



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

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Term 1 Week 2

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Welcome back to another busy year at Berowra.

Firstly, congratulations to everybody who competed so well at our very early Swimming Carnival yesterday. The short notice change of date and venue, combined with the ridiculously early timing, made this a challenge for us, but in true Berowra fashion everybody rose to the occasion. Congratulations in particular to Miss Glare, whose excellent organisation ensured everybody had a great day.

Classes for 2011

I know that many children are anxious to know who their teacher will be for 2011. As is normally the case, we have to wait for our numbers to stabilise before we make a definite decision about class structure and class lists. As a result the children begin the year in their 'old' classes. This is unavoidable. Even a couple of unexpected enrolments in a particular grade can cause a flow-on effect which can change classes right across the school. It is far better that we do the job right at the start of the year- even if we have to wait an extra day or two before going into final classes- than having to restructure the whole school after a couple of weeks.

New Administration area

If you have visited the school recently, you will have noticed a major change. Our hard-working administration staff have now moved into their new 'home' in the area that was once the Dental Clinic. This is situated on Hillcrest Road, near the hall. The new arrangement gives our admin staff a better work environment, and also gives the school an official 'entrance'. The sick bay is also in the new area. The second stage of the move will see the uniform shop move to what is now a Teacher Resource Room (at the end of A Block, next to Mrs Till's demountable classroom), and my office will move into the current uniform store.

New staff

I would like to welcome a new permanent staff member to the school. Kelly Lukic comes to us from Castle Hill Public School, and will be a great addition to our teaching staff. Kelly will initially be working Thursdays and Fridays. Welcome also to Hayley Small and Carolyn James, who will both be working three days a week. A full list of classes and teachers will be included in the next newsletter.

Parent Information Nights

We are again holding these very important events in order for you to meet your child's teacher and for your child's teacher to meet you. Keep an eye out for information about dates and times.

John Barwick
Principal

Recorder Group - The recorder group will be running again in 2011 and it is not too late to join for any students in Years 1 to 6. The group will be performing throughout the year at many school functions and assemblies. A highlight for the advanced group will be the opportunity to perform at the Festival of Instrumental Music held at the Sydney Opera House in August this year, which will involve hundreds of recorder players from schools throughout Sydney and regional NSW.

The advanced recorder ensemble will be rehearsing in the Library on Friday mornings from 8:20 am to 9:00 am with the first rehearsal on 11th February. This is for students who have played

the recorder for at least one year.

For students who are new to playing the recorder, there will be a beginner recorder ensemble that will meet in the Library on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm, starting on Wednesday 9th February.

The cost for being part of the advanced or beginner ensemble is \$30 per term, except for the first term for beginners which is \$60 - this includes a new descant recorder.

The group will be led by Dr Sue Thorvaldson. If you are interested in joining the group or have any questions, you can pick up an information/permission note from the school office. You can also contact me at sue.thorv@gmail.com.

Sue Thorvaldson
Recorder Group Director.

Diary Dates

Term 1 2011

Stage 3 CARES excursion	Mon & Tues	7-8/2/11
Textbook sales	Friday	11/2/11
Year 6 Broken Bay Camp	Mon-Wed	14-16/2/11
Maroon mufti day for Qld floods	Thursday	17/2/11
Stage 3 Rising Generations	Thursday	24/2/11
Zone Swimming Carnival	Wednesday	9/3/11
Life Education	Wed-Tues	23-29/3/11
Stage 1 Easter Hat parade	Friday	8/4/11
Last day of Term 1	Friday	8/4/11

Term 2

School Development Day	Tuesday	27/4/10
Students return for Term 2	Thursday	28/4/10

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

is coming to

Berowra Community Centre

on

**Wednesday 2nd &
Thursday 3rd February
1:30 - 6:30pm**

Are you the type to save lives?
More blood donations needed!

Whether you're Type A, B, O or AB there is someone, somewhere who needs your blood type. It could be someone you know well, a member of your family or a stranger. Did you know that 1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime?

Please phone **13 14 95**
to make an appointment.
Please bring ID with you.



Community News

Play Hockey in 2011. Great non-contact mixed girls & boys team sport. Small field for 5-8 yr olds. Mixed Junior comps U11, U13, U15. Play on world class artificial turf facility at Pennant Hills Park. Great for fitness as well as maintaining cricket & baseball skills. Northern District Hockey Association registration day Saturday 12th February 12-4pm at Pennant Hills Park. For more information call Adrian Wilson 0419 299 808. Robert Nicoll 0438 119 729. www.nchockey.com.au

Movie under the Stars - Hornsby Shire Council's popular annual free Movies Under The Stars start at sundown (approx 8:15pm) and are alcohol-free events. Light refreshments and coffee will be available at each venue. Children under 18 years must be accompanied by adults.

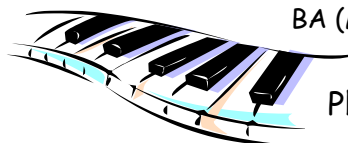
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG)

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Learn to read music from the very first lesson!

Beginners to Advanced

Mrs Sue Norrington
BA (Mus), Grad Dip Ed



Phone 9456 3752

Piano Lessons

Experienced Music Teacher.
For all ages. Beginners welcome.
Contact Ann: 0425 821 290
Email: aeleslie@hotmail.com

Creative Space Drama Workshops



Drama classes for Kindergarten to Year 6.

Wednesday afternoons in Berowra Heights
Enrolling now for 2011
For further information, contact

DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

If you care for a relative, neighbour or friend with memory loss or care for an elderly person and need support or information join us

Convener: Roslyn Curran
Senior Social Worker
Rehab & Aged Care

Facilitator: Melanie Hawkins
Social Worker, HACC
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Health Service

2.30pm Thursday 10 February

Berowra Community Health Centre
123 Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra Hts

Cost: Free
Afternoon tea will be provided

RSVP: Marie Brooks on 9456 3344

Next Meeting Date:
Thursday 10 March 2011

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

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