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Beresfield Public School

Live And Learn

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Term 1 Week 3

Monday 8th February 2021

PRINCIPAL TALK

Our Newsletter

Our weekly newsletter is published each Monday, giving you all the information you need for the coming week, and beyond. Reviews of past events will be posted on Facebook.

P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the P&C occurs this afternoon from 5:30pm.

Meet the Staff

This Wednesday 10th Feb at 3pm there will be the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, as well as other school staff. From 3pm till 3:20 there will be a short get together in the hall. Then at 3:20 you are invited to visit your child's room for a 20-minute information session and question time about your child's class. The session will be repeated at 3:40 for those parents who have two students at the school. We hope you can come! Students are welcome to stay with parents.

Class Resources

This year, we are again asking for \$50 per child to go towards your child's class resources for the year. These resources will provide your child/ren with consistent and quality stationery for the year. Thank you in advance for paying for this pack quickly. Discounts apply for the second and third child in a family.

Students presenting as unwell

If a student exhibits cold and flu-like symptoms whilst at school they will be sent to sick bay and a parent/caregiver must come and collect the student as soon as possible. The student will be required to be tested for COVID-19 and can only return to school when

- the testing is negative and school is provided with the results; and
- they have recovered from the illness and are symptom free

Please note this is the same for students who do not attend school due to flu-like symptoms and is a mandate from the Department of Education.



It is important that when responding to the daily text you give details as to what symptoms the student has and if they have a medical certificate or have been COVID tested. Please don't just respond with "sick". If the text does not have enough detail your class teacher will ring home for more details.

When the negative COVID test result or medical certificate is received please forward the email or screenshot of the text result to the school email address before they return to school. Beresfield-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

COVID—Student drop off

From today, we are asking parents and carers of all students to drop off their students at the gate in the morning. If separation is an issue, please contact your child's teacher.

Restorative Practice

Our school works on the underpinning belief that the most important thing at school is building and maintaining successful relationships. We hope you embrace our culture of empowering students to become self-regulated in their learning and behaviour through open discussion and skill development.

Scooters and Bikes

It's great to see the students riding to and from school. Our school recommends that students are 10 years of age before riding independently, the age that their peripheral vision is fully developed. We also ask that for the safety of all people in our school, that riders dismount their bike or scooter at the school gate and whenever inside the school. Of course, they should also have a helmet on. Thanks.

FGHS Parent Info Evening

On Wednesday 17th Feb there will be a parent information evening in preparation for students who will be attending next year or the year after. The evening goes from 5-6pm and is at Francis Greenway High.

Staffing

Last week we listed all the teachers and their positions for this year. Of course, our school would not operate without the essential work of our other staff.

Our School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) were known a few years back as Teachers' Aides. They support students and staff in so many ways we could never list them. Their invaluable work means our school runs as smoothly as it does!

| Position | Staff |
|-------------------|------------------|
| SLSO Support Unit | Helen McEneaney |
| SLSO Support Unit | Margaret King |
| SLSO Support Unit | Agnieszka Pawlik |
| SLSO | Di Lewin |
| SLSO | Karlene Frappell |
| SLSO | Samantha Oddy |
| Aboriginal SLSO | Lesley Farley |

We also have our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) which also maintain the smooth operation of the school. Without them, we would not function.

| Position | Staff |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| School Administration Manager (SAM) | Stephanie Bagnall |
| School Administrative Officer (SAO) | Jaimie Rennex |
| School Administrative Officer (SAO) | Anna Zorba |
| General Assistant (GA) | Robert Morrison |
| Cleaner | Sue Wilkinson |
| Cleaner | Carolyn Newman |
| Cleaner | Sandra Picton |
| Cleaner | Kim Wood |

School Counsellor

Jenny Martin is our school counsellor this year. Jenny worked here at Beresfield briefly a few years ago so it's great to have her back. If you would like to contact the school counsellor, please do so through our Assistant Principal Wellbeing, Christie Walandouw.

We thank Phoebe Burchill for her work as counsellor over the last couple of years. Phoebe has moved to Irrawang PS.

School Chaplain

Annette Ramsland is our school chaplain. She started at our school around Easter last year. She is well known to the students, mixing with them at playtimes, and visiting classrooms. Annette is an integral part of our support team and is always willing to offer support, guidance, or just lend a listening ear to the students.

Aboriginal Education Teacher

Vicki Winters has been our Aboriginal Education Teacher since midway last year. She works on Mondays and Tuesdays, co-ordinating academic, social and cultural programs for the school. This year 61 out of our 292 students identify as Aboriginal, that's 21%.

