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, Sir Francis Drake, William Dampier and Captain James Cook. We had an entertaining and educational show called ‘Crossing’ about the crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth.

Because there is such a fine line between explorers, privateers and pirates, we have also been learning about pirates. So has it changed our ideas about pirates and explorers? Do we still think they are just fun people who wear funny hats and talk funny? This is what the children in 3/4P think after researching them:

PIRATES: HEROES OR VILLAINS? By Sarah Tame 3/4P

I’m sure pirates have a good side and a bad side. Some pirates such as William Kidd were pirate hunters before they became pirates!

I’m going to talk about one side of the story, the bad side. Pirates have done TERRIBLE things to people, countries and animals.

One pirate named Sweyn Asleffsson burnt down a house full of innocent people because he didn’t like one person in the family, and yes he knew they were in there.

The punishments given by pirates was the worst of all. In some cases they would drag you along the bottom of the ship along all the barnacles and you would get cut A LOT, this was called keel hauling.

Early pirates used to steal children, selling them as slaves. Phew, I’m glad we don’t live in those times anymore!

Even the pirate flags were terrifying. this is a modern version of Blackbeard’s flag. If you saw this flag on a ship I bet (if you were a pirate) you would say “Shiver me timbers, I’m dead!” Blackbeard was probably the most feared of all pirates. He tied ribbons through his beard and put lit fuses under his hat so that the smoke made him look like a demon.

Pirates were so bad, that they killed other pirates, looting and pillaging their treasures after murdering them. They also didn’t care if you were rich or poor, they stole from everyone.

Sadly, pirates aren’t just a thing of the past. Many modern day pirates come from countries such as Somalia, where they hijack luxury yachts and cargo ships. They also steal food from their own country, causing hundreds to starve.

In my opinion, pirates only really became heroes in movies. You have to agree that the real Pirates did some pretty terrible things, and I think they are definitely villains.

SHOULD AMERICANS CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY? By Megan Abood 3/4P

In class, I have recently learned that Christopher Columbus didn’t discover America. He discovered an island called Hispaniola, which we now call Haiti. Columbus was trying to find another trading route to Asia. He decided to travel west.

When he landed on the island, he was greeted by docile, friendly natives. These people were the Arawak tribe. He thought he was in India so he called the people Indians. The Arawak tribe treated him nicely even though he was a complete stranger.

But his response was to treat them as slaves. He captured them, put them in chains and used them as guides. He brought diseases to the land that killed most of the natives. He forced the native to work in the gold mines.

If the native people didn’t find enough gold, he would chop their hands off. The people who escaped were hunted down by dogs who ripped their arms and legs off while they were still alive.

Columbus and his crew got children to run around and check if their swords were sharp. When the dogs were short of food they would kill the children for food. All of this is documented.

So Stop celebrating Columbus Day. He was not a hero, He was cruel to native Americans and didn’t discover America anyway.
My name is Dimitri and today I will be discussing with you why XOs are awesome learning tools. I will discuss with you, the different aspects of XOs and how they can help in learning, obtaining and creating new skills.

Personally, I love to use the XOs because whilst I am using it I am also picking up new skills that will help me understand a topic better. For example, learning how to play different types of instruments, like the piano.

The XO has a great range of applications or activities that allow students, such as me, to interact with it and create a custom based way of learning. One of the applications it includes is the journal, which allows you to put the work you have done so far into a journal entry. With this method, the teacher knows that we are doing the work we are supposed to be doing and not mucking around when we shouldn’t be. We all tend to want to muck around from time to time.

For example, I remember putting up jumbled spelling words so that Mrs Pearson could see that my work was correct and I wasn’t playing around with another student.

My favourite application, within the XO’s learning tools, is the internet. The reason for this is because I can go online and download fun maths games and look up information about topics we are learning about, such as ‘Explorers’ or ‘Pirates’. As I am doing this I am having fun, but not just that, I am developing my knowledge in these key topics.

Don’t worry, I haven’t forgotten the reason why XOs are awesome learning tools. XOs allow something like maths to be presented in a fun way, so that we don’t get bored from learning such topics. It allows students such as me to really take advantage of learning and understanding a topic. Better than sitting there and reading and memorising times tables, you can do this through ‘Tux Maths’, which is so fun and cool!

In conclusion, I think XOs are awesome learning tools because from the time I started using it until now, I find that it has helped me to learn new things accurately and in a really fun way. It’s something I look forward to when I come to school. I hope you enjoyed reading this and hope I convinced you why XOs are such awesome learning tools.
Beresford Road Public School Merit Cards Presented on Week 6 & 7

**Blue Certificate**

- **Aydin Ozbal**
- **Sam Corbin**
- **Mia Bosnjak**

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**Sport Awards**

- **Emre Caylak**
- **Alicia Bidin**
- **Mary Jane Ratucoka**
- **Megan Abood**
- **Ben Tunks Fletcher**
- **Reit Kakar**
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