



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 14th December, 2011
Term 4 Week 10

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Last week was definitely a highlight for Berowra Public School. Many thanks to the Scripture Teachers who organised such a wonderful **Scripture Service** and it was lovely to see us sharing it with Cowan Public School students. Our Scripture Teachers give their time freely to teach our children and the children enjoy their lessons. Thank you, teachers and enjoy your break. Many thanks to all the parents and helpers who were able to join with us at our annual **'Helper's Morning Tea'** on Wednesday morning. We greatly appreciate all you do for us in/out/around the classrooms. Thank you to Mrs Layson for organising this feast and the teachers who baked such beautiful treats for us to eat.

Presentation Day on Thursday was of course a paramount production. It was disheartening that it rained but the children adapted to the change! Congratulations to all our award recipients but also to all children. The children were so well behaved for such a long time and I am so proud of their behaviour. I apologise to the parents of the House Captains and Vice House Captains. I announced these during the Presentation Day Ceremony, not realising that this is not usually done, so unfortunately the parents did not get a letter to let them know of this presentation. I apologise for any inconvenience and grief. Unfortunately, when I arrived back at school I noticed the 'Academic Achievement' medals sitting in my office! I apologise for these not being given out on the day, but your child was awarded this during the Celebration of Learning.

"A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart" ... this quote epitomises the teachers of Berowra Public School. I would like to thank all the teachers of BPS, they are one of the best group of teachers I have worked with. They are inspirational, dedicated, focussed on achievement of outcomes and development of positive behaviours and relate well to each other as a professional group. It is becoming rarer to find schools where all personnel areas work as well as they do here. Berowra is special and the success of this school should be celebrated.

K-2 Nativity on Friday was entertaining and brought a tear to many eyes...especially mine. Again I was so proud of our children and teachers. This 'professional' performance was an absolute joy to watch. The children loved every moment of their performance as did their parents! Many thanks to all our teachers for their dedication to your children's love of learning and performing. Many thanks to Helen Vincent's inspirational and enthusiastic leadership.

Celebrations of Learning, on Monday, were well attended by many parents and grandparents. Thank you for joining us in celebrating with each child, their year of learning and many achievements. Many thanks to the teachers for organising these mammoth events.

Behind all of these events, of course, are the willing parent helpers. Many thanks to all the parents who helped with morning teas, lunches, costumes, decorations and anything else needed to assist with these events. As always your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Sad Farewells

It is on a sad note that we farewell three of our teachers at the end of this year...two to other schools and one to retirement. Most of you will now be aware that Helen Vincent is retiring. Generations of Berowra children have benefited from Helen's 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. She is the 'heart' of this school. Mrs Vincent is the steady influence many children have thrived under. She is the epitome of professionalism and dedication. Mrs Vincent will be sadly missed but she has many 'legacies' left at the school. Her love of anything musical has inspired many children to enjoy music, singing and dance...you just need to watch the children while she conducts or teaches them. She has them in the palm of her hand interested in all she is saying or singing. I love dropping into her class to listen to one of her many stories or sayings. Mrs Vincent you will be sadly missed but I am sure you will drop in to visit us when you are also close by.

Miss Linda Glare's infectious enthusiasm for life and learning will be sadly missed as well as her dedication to all things environmental and humorous! Popping into her classroom is like landing in a beehive – children buzzing around the room interested and enthusiastic about all the challenging learning going on in her classroom. We wish Miss Glare best wishes for her future and ask her to 'keep in touch'.

Mrs Sally Till has been offered the position of Relieving Principal at Cowan PS for term 1, 2012. We wish her every happiness and success in her new relieving position.

2012

Mrs Elizabeth Beckedahl, Relieving Principal at Cowan PS, 2011 has been successful in her application for Relieving Assistant Principal K-2 in 2012.

Mrs Elizabeth Kempe, has also been appointed to Berowra (in place of Miss Glare).



To help with our class planning for 2012, 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. Alternately, phone the school office on 9456 1319.

Student Name/s

2011 class :

Parents Name :

Mrs Beckedahl and Mrs Kempe will commence at Berowra on Friday, 27th January.

I know that staff, students and parents will offer them the same support, dedication and friendship that you show to all 'newcomers'.

Last Friday, I was informed that Mr Barwick will be staying at Kariang PS for term 1, 2012. Therefore, I will be here for term 1. During this time the position of Principal of Kariang PS will be advertised.

