

NAPLAN 2011

2011 NAPLAN student reports were sent home last week for all students in Years 3 and 5. I encourage you to look carefully over the results with your child. These tests provide a valuable "snapshot" of your child's achievements compared to other students from our school and across the state. The additional student report gives more details regarding the type of questions answered correctly and the areas for further development. If your child is in Year 5, you are encouraged to compare the results with the Year 3 report to look at the progress made over the past two years in the different areas.

Overall, our results are highly pleasing indeed. I will provide a snapshot of our overall school performance at our next P&C meeting, tonight, with a more detailed analysis included in our 2011 Annual School Report, (published early in 2012). If you wish to discuss the NAPLAN results in more detail, you are encouraged to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Further information on understanding the NAPLAN student reports can be found at:

www.nap.edu.au/Test+Results/Student+reports/index.html

Kindy Fun Day

Many thanks to our 5C students who assisted with our 2012 kindergarten students on Thursday. Many eager children and their parents attended our Kindy Fun Day, competently organised by Mrs Vincent (aided and abetted by her troupe of K-2 teachers). Many thanks to the canteen for the enticing morning tea provided to parents.

Our numbers for kindergarten in 2012 look very promising. We are looking at three classes.

If you are leaving Berowra PS in 2011 (other than Year 6 students) could you please let the office know as soon as possible? Term 4 is when our arrangements need to be made for 2012.

Berowra Musica

Last Friday night I was lucky enough to be invited to the Berowra Musica. I was very impressed with our young musicians. The level of all performances was enlightening and our soloists were entertaining and a joy to listen to. A special mention needs to go to Matthew W. He was asked at the last minute to perform a solo, which he accepted. On the night the CD didn't work and he

You are invited to our

Inaugural M.A.D.D. night!



In a celebration of Performing Arts at Berowra Public, we are holding a Music and Dance and Drama night.

Every performance group in the school will have the opportunity to perform, as well as some very talented soloists. The program looks fabulous and it is a night not to be missed!

Tuesday 25th October 7pm Berowra Public School Hall (more information to come home next term) brilliantly performed this solo unaccompanied. Congratulations to all band members, Mrs Gillard and of course the band members' parents.

Last week of term is here along with some warmer weather. It's been good to see children wearing their summer uniform. Always remember to dress to the weather - either hot or cold. It's also been pleasing to see our students being conscientious with their uniform and ensuring they have a hat on their head each day. Please check to make sure labels are up to date and clearly written, as there are often hats lost and found. Clearly labelled hats are easy to return to their owners.

Kids' holiday camps

Sport and Recreation Kids' Camps are a great way to help your child develop in a fun, secure and professionally run environment. They'll try new things, make new friends and help shyer children come out of their shell. Camps cater for children from 7-17 and include activities, accommodation, 24-hour supervision and nutritious meals. Supervised transport is also offered to and from most camps. Camps are located around Sydney and regional NSW. For more information and to book go to: www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp

Free fun at Sydney Olympic Park

There are heaps of wallet-friendly activities for younger children these school holidays at Sydney Olympic Park. For example, children can join a fun dinosaur dig with Circus Solaris and search for the mysterious 'Olympasaurus'. The day includes craft activities as well. Details of this and more at:

www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/whats on/free activities events

I will continue as relieving principal here for the rest of the year. I would again like to thank all parents, staff and especially students for the warm welcome I have received. I am enjoying my time at Berowra.

I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing holiday.

Di Bower **Relieving Principal**

THE LIFE OF A BOOK

My pages result in the wind like leaves in a hurricane. They flip, flap, swish around. When people read me I feel alive almost. It's like having a different friend every time. Though when I'm not used I'm alone. I hate that. I sit by myself on a shelf for a while in a dark corner. But once in a while I get read. My contents are beautiful pieces of art. I'm happy right now because you're reading me.

Liam M 5C

THE LIFE OF A CUSHION Hi, my name is cushion and quess what, you'll never believe this. I'm a

cushion! I sit on a really soft leather couch, so at least my home is good. My owners really annoy me though. There's a five year old in my family called James who laughs at the smiley face on me. He also

throws me around, squeezes me and drops Oreo crumbs inside the little tear on one of my corners. Max is 16. He's really bony so his spine sticks into my face, which hurts. Dad is really, really fat and sits right on top of me. He drinks a lot of beer which he sometimes spills on me when he's watching the footy. Mum uses me as her pillow when she sleeps at night, which is ok, except when she has a shower right before bed and forgets to dry her hair. Billy is our neighbour. When he comes over he wraps me up in a blanket and uses me as a trampoline! This is the worst thing of all. All in all, I envy the life of that lamp that noone's allowed to touch. She lives in Mum's wardrobe and gets the A/c unit right above her.

