Dear Parents and Friends,

**Class Organisation**

As we have not reached the 78 students needed to maintain 4 classes, we have restructured the school as previously outlined:

- **K-1**: Mr Braye
- **1-2**: Mrs Strickland
- **3-4-5-6**: Mrs Adamthwaite

We are fortunate that Miss Gardoll will remain for a short time to help with this transition. If you would like to discuss the new class structure please contact the Principal.

**School Council and P&C Meetings**

Next Tuesday, 19 February is a meeting night for School Council members and the P&C. School Council will start at 6.00pm and the P&C at 7.00pm in the staffroom. I encourage all families, particularly new families to attend and participate in the support structures of the school.

**Swimming Carnival**

The school swimming carnival will be held this Friday, 15 February at West Wallsend Pool commencing at 10.00am and ending at approximately 1.30pm. Students from K-6 attend the carnival as it is a normal school day with activities planned for non-swimmers. Absentee notes are required if your child is unable to attend. Please be at the pool by 9.45am. The cost of pool entry for both spectators and competitors is $2.55, payable at the pool gate on arrival. Transport will be by private arrangements. Kindly complete the permission note if you have not already done so and return to the school mail box by this Friday, 8 January. Please indicate on the permission slip if your child/children require/s transport.

Packed recess and lunch will be required. Students will need swim suit, towel and **goggles**. Goggles are mandatory, as required by the pool, and can be purchased at the pool from $9.00.

**Volunteers (timekeepers and some generous people to actually get into the water to assist weaker swimmers) are required to make our carnival a success. Our carnival cannot run without your help. Please see Mr Adamthwaite if you can help. Without volunteers, it will be necessary to cancel the novelty events.**

**Picnic Day**

It is a little later this year with the uncertainty about classes, but our traditional Picnic Day will be held next Friday, 22 February. This is an opportunity for families to get together and enjoy an afternoon of tabloid sports with students. For many years we have started the new school year with an informal games afternoon. Picnic lunch begins at 1.00pm. Families can bring a picnic lunch or order sausage sizzle (please order in the morning with your child’s order). Lunch and play is anywhere in the playground.

At approximately 1.45pm tabloid sports will begin. All students and any parents who would like to join in (its fun) will be in school house groups. The rotation of activities will be completed by approximately 3.00pm for home time.
Parent Information Night

Again this is very late due to the uncertainty of classes. We have organised Thursday, 21 February. This is an opportunity to find out about the organisation and operation of the class and discuss general issues with class teachers.

K-1 6.00
1-2 6.30
3-4-5-6 7.00

P&C News

Hi everyone and welcome back for the new year! A big welcome to all our new families. This year the P&C is hoping to focus on Community Building and we’d love you all to get involved. We plan to have one or two Friday afternoon “Stay and Play” gatherings each term so look out for dates coming up. Any other ideas for fun activities as a community would be welcomed!

We’d also love for you to join us at P&C meetings. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday night of every month at 7.00pm. Meetings are usually done by 8.30pm. Our first meeting for the year will be next Tuesday, 19 February (see minutes of the previous meeting attached). It’s great to be informed about what’s going on in the school and also have your say. There is no pressure to contribute loads of time, but of course we always love extra help.

If you can’t come on Tuesday nights, we also have a separate fundraising committee that tends to meet during school hours (often on a Friday morning after school drop off) and newcomers are always welcome. This year we will have our “normal” fundraisers such as the Entertainment Book, Easter Raffle, Mothers’ Day Stall, Fathers’ Day Breakfast, Pie and Lamington drives. Friday sausage sizzles and term 3 and 4 hot lunches are also organised by P&C volunteers and raise a bit of extra money. Our biggest fundraiser for the year will be a Bunnings BBQ in May. We’ll need lots of helpers on the day for that one.

If you have any questions about P&C and being involved, please feel free to call me on 0414 807 053.
Karen Stevenson

Community News

Sessions

A number of community information sessions are to be held at the school in the near future.

Donaldson Mine is organising a presentation on Tuesday, 26 February at 5.00pm and Wednesday, 27 February at 8.00pm in the library. The Great Eastern Ranges Environmental Project will be in the front classroom 5.00 to 8.00pm on Wednesday 27th February.

This is an opportunity for community members to drop in during these times to find out about these particular operations.

School Zone Patrols—Keep Your Children Safe Park in the Right Place

The 2013 school year has now commenced and parents and teachers are reminded that the rangers will be out in force throughout Cessnock and surrounding LGA areas to ensure all drivers are parked legally in school zones. Cessnock City Council rangers are reminding all drivers of school children to park safely when transporting their children to and from school. A ranger or authorised officer only has to site a vehicle offence in a school zone to issue a fine to the registered owner of the vehicle.
The below offences apply for drivers illegally parked in school zones:

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Activity Note

Event: Swimming Carnival 2013

Destination: West Wallsend Swimming Centre

Date: 15 February, 2013

Commence: 10.00am

End: 2.00pm

Dress: Sport Uniform

Cost: $2.55 for both students and spectators

Payment: At pool entrance

Requirements for the day:
- Swimsuit, goggles (essential), towel
- Packed recess and lunch, adequate drinks

Transport: Private

Note:
- Kindly complete the permission slip below and return to the school mail box by Friday, 8 February.
- If you require transport, please tick where applicable.
- Please note that Passive transport is not available.
- I give permission for my child/children to participate in the swimming carnival at West Wallsend Swimming Centre on Friday, 15 February, 2013. I understand travel will be by private cars.

