



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

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Term 2 Week 2

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Welcome back for another busy term.

Voluntary School Contributions

At the last P&C Meeting we had a lively and informed debate about the level of the school's voluntary contribution. An overwhelming majority voted in favour of a revised figure for this year of \$100 per student, with a cap of \$250 per family. I believe that this is still lower than the other Berowra schools.

The amount raised will help 'buy' more time for our Support Teacher, Learning Assistance program, enabling us to increase the time from one day a week to two days a week. Our highly skilled STLA, Mrs Sascha McIntyre, works with teachers in classes providing support for students experiencing difficulties in literacy and numeracy. This benefits all students by allowing classroom teachers to give more individual attention to the other students in the class.

I understand the resistance by some parents to paying an extra contribution to a school which is part of a 'free' public education system. As I stated last newsletter, we would love to provide every program, excursion and piece of equipment to you free of charge. But unfortunately good education costs money, and we have very finite funds.

Payment of the voluntary contribution is, obviously, voluntary, but I urge all parents to consider the benefits for their own children which will result from what is, when compared with fees charged by other schools in our area, a modest amount. Payment may be made by instalment, or in a single payment.

School Development Day

Thank you for your consideration in accommodating the change in day for the School Development Day. I am sure that those parents who took up the opportunity to attend Andrew Fuller's evening session found it a highly rewarding experience. The day also gave our teachers the opportunity to meet and share ideas with teachers from other Primary schools in the Hornsby area.

Kindergarten 2012 Information Sessions

A reminder that the Kindergarten Information Sessions for parents interested in enrolling their children at Berowra PS in 2012 will be held later this month. The times are:

Thursday May 19, 10:00 am

Thursday May 19, 2:00 pm

Monday, May 23, 7:00 pm

Please pass this information on to anybody you know who has a child entering Kindergarten next year, and who would like to know more about what our school has to offer.

NAPLAN

National Assessment Plan Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests are scheduled for Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May for students in Year 3 and Year 5. The tests are designed to check how school systems and schools perform. Last year's results showed that New South Wales performed very well in all areas (Reading, Writing, Grammar and Maths) compared to other states. Berowra Public School also performed very well, achieving results above the state average.

While the tests have a broader national purpose, parents are understandably very interested in their own child's individual performance, and the data we receive is very useful in identifying areas for future development. However, it is important to remember that these tests gauge performance in a limited part of the curriculum, over a three day period. They do not provide a full picture of any individual child's achievement across the curriculum.

Behaviour Management Hints

Each Crest this term will feature 2 or 3 expert hints about managing children's behaviour.

- Be consistent and fair. Don't change the rules on the run.
- Have the same rules for everyone.
- Do not allow the child to shift the blame ('someone made me do it', or 'someone did it as well and were not punished').

The child must accept responsibility for their own behaviour.

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!



BPS P&C Skills Register

Name _____

Best Contact Number _____

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

ANZAC – What do they do in a war

One morning a person wanted to solve a problem. So he decided to get some people to start a war. The people were not very happy to start a war, but they were forced to start it. As you know it isn't very nice to solve a problem by holding a war. It is very sad to hold a war. But people just solve problems like that. It is better to solve problems by talking. It is VERY, VERY sad when people – like your parents die. Plus, I do not want you dead. So I suggest you don't try to solve a problem like that.



By Chloe G, (iP)

Sport News - Most Valued Players for 25/3/11

Carla S	Alexandra W	Aimee L
James C	Andrew B	Trisha B
Ben F	Janni S	

Senior Boys Soccer - This year we have a great team which I think can recover from embarrassing losses, progress through the rounds and win the final.—S Fallows

On Friday, the senior boys played Turramurra A. Unfortunately we lost 1-0 but we played a great game.—Jordan S

This year the senior boys are looking to repeat good form from last year and the year before and look to win consecutive trophies. Unfortunately, on Friday 8th April, the senior boys lost 1-0 against Turramurra A but congrats on a good game boys and good luck for the rest of the season.—Matt W

Girls Soccer - The girls played a great game with good teamwork, passing, kicking and shooting. Though we played fantastically, the Turramurra A team had their luck winning 1-0. I think we did very well.—Beau J

Junior Boys Soccer - It was a hard match but luckily we scored a goal in the last two minutes and we won the game 1-0 over Turramurra A team.—James

A heartfelt thank you Last week I mislaid a new and valuable iphone and was not confident that I would ever see it again. To my delight I received a call from a lady known only as Hayley who returned to phone to me.

Thank you Hayley. I am so grateful for its return. You have shown one of the very best aspects of our wonderful Berowra school community.

Jo Bliss



Proud students represented Berowra Public School at this years ANZAC March held on Sunday 17th April.

Pictured clockwise from left are Kirstyn, Matthew (School Captain), Callum, Hayleigh and Emily.

School Disco - A big thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who gave up their Friday night to help at the school disco.

