



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 16th March, 2011  
Term 1 Week 8

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### Parent Interviews

After the success of last year's event, we will again be having Term 1 parent-teacher interviews. These will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, between 3:30 and 8:00. A note will go home soon with details of venues, and to give you the opportunity to ask for a time slot that best suits you.

### P&C Meeting and School Council AGM

Don't forget the P&C meeting tonight, 7:30pm in the Staff Room. We had a great turn-out last time, and I'd love to see the same level of interest again. The P&C is a hard-working and very effective body, but the simple equation remains that more hands we have being put up to do things, the more we can achieve. An extra incentive is that the meetings are purposeful, pleasant and usually little more than an hour in length!

The School Council AGM will also be held tonight at 6:30pm, before the P&C meeting.

### Selective High School Test

Good luck to those Year 6 students sitting for the Selective High School test tomorrow.

### Child safety around the school

Once again can I ask all parents dropping their children off at school in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon to exercise extreme care in driving and parking, and to meticulously obey the road rules. Parking in No Stopping zones is dangerous as it obstructs vision of both other motorists, of the Crossing Supervisors and of students and others crossing the road. Crossing unbroken lines and operating the vehicle in any way that is unpredictable to pedestrians is extremely dangerous. The school community would be devastated if there was an injury- or worse- to one of our children, and we all have a part to play in making sure all children are safe.

On a related note, it is also important that we all maintain the rules of good manners and respect when speaking to drivers of cars who are perceived to have broken the rules. The best results in these cases come from education rather than confrontation, and by informing the RTA and Police of any infringements (which we do on a regular basis).

John Barwick  
Principal

### Take this opportunity to hear a renowned expert in: *Maximising Learning and Building Resilience in your Child*

**Andrew Fuller** has recently been described as an 'interesting mixture of Billy Connolly, Tim Winton and Frasier Crane' and as someone who "puts the heart back into psychology". As a clinical psychologist, Andrew Fuller works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne.

His presentation will involve **Maximising learning for your child** and **Building Resilience in Children**. He is an outstanding speaker and this is an event not to be missed.

Andrew will be presenting this parent evening at:  
Hornsby Heights Public School  
6:30 to 8:00pm.  
Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011  
Cost is \$10.00 per adult  
Tickets now available at **our** school office

### Earthquake Appeal - Friday 18th March

Please bring a gold coin donation to school

Proceeds to Christchurch and Japanese earthquake appeals

### Harmony Day - Monday 21st March

Wear something orange on your uniform (not mufti)  
e.g. socks, a hair ribbon, bracelet etc

### Will you join our Skills Register?

The P&C and the school are compiling a Skills Register. We are interested in parents (or grandparents) with trade skills (every dollar we save on building, grounds and equipment maintenance is a dollar we can spend on educational resources), professional skills and general interests (craft, music, sport, horticulture etc.).

Please consider what you can offer the school in this way. I'm sure that every member of our school community has some skill that they can offer!

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### BPS P&C Skills Register

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

I can help the school in the following way(s).

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**Library News** - Years 5 and 6 wrote some Haiku poems about our earthquakes and wild weather. Some children wrote so well I have included a few examples.

Jennie Smith

Hurricanes by Brendan G 5C

Bolts of twirling wind  
In hurricanes eye we lie  
Everyone sighs and cries

*by Courtney T 5/6T*

Plumes of smoke rise  
People still buried in rubble  
Masses of damage

*by Ben R 5/6T*

Pain and fire, earthquake  
Plumes of smoke, massive damage  
Help needed badly

*by Liam B 5/6T*

Earthquake, fear, pain, sad  
Panicking, people, destroyed  
Destruction, everywhere

*by Jeremy F 6A*

People are crying  
Families are feeling pain  
Many are now mourning

**Sport News** - Most Valued Players for 25/2/11

Max Bone	Sarah Whittaker
Will Garrett	Samuel Parry

Most Valued Players for 4/3/11

Marissa Allan	Lachlan Orford Chapman
Ben Hasanauer	Jordan Smith
Isabel Norris	Tim Robinson
Rhys Covey	

Nicholas F in 6A has been selected in the Sydney North Regional Primary Basketball Team to participate in the upcoming NSWPSA State Carnival being held at Broken Hill in early May. Nicholas is also a member of the Hornsby Spiders 14A men's team which plays in Division 1. He recently played in the State Central Coast Classic after being selected in the team when trialing during December 2010.

