



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 14th November, 2012
Term 4 Week 6

Phone 9456 1319

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

We are mid way through the term and preparations are well underway for final reports, assemblies and end of year celebrations; not to mention the fair preparations.

MUSIC COUNT US IN

Well done to **all** teachers and students singing the *Music: Count Us in 2012* last Thursday. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance. Thank you to Mrs Sheldon for her organisation and conducting.

VISIT FROM NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH

On Monday Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students enjoyed a visit from Year 9 students and teachers from Normanhurst Boys High. The Kindergarten and Year 1 students were the audience for readings from picture books designed by the high school students. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a circus presentation with clowns and tricks of many dimensions. There were laughs from the children and a great deal of satisfaction from the high school students. The head teacher of English told me the picture books will be available through the school intranet for the children to enjoy again. I thank Normanhurst Boys students and teachers for visiting our young students. It is nice to have an event where the cost is nil (just good will).

SURVEY REQUEST

Many thanks to the five parents who have returned your surveys to school; if you haven't completed a survey I urge you to do so. We really need your input.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Ben B (6A) - Silver Award at the Sydney North Film Festival
- Lilly S (5G) and Brinlee S (KB) for competing (25minutes) in the Rebel Run4Fun-3km run on 4/11/2012
- Ben B (6A) – who wrote the article about Berowra PS Student Parliament that was published in the Bush Telegraph last week.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS REMINDER

If you have a child seeking placement in a selective high school in Year 7 in 2014, applications must be made to our school by **Friday 16th November**. Application packages are available from the school now. For more information and application procedures, please visit: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/selectiveschools.php

EXCURSIONS

School excursions, athletics carnivals, swimming carnivals and any other school organised activity are part of the school curriculum. If your child is not attending an excursion they are expected to be at school instead. Please do not keep your child home if they are not attending either of the overnight excursions this term. If your child is not attending they will be expected at school.



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 :

NEW AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM – USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), in collaboration with states and territories, has developed agreed Australian curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students. The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Many features of the new K–10 English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K–6) and History syllabuses are retained. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K–6, where essential foundation skills are developed. The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

For more information go to the parent's page on the Board of Studies website: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents> and Board of Studies NSW syllabuses website: <http://syllabuses.bos.nsw.edu.au>

Di Bower, Principal

MUSIC NEWS - BPS rock bands, 'Sound Waves' and 'Amped Up' will be performing at the BPS Fair on Saturday 24th November on the outdoor Music Stage. The Music Stage will be presenting loads of talented musicians throughout the day with an exciting program featuring the Mt Colah PS and BPS Concert and Training bands, Tarna and Tia (acoustic duo), local kid rockers 'Xpeld' and special guests - youth rock band 'Serenade of Silence' - winners of the People's Choice Award earlier this year in Hornsby Council's 'Rock The Block' competition. 'Serenade of Silence' band members began their musical jour-

Serenade Of Silence



ney together back in 2010 in their primary school days, in BPS rock band, 'Re-Mix'. They will be performing at the BPS Fair at 2:30pm.

| Diary Dates | | |
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| November | | |
| 19-23 | Mon-Fri | Year 6 High School Week |
| 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 |
| 11 | Tuesday | K-2 'Countdown to Christmas' Concert |
| 12 | Wednesday | Year 6 mini fete Christmas church service Helpers Morning Tea |
| 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 |

CANTEEN - Canteen Roster

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| Thursday 15/11 | C Parker, F Minto |
| Friday 16/11 | R Smith, C Jones, L Stoner |
| Monday 19/11 | J Mihalarias, C Harriss |
| Thursday 22/11 | J Anderson, C Bourke |
| Friday 23/11 | M Cunningham, K Wallis |
| Monday 26/11 | S Vaughan, H Tyler |

UNIFORM SHOP - The Uniform Shop Committee would like to thank Sue from Impress Promotions for her continued support and contribution to the uniform shop.

Uniform Shop AGM A new uniform shop committee was established at the AGM, held 30th October 2012. Committee members are: Jacqui Clayton, President; Renee Stoner, Treasurer; Tara Andis, Purchasing Officer; Kim Ross, Publicity Officer; Sarah Drake, Secretary; Tammy Allen, Roster Co-ordinator; Vanessa Eliasson, PSSA Shirt Co-ordinator; Carolyn Harriss and Natasha Steele, General Committee Members. The new committee would like to thank the previous committee for their efforts.

