



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 15th June, 2011
Term 2 Week 8

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School Council

Congratulations to our new School Council office bearers. Simon Stebbins will fill the role of President, supported by Michelle Davis (Vice President) and Katrina Gates (Secretary). I look forward to working with the new Council on some 'big picture' issues around the school, including coordination of fund-raising activities, emergency management and school financial issues.

I would like to also thank our outgoing President, Monique Brunello, who has done an outstanding job over the past two years.

I have never been at a school which has an equal level of strong positive community support as Berowra, and this is due to the quality and commitment of the people who put up their hands to lead our various community groups. Our current leadership teams on all of our school bodies do a magnificent job. Thank you to Karen, Carolyn, Jodi and Sarah and the executive members of the P&C, the School Support Group, the Canteen Committee and the Uniform Shop Committee.

Make learning fun

Fun reading, writing, spelling and maths games you can do with your child are available to download free from the Schools website. There are translated versions available too. Just print them out and stick them on the fridge. Go to: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/issue02/d_readnumtips/index.php. (To avoid typing the whole address, go to the online version of the newsletter on the school website. Google 'Berowra Public' to find us.)

Social media (again!)

There is no doubt that today's technology has tremendous benefits, particularly for educational and positive social uses. However, it is important to be aware of the potential dangers associated with the use of the internet, particularly social media.

Children often do not understand the consequences of their actions on social networking sites. They may not understand that they are developing their own digital footprint which will stay with them for life. The awareness of privacy issues is also less well developed. All this is in the context of a technology that is instantaneous- things written in the moment will remain 'on the record' forever. The informal nature of social networking also encourages immoderate language that can be easily misinterpreted, and later greatly regretted.

I remind parents again that children should not participate in the online environment unsupervised. There are serious child protection issues which need to be considered. In addition I also remind you that no child should have a Facebook account, or participate in Facebook exchanges (the minimum age is 13).

The Australian Communications and Media Authority website www.cybersmart.gov.au provides activities, resources and practical advice to help children and parents safely enjoy the online world.

Watch out

One of our parents has had the unfortunate occurrence of having her car broken into while dropping her children off to school yesterday morning. A car window was smashed and her handbag stolen. The car was only unattended for a few minutes. If anyone saw anybody acting suspiciously around the school, particularly

in Balaclava Road at about 9:15 on Tuesday, please contact the school or Hornsby police.

Early arrivers

We are again starting to see some students arriving early to school. While it is commendable that they are so keen to get here and start learning, I remind parents that supervision of students by teachers begins at 8:50. Our dedicated staff members typically arrive at school well before 8:50, but this is the time they use to prepare the lessons for the day, to assess the work done the previous day, and to do all the 'administrivia' that the job demands. If you need to drop your children early for any reason, may I point you towards our excellent BOOSH service. Ring Michelle on 9456 5552.

Behaviour Management Hints

Here are this week's expert hints about managing children's behaviour.

- ✓ If a sanction is 'earned', it should not be made less or more severe after the event. 'Grounding' for three days means just that, not for one day, nor for a month.
- ✓ Once a privilege or reward has been earned, it should not be taken away regardless of any subsequent misbehaviour. Punish this later misbehaviour separately.

John Barwick
Principal

Library - Only a couple more months to complete this years Premier's Reading Challenge. Thirty books need to be read or listened to by children in Years K-2. Twenty books to be read by children in Years 3-6. Children still have time to log on to Kidspace using their school password, register and just add the title, id number etc of the books they have read from the Premiers Reading Challenge list. Our books in our school library are marked with colour coded stickers—purple for years 5 & 6, green for years 3 & 4 and red for K-2. Come on children give it a go! You can do it!

BookClub - Thanks to Mrs Steele and Mrs Williams, our school has a very successful Book Club running. When you order a book the school library receives 'bonus points' which we can then use to purchase items to enhance the literary learning of all the children. Some of the items we have purchased are wireless buzzers for quiz games, class board games, flashcard games, big books, extra readers and more. Thank you parents for your generosity and support of the Book Club over the years.

Jennie Smith

Performing Arts News - Congratulations to both our Senior & Junior Drama Groups who have been accepted into the Drama Festival, to be held at NIDA on 28th July. Special thanks to Mrs Smith who has put in so much work with these children to get them ready. They are a talented bunch of children with a great teacher!

Congratulations also to our Dance Group who will be performing at the Glen St Theatre on 23rd, 27th and 30th June as part of the Sydney North Schools Dance Festival. The girls have gone to the Wild Wild West for inspiration this year, and they put on a great show. Mrs Lukic and I are very proud of them!

Our newest rock band 'White Light' made their performance debut a few weeks ago at our Primary assembly. These guys are great. Well done Mrs Blackman!

There are many other Performing Arts groups in the school. Watch this space for more details.....but does it get any bigger than the Opera House?

