



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 2nd November, 2011
Term 4 Week 4

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Wow! Our children are spectacular!

We were fortunate to be entertained by our outstanding children. These children are led by our band of equally talented teachers. Many thanks to Helen Vincent, Liz Sheldon, Kelly Lukic, Jennie Smith, Amanda Gillard, Sue Blackman, Garth Stevens, Sue and Eric Thorvaldson. Also thank you to Mr Blackman for providing the professional lighting and sound. Many thanks to our teachers who braved the cold to supervise the children in the classrooms and in the hall. Also, thank you to the band of Year 6 'roadies' who helped backstage. Of course, this night would not have happened if not for Liz Sheldon's initiative and exceptional organisation. This night showcased our amazing students and the variety of programs and groups available to Berowra students.

Many of these same children performed at the Hornsby District Music Festival on Monday or will perform tonight. Our Senior Choir are part of the mass district choir, with our Junior Choir, Dance Group, Ensemble Band and Tarna and Tallulah also performing. Matthew and Michelle, our school captains, are comperes. Many thanks to Helen Vincent for all her inspirational leadership and dedication to our choir groups and the mass combined choir.

Helen Vincent will be taking long service leave in 2012 with the intention of retiring at the end of the year. Berowra will miss Mrs Vincent, she is the heart and soul of our school. I know there will be many children and parents who will be very sad to see her go. Mrs Vincent has given so much of her life to our school and to say she will be missed is definitely an understatement.

Congratulations to Jordan S who has returned from his 'soccer' tour. He was selected to represent Australia at the Danone Cup in Madrid earlier in October. Again, the talent we have at this school is endless. If you have a chance have a chat to Jordan about his tour, he makes it sound so exciting. Well done, Jordan. Also Congratulations to Chelsea W who competed in the inaugural State Gymnastics Club Championship at the State Sports Centre, Homebush. Chelsea and her team mates from Hornsby RSL Gymnastics were successful in winning Gold on Beam, Gold on Vault, 4th place on Floor and 5th place on Bars. They were Silver Medalists overall!!!

I received a lovely letter from well known Berowra residents, Kerrie and Sean McArdle, OAM. I would like to share a 'snippet': 'Mackenzie W is a girl of understanding, enthusiasm, strength of character and learning. She, as an 8 year old girl has the awareness and kindness to others in our community. Good examples always come from the family and the school- your Berowra Public School.' We thank Mr and Mrs McArdle for their letter and kind thoughts which of course we agree with wholeheartedly.

Congratulations to our 'Mathlete' classes of the week this term:
Week 1 4/5W Week 2 3/4B (closely followed by 1A)
Week 3 3P (with 3/4B closely 'snapping' at their heels)
Philip M 5C is 20th in Mathletics 'World of Fame'
A fantastic effort by these students.

Parents please remember to fill out a green slip from the office if you have not already sent a note to the teacher, when you are collecting or dropping off your children during school time.

Di Bower
Relieving Principal

Library - Last three and half weeks for borrowing from our school library before stocktake begins. Please encourage your children to return all overdue books as soon as possible. Books are on loan for two weeks only, unless they are renewed.

Thank you to Mrs McDermott for your very kind donation of brand new books for the Library. There is a great variety of fiction and non fiction books which the children will really enjoy.

MaDD Night for Drama - What a great night it was at our first ever Performing Arts Festival. There was so much amazing talent on display from our young performers. Thank you to all parent for your wonderful help and support of the Drama Groups.

The costumes were superb, the children performed so enthusiastically and enjoyed every minute of it all. They are such a wonderfully talented bunch of children!

Both drama groups performed their plays to the delight of the whole school on Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs Sheldon for organising such a terrific event. Also to Mr and Mrs Blackman for their time and effort in organising such professional sound and lights for our productions. Much appreciated.

Jennie Smith



SRC Reunite - On Friday 28th October, the School Captains and Vice Captains of BPS were reunited with our leadership friends. We went to AMF Bowling Castle Hill. We learnt more skills about leadership and how to prepare for high school. Not forgetting the skill of a brilliant bowling performance by everyone. All up we had a great time and heaps of fun.

Music - Band - Congratulations to all the bands on their performance at the Hornsby North Band Festival - a fantastic day!