Vicki is doing a great job in ensuring Aboriginal education is embedded across the school.

School Facebook Page

We have an informative facebook page! It is a great way to see all the exciting and wonderful things our students here at Beresfield are doing. On occasion, photos may be posted from special events, excursions and assemblies. We also use the page to broadcast reminders, make announcements and post links to things such as our school newsletter and other websites worth reading.

To find our page, you can search '**Beresfield Public School**' or you can scan the QR code below to be taken directly to the page. We have also placed a link on the school webpage to allow you to access the facebook page directly.



If you would like to **get notifications** each time an update is posted on our page you will need to access our facebook page **via a computer**. Once on the page, click the **like** button again and a drop down menu will appear. Select '**Get Notifications**' from the drop down menu. Unfortunately, there does not appear to be a way to enable **get notifications** for a specific page when accessing via a mobile.

If you have also allowed the Facebook app to send push notifications on your mobile each time you receive a Facebook notification, then you will see at a glance on your mobile screen when we update our Facebook page so you do not miss any updates.

We do ask that you carefully read our '**Rules of Engagement**' before liking our facebook page. They are outlined on our Facebook page in the Notes section and there is a link from the wall. In particular, please note the following;

- Facebook terms and conditions state that no one under the age of 13 years should have a Facebook profile. Therefore, any primary students who 'Like' or comment on the Beresfield Public School Facebook page will be deleted and reported immediately.
- We encourage interaction from Facebook users but are not responsible for comments or wall postings made by visitors to the page.
- We reserve the right, but assume no obligation,

to remove comments that are racist, sexist, abusive, profane, violent, obscene, spam, that advocate illegal activity, contain falsehoods or are wildly off-topic, or that libel, incite, threaten or make attacks on BPS students, employees, guests or other individuals.

- Please do not ask to friend a member of staff on Facebook as refusal often offends.



We hope you and enjoy our Facebook page. If you have any questions or suggestions about ways we can improve our Facebook page in terms of what information is made available on our wall and page, please let me know.

Dogs

A reminder that no dogs are allowed on school grounds. Please leave your dog at home when picking up or dropping off the kids. Thanks for your co-operation.

Jonathan Ridgway
Principal

This week's focus is: Listen Actively

When I'm listening actively:

- ☺ I'm looking at the person speaking
- ☺ I have a calm body
- ☺ I wait quietly



Congratulations this week to: Elih, Jayden N, Ryker, Breanna F, Jessie,



Kindergarten 2021 Best Start Assessment

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment (BSKA) is a state-wide assessment that helps show teachers the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. Best Start Assessments will be implemented during class time in Week 4 of this term. The BSKA provides teachers with the opportunity to sit with your child one on one, focusing on what your child can do. It also provides your teacher with useful information to help support your child's learning at school. Following this assessment, towards the end of Term 1, parents and caregivers will be provided with information about what their child can do and how they can best support their child's learning.

If you have any questions regarding the BSKA, please don't hesitate to contact the school for more information.



Mikaela Vermeulen (Instructional Leader)

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who went to the Zone Swimming trials last Monday at Beresfield Pools. We have 8 students who have qualified to attend the Zone Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pools on Thursday 18th February. Notes were sent home on Friday and are to be returned by Tuesday 16th February. Parents are required to transport their child to and from the venue. Please read the details in the note regarding cost, entry and times for this event and see Mr Edwards if you have any questions.

Zone PSSA Trials

This term and early term 2 the Maitland PSSA will be conducting trials for various sports. Our sport coaches will be discussing with potential students to attend these trials based on their ability and participation in these sports outside of school. Schools are only encouraged to send students who have played in weekend teams or representative teams. These trials will have limited numbers and if you have any questions or information about your child's sporting abilities, please come and see either Mr Edwards or Mr Gabrielides. We want to make sure your child has the opportunity in the right environment for participation in sport. We have the State Knockout PSSA commencing next term in Rugby League, Netball, Soccer (Girls/Boys) and Touch (girls/boys). We will also have Gala Days in various sports that are fun days for promoting and participation and of course we have our Cross Country Carnival later this term and our Athletics Carnival in Mid Term 2. We really look forward to being able to have our sporting calendar return to normal in 2021.

