

Welcome back everyone. Once again the school will be a busy place during Term 4. This is the term when we have many important events, and planning for these has already started. Perhaps the most important event will be Presentation Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, at the Community Centre. This is the time to formally acknowledge the achievements of our students in academic, cultural and sporting fields. That week will also see the traditional Nativity play. For the first time this will be performed in our new hall, an exciting event. The performance for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and the performance for parents will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at midday. Other important events include the Year 6 Farewell (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December), Stage picnics (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December), and the Carols Night (Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December).

## **Beginners Group**

Our 2011 Kinders are already 'enrolled' at BPS. Beginners Groups started last week, and will continue for the next three weeks. This valuable program allows our newest Berowra kids to learn a little about their new school and meet some of the people who will help to look after them and help them learn next year. At the same time it allows us to get to know the newest members of our school community.

It is not too late to enrol for 2011. If you are aware of anyone who is intending to enrol a child next year but who has not yet approached us, please encourage them to ring the school.

### Working Bee

Thank you so much to the families who came along to last Sunday's Working Bee. A particular thanks to Phil Compton who coordinated the event. As well as a lot of general tidying and spreading of mulch, the formwork for a path from the new gate near the Canteen to the Hall COLA was laid, ready for concreting Jennie Smith this week. All in all a tremendous effort.

### Website

Don't forget to look at our new website (www.berowrap.schools.nsw.edu.au, or just Google us). Both the calendar and the 'Missed a Note?' page have been updated.

The Authority to Publish forms are still coming in. If you have no objection to your child's image (or samples of their work) being placed on the website, please send the completed form back to school as soon as possible. You can download the form from the website- click 'Our School', then click 'Authority to Publish' at the bottom of the grey box on the left.

# **Two Health Tips**

Tough teeth

Protect your child's teeth by encouraging them to eat well:

- Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods
- Enjoy healthy snacks

Avoid snacking on sugary and sticky foods and sweets be-✦ tween meals

Milk-based foods help protect your teeth

Chew sugar-free gum to help protect your teeth.

Looking for a dental health clinic? The NSW Centre for Oral Health Strategy recommends calling (02) 8821 4300 during business hours and quoting your suburb. From there, parents will be given the contact details for their local oral health service.

#### Sun safety - five ways to be SunSmart this summer

The Cancer Council recommends these five ways to protect against sun damage when the SunSmart UV alert is 3 or above:

Seek shade

Wear protective clothing that covers your arms and legs and body

- Wear a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face and neck
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses

Apply SPF30+ broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen every two hours.

Find out more at www.cancercouncil.com.au/

#### John Barwick, Principal

Drama News - Preparations and lots of practise this week, as the Junior Drama group prepare for the STATE DRAMA FESTI-VAL at the Seymour Centre next week. The children are very excited and enthusiastic about being able to perform their play "2010 The Year of the Tiger" another two times! A matinee at 11.00am and an evening performance at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th October. It is very special to be chosen and a great credit to the talents of your children, who performed so well at the Arts North Festival in July.

Our young actors are being supported by an audience of Stage 2 children from Years 3 and 4, who I am sure will gain many benefits from seeing, not just our Berowra students perform, but seven other schools as well. A rare chance to see "the best of the best!" Thanks parents for your ongoing support of Drama in our school. Please send in permission envelopes and payment as soon as possible.

Music - Band - Welcome back to Term 4, I hope everyone had a great holiday and a well deserved rest. We have another busy term of performances ahead of us. Please check the diary dates in your band newsletter. If you have not completed the form for the SSO excursion, please do so ASAP. Both bands are sounding fantastic, great work everyone!

We need a new TREASURER for next year. Can YOU help? Find out more about this position by speaking to either Debbie Allen or Amanda Gillard. See contact details below. Band parent helper roster for Week 3 & 4 Term 4

Concert Band		Training Band		
Tues 26/10	Gilbert		Wed 27/10	Daniels
Tues 2/11	Baker		Thurs 3/11	Bryant
Questions or queries? Contact <u>bpsband@hotmail.com</u> ,				
Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596				

P & C News - I would like to give a huge thanks to Suzanne and Phil Compton for all their hard work in organizing the working bee this term. More details of the outcome will be in the next crest. Thanks must also go to Anne Daniels and the Fair Committee for their endless hours of preparation leading up to the BPS Fair. The next P and C meeting will be in the staffroom tonight at 7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome. Remember it is not too late to help out with the fair and we will be discussing this at the meeting. Don't forget to have a look at the school's terrific new website.

