Principal’s Message

School Attendance

The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) visits schools on a regular basis to monitor student attendance. We had our visit a couple of weeks ago to have our attendance rates and records checked. As a school, Beresford Road has very good attendance rates (around 95%) which compares well with other schools. The HSLO, however, made the following recommendations based on the review.

1. Any student with attendance rates below the minimum requirement of 85% will receive a letter from the school asking for improvement or for the parent to contact the school so we can work on a plan for improvement together. These letters were posted today.

2. An absence note from a parent must contain a reason for the absence. Students can be sick or have a medical appointment or have grandma arrive at the airport or any number of other things BUT simply writing that the child was absent with your permission or for personal reasons means that the absence is recorded as explained but unjustified.

3. Until the end of 2014, parents could apply for exemptions from attendance if they planned family holidays during school time. This changed in 2015 and, while exemptions are still available for specific purposes, I am no longer able to grant exemptions for family holidays.

4. Partial absences are times that students are late to school or leave early and have the same requirements as full day absences – a satisfactory reason must be provided by the parent for the absence.

5. Any absence of 3 days or more should have a medical certificate.

If you need help managing your child’s attendance at school, please drop into the office and speak to Mr Leydon or Mrs Pearson. Our next visit by the HSLO will be on the 12th August.

Term Calendar

I have attached a copy of the Term 3 school calendar to this newsletter. Please remember that many dates are still being confirmed but I thought this may help with your planning. The highlights include Education Week in Week 3 with open classrooms and our big concert, Book week activities from 14 August with the character parade on Monday 17, Celebrating the Arts in Week 8 and, finally, Stage Two Camp in week ten.....already a busy term!

You will also see that while gymnastics continues for a new group of students, dance classes will begin on Wednesdays and Thursdays for others. You might also notice that the July P & C meeting is not on it’s usually date (first Tuesday of the month) due to the school holidays. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 July.

Voluntary School contribution

You will remember that I stated in an earlier newsletter that we would wait until second semester before we would ask for the voluntary contribution to try to reduce the expenses at the beginning of the year when you are buying uniforms, shoes and stationery. A note will go home in the first week after the holidays asking for the 2015 voluntary contribution.

We have left the fee at the 2014 level (reduced from 2013) of $40 for one student, $60 for two students and $80 for

Upcoming Events

June

Wed 24th Long Neck Lagoon 1SB and 1G
Fri 26th Last Day of Term

July

Mon 13th Staff Development Day
Tues 14th First Day Term 3

Assemblies

Friday 26/06 9.00am Years 3-6 MCJ
three or more students. This fee is used to purchase classroom supplies, including workbooks, pencils, scissors, art supplies and a photocopier levy. These fees are very reasonable and really do make a difference to the funding that our school operates on. I hope everyone can see the benefit in contributing to the running costs of the school.

I hope all our families have a safe and enjoyable break!

David Leydon
Principal

Back Car Park

We would like to ask all parents to please be very mindful when parking in our back car park that there are always a lot of children around. There was an incident the other week in the Darling Street carpark where a child was nearly hit by a car so please take care.

P & C News

Cross Country Fundraiser – Prizes

The prizes have now been delivered. Thank you to Genevieve Begg and Alison Box for their help in painstakingly putting all the student’s names on their prizes and delivering them to the classrooms last Thursday. There were only one or two things missing and those have been ordered and should be with their owners soon.

On Top of the World

The students of BRPS will be performing “On top of the world” at Greystanes High School on Thursday 30th July. There will be a matinee performance at noon and an evening performance at 6pm. All tickets need to be pre-purchased from the school. The P & C will be providing catering for both performances and raising funds for the school. Tea, coffee and baked goodies will be available for purchase before the matinee performance.

Before the evening performance Outback Steakhouse will be cooking beef and chicken burgers (available by pre-order only) and a coffee cart will sell hot and cold drinks. If you would like to order Outback Steakhouse burgers for before the evening performance, please complete the form that will be distributed at the beginning of next term and place in a sealed envelope with the correct money, and bring to the school office before 9am on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd or Thursday 24th July.

