



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

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Term 1 Week 5

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Thank you to all parents who attended the 'meet the teacher' night. Thank you also to all our teachers for their sessions.

Again I would like to welcome our new staff-

Mrs Elizabeth Kempe (replacing Miss Linda Glare);
Miss Michelle Gow (replacing Mrs Till while she is at Cowan);
Mrs Elizabeth Beckedahl – Relieving Assistant Principal K-2
(relieving Mrs Helen Vincent)

Miss Emily Clark (unfilled vacancy)

I will be here for this term. The position of principal at Kariong PS will be advertised during this term and who is principal of Berowra in term 2 depends on the outcome of this process.

School is busy and I thank all parents for their understanding and support of all our initiatives. I love seeing the children beginning most days with their fitness groups. These activities stimulate not only their fitness but also the brain. The enjoyment on their faces is also great to see during fitness and at Sportspro sports sessions on Fridays. It was good to see many parents watching their children during their sports lessons last Friday. Please remember you are very welcome to come and watch each Friday. Sportspro will be evaluated at the end of this term. I will send out a survey to evaluate this initiative. If all is positive we may look into using them again, but this will not be an all year activity. Please remember if you are finding it difficult to attend please come and see me or drop me a note.

Another great initiative this year is the revamp of our existing Performing Arts Program. This year Mrs Sheldon will be taking each class for music/singing/choir lessons and Mrs Lukic will be working with classes on dance, dance appreciation and creative movement. The Monday morning Flag Assembly has been stopped. This assembly was eating into prime learning time. Children Year 1 to 6 line up on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings outside Mrs Pickering's room. On Wednesday children go directly to Scripture. Important messages are delivered here and then the children are taken to their 20min fitness activity. Whole school assemblies are held even weeks on Wednesdays in the hall at 12:45pm. These assemblies are totally run by the student leadership team. The sports captains are responsible for tabulating the class' house points and announcing the fortnightly winning house. The winning house for the term will be invited to a sausage sizzle at the end of the term. All parents are welcome to attend these assemblies. On odd weeks (this week) 3-6 Assembly is on Wednesdays at 12:45pm and K-2 Assembly is on Thursday at 12:45pm. Again all parents are welcome at these assemblies.

Just a quick reminder...please do not bring dogs into the school grounds and also we ask that you don't allow preschoolers to ride their bikes or scooters through our grounds.

Lunchbox inspiration

It's easy to fall back on the same tried and tested school lunches, but why not try something new, tasty, easy and healthy? Quick and scrumptious school lunchbox ideas are available at School A to Z (www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes) and the Heart Foundation, www.heartfoundation.org.au/recipes which also offers a wealth of information about maintaining a healthy body weight and of course, heart health.

Getting off to a great start

Check out the new School A to Z webcast which features an expert panel answering the most common questions parents have

about how they can best support their children at school. Four video chapters cover doing well in class, social life, behaviour and technology. Watch the videos and contribute questions: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start

Bullying advice

Schools have a zero tolerance of bullying, but with mobile devices such as phones and laptops, bullying can follow children past the school playground. Get the lowdown on bullying from School A to Z: the signs to look for, what to do if your child is being bullied and how you can help your child. There are expert articles to read and videos to watch. www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour

Di Bower
Relieving Principal

Library News - Library lessons are well underway for 2012. Lots of new resources for the children to explore.

Class times are as follows:

Tuesday	6A, KY, 3M
Wednesday	6W, KB, 3/4P
Thursday	2W, 2/3B, 2K, 4/5C
Friday	KR, 1P, 4E, 1A, 5G

Please remind your children to bring their LIBRARY BAGS on their day.

Books can be borrowed for two weeks but they can be renewed for an extended period.

Through the Scholastic Book Club, our school earns bonus points to spend on new resources so we appreciate your support. A big 'thank you' to Natasha Steel and Sarah Williams who generously donate their time to run our successful Book Club twice a term.