**Music - Band** - Training band, you are FANTASTIC! We have had our first training band rehearsals, congratulations to all musicians! What a splendid sound, a great effort from everyone, parents included. Training band children should be practising for 10-15 minutes at a time at least four days a week and preferably every day. Please remember that all instruments are delicate, precision machines and need CARE. The child who owns or hires the instrument should be the **only** one using the instrument – it is not a toy for everyone to play. Please get in touch immediately if there is a problem with a hire instrument. Great work from some of the concert band players. There are a few musicians who need to do some practice – we have a performance coming up, you know who you are! Anyone requiring a band shirt needs to see me or the parent on duty to organise this before our performance on the last day of term. The next MST meeting is on Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the staffroom and as always, everyone is welcome. Parents are **always** welcome to attend band rehearsals. There are still some registration forms outstanding, so please complete and return as soon as possible.

Band parent helper roster

Concert Band

Tues 22/3	Langeveldt	Wed 23/3	Daniels
Tues 29/3	McDermott	Wed 30/3	Gilbert

Questions or queries? Contact [bpsband@hotmail.com](mailto:bpsband@hotmail.com),  
Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596

Training Band

**P&C News** - Reminder that there is a P&C meeting tonight at 7:30pm in staff room

**P&C Maintenance Day.** You are invited to the next BPS P&C Maintenance Day on Sunday 15th May. All we ask is for three hours of your time from 10:00am to help make our school the best it can be for our kids.

There will be some general tidying up and some small projects to tackle. No special skills required. Just bring along a spade or shovel, a rake, a broom and if you have room, a whipper-snipper and/or a wheelbarrow.

What will you get for three hours of your time:

- A sense of pride and achievement that our school looks its best
- Time in the fresh air whilst our kids have some fun
- A free BBQ sausage sizzle lunch with drink for helpers and their kids
- A chance to win one of three \$50.00 vouchers (issued by P&C) that can be used against any school activity including canteen, uniform shop and school fees.

The BBQ lunch will commence for registered helpers and their kids at 1:00pm. The draw for the \$50.00 vouchers will take place towards the end of the working day for each registered adult helper who assisted for a minimum of three hours. Winners will be notified by the P&C Committee.

Please come and have fun with your school friends and family.

Phil Compton  
P&C Maintenance Officer

**Canteen** - A huge thank you to the parents who came and helped cook and serve pancake on Pancake Day last week. It was a great success, we had a lot of fun and raised over \$500.00. A great effort!

Canteen Roster

Thursday	17/3	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	18/3	C Harriss, A Cornish
Monday	21/3	L Williams
Thursday	24/3	S Bourke, C Stone
Friday	25/3	M Cunningham, K Wallis
Monday	28/3	B Conlon, G Gates

**Uniform Shop** – You may have noticed that the Uniform Shop has moved. The old shop will soon become Mr Barwick's office and the new shop is located in the same block as the old office, just a little further along.

It's time to buy a pair of tracksuit pants for winter sports. These just need to be black so pick-up some when you're next at Westfield.

The Committee would also like to remind everyone that on-the-spot refunds are unavailable. All returns must be accompanied by a "returns form" and a then if required, a cheque will be forwarded. Lastly, if anyone is interested in the publicity officer's role for the uniform shop, please email Alison: [allycorn@bigpond.com](mailto:allycorn@bigpond.com)

Opening times: MONDAY 9-10am and THURSDAY 3-3.45pm. There are also order forms available from BOOSH and the school office if you can't make it into the shop during opening hours. 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	17/3	C Harriss, L Peltonen
Monday	21/3	C Akehurst, S Parker, T Allen
Thursday	24/3	P Smith, N Steel
Monday	28/3	L Stebbins, S Vaughan
Thursday	31/3	J Chalmers

The Uniform Shop Committee

**Community News**

Hornsby Shire Council One World Multicultural Festival on Sunday 20th March 12noon-8pm at Hornsby Park, Pacific Hwy. Markets & stalls, food & entertainment, rides & activities for the kids with a fireworks finale at 8pm.

St Ives High Gifted & Talented Assessment on Monday 4th April for Year 7 2012. Application forms at [www.sihhs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sihhs.nsw.edu.au). For more information call 9144 1689.

