



Berowra

Public School

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Term 2 Week 2

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Ex-Principal's Message

You may have heard by now that I have been successful in gaining the position of Principal of Kariong Public School. I have very mixed feelings about this, as I really enjoyed my time at Berowra and I am very sad to be leaving. However, it is hard to refuse an offer of promotion to a school considerably closer to home!

I greatly appreciated the support of the Berowra community during my time at the school. I also acknowledge the skill and commitment of the staff who serve the children of Berowra so well. Without these two vital elements BPS would not be the highly effective school that it is.

John Barwick

As a school we congratulate Mr Barwick on his promotion to a larger school and wish him every success in his new venture. For Berowra PS, this means the position of principal will be advertised and hopefully will be filled by a permanent principal within this term.

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term!

This term students will be busy with assessment tasks and assessments ready for their mid-year reports. Best of luck for all our Year 3 and Year 5 students, as they will sit the NAPLAN test in Week 4 of this term. The UNSW computer, writing and spelling tests will be this term as well.

Hat Parade

I was very impressed with our fantastic hat parade last term. Every child joined in and the hats were amazing. Thank you to Mrs Sheldon for her organisation of this expertly run event. The Easter Bunny and her helpers were well received and I thank the School Support Group for their donation of Easter Eggs for all the children. Thank you also to all the parents, grandparents and relatives who attended our inaugural hat parade to support our students. We also had the first performance by our school band and the whole school singing Easter songs. A great time was had by all!

Opportunity Classes for 2013

Applications for Opportunity Classes for year 5 in 2013 are available online from Monday 7th May. If you would like your child to apply for the OC placement test you may apply online or if you do not have internet access you may complete an application form and return it to school by Friday 18th May, 2012. Notes will be sent home with this newsletter.

Bullying/Inappropriate Behaviour

There have been a few incidents of inappropriate behaviour/bullying by students during the last term. The majority of these incidents have been resolved due to parents or students notifying the teachers or myself as soon as the incident has happened. Unfortunately, some incidents were not as easy to respond to due to either not knowing about them or immediate action was not sought. Bullying behaviour, harassment, discrimination and violence will not be tolerated at Berowra PS. As staff we endeavour to deal with any form of bullying immediately it is brought to our attention. As parents we ask that you work with us to support our anti-bullying, encourage and support your child/ren to report any incidents of bullying to their teacher and inform your child/ren's teacher of any suspected bullying.

We are endeavouring to promote a positive school culture that has supports to prevent and respond to bullying. All students are expected to behave in a socially acceptable manner. The school rules are in place to reinforce the values of our society and community.

This term students will be taught strategies for dealing with bullies and bullying through social skills, personal development lessons and values education. Years 5 and 6 will also be involved in an on-line program which deals with cyberbullying.

A new website and mobile app have been launched to help parents and students address bullying. The Bullying, No Way! website includes interactive applications, including a choose-your-own-adventure game for students to learn how to deal with bullying, and videos for parents and students. The site also includes information on:

- helping your child if they are being bullied
- identifying the signs that your child might be bullying others
- getting help and support.

Tax rebate for school items

The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses. In the 2011-12 tax year, you could claim up to \$409 for primary students and \$818 for secondary students.

The Education Tax Refund now includes school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011, so items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012.

Keep your receipts for school uniforms and other education-related purchases so you can claim them at tax time. You will need them to calculate your refund and you may need to show them as proof of purchase.

The website www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au will help you decide if you are eligible and explains what you can claim and how to claim.

Dianne Bower

Library News - Welcome back to an exciting time in the Library. We wish Mrs Smith a wonderful holiday and look forward to her return in Term 4.

During this term I will be engaging your children in a wide variety of quality children's literature during my Library lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with such enthusiastic children.

Berowra School Library is fortunate to have an extensive collection of quality resources to share with our students and staff.

I would sincerely appreciate your support in reminding your children to return their library books on the correct day.

On Thursdays and Fridays in the Library, the children will experience the expertise of Mrs Annette Wood and Mrs Kelly Lukic.

Please find below a timetable for your child/children's Library borrowing days.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you when you visit our beautiful Library.

Mondays – Class 5G, 1P, 2/3B

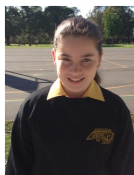
Tuesdays – Class 4/5C, KY, 6A

Thursdays – Class 4E, 6W, 2K, 3/4P

Fridays – Class KR, 3M, KB, 1A, 2W

Mrs Lynne Scanes (Relieving Librarian)

Performing Arts News - Last weekend one of our Year 6 girls, Brittany Rourke, attended the Sydney Region Recorder Camp at Stanwell Tops. This is a jam-packed weekend of all sorts of activities. There was lots of music making of course, and Brittany will be performing the culmination of the weekend's efforts at the Sydney Opera House in August. However, Brittany did confess to me that her favourite part of the weekend was ... go-karting!! Well done Brittany - thanks for representing our school.



Mrs Sheldon

Canteen News - The canteen will open for the Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 3rd May for over the counter purchases only. NO lunch orders. The Cross Country sausage sizzle orders closed on Friday.

