Congratulations to all children who attended the school disco, Friday 23rd March. I was very impressed with your perfect behaviour. It was great to see so many children enjoying the dancing and joining in all that was offered on the night. Many thanks to all the parents who helped during the night. A fantastic night was had by all, thanks Jodi and your team for organising this event. Congratulations to Jordan S (6A) who has been selected into the Sydney North AFL team. He will be travelling to Griffith next term for the NSW AFL Carnival.

Phone 9456 1319

Congratulations also to Caitlin R (6W) and Jordan S (6A) who have been selected into the combined Hornsby/Kuring-gai Zone Soccer teams.

Parents could you please be vigilant with your children before and after school. Many children are playing on the equipment unsupervised and running around the school barefooted. Many beer bottles get smashed around the school grounds after hours and children run the risk of treading on glass and other foreign objects. We are still trying to find someone to fix the broken equipment and we ask that you keep your children off this equipment until it is fixed. So please ensure your children have shoes on at all times whilst on the school grounds.

Just to clarify a couple of issues I am hearing through the 'grapevine'....

- Music lessons (taught by Mrs Sheldon) and dance lessons (taught by Mrs Lukic) are part of our RFF program. This is the 'Release from Face to Face' teaching time. All teachers are entitled to two hours RFF a week and as such we have designated these two hours per class to library, music or dance. We have not taken this out of our STL (Support Teacher Learning) time. Unfortunately, we do not have allocated STL time from the department; the school pays for this from their own budget. This term Mrs McIntyre has been working one day per week STL teaching and next term she will be working three days a fortnight to assist with children experiencing difficulties in their learning.
- There appears to be issues with some children in the playground. Please understand we are addressing these issues (of teasing and being unkind) both in the classroom and in the playground. Teachers need to be aware of these incidents and if a child does not report it, it is very hard for teachers to help. Could you please help us by talking to your child and emphasising with them that they need to report incidents to teachers; even if they are a bystander.

Many thanks to all the parents who returned their sport survey. The majority of parents were extremely happy with the Sportspro program and felt it improved the children's gymnastic and athletic skills but found the games skills a little repetitive. The majority of parents are happy to have Sportspro in term 4 but only for a gymnastics program. Next term all children, K-6, will be involved in sport on Fridays; so sports uniform is still to be worn on Fridays.

Next term begins on Tuesday, 24th April and children are able to wear either summer or winter uniforms. Please use the weather as your guide as to whether your child/ren wear summer or winter uniforms.

Mr Barwick is on LSL during the holidays and week one of next term. So if:

he <u>does not get</u> the position at Kariong PS permanently - I will be here until the end of week one, then I go back to Cowan PS and Mrs Till comes back to Berowra

OR

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he <u>does</u> get the position at Kariong PS, I will stay here until this position is advertised; and Mrs Till remains at Cowan. So hopefully we will all know what is happening during week one next term.

On behalf of all the Berowra Public School staff I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and a relaxing holiday.

Di Bower Relieving Principal

<u>Library News</u> - We have some wonderful reports on The Titanic and the Sydney Harbour Bridge which year 6 wrote. Please find them below.

100th Anniversary of The Titanic

One hundred years ago, the famous British ship, The Titanic sank. The destination of the ship was New York City, but sadly the ship did not make it there. It collided with an iceberg tragically, killing approximately 1200 people due to the freezing North Atlantic Ocean. At 11:40pm Frederik Fleet spotted an iceberg immediately ahead of The Titanic, on April 14th 1912. The ship was ordered to turn around but it was too late as the front of the ship had already crashed into the iceberg, creating holes in the bottom of The Titanic. It soon became obvious that there was no way out.

Despite calling for help, using distress calls, help came too late as the ship sank in just two hours and thirty minutes. The bow of the ship sank first, dragging in 1517 people who lost their lives. They were plunged into water of -2° C, and sadly others jumped off the edge of the boat because they knew they were going to die eventually. Only 710 people survived out of 2224 people on board. Water flooded into the boat and the sinking speed increased as the forward deck went down and the ship sunk lower.

