



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 30th March, 2011  
Term 1 Week 10

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### Voluntary School Contributions

At last week's P&C Meeting, there was considerable discussion about the level, structure and purpose of the voluntary school contributions at BPS. This was initially prompted by the separate request, sent last week, for various small payments including Athletics (which had been included in the voluntary school contribution last year).

Coincidentally, at the same meeting we discussed the MySchool website, in particular the school financial data that is now shown there. It includes a 'cost per student' figure for all expenses (including salaries, maintenance, district office and state office support, and parent contributions). Our figure is about \$7400 per child, which is very low compared to many other schools. This is simply a result of our circumstances- we are neither a disadvantaged community attracting extra funding, nor are we a rich community receiving high fees and donations. Despite this, our results are excellent- far superior to other schools receiving in some cases in excess of \$20 000 per student. This strongly reinforces the view that public schools such as ours deliver outstanding results with minimal resources. Nonetheless, we have to work very hard to make sure we do have the resources in the school to meet our students' needs.

I know at times it seems that, as it was expressed to me recently, I always have my hand in your pocket! Obviously I would much prefer to provide every program, excursion and piece of equipment to you free of charge. But the harsh reality is that we have very finite funds, and we need to ask you regularly- far too regularly- for a contribution towards the substantial costs involved in educating your children well.

The discussion at the P&C meeting was lively and informed, and in the end the strong feeling of the meeting was that voluntary school contributions should be raised for 2011. An overwhelming majority voted in favour of a revised figure for this year of \$100 per student, with a cap of \$250 per family. It must be stated that this is still lower than any other school in Berowra. The amount raised will be dedicated towards 'buying' more time for our Support Teacher, Learning Assistance program. At the moment we have timetabled one day a week for this program, working with teachers in classes providing expert support for students experiencing difficulties in literacy and numeracy. This benefits ALL students, as it frees up classroom teachers to give more individual attention to the other students in the class.

More information about the voluntary school contribution will be sent to you early next term, including instalment payment options.

### 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 went home recently with details of venues, and to give you the opportunity to ask for a time slot that best suits you.

### Child safety in Balaclava Road

I am concerned about the safety of children leaving the school grounds into Balaclava Road. This is a particularly narrow road, which becomes quite dangerous when motorists park illegally or back out onto the road. Please exercise extreme caution if you use Balaclava Road before or after school.

### Kindergarten 2012 Information Sessions

We will be holding our Kindergarten Information Sessions for parents interested in enrolling their children at Berowra PS in 2012 at the following times.

Thursday May 19, 10:00 am

Thursday May 19, 2:00 pm

Monday, May 23, 7:00 pm

If you know of anybody who is interested in finding out about our school, and has a child who will be entering Kindergarten next year, please pass this information on to them.

John Barwick  
Principal

### Sport News - Most Valued Players for 11/3/11

Will G	Trey S
Max T	Janni S
Meg T	Courtney T
Andrew M	

### Most Valued Players for 18/3/11

Jacob Z	Marissa A
Ricky S	Courtney T
Meg T	Maham H

### 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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**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

**Music - State Music Camp** - Applications are now open for the State Junior Music Camp. Talented music students in Years 5-8 join together for one week each year to receive expert tutelage and develop their performance skills. Participants rehearse and perform high quality repertoire culminating in a concert for families and friends on the final night of the camp.

For more information visit <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-camps/state-junior-music-camp>

Liz Sheldon - Performing Arts Coordinator

**Band** - Great work from all musicians. We have the Easter parade approaching fast. Please do lots of practice before this performance. Full band uniform of LONG black pants, band shirt and black shoes and black socks for everyone please. Please make sure you have your music and instrument with you. All music, bags and instruments should be labelled with the musician's name. Lost bags and music are hard to identify and even harder to return to the owner!

Both Training and Concert band rehearsals START AT 8AM. Please ensure musicians arrive promptly, children are still coming in at 10 past 8 – well into rehearsal time.

Thanks to all the families who have brought in Easter treats and yes, there is still time to bring in contributions. The raffle money goes towards supporting all the music groups in the school – wind bands, recorders, rock bands and choirs.

