



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 16th February, 2011
Term 1 Week 4

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website - <http://www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Meet the Teacher Evening

To help strengthen the partnership between home and school, and to give you an early opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear first-hand what is planned for the coming year, we are having our **Meet the Teacher** evening **Monday, 21st February**.

Details of times and venues follow. The sessions are staggered to allow parents with children in more than one Stage to attend all relevant sessions.

Stage	Time	Venue
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)	5:30 – 6:00	classrooms
Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	6:00 – 6:30	classrooms
Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)	6:30 – 7:00	Combined: 3P / 4G classrooms
Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)	7:00 – 7:30	Combined: Library

Please note that this evening gives a general overview of the class program. If you have specific concerns about your child's progress, or have other information of which you feel the teacher should be aware, please make an appointment for an individual meeting at a later date. We look forward to meeting you next Monday and working with you over the coming year.

Maroon for a Day

Don't forget tomorrow's 'Maroon for a Day' fund raiser for flood relief for Queensland schools. The day will be a mufti day, during which students are asked to wear something maroon. No sky blue will be permitted!

Term 2 School Development Day

Please remember that the School Development Day for Term 2 will be **Monday 2nd May**. This will allow staff to attend a conference at Hornsby North Public School with teachers from the other Hornsby network schools, run by renowned clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller. To clarify, dates for the start of Term 2 are:

- Monday 25th April - Easter Monday & ANZAC Day
- Tuesday 26th April - Public Holiday
- Wednesday 27th April - all students return to school
- Monday 2nd May - School Development Day (no students)

The calendar is up-to-date

The Calendar on the school website (www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) is up to date, including the dates of vacations, fundraisers, excursions, Canteen special days and School Development ('pupil-free') Days. Bookmark our site and check it weekly to keep up to date with what's happening in the school. Also don't forget the 'Missed a Note?' page for all those notes lost in the bottom of your child's schoolbag.

Why wear uniform?

The Berowra school community values the proud wearing of full school uniform. Generally, the standard of uniform is excellent. However, we need to continually work on maintaining that high standard and ask for your assistance in this. Here are some good reasons for wearing a school uniform.

- It saves arguments between parents and children about what is to be worn to school.

- It stops children pestering their parents to buy expensive clothes just to keep in fashion.
- Students are easily identifiable, especially on excursions. This helps us not to lose any!
- Uniforms create a sense of school pride and identity, especially at sporting events or music festivals.
- It's cheaper. Good clothes can be kept for special events whereas it doesn't matter if paint or glue is spilt on a uniform. Just throw it in the wash and wear it again!

John Barwick
Principal

Library News - Welcome back everyone! A wonderful year ahead in "Book World". For new parents, Berowra School Library operates from Monday to Thursday with 45 min and 1 hour classes for each class K-6. Mrs Yasmin St Clare teaches on Monday and I teach Tuesday to Thursday. Mrs Lynne Lee is our wonderful Administration Assistant.

Children may borrow books for up to two weeks as long as they bring a CLOTH LIBRARY BAG. Books can be renewed after two weeks if longer is needed to read them. We have a collection of about 7,000 books so there is something for everyone.

Mrs Natasha Steele and Mrs Sarah Williams (parents at BPS) run the school Book Club. Children and parents are encouraged to support purchases from the Book Club, as the Library receives bonus points from the sales which we redeem for new books and resources for the whole school to use. The Book Club operates twice a term. Our thanks and appreciation go to Mrs Steele and Mrs Williams who give up their time to run the Book Club so efficiently each year. The first Book Club order has already been collected. Your child's class Library days will be finalised this week.

Happy reading
Jennie Smith

Drama News - We are working on a timetable for Drama in 2011. Children will be advised of auditions as soon as possible. More information next Crest.

Jennie Smith

Music - Band - Welcome back to band for a new year of great music, I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. Concert band are already rehearsing with new music. We have some exciting music this year, so start practising ready for our first performance at the Easter parade on the last day of term. Training band will start on Wednesday March 2nd.

All students should now have their tutor organised and be having lessons. Please ask for help about tutors from the committee members or Amanda Gillard if you do not have this arranged.

We have our first MST meeting of the year on Thursday at 7pm in the staffroom, all very welcome.

Band parent helper roster

Concert Band	Training Band
Tues 22/2 Daniels & Fairs	Wed 23/2 -
Tues 1/3 Fisquet	Wed 2/3 Anderson

Questions or queries? Contact bpsband@hotmail.com, Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596

Rock Band - Powerplay

Powerplay wrapped up 2010 with a great final performance for the year taking part in Hornsby Council's 'Music On The Mall' programme. The band has been associated with Council events since 2008 and were delighted to take part in this latest event. Great work Powerplay.



Garth Stevens,
Band Director

School Support Group - Calling ALL parents, new and old. Your school needs your support. Come along to our first School Support Group meeting of 2011 on Thursday 24th February at 9:30 and find out what we're all about. Morning tea is provided and toddlers are more than welcome. We will follow the meeting with lunch at Berowra Tavern for those who wish to join us.

Carolyn Harriss, SSG President

P & C - The first P & C meeting for the new year is on Wednesday 16th February at 7:30pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Karen Bird, P & C President

Canteen - The new menu for 2011 has being sent home today. If you have time to volunteer on a Monday, Thursday or Friday, please see either Theresa or Anne at the canteen.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	17/2	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	18/2	C Harriss, A Cornish
Monday	21/2	L Williams
Thursday	24/2	S Bourke, C Stone
Friday	25/2	M Cunningham, K Wallis
Monday	28/2	B Conlon, G Gates

Uniform Shop - Thanks for everyone's patience during this busy time of year. We've got lots of good-quality pre-loved stuff if you're after a bargain.

