



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 17th February, 2012
Term 4 Week 2

Phone 9456 1319

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

Welcome to Term 4, traditionally this seems to be our busiest time of the year. However, it will be hard to beat Term 3 which was certainly a term of student, teacher and parent filled activities. This term we can look forward to day excursions, overnight excursions, school fair, Presentation Day, Celebration of Learning and many end of year activities including farewells to our Year 6 students.

Thank you to all parents who have been added to our email list for The Crest. Your email address and mobile phone numbers are important to us as we move into the 21st Century.

All excursion notes and class notes will still be sent home in paper form but will also be available on our website if you miss a note or two!

Term 4 Expenses

The class term letters will be sent home this week with all money required for this term outlined in this letter to parents. Many will recall, particularly parents who did not pay, large amounts were owed to the school at the end of last term.

I know some say that education is free and that they should not have to pay any fees. Excursions and extra curricula activities are not free and the school does not have the money to pay for such events. This year children have attended many excursions without any attempt by some parents to pay. This cannot be maintained. If parents choose not to pay for excursions then children will not be able to go on the excursion until payment for the excursion is made or until contact has been made with the principal. I have always said that genuine financial difficulty will always be supported, but parents must be prepared to speak to me about their inability to pay. It is not acceptable to send children on an excursion and completely ignore the cost.

Student Parliament

Last Wednesday was our first sitting of our Student Parliament. We were fortunate to have Matt Keane, our local member, here to open our parliament. The Prime Ministers and ministers were efficient and showed leadership and responsibility during the session. I would like to thank all our ministers, sergeants-at-arms and every child for an amazing display of 'democracy' at BPS. On behalf of the teachers and myself I would like to congratulate all BPS students for a 'job (more than) well done!'

Classes for 2013

During Term 4 many parents begin to think about classes for the following year. The staff and I are concentrating on providing the best education for children in 2012, consequently plans for next year regarding teachers on certain grades are not in place. Please do not assume that teachers will remain on the same grade next year.

Requests for a particular teacher cannot be accommodated. I also ask parents not to attempt to pick and choose who they would like their child to be or not be with next year. Genuine and special reasons should be directed by phone, letter or interview to the principal. Class teachers or executive will not take requests for class placement next year. Naturally, parents will discuss their child's needs with the class teacher but promises of classes and teachers will not



To help with our class planning for 2013, please indicate below if your child / children will not be returning to Berowra Public School next year, and return this slip to the office or class teacher as soon as possible.

Alternately, phone the school office on 9456 1319.

Student Name/s

2012 class :

Parents Name :

be made by the 2012 class teacher. In short, see me if you have any concerns, but please trust the teachers and me to place your child in a class where they will have friends and learn in an engaging friendly atmosphere.

We are carefully monitoring our anticipated enrolments for 2013. Thanks to those who have already returned an enrolment form for Kindergarten. Please contact the school for an enrolment package if you have a sibling yet to enrol or **you are aware you will not be returning to BPS in 2013** and have not yet notified us. We look forward to meeting our 2013 Kinders during our Ready-Steady-Go-Program, with our orientation session being held on Thursday 22nd November.

School Support

Thank you to all those who paid the voluntary contributions this year. Unfortunately we didn't get as good a response from the general school community as anticipated but those funds raised, with the added fundraising of the P&C and School Support Group, continue to support the school. From your commitment we have been able to improve some of our out-dated technology and aid students in the classrooms with additional Learning Support Officer time. Your voluntary contributions make an impact on all students in our school.

Congratulations and Thanks!

- Katrina T (4/5C) A+ in 2nd grade Viola exam
- Tahlia B (6W) merit in ballet exam
- Lindley R (2K) distinction in primary tap exam
- Ben B (6A) successful in selection into Arts North Film Festival
- Berowra Soccer Club – thank you for your kind donation of soccer 'match' balls and bag which were greatly needed and appreciated!

Kiss and Drop

Please do not **park** in the Kiss and Drop Zone outside the school as this hampers other parents dropping off their children. The council ranger is becoming a more regular visitor during drop off times. Please ensure you are doing the 'right thing' so as not to incur a fine!

NAPLAN

On **Monday, 5th November** at 6:30pm we will be running another parent session in the Year 6 classrooms. If you are interested in seeing and understanding our NAPLAN results please attend this session. It will be an open forum and we hope you will come along and join us. Please put this date in your diary.