General information

- Opening — MON 9–10am & THURS 3–3.45pm
- No cash refunds available, cheque only
- All returns need to have a returns form attached

Uniform Shop Roster

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| Thursday 15/11 | C Harriss, L Peltonen, C Chui |
| Monday 19/11 | T Allen, A Lucas, S Van Rossum |
| Thursday 22/11 | P Smith, N Steel, J West |
| Monday 26/11 | L Stebbins, S Vaughan, T Andis |

BPS FAIR

SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER 9am - 3pm

STOP PRESS – Fair Update & Raffle Tickets

A separate fair update note has issued today – please make sure you read it so you are up to date with the progress so far. **We are still looking for assistance in many areas – even an hour on the day would help....**

In addition to this, you will be receiving a booklet of raffle tickets to sell. Please sell as many as you can and return the booklet (with complete stubs and/or unsold tickets) with the money to the class teacher or school office by Wednesday 21st November. Extra booklets are available from the office.

It's going to be a huge day with over 60 stalls (school and external). What a great place to start the Christmas shopping.....class parents, maybe you can even pick up the teachers Christmas present!)

Maintenance Day – Saturday 17th November

To make sure the school shines for the Fair, a maintenance day has been scheduled for Saturday 17th November, 9am – 12noon.

The focus will be to trim some trees, clean the toilet block and a general tidy up of the gardens and playground.

Come along for 30 mins, an hour, all morning – any amount of help is good help! The kids are welcome to come along as well – it's up to you if they will help or play.

Many hands make light work and it would be great to see some new faces.

1P is running a **Second Hand Clothing stall** at the Fair. We are 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.

KBlue are collecting drinks for the **drinks stall** and 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 foyer near the staffroom, before the fair. We are looking for cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Fanta, small bottles of water and Kirks band drinks.

Thank you to all parents for your support.

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: please 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**. 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.

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!

P & C UPDATE - Fundraising BBQ at Thornleigh Bunnings

P&C have accepted an offer from Thornleigh Bunnings to run the fundraising BBQ on Sunday 30th December and are seeking volunteers to help on the day.

If you can help for an hour (or more) between 8:30am – 4:30pm, please contact Chris Chu (0449 255 168) or Katrina Gates (0409 837 344) by Friday 30th November.

We appreciate the timing is tricky but don't worry, we've been told we can have another turn in 2013!

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank-you to those who participated in the six different competitions, Spelling, Writing, Mathematics, Science, English and Computer Skills. These competitions are held in Australia, New Zealand, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and South Africa.

The results were outstanding and my congratulations go to these students:

Spelling:

Credits – Jane R 3M, Katie W 4S and Isabel P 6W
Distinctions – Alodie W 3M, Aaron M 4S and Rachel W 4S

Writing:

Credit – Jane R 3M, Orla P 4S, Katie W 4S, Isabella G 4/5C, Ella T 4/5C, Katrina T 4/5C, Sara N 5G and Tia M 6A,
Distinction – Rachel W 4S, and Isabel P 6W
High Distinction – Natalie S 3/4P

Mathematics:

Credit – Nia D 2/3B, Jasmine M 2/3B, Ashleigh H 3M, Jane R 3M, Mackenzie W 3M, James N 3/4P, Eileen L 4S, Leah O 4S, Orla P 4S, Rachel W 4S, Isabella G 4/5C, Mitchell K 4/5C, Kyle L 4/5C, Katrina T 4/5C, Nicolas d 5G, Adam D 5G, Isobel N 5G, Isabel P 6W and Rachel W 6W
Distinction – Alodie W 3M, Natalie S 3/4P, Aaron M 4S and Philip M 6W

Science:

Credit – Ewan B 3M, Jane R 3M, Mackenzie W 3M, Kyle L 4/5C, and Daniel H 6A
Distinction – Aaron M 4S, Rachel W 4S, Dylan P 4/5C and Isobel N 5G

English:

Credit – Alodie W 3M, Rachel W 4S and Daniel H 6A
Distinction – Jane R 3M, Aaron M 4S and Katie W 4S

Computer Skills:

Credit – Jasmine M 2/3B, Rachel W 4S and Daniel H 6A
Distinction – James N 3/4P, Benjamin H 4S, Aaron M 4S, Dylan P 4/5C and Philip M 6W

Rosemary Cacitti

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hosting is Fun! Become a WEP Family! Bring a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites! Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

Become a WEP Host Family – It's Easy! Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you'll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP! *Find out more!* Contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today for a FREE information pack. Phone: 1300 884 733, Web: www.wep.org.au, Email: info@wep.org.au

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is an Australian, not-for-profit student exchange organisation, determined to make a difference by helping young people of different cultures gain insight and understanding about other ways of life and world views.

