



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 29th June, 2011
Term 2 Week 10

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

Plaque unveiled

Our Hall is now officially open! We had a small, low-key ceremony on Monday morning to 'unveil' a plaque commemorating the construction of the hall and canteen. At the ceremony, our current students paid tribute to the current leaders of our various parent groups. This symbolised the debt of gratitude that all our students, past, present and future, owe to the commitment and hard work of our school community in making Berowra such a good school. The struggle for a school hall at Berowra lasted nearly forty years, and involved hundreds of dedicated volunteers over the decades. To see all that effort finally come to fruition is extremely satisfying.

Interactive Whiteboards

We are well and truly on the way towards having an Interactive Whiteboard in every classroom. At the last P&C meeting, our parent communities committed a further \$26,000 to the school to help buy the final five units. The order has gone in, and associated electrical and structural work will soon be under way. This is a very significant event, as we will achieve our goal of having an IWB in every room by the end of 2012 more than a year ahead of schedule. It is also another wonderful example of our school community working together for the benefit of our students.

Reports

The mid-year reports were issued last Friday. The reports contain information about your child's progress in both academic and peripheral activities in the school, as well as in their social development and work habits. While important, reports are just one of the ways teachers communicate with you about what they see your child do in the classroom.

Our system of reporting follows a mandatory system for all Australian schools. We report on a five point scale in Year 1 to Year 6, using word descriptions ('Outstanding', 'High', 'Sound', 'Basic' or 'Limited'). In theory, an 'Outstanding' at Berowra is equal to an 'Outstanding' in any school in the country.

The method of assessment used in New South Wales is known as 'criterion based'. Traditional reporting methods were 'norm based', in which certain proportions of students received each grade, based on test results. Under criterion based assessment all work done by students counts towards their assessment, and there are no quotas for each grade. Theoretically, it is possible, though extremely unlikely, that every student in a class or Stage could be given a 'High' or a 'Basic'.

Achievement grades are not measures of ability, potential or intelligence, but of achievement against set standards over the reporting period. Teachers are trained in 'consistent teacher judgement' and work together to minimise variation of expectation. Work samples are compared between classes and with online samples. This is an exhaustive process which occurs in all schools.

An important thing to understand in reading your child's report is that the middle grade ('Sound' or 'C') is given to all students achieving at the expected level for that Stage of learning. As a large number of students typically achieve 'the expected level', a majority of students typically receive a Sound. This means they are 'on track'.

Thank you

Finally, can I thank all those who have wished me well for my imminent move to Kariong Public School. I will probably be at Kariong until the end of the year, and possibly longer depending on the health of the incumbent Principal. As I said in my letter sent to you last week, I would not have accepted this offer if I was at all uncertain that the school could handle a change of leadership. I have every confidence that this school will continue to thrive.

The relieving Principal position is being decided today, and an announcement will be made as soon as possible on the school website.

Behaviour Management Hints

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

- ✓ Separate the child from the behaviour. It is the behaviour you object to, not the child.
- ✓ Try not to take your child's misbehaviour personally.
- ✓ Praise is more powerful than punishment. Give recognition for doing the right thing.

John Barwick
Principal

Performing Arts News - On Thursday 23rd and Monday 27th June, the BPS Dance Group performed 'Wild Wild West' at the Sydney North Dance Festival.

The girls were absolutely fabulous. They represented our school with wonderful manners and of course, amazing dancing. The girls had been working hard all year to prepare for this and we are very proud of them. Just one more performance this Thursday before a well-deserved break.

Mrs Kelly Lukic & Mrs Liz Sheldon

Sport News - The Good Greg Florimo Cup Day

On Thursday 23rd June, five teams from Berowra Public School went to Foxglove Oval to compete against other schools in the Florimo Cup.

Our teams played very well thanks to the help and training before hand from Mr Covey, Miss Allan, Mr Kewley, Mr Williams, Mr Thomas and Mr Maitland.

The weather was beautiful and our teams really represented our school very well. Each team displayed great sportsmanship and were beautifully behaved.

Thanks also to the parents who supported us on the day and who coached and encouraged each team, especially Mr Thomas, Mr Archer, Miss Small, Miss Allan, Mr Covey, Mr Parker and Mr Kewley.

The competition was tough. One of our teams played well enough to reach the final but unfortunately lost by only one point.