Surveys

It is time again to gather information for our Annual School Report for 2012. Included in this newsletter, sent home in paper form and added to the website are two surveys. It would be greatly appreciated if you could spend a couple of minutes to fill out these surveys and send them back to the office as soon as possible. These surveys are anonymous.

Bounce Back!

Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.

If you can find something positive or funny in a difficult situation, no matter how small, it can help you to cope better.

Starting Kindy

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

Moving into high school

Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make your child's move into high school less daunting.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2014? Online application and information regarding the process will be available from Tuesday 16 October 2012.

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Di Bower, Principal

LIBRARY - Welcome back to the library from Term 4! Come in and have a look at the very creative artworks that have been inspired by some of our new library books. The children's new characters for 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' are terrific.

This term we are ensuring that no-one gets 'Lost in Library'. All classes will be improving their skills in locating books in the library through tours, map reading, games and computer enquiries.

Most classes have a new library day this term, so please remember to bring your library bag and return your books each week.

- Annette Wood and Kelly Lukic

DANCE GROUP - REMINDER: Dress rehearsal for MADD concert is tomorrow – **Thursday 18th October at 8:30am** in the hall. Please arrive **promptly** dressed in your costume and bring your school uniform to change into. If you have not yet purchased sunglasses, you may like to bring in \$5 to purchase some through the school. We have a few styles

to choose from. Please bring your money to Mrs Lukic on Thursday morning and I will arrange for you to choose a pair of sunglasses.

-Kelly Lukic

Diary Dates		
October		
22	Monday	MaDD Night
24	Wednesday	Crazy Hair Day
25	Thursday	Pink Ribbon Day Morning Tea Band instrument try-6:30 in library
30	Tuesday	Canteen Sushi Day Uniform Shop AGM 9:30am
November		
5 & 6 5	Mon & Tues	School Photo Days NAPLAN Parent Session 6:30
19	Monday	P&C AGM 7:30pm in staffroom
20	Tuesday	Stage 1 Taronga Zoo excursion
22	Thursday	Kindergarten 2013 Orientation Day Band Information Evening 7:30pm library
24	Saturday	BPS Fair
27-30	Tues - Fri	Stage 2 Gibberagong excursion
30	Friday	Dance Party
December		
5 - 7	Wed - Fri	Stage 3 Broken Bay excursion
7	Friday	Twilight Concert & Carols by Candlelight
11	Tuesday	K-2 'Countdown to Christmas' Concert
12	Wednesday	Year 6 mini fete Christmas church service
13	Thursday	K-6 Presentation Day
14	Friday	Stage 3 Surf Education
17	Monday	Year 6 Farewell
18	Tuesday	Stage 1 & 2 Picnic Day
19	Wednesday	Last day of Term 4
20 & 21	Thurs & Fri	Staff Development Days
January 2013		
29	Tuesday	Staff return for Term 1 2013
30	Wednesday	Years 1-6 students return
30 - 1/1	Wed - Fri	Kindergarten Best Start testing
Feburary		
4	Monday	Kindergarten 2013 start school

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The P&C AGM will be held on Monday 19th November 2012, 7:30pm in the staff room. This will be followed by the last P&C meeting for 2012.

All parents and carers are invited and encouraged to become part of the P&C. The purpose of the P&C is to actively provide and improve school facilities through fundraising for items such as SmartBoards, computers, sport and arts equipment and participate in the curriculum and welfare of students.

The P&C is a very active body which meets on the third Monday of each month. Meetings are short, positive and productive. There are also a number of regular sub-committees which meet during day-time hours e.g. School Support Group, Canteen and Uniform Shop as well as one off type groups which meet at times suitable to those involved e.g. fundraising events like trivia nights, the fair and reference groups.

You don't have to have any particular skills or availability - just a willingness to be involved and make a difference to the schooling of your children.

For more information please contact Simon Stebbins (0412 062 816) or Katrina Gates (0409 837 344).

Berowra Public School Bus Shopping Trip -

Thank you shoppers! Thank you ladies for your support of the Bus Shopping Trip on Saturday 15th September. We raised a total of \$1717.00 for our school. Over the last 7 years we have spent a total of \$84,695.00 (don't tell your husbands, they would be shocked) and have raised \$9,595.00 for Berowra School just by shopping. I would like to thank you all for your support over the last 7 years.

-Bronwyn Mills, Shopping Trip Organiser

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP - Term 4 Dance Party will be held on Friday 30th November. More details will follow closer to the date.