THE LIFE OF A FOOTBALL The football was being kicked around. I hate being a football because the foot knocks me 50 metres away. I can feel the vibrations of me being hit. One day they kicked me so high I nearly touched the moon. After a month I was flat and I thought I was dead. My owner pumped me up but then one sad day he kicked me onto the road and I got run over. That was the end of me.

MY LIFE AS A TEDDY BEAR I lived on a bed and my owner always goes to school. I am always alone on these days so I make myself comfortable and have a sleep. I dreamt a giant threw me on the floor and I landed with a bump. My owner makes the bed and puts me on it when she comes home. I nearly forgot, I love being a teddy bear.

THE LIFE OF AN ICE CUBE

I drop and fall into what seems

square holes. I'm guessing I'm

suppose to land in them and my

water droplet friends will fill the rest.

The human took us, in the tray, to a

big, shiny machine the humans call

a 'fridge'. It is *freezing* inside it! As

all of my droplet friends tried to

escape but it was no use. We all

just sat there and soon we were

The next day I woke up and found

man's warm fingers against the icy

cube friends melt. This is the end of

glass makes my droplet, well, ice

our lives. At least I spent it in cor-

myself in a sweet drink. The hu-

soon as the human closed the door,

some sort of tray. As I'm falling, I notice that the tray has about six

I'm flowing through a tap. Suddenly

Tom M 2V

Ben P 6A

THE LIFE OF A BEAR I love being a teddy bear. I get hugged and I get brought to school. Sometimes my owner reads me stories. My favourite is Three Little Pigs. I also get pushed around in a pram. It is so much fun! Granny makes me clothes out of wool and string. They never look bad. I have heaps of friends, dollies, Barbies and stuffed toys. My owner calls me 'Teddy'. I have my own bed too, but the worst thing is that I don't like my owner snoring. It sounds like a huge tractor. I wish I could be the driver to stop it. All of my owners friends say that I'm cute. I like that. Tomorrow we are going to the pet shop. We are getting a bird. I can/t wait to meet it.

Stephanie D 3/4B dial!

Aimee J 5/6T

Math Fun Day - Last Wednesday, each student had the opportunity to celebrate Numeracy at our Maths Fun Day.

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The students worked in their peer support groups and rotated between six stations, working on an array of challenging and fun activities. After lunch K-2 presented their item "Days of the Week" sung to the tune Addams Family and 3-6 presented their "Mathemagical Mathematics" Rap.

Each student was presented with a certificate at the end of the day to embrace their great efforts and craftsmanship. Congratulations to all involved. BPS shone AGAIN!! Photos of the fun day will be up on our website soon.

Miss Glare

Year 1 Gibberagong excursion - Last Thursday, as part of our studies on wet and dry environments, Year 1 went on an excursion to Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre at Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. We had such a fun day exploring and walking over four kilometres whilst learning about the environment. The children would like to thank their tour guides for a wonderful day. Here is one of the thank you letters written by Layla in 1L.

Dear Lisa,

Thank you for being our tour guide and for teaching us to be a scientist. I loved fishing for the little creatures in the water. Then we got out of Kalkari and into the real bush. I also loved collecting the invertebrates, even though I didn't really like one person's fire ant. I really liked the spot you picked for us to have lunch. It had a lovely view of the water. When we started to go down the really steep hill I started to get a little scared. When we got down to Bobbin Head I was relieved that we were at the bottom. When we went across the bridge to the mangroves and you licked the mangrove leaf, I thought you were crazy. Then when I licked the leaf, I didn't think you were crazy. I liked looking at the crabs crawling on the ground. I had a really, really fantastic day. Thank you again for giving us the BEST excursion. Yours sincerely,

Layla

Environmental Expo - On Wednesday, 7th I had the pleasure in joining 8 students from Stage 2 and 3, for a full day at Gibberagong Education Centre at an Environmental Expo. Here the students were mentored by other high school and pilot primary schools in areas of worm farms, solar energy, seed planting, composting and much more . It was a very interactive day and the students gained a lot, along with meeting new friends.

