



Berowra

Public School

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Wednesday 1st December, 2010
Term 4 Week 8

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Where has this year gone?

We are now heavily into end-of-year preparations and Christmas. A busy, but happy time.

Year 6 is currently enjoying an exciting camp away at Broken Bay. We hope the weather improves over the next couple of days.

Last Wednesday evening we had the Twilight concert. It was a wonderful occasion, celebrating not only the expertise and enthusiasm of our music students, but the support of the Berowra school community. Many thanks to Mrs Gillard and Mrs Thorvaldson for raising the children to this level of competence, for fostering their love of music, and for organising the event. Mrs Wendy Thorvaldson will not be returning in 2011 in her present capacity, and we thank her most sincerely for the years she has spent tutoring our young recorder players. Dr Sue Thorvaldson will be taking her place.

Another teacher not returning in 2011 is Mrs Sue Murray, a Scripture teacher who has spent ten years at Berowra teaching Years 1 and 2. We thank her for her kind and gentle manner with the children and for the work she has done in this area.

On Thursday the staff attended a Pink Ribbon Day morning tea to raise money for breast cancer research. Thanks to Michelle from BOOSH for organising this most enjoyable occasion.

At this time of the year we also like to say thank you to the many parents who so willingly give up their time to help out at school with canteen, reading groups, sport, fundraising, excursions etc. On Wednesday 8th at 11am we will be hosting a morning tea for all the parents, grandparents, carers or community members who have helped the school in many different ways. We hope to have many, many of you there.

Thanks to Mr Pritchard, Mrs Bedwin and the NRMA for organising the Road Awareness Program visit last week. All the children really enjoyed it and learned some valuable lessons at the same time. The only criticism from the children was that the cars did not go nearly fast enough!

Last week Year 2 to 6 voted for the prefects for 2011. The speeches given by the students were excellent. The successful candidates will be announced shortly.

Next week Mr Barwick will return from Long Service Leave. He has been cycling and hiking in New Zealand. He will be coming back to a busy week:

Monday 6th - Nativity dress rehearsal, Year 6 excursion to State Library.

Tuesday 7th - Voting for School Captains, Principal's morning tea, Band Christmas party, Recorder Group performance.

Wednesday 8th - Scripture Service, Nativity performance for Years 3-6, Parent Helpers morning tea.

Thursday 9th - Presentation Day, Staff vs. Students netball game.

Friday 10th - Nativity for parents, reports out, band to play at KU.

I wish you all the best for the festive season. Many thanks for your support during the year.

Helen Vincent
Relieving Principal

Road Awareness Program Comes to Berowra

The Road Awareness Program for Kids program recently visited Berowra PS to promote pedestrian safety for our students. The program fostered the awareness of the dangers of being a pedestrian. RAPS for kids is a mobile traffic course consisting of a pedestrian crossing with operational traffic signals, 'children crossing' flags and 'lolly pop' pedestrian crossing signs. Mini cars simulate 'real' traffic conditions for the children. The promotion of STOP-LOOK-LISTEN and THINK strategies helped to develop skills in being safer pedestrians.

We would like to thank Mrs Bedwin for organising the sponsorship for this life saving program which was provided free of charge to our students.

G Pritchard and D Pickering
RAPs Co-ordinators



Group photos are now on display in the foyer

Orders must be received at the office by Friday 3rd December. Unfortunately, no late orders will be accepted. Envelopes for ordering should be in your photo packs, if not, extras are available at the office.

Please make cheques payable to
MSP Photography.



To help with our class planning for 2011, please indicate below if your child / children will not be returning to Berowra Public School next year, and return this slip to the office or class teacher as soon as possible.

Student Name/s

2010 class :

Parents Name :

Music - Band - Another splendid performance at the Twilight Concert, congratulations to all the musicians!

Everyone performed brilliantly on Wednesday November 24th at our Twilight Concert 2010. Special thanks go to all the parents for their support organising and running this fantastic evening. From the sausage sizzle, to the opening and closing of the hall to the setting up and clearing up, this evening would not have happened and been the success it was without your help – THANK YOU PARENTS!

Thanks also go to Mrs Vincent and the Bellbirds and Senior Choir for joining us again this year and also to Mrs Thorvaldson and the recorder group.

Week 9 is our last week of rehearsal and the band music will be collected this week too – see details in email.

