



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 16th November, 2011  
Term 4 Week 6

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***Overture, night of nights This is it, we'll hit the heights  
And oh what heights we'll hit On with the show this is it!***  
**BEN B YR 5 WINS BRONZE AT THE SYDNEY NORTH 2011  
FILM FESTIVAL!!!**

Congratulations to Ben for this fabulous achievement. He received this award last Thursday and even had to 'walk the red carpet' to receive his bronze trophy.

### Trivia Night

Many thanks to all the parents who organised the fantastic trivia night last Saturday. Amid all the large hairstyles, flouro colours and bling, we had an entertaining and fun night. Thanks to all the parents who participated in this trivia night, as well. I am starting to study for the next one already.

### Sportspro

We had a visit from Sportspro last Thursday. This firm specialises in providing a skills based sporting and gymnastics programme to primary schools. The cost is about \$40 per term for 40mins to 1hr lessons per week per term. The instructors are all Department of Education trained teachers and will provide an excellent sports programme. We are keen to have them in Term 1, 2012 for a gymnastics programme.

### Excursions

All excursions and incursions are optional, they are not part of the 'free government education'. Starting from this term all permission notes will incorporate the option of 'not wanting my child to attend'. If we do not have a permission note or payment for excursions we will assume you do not wish your child to attend and they will not be involved in the excursion/incursion/activity. The school cannot afford to cover all these costs. If you have financial issues please see me as we do have a small fund for student assistance in these circumstances.

### Presentation Day

Our annual K-6 Presentation Day ceremony will be held this year at Berowra Community Centre, on Thursday, 8th December at 10am. This is the end of year ceremony where we recognise the achievements of our school collectively and recognise and celebrate the achievements of individual students. All parents are invited to attend.

### Celebrations of Learning Assemblies

These are stage assemblies, here at school. These assemblies will be held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. At the Celebrations of Learning Assemblies, every child, from every class, is recognised for their achievements this year. These achievements may be based around their class performance, attitude, citizenship, improving on their personal best. Invitations will be sent home to all parents outlining details. Please add these dates to your diary.

### Question / problem / concern

If you are concerned about something to do with your child's education, please do not hesitate to speak with the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher should be your first point of contact as they are the one who knows your child best and if there are any issues they can usually sort them out quickly and with a minimum of fuss. If they feel that they may need some additional advice or help in solving a problem, they will very likely ask the assistant principal of the stage to assist.

### Selective High School Applications:

Application is required in November 2011 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2013. Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online application will be available from 24 October to 21 November, 2011. Application information is available on the internet at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). Parents without internet access, application forms are available from the office.

### Kindergarten Orientation and Beginner's Group

The Kindergarten Orientation Programme concludes on Thursday. It has been wonderful to meet our new students for 2012. Some were so confident and ready for "big school" that they could probably join the kindergarten classes now. I welcome the new parents to our school and thank the parents of students presently enrolled at Berowra for bringing their youngest or second youngest to us for 2012. Once again, I remind parents that communication between school and home is so important. Any questions or queries will always be addressed in a friendly supportive manner, so my advice is, "Please do not hesitate to ask".

### Mathletics

Congratulations to winning Mathletics classes for the last two weeks:

Week 5	3P	Week 6	KR
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Dianne Bower  
Relieving Principal

**SPECTRA Challenge** - All SPECTRA cards need to be returned to class teachers by this Friday. This will enable enough time for certificates to arrived before the end of term.

**Veggie Update** - Well, the wonderful hard work from 4G has paid off and we have many vegetables flourishing. Two lettuces made their way up to the canteen and last week the class were all little 'mini chefs' busily making celery boats. My students then went to all classes during 'Crunch n sip' to share their wonderful healthy snacks.

We are currently growing cucumbers and beans, not to mention the thriving tomatoes. Who knows - we may get a bumper crop-look out for tomato soup on the canteen menu !!!!

