



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 15th December, 2010
Term 4 Week 10

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Sad farewells

Later in the Crest is some information about two of our wonderful teachers who are moving on to different phases in their lives.

Most of you will now be aware that Kerry Smith is retiring. Kerry was appointed to Berowra Public School in 1982 and has been an ornament to the school over the intervening years. Generations of Berowra children have benefited from Kerry's dedication, teaching skill and wonderful ability to make every child in her class feel special. I know that she is very highly respected by the Berowra Public School community, and that you will join with me in wishing her all the best for a happy retirement.

Kerry Daley has accepted a position that will see her trained as a Reading Recovery tutor. This is a very important position within the Department, and I warmly congratulate Kerry on this achievement. Of course it is the school's loss, but now her skills will be put to much broader use. Congratulations Kerry, and I wish you all the best for the future.

Fundraising for a Purpose

What a wonderful moment it was when, during Presentation Day, I was 'presented' with a very large (in both a numerical and a physical sense) cheque for \$28,000 from the P&C. This will buy four Interactive Whiteboards, which all going well will be installed over the holiday period. We are right on track to achieve our target of having an Interactive Whiteboard in every classroom by the end of 2012. In fact I think we might even get there earlier than that! Thank you to the P&C for this very practical support for teaching and learning in the school.

We're Proud of our Librarian

Congratulations to Jennie Smith on her Pride of Workmanship award from Berowra Rotary Club. Jennie's incredible enthusiasm, her hard work and her obvious love of her job have made her a highly respected and valuable member of our staff over many years. Of course Jenny has another string to her bow, as our indefatigable Drama coordinator. It is heartening to see one of our staff members receive recognition in the wider Berowra community.



End of year events

We are well and truly into the traditional end of year whirlwind of special events. These events take a large amount of organisation, and I am truly indebted to the staff members who somehow make this all happen in the midst of end of year assessments, report writing and preparation for 2011. Particular thanks must go to Mr Pritchard and Mrs Pickering for their organisation of the very smoothly run Presentation Day, Mrs Vincent and the Early Stage 1/Stage 1 team for once again creating a performing arts extravaganza with the Nativity and to Mrs Till and the Stage 3 team for coordinating the Broken Bay camp and (with a terrific team of parents) the Year 6 Farewell.

A special thank you to Helen Vincent for so ably relieving as Principal during my recent absence. Helen as always did a sterling job.

Another Thank you

Much of this report so far seems to be about staff, but I must also thank all the other people in our school community who help make this school work so well. Our three parent bodies are very strong, focused, positive and effective. In particular I would like to thank Monique, Karen and Carolyn and their leadership teams who have done sterling work this year.

Ethics Classes

The P&C earlier this year discussed ethic classes for students who do not attend Scripture lessons, and sent a letter to the Minister for Education supporting an expansion of the trial program to all schools. This month legislation was passed by the NSW Parliament which will allow this to happen. Personally I am very interested in making this opportunity available to Berowra parents and children and will support any move to establish classes here. This will be a topic of discussion for our parent groups next year. Further information is available from www.primaryethics.com.au.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful festive season, and hope you have a safe, peaceful and positive 2011.

John Barwick
Principal

Dear Parents

I write to you with quite a degree of sadness as I will be retiring at the end of this year.

Berowra Public School community accepted and welcomed me some 28 years ago and I have never been happier. It has been a warm, friendly community that has looked after each other, particularly when times were tough. In fact, I was so impressed I even sent my own children to this school.

As for the thought of working somewhere else - why leave when you teach the best children in NSW? They have given me a multitude of fond memories and enjoyable times which won't be readily forgotten. It has been a blessing and privilege to work with your children and in several cases, the children of children. You would not know how much I have valued being part of your family's life.

I would also like to acknowledge the many wonderful, talented, dedicated and caring staff members who have enriched my teaching career with their infectious enthusiasm. They have been inspirational.

Thank you so much for your support, friendship and generosity of spirit over the years. It has been a great encouragement to me, as have your kind words and well wishes over the past few weeks.

Every best wish for a fantastic Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Kindest regards
Kerry Smith

A Christmas message from your Crossing Supervisors

A big thank you to all the good drivers of Berowra Public School. To all the naughty drivers, may Santa bring you an RTA Road Rule book. It makes great reading, and may well save you money and demerit points.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you all back safely in 2011.

For the past 23 years the Stage 1 (Infants) children at Berowra Public School have ended their year with a Nativity. It's guiding force has been Mrs Helen Vincent with the able assistance of her creative staff. Over time the production has changed with the Nativity tableau becoming incorporated into plays that embrace the many aspects of Christmas and the festive season. This year it's called 'Tinsel and Teatowels'.

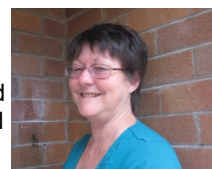
Beautiful costumes that were made two decades ago have been brought out, Mrs Judy Butler is again in charge of a bevy of excitable angels and wriggling shepherds, lines and songs

have been learned, smiles polished and bowing perfected. The students and their parents participate in a special occasion that heralds in the Christmas season and leaves precious memories.