Our next meeting is next Tuesday 23rd October at 9:30 in the staffroom. Morning tea provided and toddlers are welcome.

CANTEEN - Monday special for October is Butter Chicken, available on 22nd and 29th October for only \$3.50. We will be holding a Sushi Day on Tuesday 30th October. See the order form sent home on Wednesday.

Theresa would like to say a 'huge' thank you to all the volunteers who stepped in and took over the running of the canteen while she was ill during the last week of term 3. Particular thanks to Renee Smith.

Canteen Roster

Friday 19/10 R Smith, C Jones, L Stoner

Monday 22/10

S Vaughan, H Tyler

Thursday 25/10 J Anderson

Friday 26/10

M Cunningham, K Wallis

UNIFORM SHOP - Uniform Shop AGM If you are interested in becoming involved with the school, become a member of the uniform shop committee. Join us at our annual general meeting to be held on Tuesday, 30 October, at 9:30 am at the picnic tables outside BOOSH Cottage. All positions will be available: president, treasurer, purchasing officer, publicity officer, secretary, roster co-ordinator and rep-shirt co-ordinator, or join us as a much needed general committee member. All volunteers welcome.

General information

- 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.

Roster details follow

Thursday 18/10 C Harriss, L Peltonen, C Chui

Monday 22/10

L Stebbins, S Vaughan, T Andis

Thursday 25/10 P Smith, N Steele, J West

Monday 29/10

D Allen

Thursday 1/11 S Horner, H Anstice, J Clayton

Monday 5/11

Renei, G Blackwood, K Ross

Student Parliament Recount

On 10th October, Berowra Public School held our first Student Parliament. We thank Matt Keane for opening our parliament.

Four different motions were brought up at this week's meeting. These motions were that there should be more mufti days, every classroom should have a TV, we should have a healthier canteen and that we should get new representative sport shirts. However, only the motion that there should be more mufti days was passed. This motion will be taken to Mrs Bower by the Minister of Social Services and Functions.

Students had lots of fun in this week's parliament and had many great motions to bring up.

- written by Tia M, Student Parliament Secretary



BPS FAIR - SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER 9am - 3pm

1P is running a Second Hand Clothing stall at the Berowra School Fete later in the year.

We are now collecting second hand clothing to sell. If anyone has any second hand clothing they would like to donate to the stall, it can be dropped off in the designated container in the staffroom foyer.

All donations will be gratefully received.

As you know the BPS Fair is edging closer and there are many areas to get involved in. This is a fantastic way to help support the school by raising funds. This year we are hoping the profit will be as big as possible. One of these opportunities is to help by purchasing cans of drinks for the drinks stall. We are hoping that school families will add a box of cans (drinks) to their groceries in the coming weeks and hand them into KBlue classroom or the office, before the fair.

We are looking for cans of Coke, Diet Code, Sprite, Fanta, small bottles of water and Kirks band drinks.

Thank you to all parents for your support.



Crazy Hair Day



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Berowra Public School will be having a '**CRAZY HAIR DAY**'.

When: Wednesday 24th October 2012

What Happens: Infants & Primary– Wear your CRAZIEST hair style with your normal school uniform and don't forget your school hat.

NO spray cans to be brought to school.

Bring: Gold coin donation towards the school fair.



Please note that the money raised will be used by the Plant Stall run by 3/4P to buy plants for the school fair.

Trash 'n Treasure - Feeling a toy purge coming on? Running out of room in your kitchen cupboards? Now's the time to sort through your belongings and hand on past treasures for sale at the Fair.

From Monday 19th – Friday 23rd November we will be accepting donations for our Trash 'n Treasure so please bring all items to school and remember: do not include manchester, excessively worn or damaged items.

Due to a lack of storage space at school please do not bring your items before the collection dates. If you cannot hold onto your things until that time you may contact me to arrange a suitable alternative. Likewise, if you are able to provide storage **PLEASE** let me know. Thanks for your generosity.

-Gaby Smith (0438546259)

Thank you to those people who have already purchased their **ride armband vouchers**. A table selling vouchers to next year's kindergarten children will be operating outside BOOSH Cottage during the Kindergarten 2013 Ready-Steady-Go Program from 9:10-9:35am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday for the next four weeks.

Current school students are also most welcome to purchase their ride armband vouchers at this time. The cost of a ride armband voucher is \$25 for 4 hours of unlimited rides between 11am and 3pm. Payment may be made by cash or cheque made payable to 'Berowra Public School P&C Association'.

