**Principal’s Message**

**Build Imagination**

Encouraging self-expression, play, even day dreaming, gives kids opportunities to think outside the box.

When Andrew Daddo was a lad, a house rule was ‘no TV after school’. Instead, he was either sent outside to play, or his mother would talk to him about what he had been up to at school. While getting a sentence out of the young Daddo was probably no easy feat, Andrew says the chats became a building block to his imagination – a tool that has helped him become a celebrated children’s author.

"Mum set that up when I was seven years old. By the time I was at university I'd come home and recite lectures I'd found interesting," Andrew says.

"When the TV is on, there is little or no thinking – instead of talking, everyone just sits around in a vegetative state. Even the smallest discussion about what we'd been up to that day had an impact on our ability to tell stories, and enhanced our relationship."

**Imagination improves learning**

Developing your child's imagination by encouraging their self-expression, play, even day dreaming, has great benefits to their life. According to Sir Ken Robinson, an international expert in learning, imagination is the "key driver of creativity and innovation" and helps children to "learn with a greater appetite".

Simple ways to build your child's imagination

Andrew, who has published favourite books including Skoz the Dog – All at Sea and Monster, says simple things in everyday life can help nurture your child’s imagination.

"Turn off the TV and read to your kids. People spend hours, years writing great picture books and stories, and you might as well utilise someone else’s time,” he says.

**Make up stories together**

Making up stories and telling them to the kids is another great way to get your child’s creative juices flowing as well as your own. Andrew says even if you think you’re bad at storytelling it’s a way to combine family time and creativity.

"The most important thing to remember is your kids will love you anyway, so they're not going to judge you on your bad storytelling – the fact you're there with them is what they love. They can also help you with the story – 'Where do you reckon it should go next?' he says. "It’s giving the child licence to come up with ideas and to be part of the creative process. It makes them feel special – ‘we’re in it together’.

A favourite game at the Daddo household is to all pile into one bed where Andrew tells a story which includes a word each of his three children has told him secretly, e.g. ‘banana’, ‘clothesline’ and ‘dog’. Each child has to guess their siblings’ words.

"It's not outrageously creative or anything but it teaches children listening skills and comprehension ... so when it comes to writing their own things at school they're not scared of telling a story," Andrew says.

**Downtime without the screen time**

Having downtime to play also helps kids to unleash their creativity, he adds.

"Not video games or watching a movie but to be able to entertain themselves effectively because it makes them think," he says.

"If they go into the backyard or into their room they will find something to do every single time – if they can entertain themselves they've got a friend for life."

**Paint the sky green**

Andrew says building your child’s imagination really comes down to encouraging them to explore the world through their own eyes, and to allow them to think their crazy thoughts without always correcting them if it’s not realistic.

**Upcoming Events**

**December**

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**Students return to school on 28th January 2016.**

**Years 1-6 only**

**Assemblies**

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"It's having their head filled with ideas. Kids often say things that are really amazing but wrong, but it's how they see the world. Encourage them to do that – let them have a green sky and blue grass for as long as they can because then they'll realise it's OK to be little bit interesting."

*Taken from www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au*

**Presentation Day**

Presentation Day will be held next Tuesday at Greystanes High School. A change for this year is the start time – we will begin at 11.00am due to a request from the high school. Class awards will be presented for each class, along with the major school academic and citizenship and the announcement of the new school captains.

**P & C**

I would like to thank Michelle Burns for all the wonderful work she has done as P & C president over the last couple of years. The P & C is a small but dedicated group of parents who work hard to provide new resources and fun opportunities for your children. The end of 2015 sees Michelle finish up as president. During her time as president we purchased the XO computers for each student, had a pedlars’ parade, run two successful community movie nights and changed the way the school celebrated Mothers Day and Fathers Day, along with all the usual P & C events. I have enjoyed working with Michelle and look forward to her continued support and involvement in the school.

Merry Christmas, Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

David Leydon
Principal

**Uniform Shop**

As the beginning of 2016 will be very busy with all the new students it is probably a good time to order your uniforms now for next year. The last two weeks for the uniform shop are Thursday 10th 2.45-3.30 and then Tuesday 15th 8.30-9.15.

**Kindergarten Uniforms 2016**

If you have ordered a uniform online they are now ready for you to pick up from the uniform shop. The dates they are open are above.

**Presentation Day Lunch orders**

Please make sure that all lunch orders are in by 9am on the day of the presentation.

**Year 3-6 Assembly**

There will be no 3-6 Assembly held in week 10.

To all our families at Beresford Road Public School have a wonderful xmas and great new year. Stay safe and see you all next year.
Cooking Class - MasterChef Style

Dallas & Tyson - Sensory Play and Learning

MCE 2015
Tyson, Mitchell, Monip, Hajar, Robert, Dallas and Riley

Art by Hajar

Robert, Riley & Dallas

Blue Tongued Friends

Riley & Tyson

Hajar - Working Hard

Smartboard

Dressing up is FUN

Monip - Working

Learning about Life Cycles
MCE have come together this year from many schools and preschools to form the most awesome class! We’ve worked hard, learned lots, made friends, gained social skills through outings and community access, cooked amazing meals and shared our work with Mr Leydon.

Super Cool Cooking

Creative Design

Awesome Art

Friendships and Cooperative Learning

Music - Tyson &
KP HAD A WONDERFUL AND BUSY YEAR.

We worked hard during literacy groups.

We had fun at the Easter Hat Parade.

We went on an excursion to the farm.
We worked hard in mathematics and learnt how to tell the time to the hour.

This term we learnt about all the animals that live under the sea.
Last Chance to help out
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

Matthew Vicic Nichola Jenkins Harry Chen Matthew Nader

Congratulations to all our students at Beresford Road Public School for their hard work this year
Blue Certificate

Kaitlyn Gava
Matilda Sie
Erik Sie
Ashlee Sassine
Xander Mouradian
Lily O’Neill
Elenora Yildiz

GOLD AWARD WINNERS
Luke Mandich
Mark Lee
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