Drama News - Congratulations to the 60 children who were successful in auditions for this year's Senior and Junior Drama Groups! Thank you to Mrs Bower and Mrs Bolger who helped so much hearing the children say their poems. They were amazing!! We had approximately 130 children audition this year. They were all so enthusiastic and talented that we wish we could put them all into drama. They were wonderful.

Drama class times are:

Senior Drama	Tuesday 12:45pm
Junior Drama	Wednesday 1:40pm straight after eating

We are looking forward to an exciting year with your budding thespians!

Jennie Smith

Stewart House Clothing Appeal



Stewart House are again asking for donations of clean clothing.

It's time for a clean out those cupboards!

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

The truck is coming later that week so no more bags after Monday please.

Band News - Great to see the concert band musicians back again this year, with the newly promoted training band from 2011. The new music is sounding great already – there will be more to come in the following weeks. Please show the music to your tutor, who will be able to help with simplifying the piece if necessary. Fantastic teamwork, everyone, you are all so special! Next week, Wednesday February 29th is the first Training band rehearsal. Remember to bring your instrument and your band bag with your Standards of Excellence book. I am looking forward to the great day! Don't forget to 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

Amanda Gillard Band Director

P & C News - Welcome to the P and C for 2012 and your new committee members:

President - Simon Stebbins
 Vice President - Jose Auditore
 Secretary - Katrinia Gates
 Treasurer - Chris Chu
 Canteen - Jody Ludlow
 School Support - Carolyn Harris
 Maintenance Officer - Graeme Gates

The purpose of the P & C is to actively provide and improve school facilities through fund raising and to participate in the curriculum and welfare of students.

Following on from their success last year in providing funds for Smart Boards. This year P & C has set its major fundraising goal this year to provide for 30 personal computers. We ask for your support of these events, of particular note is the School Fair to be held in October. If you would like to help please contact Graeme Gates - 0418 485 322.

The P and C meets monthly during school term, the next meeting is Monday 19th March in the Teachers Resource room at 7:30 PM, all parents are invited to attend. The P & C are also seeking a Publicity Officer, if you are interested please contact any of the committee members.

Simon Stebbins

Canteen News - I have had a great response to canteen volunteers and would like to thank everyone who enquired.

A special thank you to Jessica Charlton whose daughter is leaving the school. Jessica has always volunteered her time to help out and she also made great ANZAC biscuits.

Meal Madness Monday for 27/2 & 5/3 only

Chicken Fried Rice } order as normal
 Zinger & Water } -\$4.00 on a paper bag

Canteen Roster

Thursday 23/2 C Stone, H Stephenson
 Friday 24/2 M Cunningham, K Wallis
 Monday 27/2 S Vaughan, H Tyler
 Thursday 1/3 G Smith, P Smith
 Friday 2/3 L Peltonen, V Eliasson, Tracey W
 Monday 5/3 S Parker, P Smith

School Support Group - Thanks to Jodi Ludlow and Cathy Fisquet and all who helped with the bookstall at the Berowra Markets held at the school on Sunday 12th February. We raised over \$500. we will be holding the stall again on Sunday 11th March, so any donation of books would be appreciated. Please leave them at the office. All money raised will go to updating computers. The first SSG meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 28th February at 9:20 in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome including toddlers. Morning tea provided. This is a great way to get involved in your school.

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.

Diary Dates

School Support Group meeting 9:20am	Tues	28/2
BPS Swimming Carnival at Gosford	Thurs	1/3
Stewart House bag collection	Mon	5/3
Zone Swimming Carnival at Gosford	Wed	7/3
BPS Disco	Fri	23/3
Canteen 'red' Food Day	Tues	27/3
Easter Church Service	Wed	4/4
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
Mothers Day Stall	Tues & Wed	8&9/5
Canteen Hot Dog Day	Tues	15/5
Kindy 2013 Information morning 10am	Thurs	17/5
Kindy 2013 Information evening 7pm	Mon	21/5
BOOSH Choc Drive	Mon	21/5
UNSW Computer Competition	Tues	22/5
Band excursion to Sydney Symphony Orchestra	Thurs	24/5
Zone Cross Country	Mon	28/5
UNSW Science Competition	Wed	6/6
Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Mon	11/6
Canteen 'red' Food Day	Tues	12/6
Jump Rope for Heart Day	Wed	13/6
Dance Festival	Mon-Thurs	18-28/6
UNSW Writing Competition	Mon	18/6
K-6 Athletics Carnival at Foxglove Oval	Tues	26/6
Last day of Term 2	Friday	29/6
Staff Development Day	Mon	16/7
Students return	Tues	17/7