Year's end is a time for saying 'farewell' and in 2010 we say goodbye to two valued members of staff.

Mrs Kerry Daley has only been at Berowra for a short while but leaves us to take up a most prestigious appointment as a Reading Recovery Tutor for NSW. She will complete an additional year's training then will be appointed to supervise and train teachers anywhere in the state. We wish her well and thank her for her professionalism and good company.



Mrs Kerry Smith has been a much loved teacher here at Berowra for 28 years. So many children will remember her kindness and ready smile, her competency as a classroom teacher, her gentleness and understanding. She has served the school for many years bringing to her teacher's role her own special personal qualities. Berowra will not be quite the same without her but we thank her for her dedication, her years of service and high standard of professional conduct. We wish her well as she prepares for retirement and hope that the years ahead bring her health and happiness.



Thanks for the memories!



BPS School Administration is moving to the new office area on Wednesday. The existing office will be operating with minimal staff and resources.

Please bear with us during this time of change as well as at the beginning of 2011 while we adjust to the new surroundings.



Dollarmite School Banking

School banking is up and running again! This gives your child the opportunity to bank their savings or pocket money at school every Tuesday.

If you are opening a bank account for your child, please leave the application form at the office so it can be verified. I will then send them on to the bank in a secure envelope. If you have opened an account at a branch please contact me on 0415 487 474 so I can let the bank know to verify it as Berowra Public School so the commission for every deposit will be forwarded to the school.

Happy saving!

Jo Zafos



CLASS AWARDS

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| KB | Tara M, Harry D, Matthew C |
| KR | Laura S, Mary G, Caitlin S, Cole S, Isara W, Kyle B, Rachel W, Stella M |
| KY | Lindley R, Jarrod L |
| 1A | Tamara W, Dylan W |
| 1D | Alannah B, Peter M |
| 1W | Alex G, Natasha D |
| 2S | Dylan P, Alex W |
| 2V | Chloe M, David T |
| 3S | Sam A, Adam D, Bonnie P, Ella W |
| 3/4B | Tahli W, Ella T |
| 5C | Jade S, Rhys C |
| 5W | Jasmine M, Matthew W, Brendon A, Thomas A, Matthew T, Michelle H |
| 6T | Daniel F, Danielle S |

Sport - Berowra Public School has had yet another successful year in overall sport. Congratulations to everyone. Thank you to all our wonderful helpers who have given up their time to support the school.

Miss Glare

On Friday 19th November, Berowra Public School's softball team competed in the semi-finals. The team consists of: Shannen W, Claire M, Debora S, Annabelle M, Madison W, Jenna A, Skye M, Sarah H, Taylor W, Jasmyn B and Beata D and is supported by their coaches Miss Allan and Mrs McRobert. The semi-finals were held at Rofe Park where we played against Warrawee but sadly lost with a score of 8-12. During the year we played 11 games, with 9 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss.

Sarah H and Jenna A, 6A

Annual Netball Game - After Presentation Day last Thursday, the annual Staff vs Senior PSSA Netball team game was held. Even Mr Barwick played. Unfortunately Mr Davies thought we were playing baseball and subsequently wore his baseball uniform.



The students played very well, however could not compete against the almighty staff team and sadly lost 3-2.



Fun was had by all and the spectators greatly enjoyed seeing the teachers running.



Library News - Stocktake time has kept us busy in the Library at this time. Thank you for supporting the Library and the Book Club during the year. We have so many new resources to keep our collection relevant and up to date. A HUGE THANK YOU to Natasha Steel and Sarah Williams for your amazing organisation and running of the Scholastic Book Club so efficiently and smoothly! Thank you to two other busy women, Anne Daniels and Jenny Braham, who every week come to help in the Library with the myriad of jobs that need to be done. Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Stoner too. You are all so very much appreciated! Of course the library would not run nearly so effectively without the wonderful help of Mrs Lynne Lee. What would I do without her?

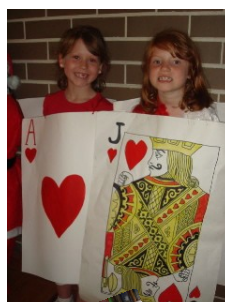
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ALL CHILDREN need to make sure their books are returned as there is no borrowing during the Christmas holidays.

Have a safe, happy Christmas and holiday.
Jennie Smith

Drama News - the whole school enjoyed a fun Thursday afternoon watching the Junior Drama group perform their play "Alice in Toyland". Parents did a fantastic job preparing the children so well. The costumes were amazing! Well done children!! The Senior Drama Group too, entertained us also with their specially written plays and skits on a Christmas theme. Some budding playwrights and thespians here! Thank you parents and students for a wonderful, happy year of Drama. The auditions for next years Drama Groups will be held in February.

