Principal’s Message

2016 Classes

One of the most talked about topics on Day 1 of any school year is "Whose class are you in?" or, "Who is your teacher?" This is important to children, parents and staff and so during Term 4 the school executive spends quite a bit of time planning the class structure, staffing and class allocations for the next school year. We have started working on classes for 2016. Please read the information below to be well aware of the process.

Class Placements and Structure

One of the first tasks we do is to divide up the anticipated 550 students across K-6 Years into manageable classes. To do this accurately, so that classes do not need to be restructured in week 2 next year, we need to know about anyone who may not have enrolled their children to begin Kindergarten, anyone who is considering repetition, or more importantly, anyone who is leaving for another school or moving away. Please contact the school office by phone (9896 2644) or drop into the office to advise us of any of these situations.

Many factors are considered when grouping children into classes for the next school year and it is never an easy task to get it right for every child. Besides the Department’s guidelines about the numbers in each class at different year levels we also consider:

- academic achievements levels
- special needs consideration (Gifted and Talented, requiring Support Teacher Assistance, special needs assistance)
- medical issues
- relationships that should be split or continued, (teacher–child, child-child)
- behavioural issues or concerns
- any concerning family issues
- students receiving funding support
- current referrals to the Learning Support Team
- numbers of boys and girls in classes
- teacher allocation

In circumstances where parents have particular concerns or issues about the placement of their child for the next school year that involve any of the factors above or any other rea-

son, then now is the time to have a discussion with me or by writing a note. Coming to discuss these issues and a child’s placement in the first weeks of next year is too late. We always undertake to do the very best we can by every student and we require your support to be able to do this.

By the end of term we will have a class structure developed but as always we may need to review it in the early weeks of the new term as all enrolment information is finalised.

Chickenpox

We have had a diagnosed case of ‘chicken pox’ at school. Please monitor your children for any signs or symptoms.

Chickenpox is a common viral illness that can reappear later in life as shingles. Vaccination is recommended for all.

What are the symptoms?

- A mild fever, runny nose and a skin rash.
- The rash begins as lumps that turn into blisters.
- The rash appears over 3-4 days.

Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

Upcoming Events

December

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Who is at risk?
- Anyone who has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated.
- People with a history of chickenpox are likely to be immune to the virus.

How is it spread?
- Spread by coughing early in the illness
- It is spread by direct contact with the blisters.
- It is highly contagious from 1 or 2 days before the rash appears and up to 5 days after.
- Students with chickenpox should avoid others until at least 5 days after the onset of the rash and all the blisters have dried.

How is it treated?
- Most people do not need treatment except rest.

Library News
All books need to be returned to the library this week as stocktake will commence in week 9.
Thank you to all the parent who have sent in their plastic bags, these will be a great help for the beginning of next year.

Kids Matter
Kids Matter Survey Results.
Thanks you to all the parents who completed the Kids Matter Survey. We have compared the results to last year’s survey and found that parents would like more information on:
- Bullying
- Cyber bullying
- Mental health
- Wellbeing
- Child development and learning
- Building Resilience

Parents are comfortable with the way Beresford Road Public School is helping with student Wellbeing and generally feel welcome and supported by staff. The Kids Matter Team and Staff at Beresford Road are currently looking at the results and discussions had with staff to see if we can even further help the Beresford Road Community.

TTFM Survey Results
Thank you again to the parent who participated in the Tell Them From Me Survey.
Both Parent and Students reports indicate that staff do not have high enough expectation for student achievement. However staff do have high expectation for positive behaviour.
Parents prefer School Newsletters and Text as their preferred communication types for school news, however value the importance of formal/informal meetings and the school report.

Both parents and students feel they are safe at school and have a positive sense of belonging. Students feel they require more timely feedback and lesson relevance.

Staff also completed this survey indicating that they feel staff are collaborative and that data informs practice. Our highest performer was being an inclusive school. Staff reported that they feel Kids Matter is making a difference at Beresford Road.

Overall they survey has provided some useful information for the wellbeing team to implement change at Beresford Road.

Just a reminder to come and check out our parent information wall in the library foyer. There is information on community events and ideas to help with everyday life:
- Disability Links
- Child development
- Children with disabilities
- Dealing with anxiety
- Depression
- Events within our local community
- ADD/ADHD
- 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 am on task
Week 9 – Participate – I share ideas
The Buzz Term 4 - Week 8 Tuesday 24th November 2015

High School Orientation – Changes

Welcome To Greystanes High School
Year 7 Orientation Day 2015
3rd December

Itinerary:

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| 8.00-9.45 | **Purchase uniforms from the hall**
|            | **Pay school and camp fees, purchase books at D Block Office**           |
| 9.45-10.00| **Move into the hall for Welcome Assembly**                               |
| 10.05-10.45| Welcome Assembly for Parents and Students                                |
| 10.45-11.45| **Students:** School Tour and Peer Support Session in the Hall including Recess.
|            | **Parents:** Morning Tea and Presentations in the School Library followed by a chance for discussion with staff |

The Good Guys @ Prospect

If you are buying electrical products this Christmas why not go to the Good Guys at Prospect. Every dollar you spend the school will receive money to spend in their store. All you have to do is tell them at the register that you are from Beresford Road Public School.

Dear Years 3-6

Catholic Scripture
parents

You are invited to our school Christmas Assembly.

Date: 2nd December 2015
Time: 11:15am
Venue: Beresford Road
Here at MCZ we do lots of fun stuff!

We learn how to cook!

Sometimes we even have ghostly visitors!

Here’s the tastiest crab you’ve ever seen!

We go on excursions and learn about interesting stuff.
We use straws and dye to do art!

We make sure our fingers are ready to write before literacy.

We always stick together!

Doing work is FUN!

We love to dance!

MCZ 2015
Toys N Tucker

Sharing with people in need

It is that time of year again when we are asking for donations for our annual ‘Toys n Tucker’ drive. The donations that we receive from this will be given to Anglicare who distribute it to families in need this Christmas. This year we have been asked to collect more non-perishable foods than toys.

Some examples of non-perishable foods are canned foods, pasta, rice, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, long life custard, lollies.

If you are able to help please bring items in and place under our tree in the office.

Collection date is 10th December
## Merit Awards

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## Sports Awards

- Dylan Rios
- Kurt Thornley-Hayward
- Summer Whyte
- Tyrone Ioane
- Manogna Popuri
Blue Certificate

Micheal Axiak  Jackson Laybutt  Mia Scott  
Bridie Austine  Luke Mandich  Emilia Agius  
Elenora Yildiz  Kayla Nader  Colby Austine

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