Uniform Shop Roster

Thursday 23/2 P Smith, N Steel, J West
 Monday 27/2 L Stebbins, S Vaughan
 Thursday 1/3 S Horner, H Anstice, J Clayton
 Monday 5/3 G Blackwood, K Ross

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

Rep shirts - If you still have a rep shirt from last year or earlier, please RETURN IT to the office as soon as possible. A number are still outstanding and there is not enough to loan to this years teams.

JUNIOR CHOIR will now be on **THURSDAY** at 8:30am in the music room, not Tuesday as previously stated.



CLASS MERIT AWARDS

K Blue	Ella M, Marcus G
K Red	Macy S, Nathan G
K Yellow	Emily L, Evie P
1A	Max A, Lucy B
1P	Zara G, Danny C
2K	Polly V, Georgia A
2W	Eliza O, Anna J
2/3B	Joshua A, Will P, Kayla P
3M	Charlotte B
3/4P	Carla S, Matthew L, Haidee W
4E	Tom L, Lachlan M, Jordan S
4/5C	Katrina T, Rianna S, Jarrod H
5G	Sophie A, Rose W, Max B
6A	Tor Wei L, Clare A, Cameron J
6W	Rebecca T, Matthew M, Tahlia B

Opening accounts for School Banking – great news! **TUESDAY IS OUR SCHOOL BANKING DAY**



Welcome to a new year. This is a short note to let you know that we are continuing with Dollarmite banking again this year at Berowra Public School and below is some information for all new parent and children who wish to start using school banking with us.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

Children can hand in their banking wallet to the class teacher on Tuesdays and it will be return to them later in the week. From January 2012 when children make their first deposit, they will get their first token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Children are given tokens whenever they bank and can be redeemed for prizes throughout the year. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

If you have any other questions please contact me Jo Zafos 0415487474 Banking Co-ordinator or leave a note at the school office

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 and banking can also be handed to the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS??



Please make sure you advise the school of any changes to your details - particularly your phone numbers which are used in the case of an emergency, as well as changes to your address.



Phone the school office on 9456 1319

Turrumurra High School Open Afternoon is on Monday 5th March from 4-7pm. Let our students show you the rich variety of opportunities available at our high achieving school. For information visit www.turrumurra-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. If you are unable to attend on the above date, the school will be open on Friday 4 May 2012 9:00am to 11:00am

Hornsby Shire Council has organised a Aboriginal Cultural Activity on Saturday 3/3/12. Join in on this special weekend activity aimed at primary school aged children. We will have a short bushwalk first, in the beautiful Carrs Bush to learn about the use of local bushfood plants followed by indigenous story telling in the park area and games on the grass. Bookings essential call 9847 6832

Community News -

Asquith Girls High School Open Night will be held on Tuesday 28th February with 5:15pm BBQ and school information and tour from 6-8pm. Year 5 & 6 students & parents welcome. The Year 7 Enrichment Class Placement Test is being held on Saturday 10th March. Phone 9477 6411 for more information.

Asquith Boys High School Year 7 Enrichment Class Test will be held on Saturday 10th March. For more info phone 9477 3508 or email stuart.robertson2@det.nsw.edu.au. Applications close on Thursday 1st March.

St Ives High School Open Afternoon is on Wednesday 29th February, 2012 4-7pm.

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

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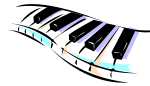
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