**WARNING:** We have students who are at risk of ANAPHYLAXIS (severe allergic reaction). This condition is potentially life threatening. Please do not send nut based products to school with your child for lunch or recess. Products which should not come to school include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, tahini spread, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars.

“EEAAR ..... We need the Easter Raffle tickets sold and returned please. As of last Tuesday 149 students had not returned tickets or money.
So eeaar ...Come on Doc!!!!”

**The Explorers**
Year 5 are just starting a unit on early Australian Explorers. Test your knowledge.
1. Name the mountain range which runs from Queensland to Victoria?
2. Blaxland, Lawson and .........................
3. The first Australian born explorer was ......................
4. Who found the site of Port Macquarie?
5. Who solved the riddle of the rivers?

**Staffing changes from Term 2**
Congratulations to Mrs Mckean who has been successful in gaining an Instructional Leader position at Beresfield Public School for the next 3 years. She will start in her new position at the beginning of term 2. Consequently, Mr Prigg will become non teaching AP for the rest of this year to support Quality Teaching in the classrooms and Mrs Renee Hibbert will take over teaching our year 5 class.

**Child Protection**
It is a mandatory requirement of schools, through the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD H PE) curriculum to deliver lessons on Child Protection. This term all classes will implement child protection lessons. The Child Protection Program supports children to:
- Recognising Abuse, where students will develop knowledge and skills appropriate to their age about safe and unsafe situations;
- Power in Relationships, where particular attention will be given to building confidence in the formation of relationships which are positive and caring; and
- Protective Strategies, where students will learn about appropriate actions and safety strategies to use in threatening situations, such as NO GO TELL, and developing networks.

During the program, age appropriate and correct terms for body parts may be used.

Please contact the school if you would like any further information.
**P & C News**

**Next Meeting:** Monday 12th May
7.00pm staffroom

Donations still needed for Mothers’ day stall.

Kindergarten: coffee mugs/wrapped lollies/boxes of chocolates e.g “favourites”,

Year One: face washers/bed socks/hand & body creams/scented drawer liners/sachets

Year Two: photo frames/small trinket boxes

Year three: notepads/pens/bookmarks/fridge magnets/key rings

Year Four: gardening gloves/seeds/little terracotta pots/watering cans

Year Five: candles/incense/soap/body wash

Year Six: nail polish/lip gloss/nail files/mirror compacts

We would also love any donations of clear cellophane, small baskets & colourful ribbons.

Please deliver gifts to the school office by Monday 5th May.

**Library News**

We have been looking at some interesting night animals, bats, possums, owls etc in the library this term with the help of our wonderful Museum in a Box exhibits and we are looking forward to their display about minibeasts next term. There are plenty of ANZAC Day and Easter books on display for borrowing and three of our new novels this week are Nelson Mandela - 'No Easy Walk to Freedom','Darcy Moon and the Deep fried Frogs', and '1841 Do You Dare?' for the bushranger in us all.

Linda Gesling Teacher Librarian

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**CALENDAR**

**April**

Fri 4  Last day for ICAS test entries

Thur 10  Easter Hat Parade

Fri 11  School ANZAC ceremony

Term 2

Mon 28  Teachers only return

Tue 29  Students return

**May**

Mon 12  P & C meeting

Tue 13  NAPLAN Language

Wed 14  NAPLAN Reading

Thur 15  NAPLAN Numeracy

Tue 20  ICAS Computer Test

June

Wed 4  ICAS Science Test

Mon 16  ICAS writing Test

Tue 17  ICAS Spelling Test

Term 3

July

Tue 29  ICAS English Test

August

Tue 12  ICAS Maths Test

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**Students to receive awards at this Fridays assembly:**


**Principal’s Award**

Quality Respect Responsibility

To: ........................................

Richard Hartley

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**Class Items at Assembly**

April 4 KR and KJ

**QR Code for Year 5**

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**Sport**

Our boys’ football team defeated Merewether Heights at Darling St Oval in the PSSA knockout competition last Friday.

Goals to Sam Powell, Sakeel Balfour Brown and Nick Collins secured the win with a man of the match performance from Declan O’Donnell.

**Cross country reps**

Well done to all our runners at the Zone Cross Country. Mr Foley reported how again all our students were attentive to the organisers instruction and how their behaviour and effort was first class. Jack Read Jones, Tom Clancy and Imogen McInnes will go on and represent the Zone at the Regional level.

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**Parent Teacher interviews**

These sessions are thus far going well with positive feedback from parents and teachers

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