



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 2nd March, 2011
Term 1 Week 6

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

Maroon for a Day

Thank you for your support of Maroon for a Day. We raised \$600 which will help Queensland schools get back on their feet. Perhaps more importantly this will also help to teach our students a valuable lesson about taking responsibility and helping others in need. I am always heartened by Berowra's response to these appeals, which seem to be happening all too regularly these days.

Check the Website!

Please bookmark our website (www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au, or just Google 'Berowra Public School') and check it regularly to keep up to date with what's happening in the school. The Calendar has dates of vacations, fundraisers, excursions, Canteen special days and School Development ("pupil-free") Days, and you can access archives of The Crest and download notes you may have missed. There are also articles about events at the school and photo galleries.

If you have not yet done so, please fill in the **Authority to Publish** form sent home with the last Crest. This allows us to publish photos of your children on the website and in the Crest. A new form needs to be completed every year. I urge you to return the forms, even if you have reason for not having your child's photo on the Internet.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Last Monday's Meet the Teacher Evening was very well attended, and feedback I have received confirms that it is a valuable and valued event. Please remember that if you have specific concerns about your child's progress or have other information of which you feel the teacher should be aware, make an appointment for an individual meeting.

Facebook issues

Last year we had some issues with inappropriate content being put on Facebook by students. We worked hard with students to educate them about the dangers of using Facebook- and other social networking sites- to air negative opinions about others. We will continue to do this, while stressing to students that no-one under the age of 13 should have a Facebook account.

Content on Facebook might seem to be private, but it can actually become very public indeed (regardless of the privacy settings you use). This can be embarrassing for all parties, and in some cases might even be subject to defamation action. Might I urge all users of Facebook- adult and underage- to bear in mind that anything they type on the spur of the moment can end up having a very wide distribution. On a more general note, it is important that parents model good behaviour to their children and refrain from making derogatory comments about other members of the school community, especially students.

Crest by Email

We are looking at the possibility of emailing Crests to parents who request the service. This will reduce the amount of printing we have to do, and the amount of paper we send home to you. If you would like to sign up for this, send an email to our school account (Berowra-p.School@det.nsw.edu.au) with 'Email the Crest' in the subject line. If we get a good response we will start the service as soon as possible.

John Barwick
Principal

Will you join our Skills Register?

Running a successful school involves many skills. Maintaining the infrastructure so it helps rather than hinders the learning, safety and well-being of students, and delivering highly focussed individual programs targeted at specific student needs are just two of the areas in which the school community does the best it can within the constraints of the resources available.

Both the school and the P&C recognise that our parent body is widely representative of the broader population, and our parents collectively possess a plethora of skills that could be used to benefit our students. We already benefit tremendously from the contribution of many of our parents in diverse ways- including running an extension Maths group, teaching music, coordinating grounds improvements at working bees and running reading groups in the classroom. These contributions are very highly valued.

To give you an opportunity to let us know how you can help to make your child's school even better, 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!



BPS Skills Register

Name _____

Best Contact Number _____

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

Library News - Reading is Rewarding! Did you know..... Berowra Public School received \$4,223 in free resources from Scholastic Book Clubs in 2010. Your support of Clubs is not only making a difference to your teachers but also enriching the lives of your students. Today we live in a world full of digital information. Yet reading has never been more important, for we know that for young people the ability to read is the door opener to the 21st century: to comprehend their world, and to know themselves.

Thankyou to parents and children who support the Book Club. Children in all classes attend the Library once a week for 45mins/1hr. Class Library Days are:

Mon	1P, 2V, 3P, 4G taken by Mrs Y St Clare
Tues	KR, 2L, 1L }
Wed	3/4B, KY, 5C, 2W } taken by Mrs J Smith
Thurs	5/6T, 1A, 4/5W, 6A }

Children are encouraged to borrow from the school library as we have so many wonderful resources to instruct and enthuse the children and of course, foster the lifetime love of reading.