You can also buy ride armband vouchers at any time up to the week before the fair by collecting a form from the school office or on the website and returning to school, with payment, on a money collection day. In the fortnight before the fair we will again sell vouchers after school.

As vouchers must be brought to the fair in order to collect pre-purchased ride armbands, all vouchers purchased by current school students will be distributed in the week before the fair to minimise the chance of the vouchers being misplaced at home. If at any stage you want to check whether or not you have already paid for your vouchers, the school office has a list of orders which have been processed.

Please support our school and ensure a great day by purchasing a ride armband voucher for you children!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hornsby Spiders Basketball Association is looking for any tall and/or fast athletic girls born 2001-2003 who would like to trial for a place in our representative sides for 2013. Experience is not essential. Players take part in Sunday games and train with a qualified coach once or twice a week. If interested, please contact info@hornsbyspiders.com.au

Hornsby Library and The Children's Bookshop present: A special evening in conversation with MEM FOX and JUDY HORACEK.

Date: Thursday 25th October at 5pm
Where: Hornsby Library
Book: Any branch library or phone 9847 6738
Cost: Free

Fans of the classic children's book *Where is the Green Sheep?* can rejoice as bestselling children's author Mem Fox and leading children's illustrator and cartoonist Judy Horacek will be appearing for an exclusive evening event to talk about how they brought beautiful nursery rhymes to life in their new book *Good Night, Sleep Tight*. Published by Scholastic Australia, Fox's latest book revives seven classic rhymes for new generations and demonstrates the importance of including reading in children's bedtime rituals.

Fox has written over 40 books and is one of Australia's greatest contributors to children's literature. *Possum Magic* has sold over 3 million copies in Australia and continues to be Australia's best-selling picture book of all time. Fox and Horacek's latest collaboration *Where is the Green Sheep?* has stayed at the top of the best sellers list for over eight years.

There will be a book signing and books for sale by the Children's Bookshop.

2012 YEAR 6 FAREWELL

17 December 2012

**THIS YEAR'S
THEME IS
"HOLLYWOOD"**



Band 2013

Try outs for all interested students!

On Thursday 25th October at 6:30pm the band is holding instrument try outs in the school library and again on Tuesday October 30th from 9am in the hall.



All students from Year 2 upwards are welcome. We have flutes, clarinets, saxophones, cornets, trumpets, baritone, euphonium and trombones available to try and to hire from the school.

Year 2 parents are warmly invited to attend. There will be a Band Information Evening at 7:30pm on Thursday 22nd November in the library. Any questions or anyone interested in percussion or keyboard please contact Amanda Gillard on bpsband@hotmail.com, 9456 2908 or through the school office.



Australian Red Cross Blood Service

is coming to

Berowra Community Centre

on

**Tuesday 30th October &
Wednesday 31st October
Thursday 1st November**

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



Poem for the 21st Century

May there be no bullying in the world
May there be no wars in our world ever again
May people show fairness in schools
May no bombs rain from the sky again
May peace offerings happen in current wars
May people help endangered animals
May friendships always be honest
May all the children in the world be safe

By Alec L 6W

Beautiful Berowra Photography Competition



Berowra Village Shopping Centre is celebrating our unique community with a photography competition that gives students of Berowra the opportunity to share their vision of our local environment, and have the chance to win great prizes for themselves and our school. Students are invited to share their view of 'Berowra' as seen through their eyes. The region of Berowra is rich in natural beauty, history and culture. Can you capture that in one photograph?

Our school has registered for this competition and will now receive a \$100 Visa gift card just for registering. If one of our students places in the top five, our school will receive a \$400 cash donation. Each of the top five student finalists will win a \$600 voucher towards the purchase of a camera.

How to enter: Take a photograph of beautiful Berowra. Place your photo in a self-addressed envelope and put it in the barrel which will be located out the front of Coles at Berowra Village Shopping Centre. Photos may also be submitted electronically on a CD or by emailing Centre Management on – ssartor@rhcretail.com.au

Closing date: Students need to submit photos by **Friday 2nd November 2012**.

The top 15 entries will be displayed out the front of Coles from 7th November to 7th December, where customers will vote on their favourite photo. Customers who vote have the chance to win two \$500 Coles gift cards. Winners will be announced on Thursday 13th December.

So start taking photos of what you think makes Berowra a beautiful place. Good luck and have fun.