At the end of the day each school made a pledge and ours was to REDUCE the amount of waste at BPS. While the students participated in interactive workshops, I attended teacher workshops on sustainability/environmental issues.

As part of our expo, the students were challenged to Challenge bring a 'no to low waste' lunch. For example sandwiches in reusable containers instead of Gladwrap and reusable drink bottles instead of poppers. It was amazing how the children made the appropriate changes and to see very little packaging. This may be a great opportunity to discuss with your child at home and even better, if some changes could be made.

Worm Farm We are looking to establish a worm farm and would like to know if anyone may have an old worm farms sitting dormant in their backyard or shed. If you do, and are willing to donate, we would be most appreciative.

Vegetable Patch Update With lots of sunshine and watering, our plants are growing stronger each day and we are seeing them increase in size. The snails took to our first lot of cucumbers but our second ones are surviving the mighty (or their lack of) snail trail! If we continue to sing, water and weed them, I'm sure they will make their way to students yummy, healthy lunch orders before the end of the year.

Library - Another busy term is over! The children have enjoyed so many activities during Education Week and Book Week. Children would have received their donated books for borrowing and seen their names on the book plate. Thank you again parent and friends. There is extra holiday book borrowing this week so please encourage your children to read over the holidays. Thank you also to Mrs Steele and Mrs Williams for running our Book Club so successfully and thank you parents for your support. The school library benefits from the sale of Book Club books by earning bonus points which we redeem for new resources.

PLEASE RETURN ALL OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS!

Many children have been writing stories in the Library. They have wonderful imaginations and creative flair. Some of their stories appear below using the technique of 'personification'.

Jennie Smith - Librarian

Drama - Both the Senior and Junior Drama Groups will be performing at our inaugural Performing Arts Night on Tuesday 25th October. They have been enthusiastically practising two new plays-'The Competition' and 'The Wrong Book'. I'm sure they would love to say their words for you over the holidays. Happy and safe holidays all.

Jennie Smith

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Band 2012 - Year 2 Concert

On Wednesday 19th October, Year 2 has been invited to hear the Training Band in the hall between 11:45 and 12:30.

This is a special concert for year 2 students to see and hear the band and the different instruments as next year they are eligible to join.

Й Л Year 2 parents are warmly invited to attend.

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Sport - On Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st August and Thursday Rock Band - "White Light' performed last Sunday at the St 1st September, I played in the NSW State Softball Carnival. We, Sydney North, were undefeated for the whole carnival. The hardest teams we versed were Riverina (Wagga Wagga) and Sydney West. They were both tight games, but we just won them.

After the final game that we played we had the presentation. Sydney West ended up coming 2nd and we ended up winning. They member, Joe P (guitarist) was unfortunately unable to perform also announced the NSW team of 12 which goes to Melbourne in early November to play in the National Carnival. Three other girls were chosen from the Sydney North team.

Thank you to all of Year 6, who held a cake stall and raised \$155.55 to put towards expenses.

Taylor W

Music - Band - Congratulations to all musicians on playing so well and behaving so beautifully at the Berowra Musica 2011 on Friday night. Great work everyone!

Many thanks for all the help from so many parents both in the rehearsals, preparation and the performance of the Musica.

There is an enormous amount of administration work involved as well as practical help needed and this fantastic evening would not happen without your support. THANK YOU.

We are now in the last week of the term. We will start back in Week 1 of Term 4 with more performances to come. Please check the dates in the band newsletter.

I hope everyone has a great break - let's hope the weather holds and we can all be refreshed over the next fortnight.

Any questions or queries? Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allan 9456 0596 or on bpsband@hotmail.com

Exam Congratulations!

