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Wednesday 11th August, 2010
Term 3 Week 4

Berowra in the Spotlight

Some of our special 'extension' groups have had tremendous experiences and successes over the past two weeks.

- Last week our 'It's Academic' team pre-recorded their heats for this popular show. While we are sworn to secrecy about the result, I really do strongly urge you to tune in to Channel 7 at 4:00 pm every afternoon next week (16th to 20th August)!
- Our Junior and Senior Drama Groups performed both matinee and evening performances at the Regional Drama Festival. I was very proud indeed of our children.
- Well done also to one of two excellent rock bands, Powerplay, who received a Highly Commended award at the Sydney Eisteddfod.

Open Day

This year we trialled a new approach to our Open Day program to celebrate Education Week. The main event was a concert for parents and grandparents, showcasing performing arts and physical education activities. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who attended - it was a terrific turnout which filled the new hall.

Unflued Gas Heaters

There has been quite a bit of publicity about the safety of unflued gas heaters in classrooms, with the announcement that those heaters already in schools will be replaced some time in the future. About half of our classrooms at Berowra PS are heated by unflued gas. Replacing them will be interesting, as the replacement heaters would have to be electric, and our existing power circuits are already at maximum capacity.

For your information, here are the views of Professor Guy Marks of the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research on unflued gas heaters. The Institute was commissioned by the Government to carry out independent research into the safety of the heaters.

- **Are classrooms safe now?**

Our study has shown the operation of the heaters is associated with more asthma symptoms and in some children, more use of reliever medications. These are adverse health effects which may be associated with the higher levels of nitrogen dioxide and formaldehyde in the classrooms. However, there is no measurable deterioration in breathing capacity. In my view this is a reason to take action in a careful and measured way. It is not a cause for undue alarm.

- **Why is it not a cause for alarm?**

There are many exposures and events in everyday life that cause symptoms in children with asthma. These include perfumes and fly sprays; exercise, laughing, crying and coughing; colds and other viruses; and pollens, moulds, pets and house dust. Some of these are avoidable, others are not. Some, like laughter and exercise, should not be avoided. Exposure to fumes from gas heaters may be one of these exposures. It should be avoided when and where possible but is not a cause for alarm.

- **Should the heaters be removed immediately?**

I believe that the unflued gas heaters should be removed from classrooms. However, before this is done, an appropriate alternative form of heating will need to be identified. It is important that a broad range of options for heating are considered. For each option a comprehensive health risk assessment and environmental impact assessment will be required. This should extend to the manufacture and installation of the heater, its effectiveness as a heater, the generation of power or fuel for the operation of the heaters, as well as emissions into the classroom. Only when this

process is complete should the process of replacing heaters commence, beginning with those that are used the most.

- **What do you advise people who have gas heaters at home?**

Many people use gas for cooking and heating. In our study one third of families had unflued gas heaters at home. Many of the unflued gas heaters used at home are the older style "blue flame" heaters, not the low NOx heaters used in classrooms and tested here. People who do have unflued gas heaters should ensure that they are well maintained and that they are operated with the room adequately ventilated. The potential for adverse respiratory health effects associated with unflued gas heaters is one of the things that should be considered when making decisions about the purchase of home heaters.

Some requests

I have a number of important requests for parents to help ensure the welfare and safety of children at this school.

- All students will at some point have a dispute with another child. Teachers deal with these events regularly. It is a part of learning to socialise in appropriate ways, form friendships, develop tolerance, learn negotiation and conflict resolution skills and fix mistakes. These are sometimes hard lessons. As parents we naturally empathise with our own children when they are upset. You have a vital role in supporting your child through these difficulties. Please note, though, that parents should under no circumstance approach, admonish or touch another child at school in an attempt to solve their own child's problem. If you are concerned about something that has occurred at school please let the class teacher know in order for us to address the issue.
- Please discourage your children from playing unaccompanied in the school precinct out of hours, especially over the weekend. Apart from the obvious safety and child protection issues, if your child is seen at the school, and over the same period some damage is done to school property, then your child will come under suspicion.
- Finally, please exercise extreme care while driving and parking around the school. Our Balaclava Road exit in particular is of concern due to limited visibility.

John Barwick
Principal

It's Academic

At 6:30 on a thoroughly cold, wet and miserable morning a team of very excited children left Berowra for the Foxtel Studio at North Ryde. They were there to compete on the children's game show *It's Academic*. It will be shown on Channel 7 at 4:00pm from the



Pictured are the Monday 'It's Academic' team:
Alice B, Henry B and Bradley M

16th-20th August. The Berowra community will be enormously proud of their achievements. They were worthy representatives of their school not simply because of the excellence of their general knowledge but equally because of their behaviour and their sportsmanship.

A Fearnside

Berowra Schools Science Challenge 2010

Applications are now due!!! Next week we will commence the students presentation for this exciting challenge.