Classes for 2012

- Kindergartens KYellow - Mrs Fenton; KRed - Mrs Butler; KPurple - Mrs Layson
- Year 1P - Mrs Pickering; Year 1A - Mrs Withford/Mrs Dover
- Year 2W - Mrs Wynn; Year 2K - Mrs Kempe
- Year 2/3B - Mrs Beckedahl
- Year 3B - Mrs Bolger
- Year 3/4P - Mr Pritchard
- Year 4 - Mrs Till
- Year 4/5C - Mrs Cacitti/Miss Small (Fridays)
- Year 5L - Miss Small/Mrs Lukic
- Year 6A - Miss Allan; Year 6W - Mrs Wilkinson

I wish you every happiness for Christmas and the New Year and have a safe and happy holiday. I am looking forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and rejuvenated, after the holidays, which hopefully will be warm and sunny!

Dianne Bower
Relieving Principal

Farewell - I would like to take this opportunity to say a few final words before my last trip on the wonderful, accident free, stress free, F3!! My time at Berowra has brought many fond memories and no doubt from many of the students for my opera playground singing; spontaneity during the students very focused hand ball games, dancing sprees; stylish sun safe - Dr Seuss fascinator, to mention a few!!!!

To all the wonderful parents, I have crossed paths throughout my 4.5 years, I thank you for your support, kind words, wrinkles (think that comes with the territory of life) and unique stories shared. I so often tell my students how lucky they are to have such wonderful families as many children are less fortunate throughout the world. To ALL the staff working at BPS I thank you for your support throughout my time at the school, both on a professional and personal level. I'm sure Mrs Smith's chocolate supply will not diminish as quickly, office ladies may get some reprieve from my 'Finding Nemo' "Maaaaaate" trademark; Mr Kitchener no longer needs to remind me that his tools are a boomerang, and I'm sure it will take some time to be replaced as the "Cereal Queen"....to name a few. I raise my glass and toast you all. Have a safe holiday and wishing you ever success in life.

Miss Glare

Library - Thank you. As the year draws to a close I want to thank all the amazing parents and staff who help ensure the Library runs so smoothly and successfully each year.

To Mr Gilbert and Mrs Braham for all your help covering, returning and shelving books.

BPS FAIR 2012

It's on again!

Saturday 24th November

The next fair meeting is being held on
Monday 6th February at 7pm at the Berowra pub.

If you would like to be involved or just have a few ideas, you are encouraged to attend.

If you require more information, contact Graeme Gates
on 0418485332 or gkgates@iinet.net.au.

Diary Dates

Year 6 Farewell	Wed	14/12
K-2 disco day & sausage sizzle	Thurs	15/12
Stage 2 picnic day at Brooklyn	Thurs	15/12
Stage 3 surf awareness excursion	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	
Leadership camp for school captains	Wed-Fri	8-10/2
BPS Swimming Carnival at Gosford	Thurs	1/3/12
End of Term 1	Thurs	5/4/12

It's Not Too Late for Band 2012! Extra Instrument Tryout Day!

There will be an extra instrument tryout days on
TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY and
WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY

in the **LIBRARY** at **1.30**

immediately after eating lunch during play time



We still have some school band instruments available for next year, so come and take advantage of this great opportunity to join the band.

Musicians were well represented in positions of responsibility as well as awards at Presentation Day 2011 - music enhances your education - check it out!



Please find the Band Information Booklet on the school website.

Any questions or queries Amanda Gillard
9456 2908 or bpsband@hotmail.com

To our untiring, wonderful Book Club organisers, Ms Natasha Steele and Mrs Sarah Williams, your hours and hours of work is so very much appreciated. You do an amazing job earning us bonus points for acquiring new resources and giving the children and parents the great joy of choosing their own books. Thank you for another successful Book Club year!

To Mrs Lynne Lee who so expertly maintains the Library resources with superb efficiency. She does a magic job in her one day a week in the Library.

Lastly, thank you to the parents, staff and students of Berowra for your support of the library throughout 2011. You make it such a relevant, 'happening' place!

Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to all the children who completed their PRC challenge in 2011. a tremendous effort! Congratulations to our gold award recipients -

Dylan P Isabella G Tom H Katrina T Leah O

Your four years of participation is a fantastic achievement. In the ten years since its inception the PRC has gone from 5,900 students completing the challenge in 2001 to 219,299 students completing in 2011. Well done all.

Drama - A huge thank you to all the parents and students who participated in the school drama groups this year. What a team effort! Performing at the Sydney North Drama Festival at NIDA and the MaDD Concert at school were highlights. The children have also had a chance to perform in front of their peers on three or four occasions throughout the year. This weeks performance of Christmas plays 'The X...mas Factor' and 'The Forgotten Present' demonstrated that even with so little practise your children have come such a long way in their performance skills this year.