At 4am, 15th April, another boat arrived in response to distress calls, but it was too late of course, the ship had sank. On the lifeboats it was women and children first, but some men were on to help with the rowing of the boats. The rule for a ship is "the captain always goes down with his ship' meaning that the captain must be the last person to leave the ship in the time of sinking or evacuation. That is how the 80 storey, Ireland built ship became the famous Titanic ship it is today.

by Isabel P 6W

April 15 1912 more than 1500 passengers and crew drowned in the tragic sinking in the cold waters of the North Atlantic Sea. Three millionaires got away in the first boat. Colonel John Jacob helped his new bride, women and children onto one of the boats but he stayed on board until the end. The unsinkable ship sank and was not found until 1988.

by Amy T 6A

Sydney Harbour Bridge 1932-2012

On 19th March 2012 Australia celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The bridge stretched from Milsons Point to Dawes Point with approximately 1000 men employed to build the structure. The bridge cost 10 million pounds and five million rivets were used to create the arch. On the 19th August 1930, the two sides of the arch joined together. This amazing tourist site was all thanks to one man with one idea - JJW Bradfield.

Mr Bradfield had first seen a bridge overseas and was inspired to build an arch bridge. He was convinced that it would stand for hundreds of years. With that, the government decided to build an arch bridge. Granit was used for the pylons and the bridge also consisted of steel and stone and it took 6 years to build. Each wire weighed 8.5 tones and held 72 cables. To stop the bridge from collapsing they put large steel ropes on each end of the bridge. The road underneath the arch was named Bradfield Freeway because Bradfield designed the great arched bridge.

by Katherine T 6W

continued.....

The problem was that we have to go on a ferry to get from one side of the harbour to the other and that can be quite slow so authorities sent out a competition. The best drawn bridge and the best design will win. One man who entered won but his design was a difficult design to build - it was an

If it wasn't perfect it would break but if it was perfect it would be very strong. This is going to be the largest steel arched bridge in the world. In the end it cost 10 million pounds. It used more than 5 million rivets. It was very large for back then as not many people had cars. The man who had won said this will be fine. It's a bridge for the future he said. We may not need eight lanes of traffic now but in the future we will, and he was right. The toll was to pay off the bill of making the bridge and they paid it off very auickly.

by a Year 6 student

Band News - I want to congratulate both bands on their hard work so far this year. Fantastic! Everyone should have received new music for next term, you might even find time in the holidays to have a little play! Have a great holiday and a wonderful Easter celebration. Band recommences in WEEK 2 of term 2. Any questions or queries? Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or Debbie Allen 9456 0596 or on bpsband@hotmail.com

Amanda Gillard, Band Director

Canteen News - Look out for our Monday Madness meal deals coming in Term 2. The canteen will open again next term on Thursday 26th April.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 5/4 G Smith, P Smith Friday 6/4 Good Friday

Term 2

Thursday 26/4 J Anderson, C Bourke Friday 27/4 M Cunningham, K Wallis Monday 30/4 M Trieble, R Persson

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. Once a month for an hour is all that is needed. **General information**

- 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.

Uniform Shop Roster

Thursday	5/4	S Horner, H Anstice, J Clayton	
Monday	9/4	Easter Monday	}
Thursday	12/4	School Holidays	}
Monday	16/4	School Holidays	} Closed
Thursday	19/4	School Holidays	}
Monday	23/4	Staff Development Day	}
Thursday	26/4	P Smith, N Steel, J West	
Monday	30/4	D Allen, S Parker	

The Uniform Shop Committee

Community News

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

Thursday 12th April at 2:30pm When:

Berowra Community Health Centre, Berowra Waters Rd Where:

Cost: Free, afternoon tea will be provided

RSVP: Marie Brooks on 9456 3344 Next meeting date: Thursday 10th May

Performance dates for The Sound of Music at the Hornsby RSL will be Friday 13th April at 8pm, Saturday 14th April 2pm and 8pm, Sunday 15th April 3pm, Friday 20th April at 8pm, Saturday 21st April 2pm and 8pm. Family tickets are available. Booking can be made through Hornsby RSL on 9477 7777 or http://

hornsbyrsl.iwannaticket.com.au/event/the-sound-of-music-ODQ0. For more information on Hornsby Musical Society visit www.hornsbyms.org or find us on Facebook to stay up to date with

all the news.

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

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Monday 16/4 Tuesday 17/4 Wednesday 18/4 1:30pm - 6:30pm each day

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Whether you're Type A, B, O or AB there is someone, somewhere who needs your blood type. It could be someone you know well, a member of your family or a stranger.

Please phone 13 14 95 to make an appointment Australian Red Cross **BLOOD SERVICE**

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2012

Every family received a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope with the last Crest.

You could win a \$4,000 holiday to the destination of your choice!