Students must bring their challenge to the new hall at lunchtime at 1:30pm with their lunch, on the following day -

Monday lunchtime	Kindy-2
Tuesday lunchtime	Years 3-4
Thursday lunchtime	Years 5-6

On Friday, selected students will represent the school in the Inter-school Challenge.

Stuart Norrington
BSSC Coordinator

Sport News - Athletics Carnival - As this was my first year convening the event, I would like to take the opportunity to firstly thank all the WONDERFUL students who showed the true Aussie sporting spirit displaying their sportsmanship along with athletic ability. We had two records broken, both by Tara K in senior girls 100m and 200m events. The carnival could not have gone ahead without our dedicated parent helpers who did such a marvellous job as officials (even if they had a hard task master!) along with the helpers linked to the canteen. I would also like to personally thank Mr Blackman who was down at the grounds at the crack of dawn helping Mr Kitchener, Mr Pritchard and myself setting up the PA system.

A carnival takes a lot of time, effort and team work and I'd also like to personally thank the dedicated staff for their support and ongoing hard work. Job well done!

Thanks must also be given to Mr Covey for organising our wonderful "Dancing with the Stars" Fire Brigade judges and his continuing support of the school. The judges had a very hard task in making the final decision awarding Emus the winning performance bringing home the trophy for 2010.

Field Events - The field events for Years 3-6 will be held at the school on Thursday 12th August. We aim to start at 9:30am. Students are to wear their sport uniform on this day.

The Zone field events will take place this year at Narrabeen on 10th September, inclusive track and field. Students will be informed if they are in the team once finalised after BPS field events and notes will be sent out as soon as possible.

Years 3-6 have been practising on a weekly basis during Friday sport for this event. Each student will be given an opportunity to participate in their respective sport, however after everyone has

run through their given attempts, the qualifying distances and jumps set for Hornsby Zone PSSA Athletics will proceed.

If your child participates in Little A's discus, please bring their record book to the school office for recording.

Library News - Book Fair Thank you - It was wonderful to see so many parents and children selecting books together at the Book Fair on Open Day. It was perfect weather and thanks to your support we have almost 70 books donated to the Library as well as over \$3,500 in sales! We are given a generous commission by the book companies which we will use to buy resources for the Library for all children to use. THANKYOU EVERYONE!! You are an amazing supportive school community!

Book Week Events - 21st to 27th August

The theme for this years Book Week is "Across the Story Bridge". Our visiting author and illustrator, Dan and John, gave us a wonderful insight into the writing and illustration of books yesterday. It is always good for the children to see and hear from the "real , live" people creating today's children's literature.

Book Character Parade - Tuesday 24th August

Kindergarten to Year 2, come dressed as your favourite book character! Simple costumes only. Parents are welcome to join us at 12noon in the Hall.

Book Week Trivia - Wednesday 25th August at 2.10pm

From Kindergarten to Year 6 the competition will be fierce when 20 teams involving the whole school try to be the 2010 Literary Trivia champions!

Book Display in the Library - K-6

Parents are welcome to view their children's class work on a selected book which will be displayed in the Library during Book Week.

Jennie Smith

Drama News - We had a wonderful time at the Drama performances at NIDA . The 56 children performed like troopers! It was a very busy week with an evening performance and a matinee. The children did so well to perform all by themselves after only one short practise on the NIDA stage. It was a great experience for them to perform at the most prestigious venue for budding thespians in NSW. The children rose to the occasion and made our school very proud of both their dramatic expertise and their excellent behaviour.

We now look forward to preparing for our Christmas plays and concert. Christmas this early! Thanks to all parents and friends for their help in getting the children ready in terrific costumes and driving the children home, as well as deciphering numerous blue drama notes. Thank you especially to those wonderful mums and teachers Mrs Bolger, Mrs Wynn, Mrs Till and Mrs Steel who gave up their time to help. Congratulations all!

Jennie Smith

BPS Field Events Carnival - Thursday 12/8/10				
	<i>Long Jump</i>	<i>High Jump</i>	<i>Shot Put</i>	<i>Minor Games</i>
9:30-10:20	11/12 Girls	11/12 Boys	Junior Girls	Junior Boys
Recess				
11:45-12:35	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	11/12 Girls	11/12 Boys
12:35-1:10	11/12 Boys	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	11/12 Girls
Lunch				
Normal lessons after lunch				



Excited Drama performers

Community News

Hornsby Little Athletics Club is having its registration day for the new season at Pennant Hills Park on the 15th August between 10am and 3pm.

Child Adolescent Family Team is running a seminar for parents of children ages 4-10yrs discussing the nature of anxiety and different ways it may present in children, risk factors & potential implication for parents & children.