The ensemble also performed at the MaDD Night. This was an impressive evenings entertainment from all sections of the performing arts. Several of the ensemble also played or sang a solo. What a lot of talent we have in the school. Well done to all the performers and to the teaching staff who made the evening happen. Please read the band newsletter carefully as there are many things happening this term.

Any questions or queries? Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allan 9456 0596 or on bpsband@hotmail.com

Roster	Concert Band	Training Band
8/11	McDermott	9/11 Whittaker
15/11	Norris	16/11 Scott

Amanda Gillard, Band Director

Rock Band News - Powerplay had a fantastic time taking part in the recent MaDD Night and wish to thank Ben F for his great Michael Jackson moves in "Beat It". Powerplay's original song co-composed by band members in 2008, "Got Busted" has been nominated by the Triple J Unearthed Underground Talent Team for entry into the 2011 Catapult Song Contest. This competition is a great opportunity to have original songs heard by a wide audience and will be adjudicated by Nova FM and Australian Idol representatives. Got Busted is a perennial band favourite and congratulations go for its nomination.
Garth Stevens, Band Director

P&C News - BPS Trivia Night

Hurry – tickets on sale now for the BPS Trivia Night, Saturday 12 November, 7:30pm start.

Prizes for winning tables, best dressed table, best dressed person, games, raffles and auction.

See the flyer for more details on where/how to buy a ticket and some of the fantastic prizes donated so far.

Don't miss out on a great night!!

School Support Group - Thanks to everyone who supported the photograph fundraiser. These are available to pick up on Thursday 10th November. If you did not make a viewing appointment, please contact Sarah Williams on 0412 999 101.

Order forms for cookie dough/muffin mix went out last week. Remember to place orders by Thursday 10th November.

Don't forget to buy your disco tickets for Friday 18th November.

The next SSG meeting is on Tuesday 29th November. Our AGM will be at 9:30am, followed by a meeting. This will be in the staffroom. All welcome including toddlers.

SSG will be holding a Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 2nd December from 6pm. See separate note in The Crest.

Crossing Supervisors have noticed an increase in children riding bikes and scooters to school. Please remember that you must WALK with your bike or scooter across the crossing. DO NOT RIDE across. Student who continually disobey the School Crossing Supervisors instruction can have their bike licence suspended.

Uniform Shop - Lost property: there is quite a lot of lost property at the Uniform Shop which needs claiming.

The shop is always busy so we're in constant need of volunteers. Contact Tammy on 9456 7973 or Jayne on 9456 1549. If you are keen to lend a hand.

•Opening times: MONDAYS 9-10am and THURS 3-3.45pm.

•No cash refunds available-a cheque will be forwarded.

•All returns need to have a returns form attached.

Uniform Shop Roster - copies available at the shop

Thursday	3/11	S Bourke, H Anstice
Monday	7/11	J Anderson, G Blackwood, M McNally
Thursday	10/11	S Williams, R Stoner
Monday	14/11	V Eliasson, J McKendrick, R Walton
Thursday	17/11	C Harriss, L Peltonen

Canteen - Green Day Trial Review - Again a huge thankyou to everyone who supported the Green Day food trial in Term 3. Overall the trial was a great success, we served over 480 freshly prepared healthy meals and over 1,150 fresh snacks, making a total profit of over \$800. This profit will remain as part of the P&C funds to be used as required.

The kids really embraced the initiative and we have received a lot of feedback both from parents and students asking if the day can continue moving forward.

At the last P&C meeting the green day volunteers put forward a request to have some of the healthy items included on the canteen menu on an ongoing basis and we are pleased to report that the canteen committee is looking into doing this. We look forward to seeing some of the popular favourites appearing on the menu.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	3/11	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	4/11	J Charlton, B Lawrie, K Bird
Monday	7/11	S Parker, P Smith
Thursday	10/11	J Anderson, C Tyerman
Friday	11/11	L Peltonen, V Eliasson
Monday	14/11	R Smith, R Persson

Community News

Hornsby Girls High School 20 year reunion - Graduates from Year 12 class of 1991 (or who finished in Year 10 in 1989) are invited to our 20 year reunion to be held on 19 November.

For ticket information please email hghs1991@gmail.com.

Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics Kids Night Out is a night of fun & games for children aged 5-12 open for members & non members. Lots of games, circuits & gym activities & dinner.

