



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

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Term 4 Week 10

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Berowra is special and the success of this school should be celebrated.

As the end of the year is drawing to a close there are many people I would like to thank:

- The teachers at BPS are inspirational, dedicated, focussed on achievement of outcomes and development of positive behaviours and relate well to each other as a professional group. It is becoming rarer to find schools where all personnel areas work as well as they do here.
- The office staff is always there to lend a helping hand to sick or upset children (or teachers). They keep our school community informed and our school on the right track! They are always approachable, supportive and happy to help with any enquiry.
- The students display a happy welcome and positive attitude to each other that is a delight to see. This reflects the positive expectations of the family and school. The students are focussed, achieving well academically and in sport and appear happy to be at school – a huge achievement.
- The parents at BPS are giving of their time and expertise. They support our school in many and varied ways. Your presence at school is greatly appreciated and we welcome you at all times. The parents and teachers work as one with similar expectations of/for the children.

During the year, a number of our students accepted new challenges – academic, sporting and cultural. Some entered external national competitions, absorbed themselves in enrichment activities and entered the Premier's Reading Challenge; others represented our school at zone, regional and state level sport, and many students began to learn instruments, dance and drama skills and had the courage to perform in front of audiences for the first time.

In May, our students sat for the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). We were extremely pleased with the achievement of our students. They showed strength across almost all areas of literacy and numeracy.

Stage 2 enjoys the great outdoors at Gibberagong

Our Stage 2 children enjoyed two days outdoors at Gibberagong the other week. These children enjoyed crabbing, bushwalking, canoeing and spotlighting. The teachers reported they were delighted with all students who displayed co-operation, positive behaviour and enjoyment of all activities.

Stage 3 gets active outdoors at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre

Our Stage 3 students swapped desks and computers for fresh air and outdoor activities last week when they visited Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre.

The adventurous activities were certainly a lot of fun, but they also provided a significant educational advantage. The program was a great opportunity for the kids to challenge their abilities and practice initiative, teamwork and communication.

I enjoyed every moment with our children (even Bootcamp in the mornings with our early risers!). Our children were a pleasure to be with and were extremely well behaved and co operative.

With both of these huge excursions I would like to thank all the staff of BPS. Teachers give up their time to attend overnight excursions. They leave their families, personal lives and restful nights of sleeping behind to accompany our students on these wonderful experiences. I thank them for their dedication. I also thank every teacher left back at school; these teachers take on extra duties and sometimes extra students so as to allow the other students and teachers to attend these excursions. Thank you to all involved with these two major excursions.

Sport and Recreation Centres also host family and kids' programs during the school holidays. Visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps for more information or check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NSWSportandRecreation.

Classes for 2013

Four Kindergartens with Mrs Fenton; Mrs Butler; Mrs Layson; Miss Allan
Year 1– Unfilled vacancy; Year 1A - Mrs Withford/Mrs Dover; Year 1W – Mrs Wynn
Year 2P – Mrs Pickering; Year 2B – Mrs Beckedahl (Assistant Principal)
Year 3B – Mrs Bolger; Year 3C – Mrs Cacitti
Year 4K – Mrs Kemp; Year 4P – Mr Pritchard (Assistant Principal);
Year 5/6W – Mrs Wilkinson; Year 5/6J – Mr Jones; Year 5/6T – Mrs Till (Assistant Principal)

Congratulations to Tahli W (5G) - finalist in the Berowra Village Photo Competition

I wish you every happiness for Christmas and the New Year and have a safe and happy holiday. I am looking forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and rejuvenated, after the holidays, which hopefully will be warm and sunny!

Di Bower, Principal

LIBRARY NEWS - A huge thank you to all the families who have participated in the Book Fair and Bookclub orders this year. You have greatly contributed to the library being full of a diverse range of beautiful books.

Well done to everyone who has hunted at home for overdue books - keep them coming in!

Remember to visit your local libraries in the holidays or swap some books with a friend. There are so many wonderful stories to share.

We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Kelly Lukic and Annette Wood

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP - SSG will have a stall open at the Celebration of Learning assembly on Monday 17th December. We are selling lip gloss, earrings, slap watches and various stock leftover from the fair. It is an ideal chance to get some last minute gifts and stocking fillers.

CANTEEN - The last day to order lunches at the canteen is this Friday 14th December. The canteen will be opened again on Monday and Tuesday next week for over the counter sales only - **NO LUNCH ORDERS**.

