



# Berowra

## Public School

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Wednesday 8th February, 2012  
Term 1 Week 3

Phone 9456 1319 website - <http://www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Welcome back to another exciting year at Berowra Public School. The holidays just flew by and now we are back ready to go! I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing new year. I would like to warmly welcome our new families and students who have joined our school community this year and our enthusiastic Kindergarten children and their families. I know that you and your child will enjoy our school's warm, caring learning environment, complete with outstanding educational experiences, which enrich students' academic, social, creative, physical and cultural abilities.

A very warm welcome back to our returning staff and new staff. I know the teachers are also excited to be back and are also looking forward to another 'action packed' year with your children. Please remember, any concerns, make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings** will be held next Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. This is a time for you to meet your child's teacher/s and understand their expectations. Procedures and class organisation will be explained during these sessions.

Times are :-

Kindergarten	6:00pm	in K Red classroom
Years 1 and 2	6:30pm	in own classroom
Years 3 and 4	7:00pm	in 3/4P classroom
Years 5 and 6	7:30pm	in 6A classroom

**Class Parents.** This year we are asking for volunteers to be class parents. This would entail being the parent to oversee and organise liaisons between the class teacher and parents. This position may include tasks such as –

Coordinate assistance of parents of your class to help your class teacher

Compile the class contact list

Coordinate the year and class social get-togethers

Coordinate the various emailing of communication to your class from the P&C and Fete Committee.

This is not a 'do it yourself' position but more of a delegation position.

**Parking around the school** is very hectic around school times and I ask that you are very mindful of the road signs/parking signs and also courtesy to other drivers. Please remember that "Kiss and Drop" zone is just that, it isn't drop, chat and walk with your child into school. Also, the parking around the school is single parallel parking not double parking!

**Dogs in school.** Just a quick reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

**Uniform.** There has been some confusion as to the correct uniforms :

### Summer School Uniform

#### Boys

Gold short sleeve shirt  
Grey shorts  
Grey socks  
Black shoes  
Grey school hat

#### Girls

Grey dobby check tunic with lemon trim  
Lemon socks  
Black shoes  
Grey school hat  
Hair accessories in gold or purple

### Sports Uniform

Polo shirt in appropriate house colour for both boys and girls	
Black shorts	Black skirt or shorts
White socks	White socks
Joggers or trackshoes	Joggers or trackshoes

Please note leggings are not part of the sports uniform. We discourage canvas shoes as they do not give support for ankles during sporting activities.

Di Bower  
Relieving Principal

### Getting off to a good start

Wondering how to help your kids do well at home and at school this year? The department's parent resource School A to Z has a webcast full of expert tips for you to help your children have a more successful year. The 'Getting off to a great start webcast' has a number of chapters on how to motivate children for learning, advice on peer relationships and how to handle bullying, communicating with children and the importance of strong home-school relationships.

The expert panel features advice from a child psychologist, an experienced family doctor and the department's deputy director-general (schools) Greg Prior.

Watch the webcast at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start>

### National Year of Reading 2012

Welcome to a new school year. This is the national year of reading and to celebrate, there is a host of literary-related events and competitions happening right around Australia. For an events calendar and more information go to: [www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au). Why not make a late New Year resolution to read more yourself? And if you have younger children and don't already read regularly to them, set aside some quality time to help instil a love of books and reading.

### We've got school covered

Practical help for parents is available online at the School A to Z site. Created by the Department of Education and Communities, this is a thriving online community with comprehensive homework and school life support for parents that is easy to use, relevant and engaging. There are free apps to download, informative podcasts, videos and articles by experts in the field. Check it out and save it to your favourites: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au)

### Special Religious Education at BPS

Berowra Public offers weekly SRE (Scripture) classes as legislated in the *Education Act 1990*. These classes are taught by representatives of religious groups approved by the department and are held on Wednesdays, from 9.20 – 9.50am. We currently have both Protestant and Roman Catholic classes running and most children are currently enrolled in one of these classes. If at any time you wish to change your child's arrangements for Scripture, please send written notification to Mrs Sheldon (SRE Coordinator.)

Children who do not participate in SRE classes are supervised by a staff member, with meaningful work set by their classroom teacher.

In December 2010 an amendment was made to the Act to allow students who are not attending SRE the option of participating in

ethics classes. Ethics classes are provided by Primary Ethics, an organisation established by St James Ethics Centre. Currently ethics classes are only offered to Year 5 and Year 6 students. We have a trained outside provider ready to teach this class in 2012, and children already attending Non-Scripture for Year 5-6 have been advised they may change to Ethics if they wish. Again, if you have any questions regarding this, please contact Mrs Sheldon.