IMPORTANT DATES

BAND CHRISTMAS PARTY! - Tuesday 7th December

MUSIC COLLECTION DAYS – Tuesday 7th December and
Wednesday 8th December

PRESENTATION DAY – Thursday 9th Dec Concert Band ONLY

Band parent helper roster for Week 9

Concert Band Training Band

Tues 7/12 McDermott Wed 8/12 Rourke

Questions or queries? Contact bpsband@hotmail.com,

Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596

Sport - Congratulations to Nicholas F who recently represented Sydney North at the PSSA State Athletics Championship at Homebush. Throwing a competitive PB he came 5th in discus, narrowly missing bronze by 80cm. In shot put he came 10th.

In addition Nicholas trialled for the State Little Athletics Team to compete in the Trans Tasman against Auckland. He gained selection and will compete in discus, coming 1st in the trials, shot put and 100m sprint. The Trans Tasman challenge will take place in January here in Sydney.

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

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
20/10	Year 6 Farewell	Years 5 & 6	18/11
17/11	Surf Education Day	Year 5 & 6	7/12
17/11	Nativity Concert	K, Yr 1 & 2	-
24/11	Christmas Drama performance	Drama groups	-
24/11	School Banking	K-6	-
24/11	Invitation to Nativity	K-2	-
24/11	End of Year Celebration	K-2	7/12
29/11	Group School Photos	K-2	3/12
1/12	Informal Awards Assembly	K-6	-

Rep Shirts - As representative sport has now finished for 2010 please return all rep shirts so we can do a full stocktake. You can either return your shirt to the uniform shop when it is open or to the school office.

P & C - Congratulations to the P & C Committee for next year and thank you for taking the positions.

Barb Lawrie - Vice president

Anne Daniels - Treasurer

Alicia Nowell – Secretary

Phil Compton – Maintenance officer

Anne Fearnside – Publicity officer

Thank you to Natasha Steele and Sarah Williams for all your hard work distributing and collecting book club orders. This year, through Scholastic they have raised \$500.00 cash and \$1270.00 in bonus coupons for the staff to spend. Great job!

Thanks must also go to the people who have attended meetings throughout the year. The committee appreciates all the help we have received. We hope to see you all back next year and we welcome any newcomers too.

Don't forget the P & C Christmas drinks will be held at Berowra Tavern at 7:30pm Wednesday 8th December.

Merry Christmas!

Karen Bird, P & C President

Canteen - Please note that there will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS** taken on Presentation Day, Thursday 9th December. However the canteen will be open for over the counter sales. Lunches as usual on Friday 10th December and then again on Monday 13th which will be the last day the canteen will be open.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	2/12	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	3/12	R Persson, K Lea
Monday	6/12	J Haines, S Parker
Thursday	9/12	J Anderson, S Miller
Friday	10/12	J Chapman, V Eliasson
Monday	13/12	T Manti, S Parker

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 : 9-12am

Tuesday 1st February : 1-3pm

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

These hours will only be for the first week and then the opening

CLASS AWARDS

KB	Bradley A, Kydan O, Georgia A, Sophia V, Blake C, Tara M, Miranda A
KR	Dayna B, Ryan R, Zac B, Riley B, Layla W
KY	Eliza O, Annika E, Caleb S, Sophie S
1A	Ben W, Eddie R, Nia D, Stephanie M
1D	Natalie S, James N, Eliza R, Joshua A
1W	Ethan B, Lachlan B, Alodie W, Emily A
2S	Stephanie D, Timothy D, Chelsea W, Lachlan M
2V	Carl S, Max S, Orla P, Andrew C
3S	Bella E, Hewitt F, Jesse C, Leilana L
3/4B	Isabel P, Tahli W, Tamara B, Jamie C
5C	Benjamin R, Benjamin C, Jeremy F, Courtney T
5W	Grace L, Jordan P
6A	Claire M, Brooke M, Tara K, Annabelle M
6T	Alice L, Hannah J, Sarah M, Josh M

times will return to Mondays 9-10am and Thursdays 3-3.45pm. We would also like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who have raised thousands of dollars for our school. You are all wonderful!

Uniform Shop Roster - copy also available at the shop

Thursday	2/12	S Bourke, H Anstice
Monday	6/12	J Anderson, G Blackwood, M McNally
Thursday	9/12	S Williams, L Trehwella, R Stoner
Monday	13/12	S McCabe, V Eliasson, J McKendrick

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
The Uniform Shop Committee

Community News

On Saturday 25th November, the parents of KBlue took Mr & Mrs Layson to dinner at the Berowra Tavern to say a big thank you for a wonderful Kindy Year!

