

### Principals Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Beresford Road Community for the hard work everyone has committed to over the past two terms. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful staff who are committed to providing the very best in educational opportunities to their students in a positive and nurturing environment. I recognise their work and thank them. I would also like to recognise the hard work of the students, who have flexibly adjusted to the many changes of this year and remained positive and happy to come to school. To the parent community thank you, it has been difficult to have you at a distance and I know we are hoping for a change to restrictions in the first few weeks of term 3 pending NSW Health directions.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome

**Mr Christopher Herbert** who has been substantively appointed to the position of Principal of Beresford Road as from the commencement of term 3, pending the appeal process. I know Mr Herbert will thoroughly enjoy working with the talented teachers, enthusiastic students and committed parents that make up the Beresford Road community.

I wish you all a safe and happy winter break. This first semester has been a very interesting and unprecedented time for us all. I truly hope the second semester is more settled than the first.

#### GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

All of the ground improvements have now been completed and the students are enjoying the new spaces. Please see pg 2 for photos.

#### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 20 July is School Development Day for staff only and students return to school on **Tuesday 21 July** for the commencement of Term 3.

#### SCHOOL JACKETS

The school over jackets have arrived and will be sent home Term 3 first day back to school 21st July. This jacket is for wearing over the school jumper in cold weather. We hope next term all students will be wearing the correct school uniform. If you require support with the uniform please contact the office.

#### DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP GATES/ARRANGEMENTS – REMAIN IN PLACE FOR TERM 3

All NSW schools will maintain the current drop-off/pick up arrangements at school gates for all families. At Beresford Road we will continue the drop offs at the school gates and students walking in independently and earlier 2:50pm pick up time for Kindergarten and year 1 students until further notice. We thank you all for your help with the entry and exit strategies to keep our students and staff safe. These procedures continue as we start Term 3. We will inform you as soon as restrictions are lifted.

#### REPORTING TO PARENTS ON SEMESTER 1 LEARNING – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS TERM 3

Semester 1 reports will be sent home by the end of week 3 next term. In N.S.W. for Semester 1, student reports will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive and will not have the A-E marking component (Years 1-6). We will be offering parent/teacher interviews via phone/zoom after the reports go home. A note will come home early next term with booking arrangements.

#### 2021 YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS FOR 2020 YEAR 4 STUDENTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FINAL UPDATE

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation. Applications closed on the 26 June. The test date is Wednesday 16 September 2020. To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores. You will find the fact sheets at this link: [Fact sheet for parents/carers and students](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5). There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes. For further detailed information I encourage you to visit and stay updated at the following NSW DoE webpage: [tps://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5)

#### EDUCATION WEEK – 2020

Education Week is an annual state-wide event that celebrates the NSW public education community. This year, Education Week will run from Monday 3 August to Friday 7 August 2020.



GROUND IMPROVEMENTS







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week**  
3-7 August  
2020

This year's theme 'Learning Together' reflects an incredible year for NSW public school students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been

strengthened in response.

Unfortunately, with current COVID restrictions we will not be able to hold our traditional Open Day Events. We are hoping to give parents a 'virtual' taste of life at Beresford Road through an online platform. Further details will be revealed early next term.

#### KINDERGARTEN 2021

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are now being accepted. **Children born between 1st August 2015 and 31st July 2016** are eligible to enrol. Parents wishing to enrol a child for school next year should come to the office to pick up application forms.

In order to receive the **Application for Enrolment** package, please bring with you hard copies of the following original documents - **child's birth certificate** for proof of age, **passports and visas** for parents and the student if born overseas and **proof of residence**. You will also need to bring your child's up to date **immunisation certificate** and, if your child suffers from **asthma or an allergy**, we will require a letter from your doctor providing us with information regarding the diagnosis.

If you are applying for an 'Out of Area' enrolment you will be asked to fill in additional paper work.

#### CYBER SAFETY

The E-Safety Commission suggests 3 basic strategies to help keep your child safe online. Please support staff as we teach students the importance of our actions online and how we are perceived by what we post.

#### Three Key Strategies

- Be engaged, open and supportive – talk with your child about their online profile and look at the things they are posting.
- Set some rules – ensure your child has online rules and consequences for breaking the rules. Simple rules like no tech in the bedroom allows children time off and this will certainly help in the teenage years.
- Use the available Technology – get to know what your child is using and ensure they have privacy safety activated.