**Band News** - Welcome back to all the bands to a new and exciting year of music!

Concert band is up and running with new music. Training band have their instruments and should be starting their lessons ready for band rehearsals during week starting 27th February.

I look forward to seeing the parents at rehearsals – look upon this as a great opportunity to enjoy music with your child and find out exactly what is happening with the band.

Please return registration forms as soon as possible.

Any questions or queries? Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596 or on [bpsband@hotmail.com](mailto:bpsband@hotmail.com)

Violin Teacher

I am happy to recommend a violin teacher in Berowra who is currently available to teach. Qualified to grade 8 violin, and great with young people. Please contact Danielle Wilson on 9456 7825

Amanda Gillard, Band Director

**Diary Dates**

Meet the Teacher sessions	Mon	13/2
Mrs Vincent's retirement event	Wed	15/2
P&C meeting 7:30 in staff room	Mon	20/2
Rising Generations for Years 5 & 6	Tues	21/2
BPS Swimming Carnival at Gosford	Thurs	1/3
Stewart House bag collection	Mon	5/3
Zone swimming carnival at Gosford	Wed	7/3
K-6 Hat Parade	Wed	4/4
End of Term 1	Thurs	5/4
Staff Development Day	Mon	23/4
Students return	Tues	24/4
ANZAC Day holiday	Wed	25/4
K-6 Cross Country	Thurs	3/5
NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5	Tues-Thurs	8-10/5

**It's Not Too Late for Band 2012!**



We still have some school band instruments available for this year, contact Amanda Gillard or email the band on the address below to take advantage of this fantastic social and educational opportunity. Please find the Band Information Booklet on the school website. Any questions or queries Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or [bpsband@hotmail.com](mailto:bpsband@hotmail.com).

**Farewell Mrs Vincent!**

You are invited to attend a **farewell** event for

**Mrs Helen Vincent**

who is retiring from the teaching profession after a lifetime of dedication to the education of children.

**When: 7pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2012**  
**Where: Asquith Golf Club**  
**Cost: \$30**

Adults only please (past students welcome)  
 Finger food will be provided – drinks at club prices.

Please send money and slip to the office by Friday 10/2/12.

Any queries – please call Jody Ludlow – 0418 162 590  
 or speak to Deb Pickering at school

**Mrs Vincent's Farewell**

I/we would like to attend the Farewell Retirement event for Mrs Helen Vincent at 7pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Asquith Golf Club.

Please find enclosed the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as payment for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Canteen News** - The Canteen is open at recess and lunchtime on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Lunches can either be ordered by writing child's name, class and order on a paper bag and hand into canteen before school or online using Fleximeals. The new menu will be going home shortly.

If you can help out in the canteen, please either see Teresa on a canteen day or leave you contact details at the office.

If your child has a food intolerance or allergy and you have a concern or any questions, please see Teresa, the Canteen Manager.

Meal Madness Monday for two weeks only -

Home made Lasagna	}	order as
Zinger	}-\$4.00	normal on a
Water	}	paper bag

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**



Stewart House are again asking for donations of clean clothing. It's time for a clean out this weekend!

Please return your Stewart House bag to the old office foyer by Monday 5th March.

The truck is coming early the following week so no more bags after Monday please.

**CLASS AWARDS**

1A	Monique W, Ryan J
1P	Emma T, Saxon W
2K	Giuliano C, Jake E
2W	Aleisha C, Layla W
3M	Ethan B, Alex G, Lilly L
3/4P	Mimi L, Eliza R, Max S
4E	Chelsea W, Lachlan O, Chloe M
5G	Isobel N, Seb E, Georgie B
6A	Amy T, Aaron M, Jordan S

Canteen Milk Orders - if you would like to order milk for your child at recess, please complete the order form which you received today and return it to the canteen with payment on Thursday or Friday.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	9/2	J Anderson, S Bourke
Friday	10/2	G Gates, J Charlton, K Last
Monday	13/2	M Trieble, R Persson
Thursday	16/2	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	17/2	R Smith, C Jones, L Stoner
Monday	20/2	J Mihalarias, C Harriss

Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop - The shop is always busy and in constant need of volunteers. Contact Tammy on 9456 7973 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.