Liz Sheldon
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Drama - Congratulations to ALL the wonderful talented children who performed so well in the Drama Auditions held on Thursday 2nd June. The children were both excited and nervous but really put in a superb effort to make the plays 'come alive'. Thank you to Mrs Pickering, Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Braham for your invaluable help and encouragement. Thank you too, parents for supporting your children and preparing them so well. Their costumes were wonderful! We have just heard that we've been chosen to perform in the Arts North Festival of Drama to be held at NIDA Theatre Kensington during the week 25th to 28th July 2011. Well done ALL!

Jennie Smith

Band - As we come towards the end of term 2 parents and musicians can be proud of the tremendous achievement of the musicians. Both concert and training bands are now playing as a band rather than individuals and are sounding GREAT! Well done everyone. Metronomes and stands can still be purchased (see details in band newsletter), a useful aid to improve playing! I hope everyone has a great holiday, a good rest and enjoys some music over the break. We start back WEEK 1 of Term 3 – first day back concert band!

Band parent helper roster

<u>Concert Band</u>		<u>Training Band</u>	
Tues 21/6	Lim	Wed 22/6	Sheppard
Tues 28/6	Naumann	Wed 29/6	Thompson

Questions or queries? Contact bpsband@hotmail.com, Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596

'White Light' - New BPS rock band, 'White Light' performed for the very first time, in week 6 at the Primary Assembly. Band members had a fantastic time entertaining the students, teachers and parents with four pop/rock songs and the audience responded brilliantly with excitement, energy and enthusiasm. I am very proud of this young group of musicians – these kids have had lots of fun together this year and they have worked very hard to achieve a great result - their dedication to the band and the music is inspirational! Well done Tarna, Tallulah, Jasmine, Tia, Joe, Sam and Daniel!!! Thanks go to all the parents for their help and support. Also I'd like to thank Mark Blackman who took the day off work to come along and provide the special 'rock concert' atmosphere with pretty lights and extra PA.

Sue Blackman
Band Tutor/Director



Sport News - Zone Cross Country 2011 - thank you to all the students who attended the Zone Cross Country for 2011. All the students displayed good sportsmanship and wonderful manners. Thank you also to parent spectators who helped to support our school. A special mention to the wonderful Mrs Wright who was our team manager for the day and ensured all students competed in their races and recorded all of our scores. A special mention to the following students who did exceptionally well -

Sam P 5th	Edward B 2nd	Ella W 6th
Nick F 4th tied	Jarrod H 7th	Jordan S 7th
Taylor W 7th		

Most Valued Players for 27/5/11 (house sport)

Aaron M	Ben C	Aaron M
Anja T	Trisha B	Alec L

Miss Allan
Sports Coordinator

Uniform Shop – Rush in and rug up for winter. Grab a cosy black scarf for \$10 or a warm windproof jacket for \$29. If anyone wants to have a go at being the publicity officer for the Uniform Shop, please contact Alison at allycorn@bigpond.com. No experience necessary.

- Opening times: MONDAYS 9-10am 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	16/6	C Harriss, L Peltonen
Monday	20/6	C Akehurst, S Parker, T Allen
Thursday	23/6	P Smith, N Steel
Monday	27/6	L Stebbins, S Vaughan
Thursday	30/6	J Chalmers

The Uniform Shop Committee

P&C News - The next meeting is being held at 7:30pm tonight, Wednesday 15th June. We are having a guest speaker, Chris Tate, from the Healthy Kids Association. He will be speaking about the changes to canteen guidelines and promoting healthy canteens in schools.

If you are interested in attending, please come along. Chris will be speaking first up, from 7:30pm so there is no need to stay for the entire meeting if you do not desire.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the canteen supervisors, Anne and Therese, for their great work in keeping within the guidelines of the healthy canteen strategy. See you there!

Karen Bird - P and C President

PHONE RECYCLING

You don't have to donate your money to help young Australians survive cancer.



All you have to do is give us your old mobile phone.

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Phone recycling box is located in the school office.
www.youcan.org.au

Our last phone recycling box collected **71 phones**. Good work Berowra!

Canteen - Everyone would have received the new menu. As well as the usual favourites, there is some winter warming food for these cold days.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	16/6	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	17/6	C Harriss, A Cornish
Monday	20/6	L Williams
Thursday	23/6	S Bourke, C Stone
Friday	24/6	M Davis, K Wallis
Monday	27/6	B Conlon, G Gates
Thursday	30/6	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	1/7	J Charlton, B Lawrie, K Bird

A Visit from Louise and Rosie

by Mary G 1A

Last week we went to a "Responsible Pet Ownership" talk. Lousie and Rosie the dog were our visitors.

We learnt about how to be safe around dogs and how to approach dogs. We need to give them toys or they will get bored and start to wreck things.