Thanks again for a great day Miss Allan.

Samuel C, Aaron M and Jordan S

Senior Boys Soccer - 10/6/11 - We played Warrawee. It was a tough game but in the end they won 2-0. - Edward B
Girls Soccer - 10/6/11 - We played against Warrawee. We had a great game. The score was nil all. We didn't win but we didn't lose. We also had one shot at goals. There was also nice sportsmanship. - Marissa A
Junior Boys Soccer - 10/6/11 - On Friday we played against Warrawee. The score was 1-1. It was a good game and nobody got hurt. - Sebastian E

Uniform Shop – Missing a lunchbox? There are mountains of unclaimed plastic containers in lost property, which is just outside the uniform shop.
 We'd also like to thank Mr Barwick for his support over the years and wish him all the best for the future.

- 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 30/6 J Chalmers
 Closed for school holidays
 Monday 18/7 Closed for Staff Development Day
 Thursday 21/7 C Harriss, L Peltonen
 Monday 25/7 L Stebbins, S Vaughan
 Thursday 28/7 P Smith, N Steel
 Monday 01/8 J Anderson, G Blackwood, M McNally

The Uniform Shop Committee

P&C News - It was terrific to see so many people at the last P and C meeting, including five staff members!

The P and C and affiliated groups handed over \$26,000.00 for the last order of smart boards. Now EVERY classroom will have this technology! Congratulations to the entire school community for helping the P and C achieve this. It is only because of the parents' support that the P and C manage to make this sort of progress.
 Chris Tate from Healthy Kids Association spoke about healthy canteens and he also gave our canteen menu the tick of approval before he raced away to watch the second State of Origin and left the rest of us to finish the meeting. Well done to everyone associated with the canteen! Be watching for our trial extra canteen day next term on Wednesdays. Order forms for the second week back will be out soon.

It is with sadness I farewell John Barwick. John has achieved a great deal in his time here at Berowra Public and for that, I thank you. Your support for the P and C has been greatly appreciated. You have kept us strong and set us high goals for which, I am pleased to say, we have managed to fulfill. On behalf of the P and C, I wish you the very best of luck in the future.

Karen Bird
 P and C President

Canteen - Thank you to the following people who helped out at our recent Sausage Sizzle day - Melissa McNally, Chelsea Stone, Cathy Cooke, Vanessa Eliasson, Jenny Mihalarias, Anne Daniels and Carolyn Harriss. Over \$400 was raised.

After the school holidays, the canteen with open again on Thursday 21st July. Don't forget 'Green Day' on Wednesdays from Week 2. Everyone should have received a menu today. Additional menus are available from the canteen.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 30/6 C Parker, F Minto
 Friday 1/7 J Charlton, B Lawrie, K Bird
 Closed for school holidays
 Monday 18/7 Closed for Staff Development Day
 Thursday 21/7 C Parker, F Minto
 Friday 22/7 M Davis, K Wallis
 Monday 25/7 B Conlon, G Gates
 Thursday 28/7 S Bourke, C Stone
 Friday 29/7 J Charlton, B Lawrie, K Bird
 Monday 01/8 S Parker, P Smith

CLASS AWARDS

KR	Emma B, Samantha S, imogen L, Lucy T
KY	India H, Saxon W, Haylee S, Max A
1A	Cole S, Aleisha C, Caitlin C, Kydan O
1L	Matthew C, Polly V, Naomi P, Jake S
1P	Lachlan B, Zarli V, Georgia A, Luka J
2L	Jane R, Cameron, R, Nia D, Eddie R
2V	Ashleigh H, Taffany M, Marco D, Ethan B
2W	Zoe G, Haidee W, Luke S, Dylan C

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
6/4/11	Mathletics Licence	Kindy	ASAP
4/5/11	Voluntary Contributions	K-6	-
29/6/11	Green Day	K-6	-
29/6/11	Shopping Tour	K-6	26/8/11

Community News

Hornsby Library - July holiday activities include The Planetarium as well as Murphy's Puppets. Don't miss our holiday and evening Storytimes as well.

Berowra Library - *Planetarium*, Thursday 7/7 10-10:50am
 Ages 5-12. Cost \$10 per child.