When: Thursday 23rd Sept 11am-1pm
 Where: Level 2 old Maternity Bldg, Hornsby Hospital Palmerston Rd, Hornsby
 Cost: \$10.00
 Bookings: 9477 9190

Registration & payment prior to the session is essential as groups fill quickly.

Seminars are available to families who live in or have children attending school in Hornsby Kuring-gai local government area.

Class Awards

3S	Axel W, Ella W, Rose W, Flynn B
3/4B	Andrew M, Jarrod H
4G	J Parry, Rebecca T
4P	Troy A, Hannah P
5C	Ben C, Ben R, Madeleine H, Nicholas C
5W	Matthew T, Grace L
6A	Sarah H, Jack B, Jemma W, Lachlan A
6T	James P, Alice L, Harry F, Bonnie R

Berowra Schools Science Challenge 2010

Science Week 16-20 August



Enter Now!
Ask your Teacher for details

Diary Dates

Week 4

BPS Athletics Field Events Thursday 12/8/10

Week 5

Maths competition 7:50am Tuesday 17/8/10

Recorder Group to Coast FM radio Wednesday 18/8/10

Salvation Army Food Drive last day Friday 20/8/10

Science Challenge Day Friday 20/8/10

Federal Election Saturday 21/8/10

Week 6

Book Week Mon-Fri 23-27/8/10

Book Week Trivia Competition Tuesday 24/8/10

Book Week Character Parade Wednesday 25/8/10

Rainbow Mufti Day Wednesday 25/8/10

Choir rehearsals @ Chatswood Thursday 26/8/10

Week 7

Legacy Week Mon-Fri 30/8-3/9

K-2 Cricket Day Tuesday 31/8/10

Fathers Day Stall-Yrs 3-6 Tuesday 31/8/10

Fathers Day Stall-K-2 Wednesday 1/9/10

Choir rehearsals @ Hornsby Nth Wednesday 1/9/10

Fathers Day Breakfast Friday 3/9/10

Week 8

Music Festival Matinee performance Monday 6/9/10

Music Festival Evening performance Wednesday 8/9/10

Kindy Muogamarra excursion Thursday 9/9/10

Stage 2 Planetarium incursion Thursday 9/9/10

Zone Athletics Carnival @ Narrabeen Friday 10/9/10

BPS School Dance Party Friday 10/9/10

Week 9

SEA Aust for Stage 3 Monday 13/9/10

Snr Choir Opera House performance Monday 13/9/10

Kindy 2011 Fun Day Thursday 16/9/10

Berowra Musica performance Friday 17/9/10

Stage 1 Sports Day Friday 17/9/10

BPS Bus Shopping Fundraiser Trip Saturday 18/9/10

Week 10

Year 5 Canberra excursion Tues-Thurs 21-23/9/10

Last day of term 3 Friday 24/9/10

Term 4 Week 1

Students & Staff return to school Monday 11/8/10

Special Swimming Scheme Mon-Fri 11-22/10/10

Week 2

Special Swimming Scheme Mon-fri 11-22/10/10

Week 3

Stage 1 Zoo excursion Tuesday 26/10/10

Band excursion to SSO Thursday 28/10/10

BPS Fun Fair Saturday 30/10/10

Week 4

Class photo day Thursday 4/11/10

Group photo day Friday 5/11/10

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED			
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response Due By
19/5/10	School Contribution	K-6	-
4/8/10	Canberra medical forms	Year 5	3/9/10
4/8/10	Ace Tennis	2V	19/8/10
6/8/10	Coast Rock radio	Recorder Grp	17/8/10
11/8/10	Starlab Planetarium	Years 3 & 4	31/8/10
11/8/10	BPS Dance Party	K-6	7/9/10
11/8/10	Special Swimming Scheme	Year 2 & selected Y3-6	25/8/10
11/8/10	Taronga Zoo excursion	Year 1 & 2	16/9/10

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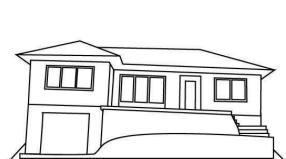
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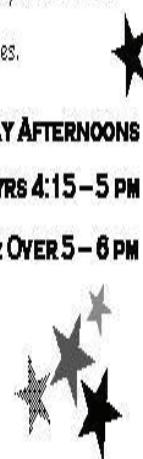
5 - 9 yrs 4:15 - 5 pm

10 yrs & over 5 - 6 pm

For further information contact

Teacher, Cathy Lea on

0414 556 068 or cathy.lea@bigpond.net.au



Art in Berowra

Art classes for kids.

Classes held at the rear of the Berowra Uniting Church Hall, Alan Road Berowra Heights.

Boys Class Tues, 3.45 - 4.45pm, 6 yrs & over

Mixed class Sat, 3.15 - 4.15pm, 6 yrs & over

Preschoolers class Wed, 2 - 2.40pm, 4 & 5 yrs old

All new students receive a free **Art Pack** on enrolment.

See further details at

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