The next MST meeting is on Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the staffroom. As always, everyone is welcome.

Enjoy the holiday break with more exciting music next term.

**Band parent helper roster**

**Concert Band**

Tues 5/4 Norris

**Training Band**

Wed 6/4 McDermott

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

**Rock Band** - At the end of 2010, BPS rock band '*Remix*' gave a fond farewell to four of their members, all talented musicians from year 6 who left BPS to pursue their musical dreams in high school. In 2011, an exciting, new rock band has started up with 7 members, including two musicians from last year's rock band, '*Re-Mix*' and four brand new members. The new band line-up features Tarna R and Tallulah M on vocals, Jasmine M on keyboard, Joe P on electric guitar, Tia M on acoustic guitar, Sam F on bass guitar and Dan L on drums.

At band rehearsal this term, the band has been learning new songs and working together on the song arrangements. Songs so

far include: '*Big Jet Plane*' by Angus & Julia Stone; '*Count On Me*' by Bruno Mars; and '*Crazy*' by Simple Plan. Big thank you to all the parents who've been coming along and helping with set up and pack up each week - it certainly is a team effort and we couldn't do it without your help and support. The band is progressing nicely and band members are looking forward to their first performance some time in term two – watch this space for more details.

Sue Blackman  
Band Director

'White Light' –  
brand new BPS rock band.



**BOOSH Cottage - Election Day Sausage Sizzle**

School Support & BOOSH Cottage would like to thank all you lovely ladies who helped out on Saturday, Election Day, at the canteen and the sausage sizzle. It is always a fun day and your help and/or donated cakes and slices, as always, is very much appreciated.

Once again many, many thanks and appreciation to the guys from **APEX**. They come every Election Day and give up their Saturdays free of charge to cook sausages for us all day. They are always friendly, funny and truly fabulous. THANKS GUYS!

Thanks also to **Aussie Farmers Direct** who donated 35 loaves of fresh sliced bread. And thanks to the Berowra community for supporting us. We raised approx \$1350.

Aussie Farmers Direct are giving 2% of all sales to BPS of any new customers who signed up with on election day on Saturday. Plus, any existing customers who have requested, Aussie Farmers Direct also gives 2% of their sales to the school.

Thank you - Jodie & Michelle

**Canteen - Canteen Roster**

Thursday	31/3	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	1/4	J Charlton, B Lawrie, K Bird
Monday	4/4	S Parker, P Smith
Thursday	7/4	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	8/4	L Peltonen, V Eliasson

**School Holidays**

Monday	25/4	Public Holiday
Thursday	28/4	S Bourke, C Stone
Friday	29/4	L Peltonen, V Eliasson
Monday	2/5	Staff Development Day—NO STUDENTS

**Uniform Shop** – The Shop has moved and now *Lost Property* has also relocated to the same area. There are heaps of unclaimed jumpers and zip-jackets if anyone is missing one.

If you are after school shoes, the uniform shop now has a good range of pre-loved ones that haven't been trashed.

It's also 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.

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

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Monday	4/4	J Anderson, G Blackwood, M McNally
Thursday	7/4	S Bourke, H Anstice

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**P&C News - 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

## 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.



## Stewart House 2011 Donation Drive

Families would have received a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope with The Crest this week.

You could win a \$4,000 family holiday to the destination of your choice!

1. Write your name, address, telephone number and school.
2. Insert a donation of at least \$2 into the envelope and seal it up.
3. Return the envelope to your class teacher before Friday 13th May 2011.

It's that easy! The school will forward envelopes and payment onto Stewart House before the prize draw on 27th May.

Good luck!

## Dollarmite School Banking

**TUESDAY** is School Banking day – here is this week's tip!

- Encourage your child to complete the deposit slip themselves, don't do it for them!

Remember, your child is developing money management skills.