Diary Dates		
November		
13	Thursday	K-6 Presentation Day
14	Friday	Stage 3 Surf Education
17	Monday	Celebration of Learning assembly Year 6 Farewell
18	Tuesday	Stage 1 Disco and Sausage Sizzle Stage 2 Brooklyn 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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL my volunteers who came in to help out this year. If anyone would like to volunteer for the canteen next year, please contact Teresa McKenzie on 9456 3876 after 3pm or leave your details at the office. Helping out in the canteen only involves as little as one day per month between 9:30am and 2:30pm. No experience necessary and morning tea and lunch is provided. The children love seeing someone they know over the counter and it is a great way to help out the school. Everyone is welcome including dads and grandparents however we cannot accommodate pre-schoolers.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 13/12	C Stone, H Stephenson
Friday 14/12	G Gates, K Last
Monday 17/12	J Mihalarias, C Harriss

UNIFORM SHOP - The Uniform Shop will close for the year on Monday 17th December and will open again on Thursday 31st January 2013. Monday and Thursday opening times will be as usual in 2013.

Thank you to all our volunteers and hope to see you again next year. If you would like to volunteer for an hour every month, please leave your contact details at the office.

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 13/12 S Williams, R Stones, G Smith
Monday 17/12 T Allen, A Lucas, S Van Rossum

STUDENT BANKING has now finished for 2012 but will commence again Week 2, Term 1 2013, Tuesday 5th February. If you would like to find out more information about student banking, please see the ladies on any Tuesday at the canteen before school.

A STRING GROUP AT BEROWRA - A number of young violin players have expressed interest in a string group starting up at the school. We will start by playing next year, one morning before school from 8:30 to 9:00 and see where that leads us. There will be no minimum level, but a willingness to play together will be essential. If there is someone out there who plays the Cello, I'd be especially keen to hear from you. I don't need numbers at present, but would love to hear from you if you are interested.

Erik Thorvaldson (erik.thorv@gmail.com)

BEROWRA NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS FOR 2013 WINTER COMPETITION

**Will be held on Saturday 2nd February 2013
from 9am – 3pm at the Berowra Soccer Club-
house, Berowra Oval, Berowra Waters Road.**

We welcome new players of all ages and also seniors wishing to register a whole team

**All new Netta players (aged 7 – 8) will receive a CLUB PLAYING
SHIRT FREE on registration**

**All new junior players need to bring an original
birth certificate and a copy.**

Payment by cash, cheque or credit card.

Netta teams are open to 7 and 8 year olds - played at Lofberg Rd,
West Pymble

Competition for 9 year olds to senior and masters teams played at
Canoon Rd, Sth Turramurra.

Grading Days:

Wednesday 5th February 2013 Thursday 7th February 2013

5.30pm - 12 yr olds

5.00pm – 9 yr olds

6.30pm – Inters

6.00pm – 10 yr olds

7.30pm – Cadets

7.00pm – 11 yr olds

More details available on Registration Day

Net Set Go Program will run at Berowra in Term 2

All Training & Net Set Go are held at Warrina Street Courts

Accredited coaches/umpire training

Family Discounts also apply.

For further information contact -

Karen Pick on 0425293243 or Amanda Muxlow on 0414 283 407

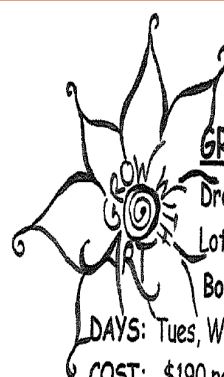
CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KB	Caitlan F, Jonathan C, Eveline C, Marcus G
1A	Kiana L, Fiona T
1P	Ben M, Saxon W, Lucy T
2K	Caitlin S, Ryan R, Cody L
2W	Lachlan M, Blake C, Annika E
4/5C	Rianna S, Parsa D
5G	Bonnie P, Claire M, Ben W, Lilly S
6A	Cameron J, Hannah B, Santhi S, Tia M, Tor Wei L, Andrew B
6W	Isabel P, Laura B, Rhian D, Katherine T, Rachel W

2012 YEAR 6 FAREWELL

17 December 2012

**THIS YEAR'S
THEME IS
“HOLLYWOOD”**



GROW WITH ART Children's art classes!

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Lindfield, Lindfield Oval 18 - 21 DECEMBER 2012 - Sun-1pm (4 days - \$210) 15 - 18 JANUARY 2013 - Sun-1pm (4 days - \$210)	St. Ives, Macquill Park 21 - 24 JANUARY 2013 - Sun-1pm (4 days - \$210)
Northholm Grammar 15 - 18 JANUARY 2013 - Sun-1pm (4 days - \$210)	Baulkham Hills, The Harwood Reserve 22 - 25 JANUARY 2013 - Sun-1pm (4 days - \$210)

CRICKET (11 - 18 years girls & boys) **Book On-line** **See discounts Daily rate \$65**

MULTI-SPORT (Boys & girls (11 - 12 years) Cricket, Soccer, Touch Football, Softball, Aussie Rules, Basketball Netball** (*girls only)**

Private CRICKET Coaching **Sports Birthday Parties**

(Coach to player ratio 1:2 or 1:1 contact Geoff) Conducted by Geoff Spotswood, Level 3 Coach, Cricket Australia

Contact Geoff on 0401 382 409 or 9489 8167
geoff@cricketcoachingclinics.com.au

Book online
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