If we come up on an angry dog we have to put our hands down and be as quiet as a mouse, look at the ground and stand still. If you want to pat a strange dog you have to walk up slowly, stand three steps away and ask the owner "may I pat your dog?" If they say yes you can pat the dog from the collar down.

They need a microchip so if they get lost and someone sees it they can take it to the Vet. The Vet can phone you and then the dog is returned back to your home. They are little silver or gold tags which has the name and phone number of the owner on it.

You also need to give animals shots which is called immunisation. You do not pat a dog when it does not have a leash or an owner.

At my puppy Max's puppy school we learn the same sort of stuff and I loved it!



Green Day

Are you passionate about healthy food for kids?
Do you want to take part in a brand new canteen initiative?

Then please help us drive our new "Green, healthy food day" concept due to launch in Term 3.

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the day and also welcome any ideas, suggestions or parent involvement.

Please contact Graeme Gates 0418485322 or Kylie Waite 0414218864 or email us at greenaybbs@yahoo.com for further information and keep a look out for further updates in coming Crests.

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Re-sponse
6/4/11	Mathletics Licence	Kindy	ASAP
4/5/11	Voluntary Contributions	K-6	-
25/5/11	Interrelate	Yrs 3-6	21/6/11
25/5/11	NAIDOC	K-6	23/6/11
8/6/11	Dance Group	Dance	-
8/6/11	Sausage Sizzle	K-6	17/6/11
8/6/11	Greg Florimo Cup	Reps	16/6/11
8/6/11	Drama Festival	Drama	23/6/11
15/6/11	SPECTRA Challenge	Yrs 1-6	28/6/11

CLASS AWARDS

KR	Anna O, Emma H, Fiona T, Eden S, Zoe V, Kaitlyn K
KY	Laura R, Abbie C, Elise O, Neve R, Bronte L, Kiana L
1A	Mary G, Harry D, Rachel W, Olicia B, Riley B, Dayna B
1L	Blake C, Mirabel J, Caleb S, Layla W, Daniel P, Anna J
1P	Jack G, Diarnuid C, Chloe G, Giuliano C, Stella M, Annika E
2L	Lachlan B, Tamara W, Ben S, Chelsea C, Alannah B, Jenna R
2V	Callahan H, Tom M, James N, Hayley T, Lilly L, Thomas M
2W	Amy S, Joshua A, Ty Williams, Alexander H, Caitlyn R, Haidee W
3/4B	Georgie B, Zoe P, Stephanie D

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2011 Diary Dates

Spelling & Writing Competition	Tuesday	21/6
High School Musical excursion	Tuesday	21/6
Canteen Sausage Sizzle lunch	Tuesday	21/6
Interrelate 6pm & 7:15pm	Tuesday	21/6
Stage 2 Powerhouse Museum excursion	Thursday	23/6
Dance Festival dress rehearsal	Thursday	23/6
Rugby League Florimo Cup	Thursday	23/6
Dance Festival performance 5pm	Monday	27/6
Canteen Cake Day	Tuesday	28/6
Recorder Group Opera House rehearsal	Wednesday	29/6
Dance Festival performance 1:30pm	Thursday	30/6
NAIDOC Day	Thursday	30/6
Last day of Term 2	Friday	1/7
Staff Development Day	Monday	18/7
Students return for Term 3	Tuesday	19/7
Drama dress rehearsal	Monday	25/6
BPS Athletics Track Carnival	Tuesday	26/7
Drama performance	Thursday	28/7
Education Week	Mon-Fri	1-5/8
English Competition	Tuesday	2/8
Open Day	Tuesday	2/8
Scripture Church Service	Wednesday	3/8
Recorder Opera House performance	Wednesday	10/8
Choir Opera House rehearsal	Thursday	11/8
Special Swimming Scheme (2 weeks)	Mon-Fri	15-26/8
Maths Competition	Tuesday	16/8
Book Week	Mon-Fri	22-26/8
Book Week Author visit	Tuesday	23/8
Fathers Day stall	Tues-Wed	23-24/8
Kindy Mougamarra excursion	Thursday	25/8
Band SSO excursion	Thursday	25/8
School photo days	Mon-Tues	29-28/8
Book Parade K-2	Wednesday	31/9
Book Week Trivia K-6	Wednesday	31/9
Year 2 Gibberagong excursion	Friday	2/9
Fathers Day Breakfast	Friday	2/9
Choir Opera House performance	Monday	5/9
Year 1 Gibberagong excursion	Thursday	8/9
Berowra Musica concert	Friday	16/9
BPS Shopping Tour	Saturday	17/9
Last day of Term 3	Friday	23/9
Staff & students return for Term 4	Monday	10/10
Year 5 Canberra excursion	Mon-Wed	17-19/10



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