If they do not have a School Banking account, please contact the school office who will give your child a pack to take home which includes an application form for you to complete.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program  
Jo Zafos, Banking Co-ordinator



## 2011 Diary Dates

Life Education	Wed-Tues	23-29/3
BPS School Disco	Friday	1/4
Parent/Teacher interview from 3:30pm	Monday	4/4
Canteen 'special food' Day	Tuesday	5/4
ANZAC Ceremony 2:15pm	Wednesday	6/4
Easter Hat Parade - Stage 1 12noon	Friday	8/4
Last day of term	Friday	8/4
Public Holiday	Tuesday	26/4
Students return for Term 2	Wednesday	27/4
Staff Development Day - no students	Monday	2/5
Mothers Day Stalls	Tues & Wed	3&4/5
NAPLAN	Tuesday	10/5
Stewart House Donation Drive cut-off	Friday	13/5
P&C Maintenance Day	Sunday	15/5
Canteen Ice Cream Day	Tuesday	17/5
BPS Cross Country	Wednesday	18/5
Kindy 2012 Information Session - 10am	Thursday	19/5
Kindy 2012 Information Session - 2pm	Thursday	19/5
BOOSH Chocolate Drive	Monday	23/5
Kindy 2012 Information Session - 7pm	Monday	23/5
Computer Skills Competition	Tuesday	24/5
P&C Winter Woolies Day	Wednesday	1/6
SSG Cocktail Party	Saturday	4/6
Zone Cross Country	Monday	6/6
Science Competition	Wednesday	8/6
Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Monday	13/6

## NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribu- tion	Re- sponse
9/3/11	Mobile phone recycling	K-6	-
16/3/11	Classroom resources	Year 1	ASAP
22/3/11	Easter celebration	K-2	-
22/3/11	Hot Cross Bun orders	K-6	1/4/11
22/3/11	Canteen Burrito Day	K-6	31/3/11
30/3/11	Stewart House Donation Drive	K-6	13/5/11
30/3/11	Term 2 Primary Sport	3-6	12/5/11
30/3/11	Term 2/3 PSSA Sport	PSSA Reps	1/4/11

## CLASS AWARDS

KR	India R, Zoe V, Kaitlyn K, Danielle P, Emma H, Imogen L
KY	Jordan T, Zara G, Saxon W, Neve R, Ben M, Ripley B
1A	Harrison L, Caitlin C, Dayna B, Aleisha C, Daniel H, Rachel W
1L	Bradley A, Polly V, Molly H, Sophie S, Miranda A, Matthew C
1P	Hayleigh S, Chloe G, Stella M, Diarmuid C, Will P, Naomi D
2L	Eddie R, Cameron R, Tamara W, Matthew L, Alannah B, Jane R
2V	Marco D, Jack J, Jeremy J, Ben W, Hayley T, Thomas M
2W	Amy S, Haidee W, Joshua A, Charlotte B, Caitlyn R, Alexander H
3/4B	Georgie B, Katrina T, Zoe P
5/6T	Trisha B, Thomas A, Madeleine H, Brenton S
6A	Emma C, Dominic B



### Community News

Bunnings Warehouse Thornleigh Easter Family Night is FREE. Egg hunt, Easter craft, petting zoo, live music lucky door prizes, BBQ, refreshments Bob the Builder and Easter Bunny visits.

When: Thursday 14th April 5pm—8pm

Hornsby Shire Council is holding Skateboarding Clinics as part of Youth Week. Two clinics and a skate competition.

When: Saturday 2 April 10am—3pm

Where: Brooklyn Skate Park,  
Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn

Cost: \$5 per person, competition free

Free sausage sizzle for participants. For more info, call Sue on 9847 6889.



### REMINDER

#### BPS 'Crazy Hair' DISCO PARTY



A reminder that the Crazy Hair school disco parties are being held this Friday 1st April, 2011 in the hall.

Money and permission notes have been collected.

Tickets have been issued. Crazy hair has been organised and we are ready for a great night.

Please note that if your child has an allergy, please bring the appropriate medication.

The students have an awesome time!

Any queries: jbliss@bigpond.com



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The umbrellas come in black with our Berowra Public School crest in gold on two panels.

The umbrellas are Australian made with a 12 month frame guarantee.

To order either product, please fill in the form below and return to the school office along with cash or a cheque only (made payable to the BPS Support Group). (DO NOT include any other payments)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

	Price	Quantity	Total
Small Manual Folding Umbrella	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Large Golf Umbrella	\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Recipe Book	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Total			\$_____

Many thanks for your support from The School Support Group

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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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