Thanks again everyone
Happy and safe Festive Season

Jennie Smith

Music - Band - Congratulations to all musicians on their fantastic achievements this year, hearing them and seeing the enjoyment they get from playing in the band as a team makes all the hard work worthwhile. Thank you to the parents for helping on Presentation day, the band played SO well, a credit to the school as always. Congratulations to the Ensemble on what I hear was an excellent and professional performance at the Infants Nativity. Well done on succeeding in the difficult task of true ensemble playing.

Special mention must be made of our two award winners Tarna R for the Perpetual Award and Tim D for the Conductor's Award. As always it is a terribly difficult decision to have to choose only two from such a talented group of children (check how many musicians were given other awards or positions of responsibility on presentation day!) when so many richly deserve acknowledgment. I hope that all the children leaving the band will continue to enjoy music, even if it is as a listener rather than a participant. A special thank you to all the parents for supporting the band and the children, neither they nor I can succeed without your enthusiasm and encouragement.

Rehearsals will start in week 2 of term 1 for Concert band at 8 am on Tuesday February 7th.

Anyone hiring a band instrument in 2012 will need to collect on Sunday February 5th between 3 and 4pm in the school library.

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. I look forward to another enjoyable and rewarding year with you and your children in the bands in 2012.

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

Amanda Gillard, Band Director

Uniform Shop - Volunteers for 2012 roster. We are looking for volunteers for next year's roster. The shop is always busy so we are in constant need of volunteers.

If you are keen to lend a hand contact Tammy on 9456 7973 or Jayne on 9456 1549.

2011 volunteers. The committee would like to sincerely thank the volunteers who generously gave their time to the uniform shop this year. We wish them and their families a Merry Christmas.

The Uniform Shop Committee

Community News

Berowra Netball Club registration is on Saturday 28th January at Berowra soccer clubhouse 9am to 3pm. All ages welcome also seniors wishing to register a whole team. Neetas (ages 7-8) receive a club shirt FREE on registration. Family discounts apply. Info David 9456 5182, Julie 9456 4664 Berowra.netball.asn.au

Hornsby Heights Public School Vacation Care Cooking, games, plaster painting, origami, cricket, sausage sizzle & more.

7:30am-6:30pm. Mon 19/12 - Thurs 22/12 & Mon 9/1 - Fri 27/1. Phone 9476 6901. Program is on display on BPS noticeboard.

Hornsby Libraries Holiday Activities - Balloon twisting, temporary tattoos, face painting, gingerbread house making, magic show, Christmas pantomime and more. Bookings essential. Hornsby library 9847 6813. Program is on display on BPS noticeboard.

Vision Valley Holiday Camp for primary 3-6 & junior high 7-10. 17th-20th January. Adventure day camp is 9 days. For further information or brochures please phone 9655 2600.

CLASS AWARDS	
KR	Zoe V, Kai V
KY	Monique W, Lucy B
1A	Harry D, Daniel H
1L	Caleb S, Anna J
1P	Sophia V, Jack G
2L	Dylan W, Jett J
2V	Ethan B, Alodie W
2W	Taj M, Zoe G



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Keep your kids fit, active and healthy these holidays by joining our school holiday program.

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- Week 1** (4 days): Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 6th January Cost: \$61.60
Week 2 (5 days): Monday 9th January to Friday 13th January Cost: \$77.00
Week 3 (5 days): Monday 16th January to Friday 20th January Cost: \$77.00
Week 4 (3 days): Monday 23rd January to Wednesday 25th January Cost: \$46.20

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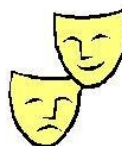
Want to Rock Out?



**Musicians needed for a New
Berowra Public School ROCK Band**
 Bass Guitar, Guitar, Keyboards
 Percussion, Trumpet, Clarinet
 Saxophone, Trombone, Flute
 Vocals, Backing Vocals
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Call Mike on 0413-034080

I am a parent of 2 kids at the school



Drama Classes!!!

For children from
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Geoff Spotswood

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LOCATIONS & DATES

Centennial Parklands NEW VENUE

19 - 22 December 2011

9am - 1pm (\$200) or 9am - 4pm (\$350)

3 - 6 January 2012

9am - 1pm (\$200) or 9am - 4pm (\$350)

Turramurra, Turramurra Oval

21 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

10 - 13 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

Nth Sydney, Nth Sydney Oval No. 2

20 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

9 - 12 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

16 - 19 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

Lindfield, Lindfield Oval

20 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

17 - 20 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

23 - 25 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

St. Ives, Hassell Park

16 - 19 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

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23 - 25 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

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Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

We will see all returning students refreshed and back at school on Monday 30th January.

*From the staff at
Berowra Public School*