- 1. Write your name, address, telephone number & school.
- Insert a donation of at least \$2 into the envelope & seal it.
- Return the envelope to your class teacher before Friday 11th May.

It's that easy! The school will forward envelopes and payment onto Stewart House before the prize draw on 25th May 2012.

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Steward House each year from public schools across NSW & the ACT.

Good luck!



Creative Berowra



Each month Creative Berowra presents Berowra Public School with a cheque from money raised at the raffle that weekend. This is just a small token of our appreciation for hosting these markets at your school.

As the Creative Berowra Market continues to grow we would like to thank Berowra Public School for allowing this market to be held on their premises each month. The stallholders and attendees enjoy the day and as we approach our Easter Sunday market we look forward to sharing this event with as many families as possible. There is a huge Easter Egg hunt planned

for 11:30am as well as plenty of other fun activities for parents and children to enjoy.

If you want to know more about Creative Berowra please visit us on Facebook or the website www.creativeberowra.com.au Creative Berowra has monthly meetings open to anyone in the community and also runs fabulous workshops each month ranging from Botanical Drawing to Astronomy and more.

Creative Berowra Market is on Sunday 8th April from 9am -2pm at Berowra Public School

CLASS MERIT AWARDS 1P Khema R, Imogen L, Isabella A, India H, Mikayla S ЗМ Tamara W, Jett J, Abbey T, Jenna R, Luka S, Benjamin W 3/4P Rory M, Eddie R, Josh J, Taffy M, zoe G, Ella B 4E Abbey B, Alexandra W, Chloe T, Orla P, Andrew C, Annabelle M 4/5C Ella W, Ella T, Isabella E, Dylan P 5G Sam A, Adam D, Samantha N, Jack I, Sara N, Nick B 6A Thomas M, Blake S, Joe P, Taylor M, Sian S 6W Rachel W, Ben B, Caitlin R, Isabel P, Phillip M, Anja T

Charity bike riders passed through Berowra last Friday as part of an 800km ride to raise funds for a Thai orphanage. Berowra students gave them a great boost with cheers, waves and 'high fives'.



BPS FUNDRAISING BUS SHOPPING TOUR Saturday 15th September 2012

It's on again!

Come and enjoy the yearly factory outlet bus shopping tour and lunch without the kids and raise funds for our school.

Diary Dates

More information during the year so note the date on your calendar.

All enquiries to Bronwyn Mills 9456 3962.

Shopping tour organiser on behalf of Berowra P&C

Easter Church Service K-6 Hat Parade & band Easter raffle draw End of Term 1 Staff Development Day Students return for Term 2	Wed Wed Thurs Mon Tues	4/4 4/4 5/4 23/4 24/4
ANZAC Day holiday	Wed	25/4
K-6 Cross Country	Thurs	3/5
Mothers Day Stall	Tues & Wed	
NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5	Tues-Thurs	
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 8am	Tues	22/5
Stage 1 Australian Museum excursion	Tues	22/5
Band excursion to Sydney Symphony Orchestra	a Thurs	24/5
Zone Cross Country	Mon	28/5
UNSW Science Competition 8am	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 week	Mon-Thurs	18-28/6
UNSW Writing Competition 8am	Mon	18/6
UNSW Spelling Competition 8am	Tues	19/6
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 for Term 3	Tues	17/7
Drama Festival week	Mon-Fri	23-26/7
Education Week	Mon-Fri	
UNSW English Competition 8am	Tues	31/7
BPS Open Day and Book Fair	Tues	31/7

UNSW Maths Competition 8am

Book Week



Berowra Netball Club NetSetGO 2012

Warrina Street Netball Courts
Come & Try + Registration
Tuesday 1st May - 4-4.45pm
Program commences:

Tuesdays 8/5-31/7 4-4.45pm (excluding school holidays)
NetSetGO! is a program for 5-7 year olds and
young newcomers to the game of Netball!
Come along and have some fun while finding out what it is
all about.

Wear comfortable clothes, sports shoes and bring a drink.

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You will receive a backpack & kit which will include a ball, activity book, drink bottle & many other netball goodies.

Registration form is now available for download from our website www.berowra.netball.asn.au

Contact: Vicki Barry Ph: 9456 7667 (NetSetCo Coach) or Julie Goudie Ph: 94564664 (Club Secretary)

Borrowed Uniforms

Please return any uniforms or clothing which your child has borrowed from the school office. Supplies are running low and we need them for accidents and emergencies.

Thank you.

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