| -                                      | <u>Congratulations:</u>                          |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                        | la Poole Grade 1 piano A+                        |  |  |  |
|                                        | trina Thorvaldsen Grade 2 viola A                |  |  |  |
|                                        | niel Akehurst Grade 1 flute B                    |  |  |  |
|                                        | anne Daniels Grade 1 saxophone A                 |  |  |  |
|                                        | eane Allen Grade 1 clarinet B                    |  |  |  |
| Beata Dogmesaz Grade 2 flute B         |                                                  |  |  |  |
|                                        | adeleine Hughes Grade 2 flute B+                 |  |  |  |
| What clever and hardworking musicians! |                                                  |  |  |  |
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| CLASS AWARDS                           |                                                  |  |  |  |
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| KR                                     | Kai V, Emma H                                    |  |  |  |
| KY                                     | Zara G, Bronte L                                 |  |  |  |
| 1A                                     | Harry D, Dayna B                                 |  |  |  |
| 1L                                     | Mirabel J, Anna J                                |  |  |  |
| 1P                                     | Tara M, Lachlan B, Ryan R                        |  |  |  |
| 2L                                     | Ella B, Lachlan B, Tamara W, Joshua J            |  |  |  |
| 2V                                     | Lilly L, Ewan B, James N, Tom M                  |  |  |  |
| 2W                                     | Taj M, Zoe G, Ty W, Tom H                        |  |  |  |
| 3P                                     | Quinn J, Mitchell B, Tom L                       |  |  |  |
| 3/4B                                   | Connor A, Max B, Bella S                         |  |  |  |
| 5/6T                                   | Tim R, Shauna C, Melissa D, Michelle H, Thomas A |  |  |  |
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# **Berowra Trivia Night**

| WHEN:  |  |
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| TIME:  |  |
| WHERE: |  |
| COST:  |  |
| THEME: |  |

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm in the school hall \$20 per person 60's, 70's & 80's

Organise a table of 10 and join in the fun. Any enquiries contact gkgates@iinet.net.au Marks, Berowra 'Open House' event which took place prior to the official opening of the new church building by the Rt Rev Dr Glenn Davies (Bishop of Nth Sydney).

Lots of Berowra locals turned up to check out the new building and enjoy the food, entertainment and fun activities. Band due to a broken finger - we miss you Joe.

Big thanks go to Rev Ian Millican and St Marks church members for putting on such a great day and for inviting 'White Light' to perform.



Sue Blackman (Band Tutor/Director)

P & C News - The next P and C meeting is tonight, Wednesday 21st September at 7:30pm. The special meeting to present audited P and C books has been postponed until the next term

It was fantastic to see in excess of 60 people at the last meeting. Let's see if we can do it again!

I would like to congratulate Bronwyn Mills for another very successful bus shopping trip last Saturday. It was a great day and thank you to everyone for coming, especially those beautiful staff members who are forever supporting our school. Forty six ladies spent \$16,500 on the shopping trip and we will have a figure of how much the school made from that soon. Thank you very much for all your hard work, Bronwyn! Everybody is welcome to come along to the meeting tonight.

### Karen Bird

School Support Group have had lots going on over the last couple of weeks. Thanks to everyone who has helped out with various activities -

- Father's Day stall made a profit of \$1050. Huge thanks to Sarah Williams and Jodi Ludlow. For sourcing the gifts and Karen Gurney for beautifully wrapping so many of the gifts.
- Mufti for Sunscreen Day raised \$367.20
- Dance Party Disco was a great success. The children all enjoyed themselves and it was great to see Mrs Bower there. The final profit is not yet in but it is in excess of \$1200.
- This is the last week to order the Art Calendars.
- Family Portrait order forms have been sent out for Saturday 22nd October. Time slots are filling fast so phone Sarah Williams on 0412 999 101 to book yours.
- Sport House Banners were purchased which are hanging in the hall. A huge thank you to Steve Hayes for designing these, Sue Davies for printing them at very low cost and Cathy Lea for sewing them. Don't they look great.
- Mufti Day tomorrow, Thursday 22nd September, Wear your brightest Spring colours and bring a gold coin donations

Our next SSG meeting is on Tuesday 25th October at 9:30am in the staff room. All welcome, including preschoolers.



Long Day 7:30am ~ 5:30pm Short Day 8:30am ~ 3:30pm Children aged 2 ~ 6years

<u>Uniform Shop</u> - <u>New hair ties.</u> These are available for \$2 each and come in a variety of colours to match the winter and summer uniforms; these are also available in black to match the sports uniform.

The shop is always busy so we're in constant need of volunteers. Contact Tammy on 9456 7973 or Jayne on 9456 1549 if you are keen to lend a hand.