<u>Canteen News</u> - <u>Important Canteen News</u> Due to the overwhelming amount of activities this term, morning tea milk orders will be having a short break for the rest of this year. We will resume normal milk orders next year but for this term <b>you</b> <b>are still welcome to order chocolate, strawberry or plain milk</b>				
		order bag any canteen day.		
		e delivered at lunchtime with the normal lunch		
orders.				
Canteen Ro	oster			
Thursday	21/10	C Parker, F Minto		
Friday	22/10	C Harriss, K Bird		
Monday	25/10	P Smith, A Murphy		
Thursday Friday	28/10	S Bourke, L Frost		
		M Cunningham, K Wallis		
Monday	01/11	J Haines, S Parker		
Anne, Teresa and the Canteen Committee				
Uniform Shop News – Believe it or not, summer is approaching				
		plenty of donated uniforms after everyone's		
spring clean over the holidays.				
We're also looking for someone to fit the role of Publicity Officer				
		. Experience is not essential and you can do		
		s you want. If you are interested contact Al-		
ison at <u>allyo</u>				
		DAYS 9-10am and THURS 3-3.45pm		
		lable-a cheque will be forwarded		
		ave a returns form attached		
		- copy also available at the shop		
Inursday	21/10	B Bromfield J Chalmers C Harris		

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Monday	25/10	J Cheyne, L Stebbins, S Vaughan
Thursday	28/10	P Smith, N Steele, A Daniels
Monday	01/11	J Anderson, G Blackwood, M McNally
Thursday	04/11	S Bourke, H Anstice

The Uniform Shop Committee

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED				
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response Due By	
19/5	School Contribution	K-6	-	
13/10	State Drama Festival	Junior Drama	ASAP	
13/10	State Drama excursion	Years 3 & 4	21/10	
13/10	Primary Term 4 sport	3-6	28/10	
13/10	PSSA sport	PSSA reps	28/10	
13/10	October Fun Fair newsletter	K-6	-	
13/10	Fun Fair stall info	Year 5	20/10	
20/10	Year 6 Farewell	Years 5 & 6	18/11	
20/10	Recorder Group news	Recorder grp	-	
20/10	October Fair newsletter	K-6	-	
20/10	State Drama excursion	Years 5 & 6	25/10/10	
20/10	Help needed for fair	4G	ASAP	
20/10	Fair cake boxes	K-6	-	
20/10	School photos	K-6	4/11/10	
20/10	Loyalty Program	K-6	-	
20/10	Broken Bay camp medical	Year 6	4/11/10	

Diary Dates			
Week 2			
Special Swimming Scheme	Mon-Fri	11-22/10/10	
Kindy 2011 Beginners Group	Tues, Thurs F	ri 12/10-5/11	
Week 3			
State Drama Rehearsal	Monday	25/10/10	
Stage 1 Zoo excursion	Tuesday	26/10/10	
Band Information Evening 7-8:30pm	Tuesday	26/10/10	
State Drama performance	Thursday	28/10/10	
Stage 2 Drama Festival excursion	Thursday	28/10/10	
Band excursion to SSO	Thursday	28/10/10	
BPS Fun Fair	Saturday	30/10/10	
Week 4			
Class photo day	Thursday	4/11/10	
Y5 experience day at Asquith HS	Thursday	4/11/10	
Group photo day	Friday	5/11/10	
Week 5			
Kindy 2011 Orientation Day	Monday	8/9/10	
Week 7			
Twilight Concert 6pm	Wednesday	24/11/10	
BOOSH 'Pink' Big Morning Tea	Thursday	25/11/10	
Week 8			
Year 6 Broken Bay Camp	Mon-Wed	29/11-1/12/10	
Year 5 excursion to State Library	Tuesday	30/11/10	
Year 6 Mini Fete	Friday	3/12/10	
Christmas Carols	Saturday	4/12/10	
Week 9			
Year 6 excursion to State Library	Monday	6/12/10	
Nativity performance for school	Wednesday	8/12/10	
Presentation Day	Thursday	9/12/10	
Stage 1 Nativity Concert 12noon	Friday	10/12/10	
Week 10			
Year 6 Farewell	Monday	13/12/10	
Stage 1 Movie Day	Tuesday	14/12/10	
Stage 3 Surf Education	Tuesday	14/12/10	
Last school day for students	Wednesday	15/12/10	
2011			
Staff return to school	Friday	28/1/11	
Year 1-6 students return to school	Monday	31/1/10	