- Look out for our special lunch days -
 Cake Day - Tuesday 15th May (morning tea and lunch)
 Sushi Day- Tuesday 29th May (order form will be sent home later.)
 Hot Dog Day - Tuesday 12th June

The canteen is also asking for donations of cakes or slices for Tuesday 15th May. These would be very much appreciated and can be left at the canteen in the morning.

- Banana milk is now available for order or over the counter sale for \$1.20.

Below is a list of our Mad Monday Meals. These specials are served in addition to our normal menu. Keep the list at home so you always have it handy. Order as usual on a paper bag.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	3/5	G Smith, P Smith
Friday	4/5	L Peltonen, V Eliasson
Monday	7/5	S Parker, P Smith
Thursday	10/5	C Stone, H Stephenson
Friday	11/5	G Gates, J Charlton, K Last
Monday	14/5	M Triebel, 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.

Second-hand uniforms

There are many second-hand netball skirts and other uniform items available at this time.

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	3/5	S Horner, H Anstice, J Clayton
Monday	7/5	Renei, G Blackwood, K Ross
Thursday	10/5	S Williams, R Stoner, G Smith
Monday	14/5	V Eliasson, J McKendrick

The Uniform Shop Committee

Community News

1st Berowra Scout Group 2012 Mothers Day Raffle - tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 available at stall at IGA shopping centre Sat 5th & Sun 6th May. 1st prize, large hamper, 2nd, medium hamper & 3rd, small hamper drawn Wed 11th May at Scout Group AGM.

St Bernards Trivia Night is on again! So book the babysitter & be part of what is undoubtedly the most fun-filled night in Berowra! Is there a better way to make new friends & run into old ones you've not seen for a while?

The date is Friday 18th May at 7pm at Berowra Community Centre. There are some fabulous prizes up for grabs like a holiday to Peppers Resort, State of Origin II tickets, NRL tickets, artworks, vouchers, lolly hampers and more. The organising committee is going out on a limb and doing a Red Faces act.

You do need to move really fast with booking a table as there are only a handful left. Hope to see you there on the night!

Sarah Gladman (Evans) 0412 010 555 or Ron James 9456 0104

Bunnings Thornleigh Family Nights - Leading up to Mother's Day we are holding a FREE Mum & Kids Night on Thursday 10th May from 5pm to 7pm, where the children can come along with Mum or bring Dad and make mum a gift for Mother's Day.

Mum's will also get the chance to do an activity as well as receive a free mini hand massage. There will be a live mini reptile display, light refreshments, lucky door prizes and give a ways. Bookings essential on 9479 9000 or email thornleigh@bunnings.com.au.

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.

Speaker: Dr Helena Popovic G.P.

Topic: Boost your brain and challenge your mind

When: Thursday 10th May at 2:30pm

Where: Berowra Community Health Centre, Berowra Waters Rd

Cost: Free, afternoon tea will be provided

RSVP: Marie Brooks on 9456 3344

Next meeting date: Thursday 10th May

Parenting Anxious Children seminar available to families who live in or have children aged 4-10 years attending school in Hornsby Kuring-gai local government area.

Where: Hillview Community Health Centre, Turramurra

When: Thursday 14th June 11:30am till 1:30pm

Cost: \$10

Bookings: 9477 9190

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2012

Every family received a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope with a newsletter last term.

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

- 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 Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW & the ACT.

Good luck!



Canteen Mad Monday Meal Deals

7th May	Macaroni Cheese	}	includes	}	
14th May	Chicken Fried Rice	}		}	
21st May	Beef Burrito	}	meal	}	
28th May	Butter Chicken	}	water	}	\$4.00
4th June	Chicken and Corn Soup	}	zinger	}	
11th June	Public Holiday				
18th June	BFC Burger (Berowra Fried Chicken)	}		}	
25th June	surprise week	}		}	

The sporting goods from Coles Sports for Schools arrived in 23 boxes last week. The foyer was full. Year 6 enjoyed unpacking and sampling all the items. Thank you Berowra Community for donating your vouchers and Coles for the opportunity.



Our Easter Hat Parade last term



Berowra ANZAC Day service on Sunday 22nd April

The students who attended the march were our School Captains Isabel P and Ben B, Prefect Callum W and other students Lani B, Kirstyn S, Hayleigh S, Tamara B, Emily D, Jake D, Zarli V and Lincoln V.

These students represented the school with great pride and were fabulous role models for our school.



Diary Dates

K-6 Cross Country	Thurs	3/5
Mothers Day Stall	Tues & Wed	8&9/5
Stewart House mufti day	Friday	11/5
NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5	Tues-Thurs	15-17/5
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
Combined Musica rehearsal	Wed	23/5
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	30/7-3/8
UNSW English Competition 8am	Tues	31/7
BPS Open Day and Book Fair	Tues	31/7
UNSW Maths Competition 8am	Tues	14/8
Book Week	Mon-Fri	20-24/8

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.

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



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complimentary hand massages or Reiki treatments.*

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Berowra Public School, so be sure to act quickly to
reserve a spot for your child. These classes not only
provide a wonderful introduction to language but also
give children a greater cultural awareness and en-
hanced love of learning.

Tuesday French (K to Y6) 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday German (K to Y6) 3.30 – 4.30pm

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