Dear Parents and Friends,

**Easter Hat Parade**

An Easter hat parade is traditionally held at Black Hill School each year. This is NOT a competition. The idea is for students to work co-operatively and also to have fun. Hats are made at school during class time, so don't panic about your millinery skills. Students are asked to bring a selection of materials suitable to decorate a cardboard base from school or a party hat from home. These materials could include feathers, beads, ribbon, cotton wool, flowers, braid etc. Now is the time to start collecting and bringing in the bric-a-brac for hats. Class teachers will ask for parent helpers at suitable times. The parade will begin around 2.00pm, followed by our ANZAC service and the drawing of the P&C Easter raffle. Dress will be out-of-uniform.

**Book Fair**

We are planning our annual book fair for Friday, 11 April. This is the last day of term. We already have Easter Hat Parade and ANZAC service on that day so it will be a great afternoon to buy some books as well.

The book fair is an opportunity for families to buy quality books for children or others. It is also a good alternative to chocolate as a gift for Easter.

The books are provided by McDonald Booksellers, High Street, Maitland, a long established and respected bookshop. The school receives a percentage of the sales in books for the library.

The book fair will be open all day on Friday, 11 April, closing at 2.00pm, no sales after that time.

**Bus Run**

The new bus run to Thornton depot was a great success last week. We now know where it stops and approximately the time it will arrive. It has also made the car park a little safer. I was really impressed by the number of Kindergarten students who coped well with the big adventure.

**Lower Hunter Small Schools Athletics Carnival**

**Wednesday, 26 March**

The Lower Hunter Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held at the Fred Harvey Sports Complex at Woodberry next Wednesday 26
March. Kindly complete and return the attached permission note to the school mail box by this Friday 21 March if you have not already done so. Transport will be by private arrangements. Please indicate on the note if your child/ren require transport.

Students are required to arrive by 8.45am, ready to be placed into groups with events commencing promptly at 9.00am. All students in year 2 who will turn 8 this year and students in years 3-6 are expected to attend, except in the case of illness, as it is a normal school day.

Students are required to wear full sport uniform including hats. Sunscreen is a must, even if it is overcast as the sun’s UV rays are emitted and reflected from cloud, intensifying their potential to damage skin. Fully enclosed shoes must be worn at all times.

Please note that the carnival is for students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year and students in years 3-6 only. Kindergarten, Year 1 and those year 2 students who do not turn 8 this year will remain at school.

Stay and Play
Don’t forget our next Stay and Play is on Friday, 28 March, 300pm. Bring a bit of food to share and enjoy getting to know other families.

Pie and Lamington Fundraiser
It is time for our Pie and Lamington drive. There is a great selection of pies, slices and lamingtons so please pass your order forms around to your family and friends as all money raised supports the school. Additional order forms can be collected from the office. Your orders and correct payment need to be returned to school by Friday, 4 April and the orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, 11 April. This is the last day of term before Easter and the school holidays so fill your freezer!

Easter Raffle
Thank you to everyone who has donated Easter chocolates so far and well done to the two families who have already picked up more books to sell (available in the office or by contacting me). This year we have a 1kg chocolate egg for the family who sells the most tickets. Happy selling and good luck!

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Miss Gardoll’s Awards
- Merit: Samuel, Zoe
- English Award: Matilda
- Mathematics Award: Julian
- Creative Arts Award: Alison
- Quality Work Award: Braith

Mr Braye’s Awards
- Merit: Claudia, Aleisia
- English Award: Zoe
- Mathematics Award: Archer
- Creative Arts Award: Dakota
- Quality Work Award: Maddison

Mrs Strickland’s Awards
- Merit: Kaylah, Olivia M.
- English Award: Olivia W.
- Mathematics Award: Ethan
- Creative Arts Award: Jayden Y.
- Quality Work Award: Makayla

Mrs Adamthwaite’s Awards
- Merit Award: Isabella, Lucas
- English Award: Will
- Mathematics Award: Alysha
- Creative Arts Award: Abby
- Quality Work Award: Remy

Prefect’s Award: Lillybelle
Special Awards: Isabella, Lucas, Imogen

Annual Stewart House Drive
Attached are donation envelopes for Stewart House. Please complete the details and return to the school mail box with a minimum donation of $2.00 to enter the draw for a fabulous $4000 family holiday (destination of choice). Drawn Friday, 23 May. Donation drive will close on Friday 11 April.

Sausage Sizzle
Friday 21 March
Nicole Dobbins, Katrina Tresidder, Amanda Single
Sizzle $1.50 Poppers $1.00 Up’n’Go $1.50
Families interested in attending the interrelate sessions at Beresfield Public School should collect a registration form from the office asap. Final numbers need to be submitted to Beresfield for their organisation by next Friday, 28 March.