Holiday Storytime, Friday 8/7 10:30-11:30am
 Family event. Gold coin donation

Hornsby Library *Murphy's Puppets—Pram Show*
 Mon 11/7 10-10:40am

All ages especially 2-6. Cost \$10 per child.

Murphy's Puppets—Harlequin Puppet Theatre
 Monday 11/7 2-2:50pm

All ages especially 6+. Cost \$10 per child.

Holiday Storytime, Tuesday 5/7 10-11am
 Family event. Gold coin donation

Shows at Epping and Pennant Hills Libraries as well.

In person bookings, with payment required. No phone bookings.

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

is coming to

Berowra Community Centre

on

Tuesday 26th July

Wednesday 27th July &

Thursday 28th July

1:30pm - 6:30pm

Are you the type to save lives?
 More blood donations needed!

Whether you're Type A, B, O or AB there is someone, somewhere who needs your blood type. It could be someone you know well, a member of your family or a stranger. Did you know that 1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime?

Please phone **13 14 95**
 to make an appointment



Dementia Carers Support Group - if you care for a relative, neighbour or friend with memory loss or care for an elderly person and need support or information, join us on -

Presenter: Robin Flak, Seniors Peer Education Centre
"Household Energy Conservation"
Date: Thursday 14/7 at 2:30pm
Where: Berowra Community Health Centre
123 Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra Heights
Cost: Free afternoon tea will be provided
RSVP: Marie Brooks on 9456 3344

The Wonderful World of Narnia holiday Program with craft, singing, aerobics, music, games, morning tea & video of the book 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' for Years 3-6.

When: 4-8 July from 9am-12:15pm
Where: Hornsby Baptist Church
Cost: \$35 for week or \$7 per day for 1st & 2nd child
Subsequent children free
Enquiries: Helen Scoular 9487 2042

The Powerhouse Discovery Centre, Castle Hill holiday shows, workshops & make & do activities for young visitors. Open 10-4 Tuesdays to Fridays in the holidays. General admission prices apply plus \$2 activities participation per child.
Visit us at: castlehill.powerhousemuseum.com. To book phone 9762 1300.

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.

We can recycle it and raise money to build specialised youth cancer centres across Australia.

Currently in Australia your chances of surviving certain cancers decreases by 50% the day you turn 16! These youth cancer centres will help reverse this fact.

That old phone isn't coming back into fashion so donate it today.

Come on, no one likes a hoarder.
Ask around at work and collect a few old phones.

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

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

CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISER

An OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY BALL is to be held at the GRAND BALLROOM, HORNSBY RSL, 4 High Street, Hornsby.

When: Friday 4th August 7:15pm till late. Pre-dinner drinks from 6:30pm
Tickets: \$100 per person
Bookings: Hornsby RSL Booking Office 9477 7777

COME AND HAVE A FABULOUS EVENING - delicious dinner, marvellous music, a touch of fun and frolic and dancing to delight everyone with old fashioned favourites, the Barn Dance, Pride of Erin, the tantalizing Tango and relaxing waltz and a touch of 1960's rock and roll.

Gentlemen: Formal, semi-formal, very smart casual, 'eclectic'
Ladies: Gorgeous gowns, delightful dresses, fabulous frocks and pretty party.

Enquiries: Margaret-Anne Hayes 0412 175 006

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2011 Diary Dates

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
Performing Arts night	Tuesday	25/10
Pink Ribbon Morning Tea	Thursday	27/10
P&C Trivia Night	Friday	11/11
Helpers Thank You Morning Tea	Wednesday	7/12
Presentation Day	Thursday	8/12
Nativity Concert	Friday	9/12
Awards Ceremony	Monday	12/12
Year 6 Farewell	Wednesday	14/12
End Of Year Picnic Day	Thursday	15/12
Last day of Term 4 2011 for students	Friday	16/12

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LOCATIONS & DATES

Lindfield, Trypan Oval
4-7 July 2011 - 9am - 1pm (4 days)
Bondi Junction Hills, The Burwood Oval
6-8 July 2011 - 9am - 4pm (3 days)
The King's School, Parramatta
12-16 July 2011 - 9am - 4pm (4 days)
North Sydney - Oval No. 2
12-16 July 2011 - 9am - 1pm (4 days)
St. Leon, Macquarie Park
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The staff at Berowra Public School wish all our students a safe and restful holiday break.



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