Single with Children Each week *Single with Children* provides fun and exciting activities for single parents and their children. Many activities are subsidised or free. It's a great way to meet & get to know people in your area. To find out more & get a FREE copy of our social calendar call us today on 1300 300 496 or check out our web site: www.singlewithchildren.com.au.

Single with Children is a non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association.

Hornsby Shire Libraries is conducting a range of activities over the Christmas holidays. These include the launch of the Summer Reading Club at Hornsby Library, our very popular family event, the Gingerbread House Making and also the Christmas Pantomime. In January is the interactive activity Backyard Bugs. For information contact Children's & Youth Services on 9847 6738 during business hours.

Vision Valley holiday camps Details & dates of our range of upcoming camps this Summer holidays include:
Vision Valley Holiday Camp (Primary Years 3 - 6 & Junior High Years 7 - 10): 08 to 11 January 2013
Adventure Day Camps 2013: Wed 24th December, Wed 9th January & Wed 16th January
Overnight Adventure Campout: Wednesday 23rd January – Thursday 24th January
Book your place now by calling 9655 2600 or go to www.visionvalley.org.au. Childcare rebate is available.

Year 6 High School Week

Next week, Year 6 will be involved in a 'High School Week'. The purpose of this week is to help ensure the smooth transition of students from primary to high school.

During this week, students will be placed into 'high school classes' (a mix between 6A and 6W as determined by the class teachers). They will then follow a 'high school timetable' to attend different subjects taught by K-6 teachers throughout the school.

2012 YEAR 6 FAREWELL

17 December 2012

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



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



Student's Email

All students enrolled in public schools have an email address: User.name@education.det.nsw.au

Children know their logon(user name)
and their password.

Parents may like to help children access their email account at home.

This will allow children to print their work at school.

All school students now access their student portal,
from home and at school, from a new URL:
<http://student.det.nsw.edu.au>

CLASS MERIT AWARDS

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| KB | Daniel L, Mac T, Jonathan C, Nathaniel T |
| KR | Chloe B, Leela S, Maximus V, Orlando J |
| KY | Sophia H, Abbie S, |
| 1A | Monique W, Ripley B |
| 1P | Imogen L, Haylee S, Lucy T |
| 2K | Kyle B, Sophia V, Emily D, Jude M |
| 2W | Ella D, Eliza O, Cole S, Nene H |
| 2/3B | Lachlan B, Zac G, Andrew S |
| 3M | Hayley T, Caitlyn R, Tom M, Jenna R |
| 3/4P | Mimi L, Ben S |
| 4S | Ben H, Tom L, Chelsea W, Katie W, Eileen L, Jordan S |
| 4/5C | Nicholas B, Aaron S, Hewitt F |
| 5G | Ethan D, Sophie A, Lachlan C, Nico D, Sam A, Samantha N |
| 6A | Oceane A, Sandra M, Sian S, Zara J, Ben B, Hannah B |
| 6W | Brenton S, Philip M, Isabel P, Laura B, Caitlin B, Nick P |



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NEW STALL HOLDERS WELCOME



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Markets

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Saturday 17 NOVEMBER 2012

8am - 3pm

A treasure trove for Christmas shopping

140 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:
www.arcadiaschool.com.au

News from BOOSH



I would like to thank everyone who attended the Pink Ribbon Morning Tea and/or made a donation .

I am very excited to announce that together we raised a total of \$539.35 for Cancer Council in support of breast cancer.

Many thanks to those who took time to prepare and provide some yummy food and to the talented BOOSH children for decorating the room with their wonderful art work.

The raffle winners:-

1st – J Parry 2nd – C Steel 3rd – R Byers

Congratulations to you.

See you all again next year

Thanks

Michelle

Band 2013

Just a Few School Instruments Remaining!

There are few school instruments still available for hire from the school—flutes, cornets, trumpets, 1 euphonium and 1 percussion place.

Other instruments can be hired privately from Turramurra Music.

Take this chance for a great social and education opportunity!

Band Information Booklet is available online on the school website.



There will be an Information Evening in the school library at 7:30pm on Thursday 22nd November. All welcome.

If you have questions please contact the band Director Mrs Amanda Gillard on 9456 2908 or bpsband@hotmail.com or through the school office.