## Wellbeing News

Beresford has celebrated Gratitude Week this last week of term and it has been, by all measures, a wonderful success. The teachers and students have all embraced the opportunity to express their gratitude for all the wonderful things we have in our lives and can truly be appreciative of. If you have been following the school Facebook page, I am sure you would have enjoyed watching the daily gratitude videos Mrs Carruthers has made and the gorgeous clip of 2L singing about filling your bucket.

A huge thank you to Mrs Carruthers who coordinated, designed and created our beautiful Gratitude Tree. Each child in the school has contributed to the tree by writing on either a blossom (Early Stage 1) a summer leaf (Stage 1), an autumn leaf (Stage 2) or a snowflake (Stage 3) what they are grateful for. The completed work is absolutely spectacular, capturing a beautiful moment in our school's history. It will soon be on display in the library foyer.



## Taronga Zoo Experience

3/4L had a webinar with Taronga zoo. In this experience, we had a great time. Taronga zoo set us a task. This task was to make an animal crossing with equipment in the maker space. We had 3 animals to choose from: the sugar glider, the echidna and the blue tongue lizard. 3/4L was successful, as we had made animal crossings for animals to cross. I think our class had a great time being creative and using their imagination. I think what we could improve on is adding more details to make it look more realistic and maybe others have things to improve on. We would like to thank Mrs Lobb for making this webinar come true. At the end of the day we thought about how we could improve our crossing

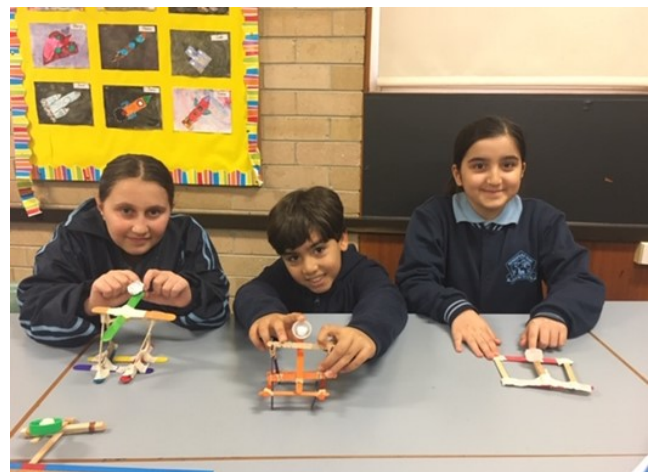
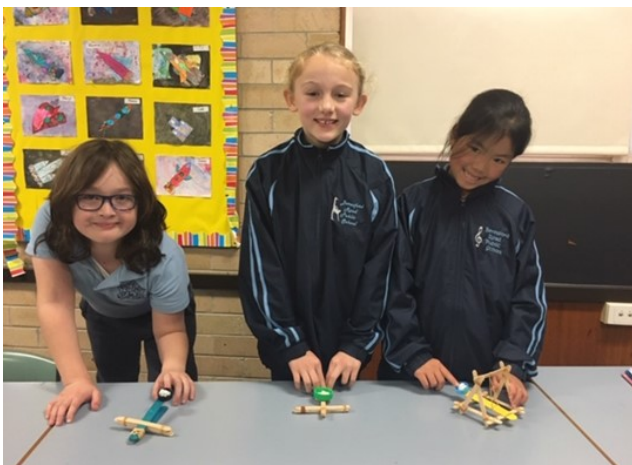
Alisha, Bryson and Sofia 3/4L0



KM proudly showing their “I am thankful” writing.



6D with their beautiful gratitude balloons bouquets. Thank you 5/6D for my bouquet.







3A – Grateful to be inspired by famous artist such as Monet.

### Gratitude Week Logo Competition:

Our winning entries for the Gratitude Week logo competition:



By Bella K. (KC) – Early Stage 1 winner of the Gratitude Week Logo Competition.



By Ella B. (2L) – Stage 1 winner of the Gratitude Week Logo Competition.



By Irene G. (4T) – Stage 2 winner of the Gratitude Week Logo Competition.

**Thank You and Farewell**

Next term I will be returning to my substantive school, Excelsior Public School. I would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful students, staff and parents that make up this very wonderful school community. I have felt welcomed here from the very beginning and will always treasure my time at Beresford Road. I will take with me many special memories. Thank you.



“How lucky am I to  
have something  
that makes saying  
goodbye so hard.”

Winnie the Pooh



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