



Beresfield Bugle

Beresfield Public School

Live And Learn

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PRINCIPAL TALK

Check In

Hello to the families of Beresfield Public School. Hope you are all going ok in the circumstances.

Our student numbers dropped steadily last week to be just 32 on Friday. Today we had 29 students. This represents about 10% of the school population.

Thank you for keeping your child/ren home where you can. We continue to accept any child who presents at school.

We have moved to a model where most of our staff are now working from home each day. We have a rotating schedule of about 10 staff at school each day to care for the students that turn up.

To keep things light, last week on the PA system we played "Catch My Disease" by Ben Lee. This week it is "Don't Stand So Close To Me" by The Police.

Staying Sane at Home

Who knows how long we will be in this situation for? Some are saying weeks – some are saying months. The uncertainty is the hardest bit.

Setting a routine to do school work may help give structure to the days. In other cases, it may add to anxiety levels. Please make the most of this opportunity. No-one at school will be asking why you didn't do more school-work when all this is over.

Instead, use this time to connect with your children. Enjoy each other's company. You could play, bake, read, garden, retell favourite family stories, paint, sculpt, tinker in the garage, write your memoirs, build a cubby house, try a home haircut, create a fitness circuit – the list goes on. Please look after each other during this time of confinement. In years to come, hopefully the children will remember this time fondly as a chance to connect positively with their families.

Before and After School Care

Camp Australia continue to offer care each morning and afternoon on our school grounds.

Cyber Safety

Below are some quick tips from our local Police Liaison Officer for parents/caregivers to assist with some of the many issues and risks associated with using the internet.

- Chat with your child about online safety issues to help them make good choices.
- Set some boundaries around when and where they can use their devices.
- Use parental controls and safe search options.
- Look out for unwanted contact and grooming.

Be aware of the signs of cyberbullying.

For further information websites such as safety.gov.au, thinkuknow.org.au offer current advice and resources.

Some activities and ideas for home for parents of primary and early learners

Make or do a jigsaw puzzle	Try some origami	Create an obstacle course
Bake or cook something	Learn a magic trick	Paint or draw a picture
Make a joke book	Take photos of 10 living things	Build a blanket fort
Plan and hold a picnic	Make your own kite	Try a new board game
Play indoor mini-golf	Play Limbo	Write a letter to your future self
Potato sack race with pillow cases	Hold a tea-party	Make a time capsule
Hold a Karaoke concert	Play hide and seek	Open a pretend store
Blindfolded taste test	Look at photo albums	Have a paper plane contest
Play Pictionary	Play dress up	Play Restaurant
Make a shoebox diorama	Learn a new card game	Put on a play
Make or play an instrument	Create a treasure hunt	Write or recite poem
Have a talent show	Make handmade presents	Choreograph a dance
Read a new book from the library	Play water bottle bowling	
Play life-size Noughts and Crosses	Build the tallest tower	

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Learning From Home

Here is a suggested timetable you might like to try...or not! Please modify it to suit your family's needs .

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-9.30	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
9.30-10.00	English	English	English	English	English
10.00-10.30	Active Break	Active Break	Active Break	Active Break	Active Break
10.30-11	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
11.00-12.00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12.00-1.00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
1.00 - 2.00	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice
2.00-2.30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
2.30-3.00	Student/Parent Choice	Student/Parent Choice	Student/Parent Choice	Student/Parent Choice	Student/Parent Choice

Tips...

- ♦ Mix up activities so that children aren't on their devices all day.
- ♦ Kids need to move – break often and get them active.
- ♦ The younger the child, the more often the activity needs to change.
- ♦ Variety is the spice of life!

Last week we issued work-booklets for families that don't have access to the internet. We have encouraged on-line learning for the rest of our families. Like you, teachers have been familiarising themselves with Studyladder, and are learning how to see each student's amount of usage and results, and even set activities. Some teachers have learnt how to send messages to their class and to individual students. Unfortunately there is no facility for students to be able to respond to the teacher.

There are many other resources online which are not hard to google. The Dept of Education is continually adding to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/teaching-and-learning-resources/k-6-resources>

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This Week's Funny



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