



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 28th November, 2012
Term 4 Week 8

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Many thanks to all the hard working parents who have been part of the P&C, School Support Group, Uniform Shop, Canteen Committee, Band Committee, Grounds Maintenance, Focus Group, Book Club and every other committee that has been run by a parent group in 2012.

We appreciate all you do for us! I know the newly elected P&C executive will enjoy this same level of support from the school community in 2013.

School Fair

A beautiful day dawned last Saturday and continued for the day. The school was a hive of activity from sunrise and continued until late Saturday evening. This was an amazing day. I had no idea so many people could fit in our school. The stalls were impressive, the entertainment was first class (on both stages), the food was to die for and there was plenty of it!

This was one huge feat – **congratulations to Graeme and his committee** for their amazing organisation. I know this just didn't happen and many, many parents have been working tirelessly for at least ten months to put this together. The feeling during the day was so positive and I am so proud to be part of this community. Our community works so well together – students, teachers, parents and extended family. I was impressed also by our year 6 children. Many of these children went out of their way to ensure our younger children were accompanied on rides and didn't have to wait long in the queues.

Many of our teachers gave up their time to attend the fete; many helping on stalls and two teachers spending all day face painting! Thank you also to Peter Mudie who set up the sound equipment for the day.

To all parents who organised stalls, set up or packed up, worked all day or organised entertainment – we thank you all. Thank you also to our 'bouncers'.

I know we were supported by many of the local businesses and I also thank them for their support and kind donations.

Safely commuting to and from school

I have had a few phone calls in the last two weeks about our students' behaviour both on the way to school and on the way home. Boys on bikes and scooters have been riding dangerously amongst the traffic and a boy on a scooter was almost knocked over by a car one afternoon.

Students have also been seen swinging on poles and running up and down the aisles on the school buses.

This behaviour is unacceptable and extremely unsafe; if these children are caught they will not be permitted to ride or catch the bus to and from school.

Congratulations:

Georgie B (5G) – 10 years Champion in Physical Culture Competition

Hannah P(6A), Annabelle M(4S) and Georgie B(5G) – 11/12 yrs Junior Champions in Physical Culture Competition

Max S (3/4P) – finalist in the Berowra Village Photo Competition

Jane R (3M) – finalist in the Berowra Village Photo Competition

Edward R (3/4P) – Encouragement Award – presented at Parliament House – for his narrative entitled, "The Under House".

Jack B and Dayna B – competed in 5 km Variety Fun Run on a hot Sunday, 25th November to help raise money

School Disco

This Friday is the last school disco for the year. At the previous disco I was concerned to see children dressed inappropriately at both sessions. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate shoes. Unacceptable footwear includes thongs, scuffs, high heels and shoes that are too big! These are definitely unsafe wear. Children also need to be dressed 'age-appropriate'! Midriff and strapless tops; extremely short shorts, dresses or skirts are also not acceptable attire for a **school** disco.

If your child is not attending the disco, please do not allow them to hang around the school unaccompanied by an adult. Thank you for your support and co operation in this matter.

Thank You Morning Tea

Please keep Wednesday, 12th December free. This is the date of our Thank You Morning Tea for all our many helpers. If you have supported the school in any way this year – you are cordially invited to come along and share a ‘cuppa’ and some wonderful goodies! Also, we have a guest of honour on the day to thank as well. Mrs Miriam Myers will be our special guest. We would like to thank her for all she does for our children and I am sure you would love to catch up with her for a chat! Looking forward to seeing you at 10:30am.

Cybersafety

I have had a number of parents and students concerned about ‘cyberbullying’ by older students. These incidents seem to be occurring on Skype, Facebook, emailing and msn.

Cyberbullying can have negative academic, social and psychological outcomes, so providing support for children and young people who are involved in cyberbullying is critical. **At this age your child’s internet use should still be closely monitored. To help with this try to keep the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.** Please be aware and vigilant regarding your child’s internet use and remember only invite people onto your computer that you would be willing to invite personally into your home!

2013

At this stage we have SIXTEEN classes for 2013. I have signed off on a new demountable classroom. I am hoping this will arrive prior to term one. The new building will be situated between 3M and the new vegetable garden.

Classes for 2013 will be four kindergartens, three Yr 1, two Yr 2, two Yr 3, two Yr 4 and three Yr 5/6.