Beginner Recorder Ensemble 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Is your child interested in joining the Beginner Recorder Ensemble next year? As well as learning to play the instrument and read music, students in this ensemble will have the chance to perform with the group at a number of school occasions throughout the year. This group caters for children from year 1 – 6 with no prior experience of playing music required.

Learning to play the recorder is a great way to introduce music to a child, and has the added benefit of being a relatively cheap instrument. Other benefits include the development of skills in concentration, team work and creativity.

The Beginner Recorder Ensemble will rehearse in the library on Thursday afternoons (3:30 pm) or possibly a morning class depending on numbers. The cost will be \$60 per semester (half year) plus \$25 for the purchase of a music book and CD. Students will be required to have a good quality descant recorder (plastic is fine). Aulos, Dolmetsch and Yamaha are suitable brands. I will have Dolmetsch recorders for sale at the start of term 1 for \$25.

As with learning any instrument regular practice will be expected. Please contact me at sue.thorv@gmail.com , ASAP to indicate your child's interest. I need to know their name, school year (for 2013) and whether they need to purchase a recorder. Feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Sue Thorvaldson (recorder ensemble director).

Countdown to Christmas

You are invited to attend our K-2 "Countdown to Christmas" play on Tuesday 11th December.



This year we will be performing our spectacular play twice on the one day to allow all parents, friends and grandparents to be able to fit in the hall. Please choose the concert that suits you best. The first one will be at 10am and the second one will be at midday.



When: Tuesday 11th December

Time: 10 am or 12noon

Where: Berowra school hall

Thanking you,
K-2 teachers

~ Morning Tea ~



BOOSH Cottage and School Support Group will be holding a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea

Thursday 25th October 2012

9.30am - 11am

At BOOSH Cottage (Berowra Public School)

No entry fee required

Money is raised through raffle and donations with 100% proceeds going to the Cancer Council in support of Breast Cancer

So come along, bring a friend and enjoy some coffee and cake

Pre-schoolers are also welcome on the day however all children must be supervised by their parent or carer.

Health Fact

People with vomiting or diarrhoea should

- Rest at home and not attend work. Infants and children attending childcare or school should be excluded from attending for 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms.
- Not prepare food for others or care for patients, children, or the elderly. These precautions should continue until 48 hours after diarrhoea or vomiting ceases. This includes people who prepare food in the home or working in the food industry.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and running water for 10 seconds after using the toilet.
- Drink plenty of clear fluids, for example juice or soft drink diluted 1 part to 4 parts water, to prevent dehydration. Avoid undiluted fruit juice and soft drinks as they may increase dehydration and diarrhoea. Rehydration drinks that replace fluids and salts are available from chemists. Intravenous fluids may be needed in severe cases of dehydration.

Source: www.health.nsw.gov.au

Piano Lessons

Experienced Music Teacher

For all ages. Beginners welcome.



AMEB Exams Optional

Contact Ann: 0425 821 290

Email: aeleslie@hotmail.com

YOGA

Yoga in the Iyengar tradition can build strength & stamina, improve muscle tone, flexibility and increase overall sense of wellbeing.

For more information contact
Fiona Lisle

P: 0425 261300
E: thelislies@gmail.com

Classes at
Mt Kuring-gai Public School Hall
Mondays 7.15 - 8.30pm
during school terms

BUSH SCHOOL LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming lessons for children
4 years to 12 years (Year 6, 2012) taught by our
qualified and experienced instructors at the Bush
School pools on Saturdays, November – March.

Season Cost: 30 min lesson
\$95 for 1 child,
\$145 for 2 children,
\$175 for 3 or more children
(plus \$16.00 insurance per child)

Enrolments: Saturday 27th October 2012 at 1:00 pm –
2:30 pm (or on later Saturdays from November) at the
Bush School pools.
New enrolments should bring a swimsuit for grading.

Enquiries:

Frances Simpson-Lee 9489 1579
Carolyn Cross 9489 2415
Liz Wright - bushschoolts@gmail.com
Website: www.bushschoolts.org

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Saturday 20th October
9am - 3pm

Royston Pde, Asquith



ALL NEW RIDES!

Arts and Crafts	Chocolate Wheel	Apple Pies & Cream
Clothes Swap	Dunk Tank	BBQ
Christmas Grotto	Face Painting	Devonshire Tea
Everything Cupcake	Glow Room & Disco	Cakes
Gardening	Lucky Balloons	Home Made Jams
Gift Baskets	Side Show Alley	Hot Chips
Teddy Bear Cottage	Stretch - A - Snake	Meat Pies
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