Roster

Thursday	9/2	S Williams, R Stoner, G Smith
Monday	13/2	V Eliasson, J McKendrick
Thursday	16/2	C Harriss, L Peltonen, C Chui
Monday	20/2	L Sharpe, T Allen

Uniform orders - All uniform orders are filled on Friday mornings and ready for collection from the office on Friday afternoons.

Community News - Australian Rugby League Development & North Sydney Junior Rugby League are conducting a Free Come and Try RL Clinic on this Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> February at Warrina St Oval, Berowra, from 12:00 – 1:00pm. We are inviting all local boys and girls to be involved and Come and Try Rugby League. The Berowra Wallabies will run a free Sausage Sizzle.

Christmas Holidays Tragedy - Mick Pryde, a 48 year old man who grew up in Berowra and still has family here was victim of a tragic accident over the Christmas holidays which left him an amputee. Mick Pryde was waiting for a bus in Newtown when a Holden Commodore mounted the kerb and hit him. The accident left Mick, father of two, with a fractured pelvis, internal bleeding and doctors were forced to amputate his right leg.

Mick's brother Wayne Pryde who still lives in Berowra has organised a charity event at the Berowra Village Tavern to raise money to assist Mick and his family in their time of need. If you cannot make it to the fund raising night donations can be made at the Berowra Bendigo Bank.

Date: Friday 10th Feb

Venue: Berowra Village Tavern

Time: approx 7:30pm

Entertainment by 3 bands: 'Amplifier' and Garry Giles' new band + one other

Raffles and auctions including a silent auction for:

2 seats on a Fishing charter

Tickets to Aust/Pakistan one day cricket match @ SCG

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Hope to see you there!

Northern District Hockey Association - Great non-contact mixed girls & boys team sport. Small field "Minkey" games for U5 - U9. Mixed junior comps U11, U13, U15. Play on world class artificial turf facility at Pennant Hills Park. Great for fitness as well as maintaining cricket & baseball skills. Further information: Adrian Wilson 0419 299 808, Robert Nicoll 0438 119 729. Rego forms & information at [www.ndhockey.com.au](http://www.ndhockey.com.au).

Parenting anxious Children seminar available to families who live in or have children attending school in Hornsby Kuring-gai local government area.

Where: Hillview Community Health Centre, Turrumurra

When: Thursday 15th March 11:30am till 1:30pm

Cost: \$10

Bookings: 9477 9190

Hornsby-Berowra Junior AFL Club caters for players aged 5 to 16 years. Auskick is a modified form of AFL introducing players to the game for boys and girls aged 5-8. Sessions are held at Rofe Park, Hornsby Hghts on Sundays from 9am. Junior (9-12) & Youth (13-16) teams play inter club games each weekend at locations around northern Sydney.

If you are interested in playing the best sport at a friendly & welcoming club, then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Email: [president@hornsbyberowraeagles.org.au](mailto:president@hornsbyberowraeagles.org.au) or

[registrar@hornsbyberowraeagles.org.au](mailto:registrar@hornsbyberowraeagles.org.au) or phone 0419 871

026. Online registrations for 2012 are now open.

[www.hornsbyberowraeagles.org.au](http://www.hornsbyberowraeagles.org.au)

Dementia Carers Support Group - If you care for a relative, neighbour or friend with memory loss or care for an elderly person and need support or information join us.

When: Thursday 9th February 2:30pm

Where: Berowra Community Health Centre  
123 Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra Hts

Cost: Free, afternoon tea provided

RSVP: Marie Brooks 9456 3344

**MONEY COLLECTION DAYS**



Please note that money collection days at Berowra Public School are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays only**.

For security of payments it would be appreciated if money only be sent to school on these days in a signed payment envelope.

We have only two days a week allocated to receipt money so please remind your child to give it to their teacher in the morning as receipting and banking are completed during the day. Correct money is appreciated as the office is unable to hold change.

Please do not hand payments in after school. Handing money into the office may result in confusion and your child's name not being marked off as paid for excursions, sport and activities.

Any payments for the choir, drama, interschool sport or extra curricular activities as well as P&C or Support Group fund-raisers can also be handed to the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**9:00am – 2:00pm**

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**CLEANERS WANTED**

Casual cleaners required to clean holiday properties on Berowra Waters

Attention to detail a must

Cleaning within school hours

All aspects of household cleaning required

Please call **Barbara 94561052**  
 or email [riversideescape@bigpond.com.au](mailto:riversideescape@bigpond.com.au)

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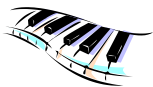
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