•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 available at the shop |                                    |  |  |  |  |
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| 22/9                                             | P Smith, N Steel                   |  |  |  |  |
| 10/10                                            | V Eliasson, J McKendrick, R Walton |  |  |  |  |
| 13/10                                            | S Williams, R Stoner               |  |  |  |  |
| 17/10                                            | S Parker, T Allen                  |  |  |  |  |
| 20/10                                            | C Harriss, L Peltonen              |  |  |  |  |
|                                                  | 22/9<br>10/10<br>13/10<br>17/10    |  |  |  |  |

<u>Canteen</u> - Thank you Melissa, Kathryn, Cathy, Carolyn, Jenny and Chelsea for your help with ice cream day. The students had a great time and over \$250 was raised.

I would also like to thank all my wonderful volunteers who have helped and supported me during the year. We have a great time during the day and if anyone else would like to volunteer on a Monday, Thursday or Friday please ring me on 9456 3876, 0402 855 941 or contact the school.

Teresa McKenzie

| Canteen Roster |      |                        |  |  |  |
|----------------|------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Thursday       | 8/9  | J Anderson, C Tyerman  |  |  |  |
| Friday         | 9/9  | L Peltonen, V Eliasson |  |  |  |
| Monday         | 12/9 | R Smith, R Persson     |  |  |  |
| Thursday       | 15/9 | C Parker, F Minto      |  |  |  |
| Friday         | 16/9 | C Harriss, A Cornish   |  |  |  |
| Monday         | 19/9 | L Williams             |  |  |  |

**<u>BOOSH Cottage</u>** - Unfortunately the Pink Ribbon Morning Tea will not be held this year. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

# MUFTI DAY Thursday 22nd September



Wear your brightest colours to celebrate spring!

To be sun safe, no singlets or halter tops please and don't forget your hat. Remember to wear enclosed shoes and bring a gold coin donation.

Proceeds go to the School Support Group

### Community News

<u>TAFE Northern Sydney Institute</u> are offering free courses available next term for people who are out of work but seeking to update their skills -

WOW (Work Opportunities for Women returning to work) 10 hours per week on a Wednesday/Thursday commencing 12th October from 9:30-2:30 for 8 weeks.

Work Opportunities for Men

10 hours per week on a Tuesday/Thursday commencing 11th October from 9:30-2:30 for 8 weeks.

Introduction to Basic Computing Skills

5 hours per week on a Monday commencing

10th October from 9:30-2:30 for 8 weeks. Booking & Registration essential prior to commencement. Call Hornsby TAFE Outreach 9472 1239 to attend an information session.

<u>TAFE Northern Sydney Institute</u> are offering free courses available next term in *DIY Website* for women in homebased and small business. Tuesday

3 hour x 5 session, plus a follow up session, Tuesdays 18th October - 15th November 12:30-3:30pm.

Cost is \$180. Presentation session & morning tea on 29/11. Register your place. Limited to 15 students. Call Robyn Wooley 9448 4429, Robyn.woolley@tafensw.edu.au, www.digigirls.com.au

School Holiday Activity - Kitchen Masters Cooking Classes

| organized by | Hornsby Council.                  |  |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Where:       | Hornsby Leisure & Learning Centre |  |  |
|              | 25 Edgeworth David Ave            |  |  |
| Cost:        | \$5.00                            |  |  |
| When:        | 9-12yr olds 1.30-3pm              |  |  |
|              | 13-15yr olds 3.30-5pm             |  |  |
| Bookings ess | ential: 9847 6855                 |  |  |

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### TERM 4 LANGUAGE CLASSES NOW ACCEPTING BOOKINGS

The Language Company is turning two! To celebrate this special milestone we're giving away a free copy of a beautiful children's language book and CD from the 'Sing & Learn' series to all enrolments received by 14 October 2011.

There are limited positions available for our fun French and German kids' language clubs held at Berowra Public School, so be sure to act quickly to reserve a spot for your child.

Our classes are thoughtfully designed to give a wonderful educational experience to children so that they have fun and reach their full potential in their chosen language.

Visit the website for class timetables and to book online at www.thelanguagecompany.com.au or call 02 8005 1237.

# Your Framed Family Portrait for only \$15.00 Valued at \$130.00

Help Berowra Public School fundraising efforts on Saturday 22 October 2011

Additional photos available include: portraits, bookmarks, gift cards and calendars all featuring your family Portrait. Complete Package for just \$179! No obligation to buy.

Contact Sarah Williams on 0412 999 101 to book you photographic session.

Details at the office.