I appreciate your commitment in making the night a huge success. We raised a net profit of \$1590.00. Well done!!!

Thank you to all the student who attended. So thanks again and I look forward to seeing you at the next disco.

School Support Group - Come along and enjoy yourself at the BPS Cocktail Party on Saturday 4th June. Tickets are \$25 which includes a welcome drink, finger food and dessert. Details below.

Canteen - Canteen Roster

Thursday	5/5	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	6/5	J Charlton, B Lawrie, K Bird
Monday	9/5	R Smith, R Persson
Thursday	12/5	J Anderson, C Tyerman
Friday	13/5	L Peltonen, V Eliasson
Monday	16/5	L Williams
Thursday	19/5	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	20/5	C Harriss, A Cornish

Uniform Shop – 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. Our Uniform Shop is also well-stocked with long socks, stockings, scarves and wind-proof jackets.

- Opening times: MONDAYS 9-10am and THURS 3-3.45pm
- All returns need to have a *returns form* attached
- Cash refunds unavailable-a cheque will be forwarded

Uniform Shop Roster - copy also available at the shop

Thursday	5/5	S Bourke, H Anstice
Monday	9/5	V Eliasson, J McKendrick
Thursday	12/5	S Williams, R Stoner
Monday	16/5	C Akehurst, S Parker, T Allen
Thursday	19/5	C Harriss, L Peltonen



Cocktail Party - Saturday 4th June 2011

Come and enjoy food and music from the 70's, 80's and 90's.
Tickets \$25 - includes welcome drink (punch), finger food and dessert.

Beer, wine, champagne, cocktails, punch and soft drink available to buy at great prices.
Get a group together and come along. Adults only.

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BPS Cocktail Party - Saturday 4th June

No. of tickets @ \$25 per person

Total amount \$..... (cheques payable to Berowra Public School Support Group)

Please return order form and payment to the school office by Thursday 2nd June.
Berowra Public School Support Group



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 & 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

2011 Diary Dates

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
Spelling & Writing Competition	Tuesday	21/6
Last day of Term 2	Friday	1/7
Staff Development Day	Monday	18/7
Students return for Term 3	Tuesday	19/7
BPS Athletics Track Carnival	Tuesday	26/7
Education Week	Mon-Fri	1-5/8
English Competition	Tuesday	2/8
Open Day	Tuesday	2/8

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.

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



NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Re-sponse
9/3/11	Mobile phone recycling	K-6	-
16/3/11	Classroom resources	Year 1	ASAP
30/3/11	Stewart House Donation Drive	K-6	13/5/11
30/3/11	Term 2 Primary Sport	3-6	12/5/11
6/4/11	Opera House Choir	Snr Choir	ASAP
6/4/11	Mathletics Licence	Kindy	ASAP
27/4/11	Recorder Group fees	Recorder Group	13/5/11
27/4/11	Volunteer Declaration form	K-6	ASAP
4/5/11	Cross Country	3-6	12/5/11
4/5/11	Voluntary Contributions	K-6	-
4/5/11	Ace Tennis	Year 2	19/5/11
4/5/11	Term 2/3 PSSA Sport	PSSA Reps	19/5/11

CLASS AWARDS

KR	Lucy T, Kai V, Emma B, Isabella A, Samantha S, Danielle P, India R
KY	Laura R, Abbie C, Brooke F, Allisha M, Elise O, Bronte L
1A	Jarrod L, Lindley R, Kydan O, Hugh C, Cole S, Ella L
1L	Laura S, Jude M, Daniel P, Alex L, Dylan K, Sophie S
1P	Sophia V, Giuliano C, Ryan R, Georgia A, Luka J, Isara W, Annika E
2L	Nia D, Lachlan B, Natasha D, Dylan W, Jett J, Liam D, Joshua J, Cameron G, Ella B
2V	Marcus R, Ewan B, Ashleigh H, Stephanie M, Kieren R, Eliza R
2W	Dylan C, Luke S, Zoe G, Ty W, Taj M, Charlotte B, Zac G
3P	Carla S, Lachlan R, Sarah W, Annabelle M
3/4B	Katie W, Rowena S, Claire M, Connor A
5C	Rhian D, Aaron M
5/6T	Andrew A, Shauna C
6A	Kiera W, Brittany L

Stewart House 2011 Donation Drive

Last term families received a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope with the last Crest.

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!

Community News

Lego Competition and Exhibition

When: Saturday 4th June 8am-1pm

Where: Berowra Uniting Church, 4-6 Alan Rd

Enquiries: Jacqueline 9456 0635

Gold coin entry to view exhibition in support of 'Maria' our sponsored child.

Prizes to be won! Download your entry form from Berowra.UnitingChurch.org.au

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Berowra Public School Umbrellas & Recipe Books

YES, WE STILL HAVE SOME LEFT

We do still have a limited number of umbrellas and plenty of the very popular recipe books available for sale. The Berowra Public School umbrellas are perfect for this lovely weather we've been having!

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