Principal’s Message

Welcome back to yet another busy term at Beresford Road. As I am writing this column our primary children are heading off to take part in the school athletics carnival. I’d like to thank Mrs Lobb for organising this event. Mr Wicks had always looked after the sports carnivals here so it is quite the learning curve for Mrs Lobb to get up to speed but she is doing a great job.

All our classes are busy preparing for the big concert next week and are very excited about performing in front of family and friends. While the evening performance is sold out, we still have plenty of seats for the 12pm matinee. Please remember that all students need to attend both concerts as each student has a part in their class item. The show runs for about an hour and a half and has no intermission. All students must remain until the end as every student is part of the finale.

Staff

At the end of last term we interviewed for a new Assistant Principal to replace Mrs Harvey. We had an outstanding field of candidates apply with a wide range of skills. I am pleased to share with you that Mrs Carolyn Stephens was successful in obtaining the position. Mrs Stephens is currently the Assistant Principal at Claremont Meadows Public School and will join the staff at Beresford Road from the beginning of 2016. Apart from being a strong classroom practitioner, Mrs Stephens has extensive knowledge of gifted and talented students and research based school improvement. I look forward to having her as part of the leadership team at school.

I’d like to thank Sandra Blanche, Kylie Hamersma and Michelle Towns, who made up the interview panel, for all their hard work in selecting the new assistant principal.

Education Week

We have two school events during Education Week this year – Our school concert on Thursday 30 July and Open Classrooms on Tuesday 28 July.

Open classrooms are an opportunity for you to visit your child’s classroom and either observe a lesson, take part in a lesson or look at workbooks and displays; the activities will vary class to class. K-2 classrooms will be open from 9.15 to 10.15 while 3-6 classrooms will be open from 10.00-11.00. Parents and families are then invited to join their children for recess at 11.00.

Online Payments

At school we understand how difficult it can be for working parents to make it to school during our business hours to make payments or visit the P & C uniform shop. We have investigated a number of options to try to make this process easier and will trial a new online payment service (flexischools) this term as a result. This service should be up and running within a month and will allow for online payments for school fees, excursions, PSSA etc as well as online ordering and payment for the P & C uniform shop from any computer or phone. This system will allow for payment every day not just money days.

I am hopeful that this system will be of benefit to our families. Please have a look at the flexischool website for more information and as the system comes online at school we will share the details.

On top of the World

There was a misprint on one of the letters for the matinee performance the correct time is 12PM NOT 12:30PM.

Upcoming Events

July

Thurs 23rd SRC Mufti Day/Beanie Day
Tues 28th UNSW English Competition
Tues 28th Open Classrooms
Thurs 30th On Top of the World

Assemblies

Friday 24/07 9.00am Years 3-6 4/5G
Friday 31/07 9.00am Year K-2 Singing
Friday 07/07 9.00am Years 3-6 5/6L
Library News

**World Books** – BRPS have subscribed to World Book E-books. You can read books online or download them to your device. We have now added to this subscription and have access to World Book Web. This is a totally safe way to research and make your own research pages. Get online and check it out, username and password are both brps1.  [http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=AU15020](http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=AU15020)

Congratulations to the following students who have finished the Premier’s Reading Challenge:


**The Scholastic Book Fair** will be at School from Friday 14th Aug to Wednesday the 19th Aug. During this time children will have an opportunity to purchase books either for themselves or to donate to the school library. Books range in price from $2 to $25 (sets costing more) with the average book costing around $10- $12.

The **Character Parade** will be on Monday the 17th August at 11.30 in the infants quad (weather permitting). The theme this year is ‘Books Light up our World’; children can come as their favourite books character or something to do with the book week theme.

There is a **new library system** up and running for Term 3. It is called **Oliver** and is accessible by students from any school computer and at home. Students simply logon to their portal page and there will be an Oliver button. There are many features available to students including: search for resources within the library or on a website; see what is available or on loan; check what books they currently have on loan; see what they have overdue; look at their borrowing history; search World Book through Oliver; use Orbit to create a personalised search page; free e-books; author information; add book reviews; receive library updates and much more. This is an exciting new system that I think the students will enjoy.

**Kids Matter**

It has now been a year since we asked parents to complete a survey for Kids Matter and we have made many changes from this information. We have created a 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.
P&C News

On Top of the World
The students of BRPS will be performing “On top of the world” at Greystanes High 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 and 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 the evening performance, please complete the form that was sent out earlier last week 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. (Spare order forms are available for you to collect from the front office if you have misplaced yours)

Please note that burgers are only available by pre-order and no food or drink is to be taken into the hall.

Facebook
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
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.

Spare Change Challenge
The Spare Change Challenge is almost here! 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). Start saving!!