Jennie Smith



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Diary Dates

Week 10

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| Year 6 Farewell from 6-9pm | Monday | 13/12/10 |
| Stage 1 Disco/sausage sizzle day | Tuesday | 14/12/10 |
| Stage 2 Brooklyn picnic | 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 | 31/1/11 |
| Uniform Shop open 9am-12noon | Monday | 31/1/11 |
| Swimming Carnival | Tuesday | 1/2/11 |
| Uniform Shop open 1-3pm | Tuesday | 1/2/11 |
| Kindergarten starts | Wednesday | 2/2/11 |
| Textbook sales | Friday | 11/2/11 |
| Year 6 Broken Bay Camp | Mon-Wed | 14-16/2/11 |

Music - Band - As we come to the end of another successful year for the band I want to thank all parents for their support over the year. THANK YOU.

Congratulations to all the musicians on their hard work this year; I hope the children will always enjoy playing music together.

Special thanks to the Concert band, Joel P and Claire M for their performance on Presentation Day – fantastic! I want to wish all the leaving musicians good luck at their new schools and hope they will continue with their music in the years to come.

Merry Christmas to everyone and a happy and healthy New Year with more music to enjoy!

Important Date:

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| Instrument hire collection day | Sun 6th Feb | 3-4pm |
| Concert Band first rehearsal | Tues 8th Feb | 8am(wk 2) |

Questions or queries? Contact bpsband@hotmail.com, Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596

Recorder Groups

The recorder group has had another great year. Well done to all the students for their work learning the music and also for managing their nerves during performances. I have enjoyed teaching the recorder to such an enthusiastic group of students.

Unfortunately, at the end of this year I will be stepping down as the recorder teacher at Berowra Public School. When I started the group six years ago, I had no idea there would be such a variety of experiences undertaken: performing for school functions, aged care communities, the state-wide festival at the Opera House, a local radio station and many others. I say good bye with very fond memories.

The recorder group will be continuing in 2011 under the direction of Dr Sue Thorvaldson. The times for lessons will be set at the beginning of Term 1 and purchase/rental of instruments can be arranged then for students who do not already have a recorder. If there are any students who will be in Years 2 to 6 in 2011 and are interested in being part of the recorder group, could they please let Mrs Vincent know before the end of term, as this will help with planning for next year.

Wendy Thorvaldson

Canteen - Please remember that the canteen is now closed for the year. We will reopen on the first day back at school for 2011, Monday 31st January.

We would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers who have helped out in the canteen throughout the year. Special thanks to Cameron Naumann, one of our dads. Without our helpers, the canteen would not be able to function. If any mums, dads or grandparents would like to be on the roster, call into the canteen any Monday, Thursday or Friday and have a chat.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Theresa and Anne

Uniform Shop – Pre-loved school shoes are now available at the shop. Feel free to also donate any that are wearable and we'll pass them on to a good home. The shop's opening times will be extended to ease the rush when we return in 2011:

Monday 31st January : 9am-12noon

Tuesday 1st February : 1pm-3pm

Thursday 3rd February 3pm-3.35pm (as usual)

These hours will only be for the first week and then the opening times will return to Mondays 9-10am and Thursdays 3-3.45pm.

We would also like to thank all of our incredible volunteers and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces next year. If anyone else has a spare hour each month, please contact Sarah at sparker166@hotmail.com Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy 2011.

The Uniform Shop Committee

Community News

Apex Christmas Calendar: One event left before Christmas - Thursday 16th December, Santa Sleigh arrives at Berowra Park oval at 7pm. Sausage sizzle and drinks from 6:30pm. Weather permitting there will also be a jumping castle.

Berowra Netball Club 2011 registration - new players welcome. Saturday 29th January at Berowra Soccer Clubhouse 9am-3pm.

Netta teams, 7 & 8 year olds played at Lofberg Rd, West Pymble

Competition for 9 years to seniors played at Canoon Rd, South Turramurra. For further information contact David 9456 5182 or Julie 9456 4664 or visit www.kna.com.au

Hornsby Junior Rugby Union Club 2011 registration - Saturday 29th January, Hornsby Mall 9am-2pm or Friday 4th February Rofe Park Hornsby Heights 6-8pm for a fun event with free skills sessions and games. New players bring copy of birth certificate. Further details, contact Geoff 0438 606 563 or Ian 0438 422 372.

Stealers Softball registration- Play Softball for Stealers. Softball for girls/women from 5 years and up. All ages, all abilities. Information & registration Hornsby Mall on Sat 29 Jan & 5 Feb 2011. Come & Try Softball Day on 13 Feb 10am-12pm at Golden Jubilee Oval, Esk St, Wahroonga. For more information visit www.stealers.com.au/softball www.facebook.com/pages/stealers-softball stealers.softball@hotmail.com or tel: 0451 065 746

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From the staff
at
Berowra Public School