I am extremely proud of all the students who have constantly worked on this wonderful project. Some further inspiration has come from parents within the community who mentioned their child/ren have started their own veggie patch at home.

Next year we hope to get our three Compost Bins in action where 'Crunch and Sip' leftovers will be utilised to reduce waste and make some rich compost.

Miss Glare



**Music - Band** - Well done to the Ensemble on their performance at the Hornsby Choir Festival. Their next performance is at the Band Information Evening followed by the Infants Orientation morning. We have the TWILIGHT CONCERT coming up which is a fantastic evening for family, friends and neighbours to enjoy our musicians wonderful achievements. Please note the COMBINED BAND REHEARSAL on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8am – 9am, when we will be joined by the CHOIR for a rehearsal of the Twilight pieces. Please make sure this date is in your diary.

Please remember that band instruments (other than sax, trombones and baritone horns) are offered FIRST to the NEW training band. Anyone needing help on instrument purchase please contact me or speak to your tutor.

Please confirm your return to band 2012 either by email or by the note on the end of the band newsletter (year 6 need not reply).

Great work everyone, sounding good!

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

<u>Roster</u>	<u>Concert Band</u>	<u>Training Band</u>
	22/11 Naumann	23/11 Lee
	29/11 Persson	30/11 Odd

Amanda Gillard, Band Director

**Recorder** - I am currently recruiting new members for the beginner recorder ensemble for 2012. Students from K-2 should receive notes today with all the details they need to know. Anyone who is interested and missed out, or is in primary, feel free to collect a copy of the note from the school office.

Learning the recorder is a wonderful way to begin the magical experience of playing music. Students have the opportunity to perform as a group for the school and primary students in the advanced ensemble take part in the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House.

A reminder to all current recorder students - if you haven't already responded, please contact me regarding your plans to continue next year.


I'm looking forward to our next performance on Thursday 24/11 at the Twilight Concert.

Sue Thorvaldson

**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	Ryan J, Shamaya V, Ryan C, Danielle P
KY	Lucy B, Haylee S, Matthew C, Laura R
1A	Nene H, Lani B, Riley B, Ella L
1L	Daniel P, Ella D, Kayla P, William K, Alexander L
1P	Stella M, Annika E, Zari V, Kyle B
2L	Nia D, Jane R, Alex G, Jett J, Matthew L, Tamara W
2V	Ashleigh H, Kieren R, Eliza R, Jeremy J
2W	Andrew S, Natalie S, Ty W, Michael C

**P & C News** - It was a fabulous night at the BPS Trivia Night last Saturday. Everyone came dressed in their best 60's, 70's or 80's gear and over \$2,500 was raised for the school. A huge thank you to Jose Auditors for hosting the night and Les Parry for your help. The next P&C meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 16th Nov. This is the AGM where all positions will be declared vacant. If you are interested in holding one of these positions then here is your opportunity! Everyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

Karen Bird  
P and C President

**Uniform Shop - PSSA Shirts.** We are calling for any outstanding PSSA shirts to be returned to the uniform shop or the office as soon as possible.

**Education tax refund – inclusion of school uniforms.** The Government has changed the education tax refund to include school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011. Items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012. So from 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so that you can claim them next year. For more information, refer to Education Tax Refund ([www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)). Source: Commonwealth of Australia, [www.ato.gov.au/content/00244367.htm](http://www.ato.gov.au/content/00244367.htm), viewed November 2011.

**Volunteers for 2012 roster.** We are looking for volunteers for next year's roster. The shop is always busy so we're in constant need of volunteers. If you are keen to lend a hand contact Tammy on 9456 7973 or Jayne on 9456 1549.

**Reminder.** For those volunteers writing receipts for purchases, it is important to write on the receipt the *method of payment* (e.g. credit card, cheque or cash) and the *name of the person taking the order* (e.g. Tammy).