Years 3-6 Overnight Excursions

This year we will be giving all students in the primary a chance to attend an overnight excursion. The excursions are as follows:

| Year / Stage | Location | Date | Approx. Cost** |
|--------------|------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Year 3 | Sydney (1 night) | June 10-11 | \$280 |
| Year 4 | Great Aussie Bush Camp | Aug 25-27 | \$340 |
| Stage 3 | Canberra | Aug 2-4 | \$380 |

****Note:** These prices are subject to change due to the total numbers attending the excursion.

This week the Expression of Interest notes will be sent home during the Meet the Staff Day which will require a **non-refundable \$50 deposit to be returned by no later than Wednesday 24th February**. We are also aware that some students have funds still in their account from last year which may be used to cover the excursion deposit if you are keen for your child to attend these events.

Michael Edwards – Assistant Principal

Morning Circle

At Beresfield PS every class starts their morning with a morning circle. Morning circle time welcomes the students into the classroom with positivity to start to the day. Teachers explain the routine of the day, discuss expectations and shares any announcements. Also during morning circle students prepare for the day with a 'positive primer' which is an activity to get their brains ticking and prepare them for a full day of learning. During this time students also have an opportunity to share information with their peers.

Make sure you ask your child about morning circle time. It is such a great way to start the day. Here are some comments from our students:

"I love the acknowledgement of country" Xieke

"It gives me time to talk" Eli

"I love choosing the song" Blair

"It's fun" Harley

"I like how we learn about different words." Charlotte

"I enjoy the positive primers - all the different games" Jayden

Christie Walandouw - Assistant Principal

Term 1 Calendar

Week 3

Mon 8 Feb—P & C Meeting 5.30pm

Tues 9 Feb—Uniform Shop open 8.30am-9.00am

Wed 10 Feb—Meet the staff afternoon 3.00pm—4.00pm

Thurs 4 Feb—Uniform Shop open 8.30am-9.00am

Week 4

Tues 16 Feb—Uniform Shop open 8.30am-9.00am

Wed 17 Feb—FGHS parent information 5.00pm

Wed 17 Feb—Scripture starts

Thurs 18 Feb—

Thurs 18 Feb—Uniform Shop open 8.30am-9.00am

Week 5

Tues 23 Feb—Uniform Shop open 8.30am-9.00am

Tues 23 Feb—Children's University Zoom Meeting 9.00am-10.00am

Wed 24 Feb—Zone Netball Trials

Thurs 25 Feb—Uniform Shop open 8.30am-9.00am



Beresfield Morning Circle



Greeting: eg. Say names, hi-five, shake hands creates a sense of belonging, acceptance

Values: eg. How we are going to go about our day eg. good group work, kindness, collaboration

Expectations: eg. What is going to happen today?

Announcements: eg. What have people been up to? Birthday's, on this day....

Positive Primer: eg. Quick fun activity/game, promoting a positive emotion

What went well: eg. Laughter, I was on time, I'm in full uniform, talking, fun etc
(WWW can also be done at the end of the day as well)

MONDAY: Whole School Morning Circle delivered (sent out every Friday and placed on Senral)
TUES-FRI: Individual class circle conducted each morning

Canteen Roster Term 1 2021

Monday 8th February **Tues 9th February**

Stacey Munzenberger Nicole Fairhall

Lesa Ashard Rob Sharif

Wed 10th February **Thurs 11th February**

Kimberley Harris Anngell Byers

Annie Griffin Louise Eade

Friday 12th February

Carol Pirie Jenni Smith

Maria Warwick Jan Mullins

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, or if you would like to help in the canteen, contact on Jenni Smith 0404 485 512.

P & C News

Canteen

Helpers are needed to assist in the canteen on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you can help please call Jennifer on 0404 485 512.

Updated Menu is attached.

P & C Meeting

Monday 8th February from 5.30pm

Book Club

Book Club Issue orders due in by Friday 19th February. All orders need to be placed online with LOOP service.



2021 Premier's Reading Challenge

Please see information attached to the Newsletter.

Good for Kids good for life

GET SET FOR HEALTHY SNACKS!

Healthy snacks are important to keep kids' energy levels up and meet their nutritional needs.

Choose snacks based on vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese, yoghurt and wholegrain breads, crackers and cereals.

Some tips to make choosing healthy snacks easy:

- Include a vegetable and fruit snack each day.
- Keep a range of healthy snacks in the fridge and pantry e.g. vegetables and fruit, pikelets, popcorn, yoghurt and cheese.
- Cut up vegetables and fruit so they are easier to grab for snacks during the week.
- Get your kids to help prepare snacks.
- Add vegetables into homemade snacks (muffins, scones and slices).
- Show your kids you enjoy eating healthy snacks.



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Local Health District

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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

Book Club LOOP

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

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Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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