Please note that burgers are only available by pre-order

Facebook Page

Don’t forget to head on over to our new Facebook page. It is run by the P&C and is updated on a regular basis. Search for BRPS P&C Association Information Group and join up. Alternatively, contact us at BeresfordRdPandC@y7mail.com

Lost Property

Recently on our Facebook page, we had a lot of people asking about lost property. The Lost Property box is located in the Infants wash sheds between the toilets. If your child has lost an item, please make sure you have a look in the box in the afternoon. If an item is CLEARLY labelled, it will be returned to the child, if it is unreadable, it will be put in the lost property box and kept for a short amount of time before being donated to the Uniform Shop as second hand stock. Sadly, some items do get lost even when the names are clearly written. Please remind your children to make sure their items (especially jackets, jumpers and hats) are put away in the bag room or in their bags rather than being left on the playground where they then easily get picked up by others.

Spare Change Challenge

The Spare Change Challenge is getting closer! Any coins will be accepted this year. There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money and money will be collected every Wednesday in August (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th).

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 14th July at 7:30pm in the School Staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

NO PARKING IN STAFF CARPARK

The only reason that parents or caregivers are to be coming into our staff carpark is if they have a disabled permit. Our carpark is very small considering the size of our school. We do not fit all our staff in there and there is no room to be turning around. This makes it very dangerous to get out of as the only option is to reverse. Children’s lives are put in danger when this is done. We understand that the mornings can be stressful and some of us are sometimes running late however it is not worth a possible accident with one of the children at our school so please take a few extra minutes to make sure all the children are safe.
IF spent Term 2 learning about... Minibeasts

We made our own minibeasts
We visited Longneck Lagoon:

1F ready to search for bugs.

Gabriella and Altan check for minibeasts.

Altan, Jolin, Shania, Natkey and Calvin dip-netting.

Calvin and Samit investigate a minibeast hideout.


Getting an up close look at our minibeasts under the magnifying glass.
Meet Beresford Road Public School’s XO Mechanics

A few weeks ago six XO representatives from our school went to a XO Kids Meet hosted by Hilltop Public School. We arrived at the school and were immediately greeted by some very polite students, who showed us to the meeting room. Hilltop is an amazing school, filled with very advanced technology. We learnt how to trouble shoot XO problems and met a website designer named Paul from One Education. He is currently working on new training website for XO users and also developed the Connect App which is used across the school to make connecting to the internet much easier. We worked with many students from other schools to learn about new links, websites and even managed to squeeze in a handball game outside. Our job as XO mechanics is to fix XOs when they are broken or need to be updated. As XO mechanics we will also be learning all there is to know about XOs, including how to take them apart and replace things like screens and keyboards. We all can’t wait for the next XO Kids Meet!
**Notes & Payments Due**

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Please send correct money in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child’s name, class and what you are paying for on the front. Credit card payments can be made for amounts over $20.

Money days are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday morning by 10am.

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**Homework Club**

When: Every Tuesday, 3pm to 3:30pm

Where: K-2 in the learning and support room

Year 3 - 6 in the Library

Make sure you bring your homework!!!

Parents please make sure you sign your child out when leaving.
Beresford Idol

Auditions for Beresford Idol are coming up in Term 3. If you have a special talent that you want to share this is your time to shine!

K-2 auditions will be held in Week 5 during lunch times on Monday 10th August, Tuesday 11th August and Wednesday 12th August.

3-6 auditions will be held in Week 6 during lunch times on Monday 17th August, Tuesday 18th August and Thursday 19th August.

Finalists will be selected to perform to a live audience at a special assembly in Term 3, Week 9.
### Blue Certificate