Diary Dates		
November		
27-30	Tues - Fri	Stage 2 Gibberagong excursion
30	Friday	Dance Party
December		
3	Monday	Canteen Hot Dog day
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
February		
4	Monday	Kindergarten 2013 start school
11	Monday	Meet the Teacher
15	Friday	The Kick-Off
March		
4	Monday	BPS Swimming Carnival
6	Wednesday	Zone Swimming at Gosford Pool

The Year 3 and Year 5/6 classes will be 31 or 32 in size and we are looking at the budgets and buying ‘teacher time’ to lessen the load.

Gymnastics lessons, Kindergarten to Year 2, by Sportspro, will be introduced for term one. These will be class based, user-pay lessons and will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays in term 1.

Staff Development Days 2013

We are moving one of our staff development days from term 2 to term 1.

On **Tuesday, 2nd April** (end of Easter break) our Community of Schools will meet for an intense day of learning and sharing with Jason Clarke, one of the most sought after creative minds in the country. The theme for the day is “Building a Creative Learning Community”. The local primary and high schools are working closely together to enhance the education of our students, especially in the transition from primary to high school.

Tuesday, 2nd April will be a pupil free day.

In term 2, 2013 Monday, April 29 and Tuesday, April 30 are set for staff development days. As we have taken the extra day in term one we will only be taking Monday, April 29 for a pupil free day. Students will return on Tuesday, April 30 for term two in 2013.

Please note these dates on your calendars.

Di Bower, Principal

GROUP PHOTOS - Every child who was in a group photo would have received a photo envelope on Monday.

Group photos of sport, music, dance, drama, choir, prefects, year 6 and student parliament are displayed in the office foyer this week. Order and payment **MUST** be back by this FRIDAY 30th November.

DANCE AUDITIONS FOR 2013 - Auditions for the 2013 Dance Groups will begin this week. This is a very exciting time for many children. Please be aware that we can only accept 24 girls and 24 boys. Last Friday the children learnt a short routine. The children will be asked to perform this routine in small groups in front of three teachers at their audition.

Current Year 5 children will audition in the hall at lunch time on Thursday 29th November.

Current Year 3 and 4 children will audition in the hall at lunch time on Thursday 6th December.

We will let children know of the results on Friday 14th December. Names will be listed on the window outside the staffroom.

If your child is successful, please be aware that the dance group is a full year commitment. The Girls' Dance Group rehearses on Thursdays at 8:30am and the Boys' Dance Group rehearses at lunch time every Thursday. There is likely to be extra rehearsals called on Friday mornings during Term 2. There is a cost of approximately \$100 per child.

I know there are many extremely keen and talented younger students who would love to audition, but at this stage we can only have two groups comprising of children who will be in Year 4, 5 and 6 in 2013.

Thank you and good luck.

Mrs Kelly Lukic, Dance Teacher

P & C NEWS - As I step down as President I would like to thank the Executive of the P & C, Jose Auditore, Chris Chu and Katrina Gates, as well as the sub committees for their dedication and support throughout 2012.

I would also like to congratulate, Chris & Katrina on being re-elected to the positions of Treasurer and Secretary and Jose who accepted the nomination and has been elected P & C President for 2013. We also welcome Sue Crompton and Ian Meadows as Vice Presidents and Vivienne Simpson as Publicity Officer.

Additionally, I would like to take the opportunity to encourage all parents to support the activities and events of the P & C. The monies raised by these events go to fund resources to aid the delivery of education to our children and improve the school community.

Finally, I have enjoyed my time with the P & C and School Council, and the privilege to be involved with the school and wish the school the best for the future.

Regards,

Simon Stebbins

BPS FAIR - It was great to see the community turn out in the thousands. Great weather, great atmosphere, great people is the only way to describe our 2012 Fair and as many people said the 'best fair ever!'

I would like to personally thank everybody who contributed in any way to the fair. A full fair update will be coming out next week so keep an eye out.

Winners of the colouring-in competition are Brinlee S, Charlie L, Caitlin J, Ryan J, Nia D, Natalie S, Georgie B and Lilly S. Your prizes will be ready to collect soon.

Graeme Gates

This is just a quick message to thank everyone for their help in the week leading up to the fair and especially on the day. It really was a big effort and we couldn't have done it without your help.

I spoke to people who had come from the Central Coast, the Blue Mountains, Galston, Pennant Hills and a dozen other places. Some people even made the effort all the way from Turner Road.

We had stallholders from Batemans Bay, Taree, Sutherland, Campbelltown and all over the Sydney area. Some of the stallholders also donated for the chocolate wheel. The ones I spoke to said they would like advanced notice of the next fair and said they would gladly come back.

We did get asked where the pony rides were and where was the Cha Cha? Matt Kean 's tickets won on the chocolate wheel and he gave them away to one of the kids.

Only two lost children and six lost parents.