Come and try Rugby League A FREE clinic in preparation for 2011 for boys and girls from U6's to U14's. Every child who participates will go into the draw to win a Central Coast Bears Foundation Jersey.

When: Wednesday 8th December 4pm-5pm

Where: Warrina St Oval, Berowra

For more info contact Wayne Dickerson 0411 514 913 or Jessica Palmer 0411 159428

Holiday Gymnastics at Hornsby RSL Youth Club - Bookings are essential. Visit www.hornsbyrsl.gymnastics.org.au to download a booking form or phone the gym 9476 6689.

Starts: Mon 20/12 for 10 days till Fri 28/1/11 9am-3pm

Cost: \$37 per day members, \$42 per day non members

Bring: morning tea, lunch and plenty to drink.

Berowra Musical Society presents 'Aladdin' The Christmas Pantomime at Wideview School Hall. All the fun of traditional pantomimes - heroes & villains, fun & games, music & mayhem, lollies & laughter. Tickets \$10 or \$1 per year of age for children, max \$10. 1-3yr olds free. All tickets at the door.

4th, 5th, 11th & 12th December. All shows start at 2pm.

More information : panto@bmsi.org.au

Diary Dates

Week 8

Scripture service at St Marks	Wednesday	8/12/10
Year 6 Mini Fete	Friday	3/12/10
Christmas Carols - CANCELLED	Saturday	4/12/10

Week 9

Year 6 excursion to State Library	Monday	6/12/10
Band Christmas party lunch	Tuesday	7/12/10
Recorder Group playing at Pymble	Tuesday	7/12/10
Nativity performance for school	Wednesday	8/12/10
Helpers thank you morning tea	Wednesday	8/12/10
Presentation Day @ Community Cntr	Thurs	9/12/10
Stage 1 Nativity Concert 12noon	Friday	10/12/10

Week 10

Informal Awards Assembly	Monday	13/12/10
Year 6 Farewell	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
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



BPS School Administration will be moving to our new office during the last week of term. Please bear with us during this time of adjustment as well as during the beginning of 2011.

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The children & parents who have already decided on & paid their deposit will receive an email with details about band 2011. Please contact me if you DO NOT receive an email next week.

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Choose carefully who you give your mobile number, phone number and email address to. Check with your parents or guardian if you do decide to give out personal information or put it in your profile.

Don't use your real name when going online to visit chat sites or blog sites. Never give out your internet password to anyone and make sure no-one can see you log on at school, in the Library, or anywhere you are using the internet publicly.

Keep personal information secret Make sure you don't put any personal information on your profile. This includes your phone number, personal email address, home or school addresses, sports teams or the name of your school. Be careful when you post photos that they don't include any of this information either.

Always delete any addresses which are on an email you receive before sending it on to someone else.

Ask your friends to do the same.

This prevents someone getting your address whom you'd rather didn't have it.

It's public! Remember that you may feel that you are just talking to friends, but the whole world could be tuning in. Keep an eye on what's being posted and guard your privacy! Don't post photos that you might not want strangers to see.

Check out the features - Learn how to make your profile and other content you post public or private. You're the one in control here.

Think twice! Posts to blogs and profiles can stay there forever. Your parents, future employers (and perhaps your children!) may end up seeing it.

Remember - Not everyone is who they claim to be. Although it's great to have lots of online friends, including them on your friends list allows people you don't know to see all about you. This information could be used for a scam, to steal your identity, or worse.

Keep your online friends online - However, if you want to meet someone that you haven't met so far in person, ask a parent or another adult to go with you and always meet in a public place, preferably during the day.

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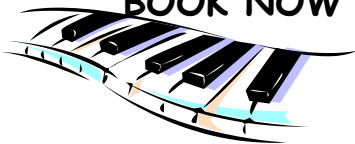
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Thank you Morning Tea



*The staff at Berowra Public School cordially invite
the many parent and community helpers
who have assisted at the school throughout 2010 to a
“Thank You” morning tea.*

*Where: School Hall COLA
When: Wednesday 8th December
11:00am - 11:40am*

*This is our opportunity to acknowledge the valuable contribution
you have made to our school.*

*If you have helped in any way -
e.g. reading, parent committees, school events, transport,
Scripture, fundraising, maintenance, classroom activities -
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