There are also order forms available from BOOSH Cottage & the school office if you can't make it into the shop during opening hours. Just send Sarah Parker a text (0425 257 813) if you need anything in a hurry.

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

Cash refunds unavailable-a cheque will be forwarded.

All returns need to have a *returns form* attached.

Uniform Shop Roster - copy also available at the shop

Thursday	17/2	C Harriss, L Peltonen
Monday	21/2	C Akehurst, S Parker, T Allen
Thursday	24/2	P Smith, N Steel
Monday	28/2	L Stebbins, S Vaughan
Thursday	3/3	S Bourke, H Anstice

The Uniform Shop Committee

Thank You

On behalf of the parents and children of Year 6 2010 I would like to say a big thank you to the parents of Year 5 2010 who were on the Farewell Committee, for a wonderful Year 6 Farewell on 13th December last year.

The new school hall looked sensational and the night went so well. It was great fun seeing the old photos of the children from their first year at school up on the big screen. All of the children looked fantastic in their special outfits.

So thanks again for a great night!

Carolyn Peterson

Community News

Hornsby Greek Festival - Come experience a bit of Greece, you'll love it! Greek food, arts & crafts, folk dancing, raffle prizes, live entertainment, folk dancing, book & plant sales. Greenway Park, Cherrybrook, entrance off Shepherds Drive. Sunday 20th February 11am-7pm. Free Entry.

Turrumurra High Open Afternoon - Student performances, guided tours & displays, talk & hands-on activities. Free sausage sizzle. Friday 6th May 9-11am. www.turrumurra-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Turrumurra High Year 7 Extension Class 2012 - Monday 14th March 2011 9am -12:30pm in school's Multi-Purpose Centre. For info and application form: www.turrumurra-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Easy Care Gardening Garden & Market Day in the grounds of historic home Mt Errington on Saturday 12 March 9am-3pm. There will be market stalls, gourmet BBQ & café, plants, gardening 'celebrity' guest speakers & ABC 702 Weekends broadcasting live as well. We hope it's going to be a huge day to raise awareness about Easy Care Gardening's community work as well as raise some funds. Entry is \$5.00, children free.

*** St Bernard's Community Fun Evening Friday 4th March 3-8pm ***

Bring your family and come along to this great community event.

Rides, jumping castle, face-painting, specialty stalls, cakes, craft, second hand goods, sideshow alley and local entertainment.

For dinner we are catering with delicious gourmet food.

De Costi Seafood, Asian Noodle Box, Pena Pasta, Kebabs / Pita or APEX BBQ.

Where: St Bernard's Primary School,
Warrina Street Berowra Heights.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Colouring competition entry forms are available
at Berowra Public School office.

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
3/2/11	Recorder Group	2-6	-
3/2/11	Philosophical Ethics	5 & 6	-
7/2/11	Text Books	K-6	18/2/11
7/2/11	Classroom resources	Kindy	ASAP
9/2/11	Ace Tennis	Year 2	17/2/11
9/2/11	Sport	Yrs 3-6	24/2/11
16/2/11	General Permission Note	K-6	ASAP
16/2/11	Canteen Menu	K-6	-
16/2/11	Diary	Yrs 5 & 6	3/3/11
16/2/11	Asquith Girls High info	Yrs 5 & 6	-
16/2/11	PSSA Sport	PSSA Reps	24/2/11

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR BAND 2011!

We still have some instruments available for this year.

If you are interested please contact

bpsband@hotmail.com

Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or

Debbie Allen 9456 0596



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

CommonwealthBank



Diary Dates

2011

P&C Meeting 7:30pm	Wednesday	16 Feb
Maroon for a Day	Thursday	17 Feb
Music Support Team meeting 7pm	Thursday	17 Feb
Textbook sales	Friday	18 Feb
Meet the Teacher	Monday	21 Feb
Rising Generations (Yrs 5 & 6)	Thursday	24 Feb
School Support Grp meeting 9:30am	Thursday	24 Feb
Asquith Girls High open day	Tuesday	1 Mar
Canteen pancake day	Tuesday	8 Mar
Zone Swimming Carnival	Wednesday	9 Mar
Life Education	Wed-Tues	23-29 Mar
BPS School Disco	Friday	1 Apr
Easter Hat Parade	Friday	8 Apr
Last day of term	Friday	8 Apr
Public Holiday	Tuesday	26 Apr
Students return for Term 2	Wednesday	27 Apr
Staff Development Day - no students	Monday	2 May

Girl Guides in Berowra

Girl Guides. We're fun, we love the outdoors and sometimes we get dirty! Camping, adventures, canoeing, bushwalking, craft, cooking, bush care and helping the community. Best of all we have fun and laugh a lot.



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Information afternoon Saturday, 19 February 2011, 3pm at Berowra Guide Hall, Hill St, Berowra near the soccer club. or contact us at berowraguides@gmail.com.



Our school is committed to improving children's health through education and by supporting the Department of Health's Crunch&Sip® initiative.

Crunch&Sip® is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom.

We invite you to support your child to participate in Crunch&Sip® by providing a clean water bottle and a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for Crunch&Sip®. Only fresh fruit or vegetables are to be eaten during our school's Crunch&Sip®. No dried fruit or canned, packet fruit is to be eaten during Crunch&Sip®.

Research has shown that drinking water and eating fruit and vegetables is essential for good health and can help concentration throughout the day.

Please remember to send suitable fruit/vegetables and a plastic water bottle with your child each day.

Thank you for your support.

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Principal : Cathy Lea
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cathylea@bigpond.net.au



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9456 1333

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