One lost phone and two found phones, a set of house keys (with a tag that said xxx Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights—good security measure!), a red teddy bear and a purple elephant that spoke Korean.

Thank you to all the ticket sellers like Hye Kyeong who kept coming back for more raffle books all day and just when we thought we couldn't sell anymore tickets, Mrs Layson comes along and a big queue forms similar to the OzLotto draw a few weeks ago. The final 15 minutes made a big difference to the total.

Thanks to the drink sellers, book givers, sausage turners, cake stallers, bric-a-brackers, plant arrangers, confectioners, ice cream parlourers and School Support Groupies for everything on the day.

A big thanks to people like Simon, Phil and everyone else we met on the day who after a whole day of activity, were still there helping to pack up.

Of course, none of it would have happened without the huge effort put in by Graeme who collected donations, fixed the chocolate wheel, organised and put up signs, moved furniture out then moved it all back again, cooked, cleaned, turned, dropped, shifted and ran.

Graeme was never too far away on the day and we always available on the phone over the last week.

I know I've said thanks a dozen times but I really did want to thank everyone personally for making Saturday a huge success.

Don't forget P&C & Fair Co-ordinators and helpers 'social meeting' next Monday night at Berowra Tavern.

Jose Auditor
P&C President

MUSIC NEWS - BPS Rock Band '*Amped Up*' performed at the school Fair on Saturday 24th November and did a wonderful job performing songs from One Direction, Dragon, Guy Sebastian and others.

As some of the members are leaving for high school we are now looking to audition new members for 2013. We especially need guitarists and male singers but anyone is welcome to audition!

Please also note that Mike Gordon will be teaching guitar at the school in the morning before school next year.

Call Mike on 0413 034 080 for more information.

CANTEEN - Canteen Roster

Thursday 29/11	C Stone, H Stephenson
Friday 30/11	L Peltonen, V Eliasson, T White
Monday 3/12	S Parker, P Smith
Thursday 6/12	G Smith, P Smith
Friday 7/12	L Peltonen, V Eliasson, T White
Monday 10/12	M Triebel, R Persson

UNIFORM SHOP - 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

Thursday 29/11	J Chalmers, S Parker
Monday 3/12	G Blackwood, K Ross
Thursday 6/12	S Horner, H Anstice, J Clayton
Monday 10/12	V Eliasson, J McKendrick



COMMUNITY NEWS

Summer holiday camps - CRU Camps is running 25 awesome Christian camps for kids in school year 3-12 this summer holidays. Activities include water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, dirt biking, white water rafting, horse riding, paint wars, craft, campfires, sailing, surf lessons, laser zone, abseiling, climbing, leadership training, new friends, stacks of laughs and much, much, more!

For more info and to register visit crucamps.com.au or call 9874 8933 (option 1)

CRU Camps is a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has 80 years experience running safe Christian camps for kids.

Vision Valley holiday camps - *Superhero Camp*. 3 nights/4 days residential camp held on site from Tues 8th to Fri 11th January 2013. \$350 per person includes all meals, accommodation and adventure activities.

Adventure Day Camps. 24/12, 9/1, 16/1. \$75 per person per day. Multiple person discounts.

Adventure Camp Out for years 3-6 from 23/1 to 24/1/1. \$179 includes meals, activities, tents & night activities.

How to book? Contact Vision Valley for further information on 9655 2600, visit School Holiday Camps web page or email vvccamps@wesleymission.org.au

CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KY	Emily L, Oliver G, Sam S, Dakota J
1A	Bronte L, Jordan T
1P	Pearl M, Kaitlyn K, Kai V
2K	Georgia A, Laura S, Jake E, Bradley A
2W	Ella D, Patrick W, Tara M
2/3B	Chloe G, Caitlin C, Michael C, Elin D
3/4P	Mimi L
5G	Ben W, Jordan C, Georgie B, Jesse C, Isobel N
6A	Brittany R, Joe P, Beau J, Amy T, Aaron M, Cameron J
6W	Bella S, Anja T, Sam F, Tahlia B, Laura B, Rachel W



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Countdown to Christmas

The performances will be on **Tuesday December 11th**,
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To assist in organising seating and space for everyone, we are going to have seats reserved at each performance. There will be seats and standing room at the back available also, but these will not be reserved.

Please fill in the form below if you would like to reserve seats and return to school by Wednesday 5th December.

A gold coin donation on the day, would be appreciated, to help cover the costs of the show.

We look forward to seeing you at our performance!

Berowra Public School **Countdown to Christmas!**



Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Performance Time Preferred: 10am 12.30pm
 (please circle one time)

Number of seats: _____

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