Book loans are for two weeks but books can be renewed if a longer time period is needed. Please ensure your child brings a cloth library bag on his/her library day.

Premiers Reading Challenge - The challenge for 2011 began last September and will finish 30th August 2011. It's a great way to encourage children to read.

Years K-2—need to read 20 books in one year. Kindy and Year 1 can just listen to the stories.

Years 3-6—need to read 30 books in one year.

Register online at -

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge. Please notify the library when your child has completed their quota. Books on the Premiers Reading Challenge are marked with stickers appropriate to age groups. Thanks to Mrs Braham for helping with this task, and many others.

Jennie Smith

Drama News - It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic and well prepared children attend the Drama Auditions last Thursday. 140 children auditioned for 60 places - 30 in Junior Drama and 30 in Senior Drama. Drama teaches the children self confidence, self esteem, role playing, voice and body expression and movement, understanding of characterisation, team work, co-operation, speech clarity and projection and many other life skills as well as just having fun!

Thank you to Mrs Till and Miss Glare who helped so generously on Thursday with the auditions.

Drama lessons begin this week -

Junior Drama Thursday 40 mins at 1:30 lunchtime in the hall

Senior Drama Tuesday 40 mins 10:40 to 11:20

Dramatically yours

Jennie Smith

Sport News - Most Valued Players for 18/2/11

<u>Junior</u>	<u>Senior</u>
Lachlan O	Max M
	Samuel P
	James C
	Ricky S
	Zaromali J

Music - Band - All bands will be up and running by the time you receive this! I am sure we will have a fantastic year and everyone will have an enjoyable time.

We've had our first MST meeting and it was great to see some new faces. I hope to meet more new parents at the next meeting. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help with organising the bands. Your children benefit from any help you can give. Please complete registration forms and return as soon as possible. Our first performance is fast approaching so keep up the practice, fantastic work everyone.

Band parent helper roster

Concert Band

Tues 8/3 Harkness

Tues 15/3 Hughes

Questions or queries? Contact bpsband@hotmail.com,

Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596

Training Band

Wed 9/3 Bourke

Wed 16/3 Brogan

Canteen - Don't forget Pancake Day on Tuesday 8th March. Every student received an order form last week which will need to be returned with payment no later than Friday 4th March.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	3/3	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	4/3	J Charlton, B Lawrie, K Bird
Monday	7/3	S Parker, P Smith
Thursday	10/3	J Anderson, C Tyerman
Friday	11/3	L Peltonen, V Eliasson
Monday	14/3	R Smith, R Persson

Uniform Shop - The shop will be **CLOSED** on **Monday 7th March** as we will be moving. It'll re-open on Thursday 10th March in its new location at the far end of the old admin block, next to 6A classroom.

There are also order forms available from BOOSH and the school office if you can't make it into the shop during opening hours.

Opening times: MONDAYS 9-10am (except 7/3) 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	3/3	S Bourke, H Anstice
Monday	7/3	J Anderson, G Blackwood, M McNally
Thursday	10/3	S Williams, R Stoner
Monday	14/3	V Eliasson, J McKendrick, R Walton
Thursday	17/3	C Harriss, L Peltonen

The Uniform Shop Committee

OUR 2011 STUDENT LEADERS

School Captains

Michelle H and Matthew W

Vice Captains

Brittany L and Jeremy F

Prefects

Samara C, Madeleine H, Tarna R, Taylor W
Andrew A, Ben C, Nicholas F and Timothy R

EMU House Captains

Jordan P and Mikayla R

Vice House Captains

Ben P and Courtney T

KANGAROO House Captains

Rhys C and Meg T

Vice House Captains

Ben K and Jasmyn B

KOALA House Captains

Will G and Jasmine M

Vice House Captains

Janni S and Trisha B

WOMBAT House Captains

Ricky S and Kiera W

Vice House Captains

Max M and Jade S

Congratulations everyone

Community News

Ku-Ring-Gai Creative Arts High School Open Day on Wednesday 9th March from 9-11am and from 5-7pm.