Online Ordering
We are currently in the process of setting up an online ordering system for the uniform shop. Volunteers are needed to help with managing the online ordering (can be done from home in the evenings) and packing orders (during the day at school). If you would like to find out more about volunteering please email or speak with one of us. We hope to have the online ordering system set up and ready for term 4.

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
It is that time of year when we are getting ready for our next years Kindergarten enrolments, so if you or anyone you know needs to enrol their child for Kindergarten next year please come into our office and collect an application form.

Happy EID
Happy EID to all our Muslim families.
From Mrs Hussein
Muslim Scripture teacher

Public Speaking competition
Last week a note was sent home about the public speaking competition. Just a reminder that all students will need to have their speech ready to present to their own class by the beginning of Week 5 (Monday 10th August).

The Year 3-6 Final will take place on Monday Week 9 (7th September).
The K-2 Final will take place on Monday Week 10 (14th September)

PSSA News.

Round 8 - 24/7/15
Boys Soccer vs Toongabbie at Binalong Oval
Rugby League Tag vs Toony Red at Binalong Oval
Netball vs Toony West at BRPS
Girls Soccer vs Girra Green at Daniel Street.

Round 9 - 31/7/15
Boys Soccer vs Girra Green at Daniel Street
Rugby League Tag vs Girra Green at Darling Street
Netball vs Toony Red at Binalong Oval
Girls Soccer vs Westmead at Daniel Street.

Uniforms
This time of year there is lots of lost property laying around. Can you please make sure that you come to check our lost property box in the infants wash sheds regularly and also please check all of the jackets that come home with your children are actually theirs as lots of our parents have written their children’s names on their jackets but they are unable to be found.
SRC Mufti / Beanie day!

When: Thursday 23rd July, 2015 (Week 2).

What: Students may wear mufti clothing as well as a beanie!

How much: Bring a gold coin donation.

Why: We are raising money to support the Mark Hughes foundation to promote brain cancer research.

Your support of this cause is greatly appreciated!

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to the Standing family for the donation of sugar to our school and also to the Trovato family for the donation of the toaster oven. Both items will be valuable during our cooking lessons.

Ms Earl
**WELCOME TO 3M**

With a lot of collecting, preparing, planning, designing and collaborating in Term 2, 3M have finally started building their super cool ‘Arcade Games’ ... Out of Cardboard Boxes! !!
Notes & Payments Due

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The full amount for both camps were due upfront ie at the beginning when the notes were first sent home or to be payed off by instalments. Please make sure that payment is up to date.

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

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
Parent Survey
Information for parents and carers

What is KidsMatter Primary?
KidsMatter Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children’s mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers, and the broader community. For further information, including information sheets especially written for parents and carers, visit the KidsMatter website: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary

What is the survey about?
The survey asks your perspective on your child’s school and what you think is important for the school to consider in better supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing. We expect that it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey.

Why am I being asked to complete this survey?
KidsMatter Primary encourages schools to reflect on how they are doing things - what they are doing well already and also what they can improve to promote children’s mental health and wellbeing. It has been recognised that including the voice of staff, students, parents and carers assists the school with planning.

What choice do I have?
Completing this anonymous survey is entirely your choice. Whether or not you decide to participate, your decision will not disadvantage you or your child. However, we hope that you will contribute to helping us improve our school community. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have about completing this survey with any of the staff.

How is my privacy protected and what happens to the answers?
The answers provided by parents and carers are completely anonymous and it will not be possible to identify you or your child from your answers. Data is stored electronically by KidsMatter Primary in a password secured database. Only summarised results that align to the four components are used by the school to assist with school planning. KidsMatter Primary may also use data summarised at a state level to inform the national development of KidsMatter.

What do I need to do to participate?
Please read this information statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. If there is anything you do not understand, or if you have questions, please talk to a staff member at your child’s school.
If you consent to participate, please complete the survey according to the instructions given by your school, which may either be to fill out the paper-based survey and return it to the school, or complete the online survey at: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentssurvey

Thank you for your support.
Beresford Road Public School Presents

On Top of the World

VENUE: Greystanes High School Hall
DATE: 30th July, 2015

Matinee Show
TIME: 12pm
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Evening Show
TIME: 6pm
SOLD OUT!!
Blue Certificate

Ayla Gallacher
Kiara Chalhoub
Jodie Corbin
Oriel Shepherd
Emma Marscham
Kosta Seitis

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Fees providing for CCB & CCR
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Cool music knowledge!

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Small group - 45 min weekly lesson
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Instrument not required initially
Music material provided

To enrol, please call 9411 3122


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Come along to our Try Baseball and Registration days At West Guildford Sports Ground, Foray Street, Guildford West Sunday 26th July and 2nd August 2015: 11am to 2pm OR contact: Kevin on 0407 248 152 www.Giants.Juniors.com.au Fees from $100 for the season, includes baseball mitt and hat!!