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* CLASS AWARDS ** * ********************************				
KB	Alex L, Daniel P			
KR	Isara W, Caitlin S, Grace B, Daniel W			
KY	Kayla P, Dylan K, Zarli V, Max L			
1A	Zac G, Abbey T, Ben W, Luke S			
1D	Tahnee B, Eliza R, Thomas M			
1W	Joshua J, Chelsea C, Ella B, Natasha D			
2S	Ben H, Sarah W, Abbey B, Chloe T			
2V	Carla S, Rianna S, Dan A, Jordan S			
3S	Daniel A, Ella W, Sara N, Axel W, Rowena S			
3/4B	Lachlan C, Parsa D, Ben C, Ella T			
4P	Blake S, Taylor M			
5C	Sean B, Nicholas C			
6A	Jenna A, Ryan C, Laura B, Annabelle M			
6T	6T Sarah M, Tricia B, Indira J, Harry B, Cameron Y			
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September 2010		Michael F	6A	

**Day 1:** I woke at 6:30 and had breakfast. When I got to school I was excited. I had been to Canberra MILLIONS of times, but this time was different. I was going with my school.

When I got onto the bus I had to sit at the front because I get car sick. I sat next to Mikayla.

When we started to go everyone was waving good-bye. Then Matt, the bus driver, explained the rules and stuff about the toilet to us. Afterwards we watched 'Up' the movie.

We stopped at pheasant's next for morning tea. Then when we got going again we watched 'Over the Hedge'. Later on I heard Mrs Till on the microphone saying we were going to eat lunch on the bus. I opened my curtain and looked out and saw Lake George.

When we got to Canberra we went to Old Parliament House. We were taken on a tour and we saw the old Senate. We did a preferential voting and role play of voting program. We also had to wear gloves and it smelt old.

Then we went to the National Capital Exhibition Centre. There was a Captain Cook memorial jet on Lake Berleigh Griffen. After that we went to Mt Ainslee lookout. You could see most of Canberra from there!

Later on we went to the Greenleigh Motel where we would stay for the next two days. We were told our room allocations and who would be the key keeper. In my room there was Jade, Kali, Emma, Brittany and me. Brittany was the key keeper.

We went to our room and had a bit of time to check it out before dinner. I chose the top bunk.

For dinner we had roast beef, baked potatoes, baby carrots, corn and peas. Dessert was ice cream and fruit. I like dessert.

After dinner we went back to our rooms, had showers and watched 'Talking bout your Generation' on TV before it was time for bed.

**Day 2:** Mrs Till woke me and my roommates up and we had to get dressed into our school uniforms. For breakfast we had cereal, toast and a hot meal.

The first thing we did was go on an embassy tour and go to the place where you can see the Governor Generals house. The house has everything including a golf course, security guards, a mansion and a huge garden. After we went to the Australian Institute Sport. The Sportex part was really fun. We had rolls for lunch in the park.

We then went to New Parliament House. We sat in the Senate and saw the Great Hall. Our tour guide said people have been married in the Great Hall. Then we went to the Australian War Memorial. We watched the closing ceremony and pinned a poppy against the fallen soldier we researched on the Roll of Honour. My soldier was an ambulance officer called Walter Samuel Webber. I had to ask for a stool to reach Walter's name on the Roll of Honour.

For dinner that night we had chicken schnitzel with carrots, corn and cauliflower. We also had hot chips and for dessert we had ice cream with peaches, my favourite.

After dinner we went back to our rooms got a warm jumper and the bus took us to Telstra Tower. The view was amazing. It was very different at night than when I had been there in the day. We then went back to our cabins, had showers, watched TV and went to bed. I went to sheep very quickly.

**Day 3:** I woke up at 5:30 so I had a 10 minute long shower which was very relaxing and then packed my bag. For breakfast I had cereal, toast and bacon and eggs.

We packed out bags onto the bus and Mrs Till checked everyones rooms to see if we left anything behind. Then we got on the bus and drove to Questacon. Wow, our motel is central to everyting.

At Questacon I went in the earthquake house. From the gift shop I bought two train whistles, one each for my brothers, a book for Saxon and a boomerang and magic balloon stuff for me. After that we went to the National Portrait Gallery. We drew our own pictures there and I really liked one of mine. Then we had a roll and popper for lunch. I played football with the boys and some of the girls. We got on the bus and started to drive home. We watched 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off', 'Alvin and the Chipmunks, the squeakel' and 'Alice in Wonderland' then we arrived in Berowra and I was asked to get the bags out from under the bus. I saw mum and then we went home. My little brother was happy to see me.

When I got home I was very hungry and Mum said there was chicken schnitzel in the oven. I had chicken schnitzel the night before but I didn't care. It was a home cooked meal!!

I gave my brothers the things I had bought from Questacon. They liked what I got for them.

I had a lot of fun in Canberra.

# Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school recently undertook an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contribution will be paid directly to the school now that the excursion has been completed.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter.

We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

Yours sincerely

John Barwick Principal Berowra Public School

