Principal’s Message

School Crossing

The school crossing is the only place you should cross the road before or after school. Walking straight out of the gate opposite Bathurst Street and then continuing across the road is dangerous. All it takes is one K-2 student to follow behind you, trusting the adult is going the right way, and an accident could happen. Please take the extra 30 seconds to walk up to the crossing and model the correct behaviour for all our children.

Meet the Teacher Evening

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening last night. I understand that if you have been at the school for a couple of years you will be aware of most topics covered but it is always nice for parents and teachers to meet face to face early in the year.

If you have any further questions, concerns or information about your child to share with the new class teacher, now is the time to make an appointment to discuss individual students. Simply call the office and ask for your class teacher to call you back.

Swimming Carnival

I would like to thank Mrs Lobb for organising a great swimming carnival last week. She even managed to organise beautiful weather for the day. I was very impressed with the behaviour of all students between events. We have some great swimmers and I look forward to seeing them progress to the zone and regional carnivals. A special congratulation must go to Rachel Farrugia for breaking a couple of long standing school records.

Uniforms

The school uniform looked great last week, we need to make sure we keep this up as the year progresses. Please remember that the school hat is the ONLY hat that is part of the uniform. While most students wear the correct hat, a small number of Stage Three students tried to wear caps relating to a variety of sporting teams and I would hope to see an end to that this year.

Sports shoes (joggers) should be mainly black or mainly white.

High School Students

If your high school aged children are responsible for collecting younger brothers and sisters from our school can you remind them of a couple of simple rules.

- If they are collecting children in Years 3-6 they must wait on the grass area at the front of the school adjacent to the carpark. They should not be in the primary quad.
- If they are collecting K-2 students they should organise a pass at the school office and then wait quietly in the infants quad.

These rules are in place to keep our children safe and happy and able to concentrate on their school work right up to 3.00pm. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Homework Club

Mrs Cavar is organising a homework club for Tuesday afternoons. This is a great initiative to help kids with homework questions they don’t quite understand or to provide a quiet place to make a start on your weekly homework. Keep your eyes out for the note!

Upcoming Events

February

Fri 27th PSSA Begins

March

Fri 6th Zone Swimming carnival
Tues 17th St Pats Day P&C mufti day
Wed 25th School Disco

Assemblies

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Keeping up to date

The best way to keep up to date on school events is to follow the school on FACEBOOK (www.facebook.com/pages/Beresford-Road-Public-School). We use it to notify the community of upcoming events and classroom happenings. Over 280 people use it as a way to receive school information. The school website is also updated regularly with school news, newsletters and any notes that have been sent home.

Greystanes High School

The principal from Greystanes High School, Mr Grant Sparke, will be the guest speaker at the next P & C meeting. He will outline what the school has to offer and answer any of your concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents considering enrolment at Greystanes to have their questions answered personally.

While the P & C AGM begins at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd March, he will only be there from 7.30pm as the regular meeting kicks off. I hope to see many Stage 3 parents there.

Thank you

David Leydon

P & C News

Welcome to all the new parents that have joined Beresford Rd Public School this year. We look forward to working with you during your time here.

A special reminder that our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, March 3rd. The positions vacant for appointment are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Please join us for the March 2015 P&C Monthly Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, March 3rd in the staff room. We are welcoming a very special guest: Grant Sparkes, Principal of Greystanes High School. He will be presenting information for parents on the high school, as well as answering any questions you may have. This is a really informative session for those parents of Year 6 students.

We are always looking for parent participation in our events, as they help make it truly successful. Please see below a listing of the upcoming events. Look out for more information and more events closer to the dates.

Term 1

March 17th - St Patricks Day Themed Mufti Day
March 28th - State Election BBQ & Cake Stall (We will be requesting donations of baked goods prior to this date)

Term 2

May 6th & 7th - Mothers Day Stall
May 11th - 2pm-3pm - Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

Social Skills for Kindergarten

Acquiring literacy and numeracy skills is essential, especially in the early school years. At the same time, social skills are of the utmost importance for children’s wellbeing and future development. The early school years are when children start to learn to cooperate, take turns and solve social problems. Children therefore need to learn social skills to be able to relate to others, to do well at school and to thrive generally.

Beresford Road Public School is going to run the PALS Social Skills Program with all the Kindergarten children, starting in week six this term. During the program the children are going to be taught constructive ways to solve problems that occur in social situations. This is done through stories acted out by puppets, video scenarios, probe questions, role-play activities and songs. The PALS Social Skills program consists of ten half hour sessions, each focusing on a particular skill, including: greeting others, taking turns, talking and listening, sharing, asking for help, identifying feelings, empathy, overcoming fear and anxiety, managing frustration, and calming down and speaking up.

Each week parents will receive information on the skill their child is learning and suggestions on how to help their child develop each skill at home. Class teachers will also receive information on assisting the children in practicing the skills they have learned each week.