**Ryan Halabi**  
**Lucas McLaren**  
**Luke Lloyd**  
**Tyrone Ioane**  
**Deema Al Qadi**

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| KF    | Sarahana Sherestha  
Sonny Lesaisae  
Nate Reynolds |
| KC    | Kaizen Earl-Sawa  
Jade Gallagher  
Max Farrell |
| KM    | Riley Pereira  
Mikayla Bulluss  
Francesca Nigro |
| KP    | Melinaz Nasrallah  
Natharie Vithangan  
Neel Modi |
| 1G    | Ava Bosnjak  
Jodie Corbin  
Kiara Chalhoub |
| 1F    | Tevita Lesavua  
Koby Wagner  
Chloe Green |
| 1SB   | Riley Hanna  
Luka Vergot  
Luke Newman |
| 2A    | Mohammad Safari  
Jackson Laybutt  
Oviya Pari |
| 2F    | Emma Marscham  
Aliesha Galea  
Yasmine Yucbasoglu |
| 2M    | Hudi Elrache  
Joshua Marks  
Charlotte Azzopardi |
| 3B    | Matthew Vicic  
Grace Dewar  
Trae Brooks |
| MCE   | Monip Bakheit |
| 3/4E  | Ethan Khisa  
Fatema Sarwari  
Nichola Jenkins |
| 3/4L  | Bailiey Wickens-Clancy  
Hamed Dadyar  
Kayla Wagner |
| 4J    | Elenora Yildiz  
Bella Bugeja  
Jayden Halabi |
| 4/5G  | Nickala Huntley-Foggin  
Nikolas Grech  
Summer Whyte |
| 5/6B  | Tamim Nasiri  
Daniel Fichera  
Chandelle Falls |
| 5/6D  | Jayden Hawkins  
Nathan Isaacs |
| 5/6L  | Zoe Kambouris  
Olivia Topic  
Sarah Tame |

### Sports Awards

**Ryan Halabi**  
**Aneri Mehta**  
**Sidhu Ramineni**  
**Deema Al Qadi**  
**Joseph Curtale**  
**Rachel Farrugia**
### BERESFORD ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Ascent Childcare Centre**

**Now Open!**

7am – 6pm (Monday – Friday)
Long day care 2 – 6 Years
Before & After School Care & Vacation Care
School Readiness Program
Fees providing for CCR & CCR
For enquiries & enrolments
(02) 9353 1942

ascentccc@optusnet.com.au

48 Bathurst Greystanes 2145

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

- Great songs!
- Musical activities!
- Cool music knowledge!

- Convenient at-school venue
- Small group - 45 min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate - $27 per session
- (GST incl. Please do not forward payment to the school office.)
- Instrument not required initially
- Music material provided

To enrol, please call 9411 3122

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**AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH PRESENTS**

**A SELF DEFENCE KARATE AND SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 TO 16 IN HOLROYD COUNCIL AREA SINCE 1994**


**DEVELOP SELF CONFIDENCE**

**BUILD COORDINATION**

**BUILD SELF ESTEEM**

**HELP CONCENTRATION**

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

**IMPROVE STUDIES**

ONLY $12.00 PER WEEK!

NO EXTRA GRADING FEES!

SELF DEFENCE IS NOT JUST KICKS!

CLASSES DIVIDED BY AGE AND EXPERIENCE

ADULTS INCLUDES BLACK BELT

LAUREL WREATHS AND AWARDS

WE SPECIALISE IN CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS KARATE

LOCATION: GREYSTANES PUBLIC SCHOOL, GREYSTANES
781 RERRYLAHDS RD. (NEAR CORNER OF KIPPAH ST.)
CLASSES ARE EVERY SATURDAY FOR 9 WEEKS (EVERY SCHOOL TERM)
NEW AND RETURNING REGISTRATION: SATURDAY, 18 JULY, 2015
NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: SATURDAYS, 26 JULY, 1 AUGUST.

New Students Ages 5 to 8 (Yellow Belt)
Class Time: 9:30 to 10:15 AM
New Students Ages 5 to 8 and returning students thru 2nd Degree Yellow
Ages 5 to 8
Class Time: 9:20 to 10:05 AM
New Students: Age 9 to 12
Class Time: 9:05 to 10:00 AM
New Students: Age 9 to 12
Class Time: 9:30 to 10:25 AM
Returning Students Blue and Green Belts
Class Time: 10:20 to 11:05 AM
Adults Class
Class Time: 10:30 to 11:30 AM
Advanced Class
Brown and Black Belts
Class Time: 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Registration will be accepted up to the third week. No pre-registration is necessary; just turn up 15 to 16 minutes before class time above if possible... See you there! For further information contact Matt Rieth on 9664 8607.

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Beresford Road Public School does not endorse any item or service advertised in this newsletter