Hornsby Library presents 'An afternoon with Andy Griffiths' at Pennant Hills Community Centre on Saturday 2nd April 2-3pm. Cost is free. Bookings essential at any Hornsby library branch. Hornsby Library holiday activities include Storytime, holiday & evening, face painting & tattooing & Taronga Park Zoomobile. Booking essential. Call Hornsby Library 9847 6813.

### CLASS AWARDS

KR	Anna O, Ryan C, Eden S, Fiona T
KY	Lucy B, Haylee S, Kaelin S, Patrick H
1A	Riley B, Lani B, Olivia B, Emily D
1L	Anna J, Blake C, Jake S, Daniel P
1P	Kyle B, Zac B, Eliza O, Patrick W
2L	Abbey T, Alex G, Ella B, Francesca N
2V	Callahan H, Lilly L, Taffany M, Emily A
2W	Tahnee B, Peter M, Renee B, Tom H
3P	Dan A, Quinn J, Jack B, Mitchell B
3/4B	Tahli W, Ethan D
4G	Nick B, Jamie C
4/5W	Isabel P, Alec L, Amy T, Joe P
5C	Hannah B, Samuel C, Caitlin B, Brittany R
5/6T	Janni S, Jack S, Rhys C, Beau J, Ben B, Samara C, Sam F
6A	Mikayla R, Ben C, Jacob B, Max M

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### 2011 Diary Dates

Selective High Schools test	Thursday	17 Mar
Earthquake Appeal, gold coin donation	Friday	18 Mar
Harmony Day	Monday	21 Mar
SSG meeting 9:30am staffroom	Tuesday	22 Mar
Life Education	Wed-Tues	23-29 Mar
NSW Election Day	Saturday	26 Mar
Canteen meeting 2:30pm canteen	Monday	28 Mar
BPS School Disco	Friday	1 Apr
Parent/Teacher interview from 3:30pm	Monday	4 Apr
Canteen 'special food' Day	Tuesday	5 Apr
ANZAC Ceremony 2:15pm	Wednesday	6 Apr
Easter Hat Parade - Stage 1 12noon	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
Mothers Day Stalls	Tues & Wed	3&4 May
NAPLAN	Tuesday	10 May
P&C Maintenance Day	Sunday	15 May
Canteen Ice Cream Day	Tuesday	17 May
BPS Cross Country	Wednesday	18 May
BOOSH Chocolate Drive	Monday	23 May
Computer Skills Competition	Tuesday	24 May
P&C Winter Woolies Day	Wednesday	1 June
SSG Cocktail Party	Saturday	4 June

### NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Re-sponse
3/2/11	Philosophical Ethics	5 & 6	-
7/2/11	Classroom resources	Kindy	ASAP
9/2/11	Sport	Yrs 3-6	24/2/11
16/2/11	General Permission Note	K-6	ASAP
16/2/11	Authority to publish form	K-6	ASAP
23/2/11	Aust schools competitions	3-6	31/3/11
23/2/11	Life Education	K-6	15/3/11
2/3/11	Year 6 jersey	Year 6	31/3/11
9/3/11	BPS Crazy Hair Disco	K-6	29/3/11
9/3/11	Year 6 Farewell committee	Year 5	ASAP
9/3/11	Mobile phone recycling	K-6	-
16/3/11	Classroom resources	Year 1	ASAP

## ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**HELPERS needed** to serve sausage sandwiches, tea, coffee & cakes on Election Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

BOOSH Cottage and School Support would greatly appreciate your assistance.

If you can volunteer 2 hours or more please return the slip below to BOOSH Cottage or the school office.

We also need donations of cakes and slices to serve with tea & coffee on the day.

If you can help with this please bring your donation to BOOSH on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> or to canteen on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.

Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Michelle & Jodie

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TEL No \_\_\_\_\_

8am—10am	10am—12pm
12pm—2pm	2pm—4pm

## GARAGE SALE

8AM-2PM, Saturday 26 March  
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## Irish Dance

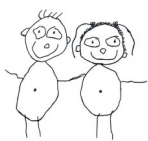


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**Principal : Cathy Lea**  
**9456 0446 0414 556 068**  
[cathylea@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cathylea@bigpond.net.au)



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