Join our students and staff to experience dynamic learning in an environment rich with innovation and creativity. Enquiries please contact the school on 9144 3477.

Gifted and Talented Class 2012 Assessment for placement in the Year 7 Gifted and Talented class for 2012 will take place on Wednesday 30th March 2011 at 4:00 pm.

To register for the assessment please contact the school on 9144 3477. Enquiries to Mr Richard Dempsey.

Creative Arts Scholarships available for 2012 - Enquiries to the Principal, Ku-Ring-Gai Creative Arts High School, 9144 3477.

CLASS AWARDS

KR	Mikayla S, Danny C, Shea M, Ryan J
KY	Matthew C, Monique W, India H, Max A
1A	Ella L, Cody L, Harry D, Mary G
1L	Layla W, William K, Mirabel J, Caleb S
1P	Lachlan B, Tara M, Jack G, Grace B
2L	Ben S, Chelsea C, Jenna R, Jasmine M
2V	Mackenzie W, Ethan B, Alodie W, James N
2W	Natalie S, Hayley S, Andrew S, Zac G

BPS FUNDRAISING BUS SHOPPING TOUR Saturday 17th September 2011

It's on again!

Come and enjoy the yearly factory outlet bus shopping tour and lunch without the kids and raise funds for our school.

More information during the year so note the date on your calendar. All enquiries to Bronwyn Mills 9456 3962.



2011 Diary Dates

Return Stewart House bags by	Friday	4th Mar
Canteen pancake day	Tuesday	8 Mar
Zone Swimming Carnival	Wednesday	9 Mar
Area Swimming Carnival	Wednesday	16 Mar
Selective High Schools test	Thursday	17 Mar
Life Education	Wed-Tues	23-29 Mar
NSW Election Day	Saturday	26 Mar
BPS School Disco	Friday	1 Apr
Canteen Lolly Day	Tuesday	5 Apr
Easter Hat Parade - Stage 1	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	Tues	10 May
Canteen Ice Cream Day	Tues	17 May
BPS Cross Country	Wed	18 May
Computer Skills Competition	Tues	24 May

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
3/2/11	Philosophical Ethics	5 & 6	-
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	Authority to publish form	K-6	ASAP
16/2/11	PSSA Sport	PSSA Reps	24/2/11
23/2/11	Aust schools competitions	3-6	31/3/11
23/2/11	Zone Swimming Carnival	Zone reps	8/3/11
2/3/11	Year 6 jersey	Year 6	31/3/11
2/3/11	School disco	K-6	29/3/11

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ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

School Sport & BOOSH Cottage will be holding a fundraiser sausage sizzle on Election Day, Saturday March 26.

We will need volunteers on the day to help with serving.

If you can help cover a two hour shift from between 8am and 4pm on this day please return the time slip below to BOOSH Cottage or the school office.

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

Michelle & Jodie

NAME _____

TEL No _____

8am – 10am	10am – 12pm	12 pm– 2pm	2pm -4pm

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. Information pack available at the office.

Happy saving!



Jo Zafos

Creative Space Drama Workshops



Drama classes for Kindergarten to Year 6.

Wednesday afternoons in Berowra Heights

Enrolling now for 2011

For further information, contact

Ann Leslie on 0425 821 290

Email: creativespacedrama@gmail.com

Irish Dance



Ku-Ring-Gai Academy of Irish Dance teach both traditional & modern Irish Dance steps for

boys & girls from 5 yrs of age.

Classes are held on Thursday afternoons from 5pm at the Berowra Oval Clubhouse on Berowra Waters Rd.

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Principal : Cathy Lea
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cathylea@bigpond.net.au

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- Social Skills
- Voice Use
- Following instructions
- Telling stories
- Reading/Spelling
- Listening Skills

We are specialists in school aged learning and communication skills and are able to provide assessment and intervention to ensure your child is able to reach their full learning potential.

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment for your child to be seen please contact:

Natalie Hill (Manager) on **9482 8099**
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