Lorraine Cause  Nada Madjar
Relieving Assistant Principal  School Counsellor

Office News

Change of details

You would have received a green “student details” form today. Can you please fill in and return to the front office. If you have already filled one in for your kindergarten children please disregard this one.
Library News
It is important that children have the chance to borrow books that are of interest to them. This may mean that they are bringing home books that are difficult for them to read. What a great bonding opportunity this is for parents to model reading to their child. Check out an article in The Age below - http://www.theage.com.au/national/reading-together-still-important-after-children-start-school-expert-says-20130827-2sntd.html

And this one in BBC News on the importance of reading to your child.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-24116088

Kids Matter
We are beginning to look at Component 2 of Kids Matter – Social and emotional leaning for students. The Kids Matter Team will meet this week and start the process of putting together a program that should be implemented at the beginning of term 3. Some of the topics that we will look at are:

- Making friends
- Fears and worries
- Making decisions
- Anger
- Resolving conflict
- Getting along


Just a reminder to come in and check out our parent information wall in the library foyer. There is information on community events and ideas to help with everyday life:

- 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 Four – Be Safe – I Stay in bounds
Week Five – Strive for excellence – I am prepared

Speech Pathologist
Dear Parents,
Our school, Beresford Road Public School, has chosen to employ a Speech Pathologist throughout terms 1 & 2 2015.
Reema Tannoury is a qualified Speech Pathologist who works for Educational Speech Pathology & Therapy Services. Reema will be working at our school every Monday throughout terms 1 & 2 2015.

Parents, it is important to note that you cannot refer your child directly to Reema. If your child already attends Speech therapy outside of school do not stop attending. The Educational Speech Pathology & Therapy program cannot offer the same individualised therapy your child will receive through either Community Health or Private Speech.

Reema’s main role will be to work with our teachers in the whole classroom to build up the children’s speech and language skills. Reema will be conducting screenings for some students between Kindergarten to Year 2 and a limited number of full assessments at the school. You will receive written information if your child requires a full assessment.
We have chosen to focus the program on the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes for these two terms.

If you have any further questions or concerns feel free to contact Mrs Cavar in person or via email: anita.cavar4@det.nsw.edu.au

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

Dear Parents,

Beresford Road Public School is involved in Harvest Hub. This is a fresh food delivery service that aims to provide you with quality fresh fruit and vegetables directly from local farmers. The food gets delivered to the school every Tuesday and is packed into personalised cooler bags by Mrs Leverett. All of the fruit and vegetables are collected from the school hall at 3:00pm. You can sign up for a weekly value bag or place special orders online.

If you would like to join and have your fresh food delivered to Beresford Road Public School you can find more information on the harvest website on [www.harvesthub.com.au](http://www.harvesthub.com.au) or speak to Mrs Leverett before or after school.

Thanks, Mrs Leverett.

**13 February - 1 March 2015 Chinese New Year**

The Chinese New Year falls on the first day of the Chinese calendar and continues for 15 days. During celebrations people clean their houses to drive away the bad luck of the previous year. 2015 will be the Year of the sheep.

Road safety around your child’s school
Your child’s safety depends on you
Extra curricular activities at Beresford Road

We provide some extra curricular activities at our school for you children, if you are unaware of these the details are below.

**Learn Music on keyboard at Beresford Road Public School**

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Cool kids music company has a class at school on a Thursday at lunch time.

Drew holds classes at school on a Monday and Tuesday at lunch time.
Blue Certificate

Sophie Agius
Luke Mandich
Dilhan Ozturk

Beresford Road Public School Merit Cards Presented on Week Two and Three

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Sports Awards

Khalid El Masri        Isabella Nasreldin        Ace Chalghin
Ria Sallakonda         Amir Jabber               Nathan Ankovics
Educational Speech Pathology & Therapy Services

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We look forward to working with you and your school!

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GREYSTANES HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Date: Wednesday 25 February 2015

Time: 11am until 2.00pm (Year 6 students)

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

STUDENTS: BBQ Lunch – 11.20 to 12.00pm
          Taster Lessons – 12.00 to 2.00PM

PARENTS:  6.00 to 7.00pm Information Session for
           interested parents of Years 5 & 6

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The Buzz - Term 1 - Week 4

The Holroyd Family Festival – Food, Fashion, Fitness, Fun

Staff Application

Entertain Holroyd!

The Holroyd Family Festival will showcase good food, great fitness, fabulous fashion and family fun.

The event will be held at the centrally located and beautiful Holroyd Gardens on Saturday 21 March 2015 between 6.30pm and 9.30pm.

The program will feature cooking demonstrations by Janelle Bloom and inspiration health and fitness presentation by Commander Steve from the Biggest Loser. Highlights include delectable food, farmers’ market, the latest in fitness and fashion, live multicultural dance and music entertainment, exciting activities and a fireworks spectacular to end the event in true festival style.

This event provides a ground breaking opportunity for local entertainers, community groups and businesses to promote, demonstrate a product or perform for event patrons on the community entertainment stage.

Why perform at The Holroyd Family Festival?

• New platform to engage the community.
• A family event specifically for the community of Holroyd.
• Cost-effective way to promote your organisation.
• Give back to your community.
• Showcase home-grown talent.
• Exercise corporate responsibility within your community.

Event Details

Date: Saturday 21 March 2015
Time: 5.30pm – 9.30pm
Venue: Holroyd Gardens, Corner Waipole and Pitt Streets, Merrylands

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Please note that successful applications will not be paid by Holroyd City Council for their performance/presentation at the 2015 Holroyd Family Festival.
2. This form must be completed in full and submitted with a copy of the applicant’s Public Liability Insurance Certificate for the application to be considered.
3. This is only an application form and successful applicants will be notified by letter at least four weeks prior to the event.
4. Please note that the stage size is 6m x 6m.

Applications should be returned to Holroyd City Council by 4.30pm, on Friday 13 February 2015:

Mail: Holroyd City Council
Public Relations
Attention: Events Officer
PO Box 42, MERRYLANDS NSW 2160

Fax: (02) 9840 9703
Email: amy.hopkins@holroyd.nsw.gov.au

For further information please contact Amy Hopkins, Events Officer, on 9840 9718.