When: Saturday 12th November 6pm-9pm

Where: 1 Ashley Lane Hornsby

Cost: \$25 per child includes pizza, drinks & dessert

Bookings: essential.

Phone 9476 6689 or hornsbyrsl@gymnastics.org.au



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Long Day 7:30am ~ 5:30pm

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Children aged 2 ~ 6years

Berowra Public School Support Group Presents

Carols By Candlelight

Friday 2nd December from 6pm



All children from Kindy to Year 6 have the chance to participate and we would love to see as many families as possible attend.

Bring a picnic or buy refreshments there.

Cake stall

Lolly stall

Drinks

Sausage sizzle

CLASS AWARDS

KR	Mikayla S, Eden S, Lucy T,
KY	Brooke F, Ripley B, Neve R, Ben M, Kaelin S
1A	Nene H, Jake E, Aleisha C, Harrison L
1L	Jake S, Molly H, Dylan K, William K, Jude M
1P	Hayleigh S, Zac B, Diarmuid C, Eliza O
2L	Ben S, Chelsea C, Natasha D, Francesca N, Ella B, Lachlan B
2V	Ashleigh H, Marcus R, James N, Lilly L
2W	Hayley S, Tahnee B, Zac G, Amy S



BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND 2012



Is your child considering joining the school wind band in 2012?

Skills learned through the discipline of music transfer to study skills, communication skills, and cognitive skills and are useful in every part of the school curriculum!

Berowra Public School Wind Band currently caters for students who want to learn to play the following instruments: flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, cornet, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, euphonium and percussion.

Expressions of Interest are now being sought from parents of students who are interested in joining. Membership is open to students who will be in years 3-6 next year. A Band Information Booklet is available on the school website.

Students wishing to try out woodwind or brass instruments

— can do so on Wednesday 2/11 from 6 - 7 pm in the school library. Students wanting to try percussion should contact Amanda to organise a specific time. A limited number of School Band instruments will be available for hire next year. First preference for instrument hire will be given to new 2012 Training Band members (beginners). Parents welcome.



Band Enquiries: Amanda Gillard 9456 2908, hotmail.com

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Year 5 student from Berowra Public 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 you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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

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



Berowra Public School Trivia Night

Tickets on sale now!!!!

- WHEN:** Saturday 12th November 2011
TIME: 7:00pm for 7:30pm start
WHERE: in the school hall
COST: \$20 per ticket (includes tea/coffee)
BYO drinks and food
BRING: \$1 and \$2 coins for games
and to buy 'cheats'
THEME: 60's, 70's & 80's
TICKETS: Jodi Ludlow or Carolyn Harriss at school
or email Katrina Gates gkgates@iinet.net.au
or phone Jose 0407 84 84 53 or 9456 4779

Sausage sizzle \$3 per sandwich

Prizes for best dressed (person and table), winning teams, games, raffles etc.

Over 40 prizes - including two airfares from Sydney to Gold Coast with Virgin Australia, Bob Jane T-Mar (2x\$100 vouchers), 2GB (Continuous Call team football, Lillanfels Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains plus more), Central Coast Bears supporters packs, Bakers Delight vouchers, Gym/swimming packs, dinners & lots more!

All funds raised go back to the school for arts and IT programmes.

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For more information contact Jodi, Carolyn or Katrina.

BPS talent
from
MaDD Night



2011 Diary Dates

Stage 2 Colonial Show	Thurs	10/11
Family Photo viewing	Thurs	10/11
P&C Trivia Night	Sat	12/11
Sushi Day at canteen	Tues	15/11
2012 Band Information evening	Tues	15/11
Kindy 2012 Orientation Day	Thurs	17/11
Twilight Concert 6pm	Thurs	24/11
Carols by Candlelight 7pm	Fri	2/12
Christmas church service	Wed	7/12
Helpers Thank You Morning Tea	Wed	7/12
Presentation Day	Thurs	8/12
Nativity Concert	Fri	9/12
Awards Ceremony	Mon	12/12
Year 6 Farewell	Wed	14/12
End Of Year Picnic Day	Thurs	15/12
Last day of Term 4 2011 for students	Fri	16/12
Staff return for 2012	Fri	27/1/12
Students Yrs 1-6 return for 2012	Mon	30/1/12
Kindergarten 2012 starts	Thurs	2/2/12

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