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Please tick where applicable:
- I will take my children directly to the pool
- I will take my children directly to the pool
- I can assist at the pool
- I can assist at the pool
- I can take ___ passengers

Signed: ___________________________  Date: _______________

(Parent/Caregiver)
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BERESFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

ARE HOLDING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2013 SEASON
AT BERESFIELD BOWLING CLUB
ON SATURDAY 9TH & 16TH FEBRUARY
9AM – 12 NOON
FOR ANY ENQUIRIES PHONE
SUE ALLEN 4966 4018 OR DENISE GILES 4966 1192
OR REGISTER ONLINE AT AND FOLLOW THE LINKS

Formally Beresfield Junior Soccer Club

‘Come and try’ Baseball

Introductory clinic for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years
- Introductory baseball coaching from accredited coaches
- Brush up on their skills
- Earmarked for current Newcastle Junior Baseball League Aussie T-Ball players
- Opportunity to join your local NBL club for the coming season

Who’s it for?

 Aimed at beginners, the ‘Come and Try Baseball’ clinic will also cater for current players
- The clinic will utilise the Aussie T-Ball Initiative, Baseball Australia's junior entry point program

Date         Program number
Wednesday March 6, 2013  0085452
Upper Coonamble, Lake Street  $5.00
Barham (4:30pm – 6:00pm)

Thursday March 7, 2013  0085453
Upper Coonamble, Lake Street  $5.00
Barham (4:30pm – 6:00pm)

Please enquire at the office for an Enrolment Form
Minutes of the Black Hill Public School P&C Association Meeting - 20 November 2012

Meeting Opened – 7.00pm

Present - Leanne Barile, Matt Braye, Melinda McCulloch, Karen Stephenson, Liz Comally, Brian Adamthwaite, Debbie Adamthwaite, Louise Kozary, Nicole Dobkins

Apologies – Libby Laird, Michelle Jacobs, Deanne Wicks, Rowena Pyde, TJ Lovasz

Acceptance of previous minutes - Accepted Brian Adamthwaite, Seconded Debbie Adamthwaite

Business Arising from previous minutes –

- Invoices for dictionaries expected after November 30 – approx. $432 to be invoiced to P&C
- A cheque for $3000 will be raised by the P&C for educational resources for the school
- P&C will donate $50% towards the cost of the whirly birds - approx. $800

Motion by Leanne Barile to raise cheques when invoices are received. Seconded by Liz Comally who will countersign the cheques.

Correspondence - A summary of the correspondence received was presented

- Environmental Funding Program - NSW Environment Trust - unsuccessful in obtaining a grant
- Federation P&C Association NSW - Receipt x 2
- P&C Journal NSW x 12 (letter will be sent to reduce number of journals received to 6 only)
- Living Fundraisers
- PSW Quality apparel 2013 Catalogue (will be forwarded to Deanne Wicks for uniforms)
- My School Walk or Run For Fun
- Dizzyland Port Stephens

Principal’s Report - attached to minutes

Discussed – OOSH care is available at Cameron Park and bus drops off 2 students to BHPS. Some leaflets will be dropped off to the OOSH with information about BHPS.

President’s Report – Presented by the outgoing President Leanne Barile. As this is Leanne’s last report a copy is attached for interested parents.

Karan Stephenson requested Leanne do a basic calendar of P&C events as a handover to the committee for 2013.

Treasurer’s Report - Report tabled and discussed. Motion to transfer all but $10 from the ING savings account to the trading (Westpac) Account with a view to closing the ING account.

Accepted Brian Adamthwaite, seconded Debbie Adamthwaite

Fundraising Report - No report tabled. A meeting will be held to work up the very successful 2012 fundraising and look at the profits made on each event. Liz Comally will finalise the figures and Louise Kozary will convene a meeting Friday 30th November 2012 for the fundraising committee.

General Business –

- Pie Oven - A second hand pie oven has been donated by the McCulloch family.
- Party Day – Requested and discussed for Kindergarten to supply cordial and cups on party day
- 10 year DVD – np progress at this stage
- Presentation night school photos DVD. A note will be put in the newsletter for interested families to pre order and pay $5 for a copy. Only copies of the DVD that have been paid for will be produced.
- Application for volunteers grant 2012 was unsuccessful
- Presentation night – universally agreed to keep it simple so we can all enjoy the night with the children. P&C will provide the mix up cordial, urns, set the tables and organise food to come out. Melinda McCulloch will organise on the night. Left over cans will be sold for $2 can. Specify in note in newsletter, no nuts and nothing needing to be heated for presentation night supper.
- Lollies for Santa – Debbie and Brian will organise

Meeting closed - 9.20pm.