•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	17/11	C Harriss, L Peltonen
Monday	21/11	S Parker, T Allen
Thursday	24/11	P Smith, N Steel
Monday	28/11	L Stebbins, S Vaughan
Thursday	1/12	S Bourke, H Anstice

**Canteen - Canteen Roster**

Thursday	17/11	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	18/11	C Harriss, A Cornish
Monday	21/11	L Williams
Thursday	24/11	S Bourke, C Stone
Friday	25/11	M Davis, K Wallis
Monday	28/11	G Gates



**Berowra Public School**  
presents the

**2011 Twilight Concert**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
on the Outdoor Stage

**Come and enjoy the Concert Band,  
Training Band, Recorder Groups and Choir**

**Sausage sizzle, cakes and drinks for sale from 6pm,  
Music Performance at 7pm**



*All welcome*

Attendance is by gold coin donation to support music in the school

## Now the Day is Over

by Caitlin C 1A

Now the day is over  
Night is drawing nigh  
Shadows of the evening  
Steal across the sky  
Now the darkness gathers  
Stars begin to peep  
Birds and beasts and flowers  
Soon will be asleep

### Community News

Arcadia Public School Markets on Saturday 19th November 8am-3pm. A huge selection of fantastic stalls & displays plus more at 140 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia.

Christmas Holiday Activities at Hornsby Libraries - Gingerbread house making, Christmas Pantomime, magic shows & hands on reptile shows. For further enquires phone 9847 6738 or go to [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au).

### NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
2/11/11	Dance Party	K-6	18/11/11
3/11/11	Year 6 Farewell	Yrs 5 & 6	24/11/11
9/11/11	Band Info Evening	Yrs 2-5	-
9/11/11	Choir at Twilight Concert	Choir	-
9/11/11	Prefect elections	Year 5	-
9/11/11	Dance Group in 2012	Years 3-5	-
9/11/11	EOI selective high school	Year 5	18/11/11
16/11/11	Recorder in 2012	K-yr 5	ASAP

### ADVANCE NOTICE!! K-2 End of Year Celebration Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Our end of year celebration will again be a Disco and Sausage Sizzle at school. HEY DJ will be coming to the school to entertain the children with a disco complete with dancing, musical instruments, glowsticks and even a laser light show.

**The cost will be \$8** for the disco and a sausage sandwich, drink and iceblock. If you do not wish to order a sausage sandwich & drink for lunch the cost will be \$4 only. You will then need to supply your child's lunch.

Children will be invited to dress in Christmas mufti but must wear enclosed shoes.

More information and a note will be sent out later this month. This is to let you know when it is and the cost involved. Please do not send in any money yet. If you know your child will not be here on that day, if you could let your child's class teacher know.

Thanking You  
K-2 Teachers



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## Waratah Pre School

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### New Extended hours

**Long Day 7:30am ~ 5:30pm**

**Short Day 8:30am ~ 3:30pm**

Children aged 2 ~ 6years



### Diary Dates

Kindy 2012 Orientation Day	Thurs	17/11
Twilight Concert 6pm	Thurs	24/11
SSG AGM	Tue	29/11
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
CARES excursion for Yrs 5/6	Mon 6/2 or Tues 7/2	
BPS Swimming Carnival at Gosford	Thurs	1/3/12
End of Term 1	Thurs	5/4/12

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#### Out-of-School SPORTS CLUB

**Start:** School Term 1, 2012  
30/01/12 – 02/04/12  
**Time:** Every Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm  
**For:** Boys and Girls aged 5-12 years  
**Where:** Berowra Public School  
**Cost:** \$110 per child per term  
(Must book for the whole term)

Register online at [www.ozsportssolutions.com.au](http://www.ozsportssolutions.com.au)  
before Friday 16th December 2011 and pay for  
one child and a second child comes for free!\*

\* see terms and conditions on website

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Second child  
attends for  
FREE!\*



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19TH NOVEMBER

6PM ONWARDS

LIVE MUSIC

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