



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 27th June, 2012
Term 2 Week 10

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Reports

Reports will be sent home this week. The reports contain information about your child's progress in both academic and peripheral activities in the school, as well as in their social development and work habits. While important, reports are just one of the ways teachers communicate with you about what they see your child do in the classroom.

Achievement grades are not measures of ability, potential or intelligence, but of achievement against set standards over the reporting period. Teachers are trained in 'consistent teacher judgement' and work together to minimise variation of expectation. Work samples are compared between classes/stages/with online samples/with the curriculum. This is an exhaustive process which occurs in all schools.

An important thing to understand in reading your child's report is that the middle grade ('Sound' or 'C') is given to all students achieving at the expected level for that stage of learning. As a large number of students typically achieve 'the expected level', a majority of students typically receive a Sound. This means they are 'on track'.

Student Attendance

This term the Home School Liaison Officer visited our school. She was pleased to see an increase in our students' attendance. She is monitoring our many partial absences...please remember that school begins at **9:20am**, this is when the bell rings! If your

child arrives after this bell they will need to get a late slip from the office. The start of the school day is most important and it is essential that students settle down quickly to get the best from the lessons given. As well, students entering rooms after the day's lessons have started can disturb other students' work and disrupt class routines. If your child is away from school, you will need to inform your child's teacher **in writing** within seven days. If we do not receive an absent note within this time we need to mark this absence as "unexplained/unjustified". If possible, medical, dental and other appointments need to be made outside school hours so that the minimum disruption to school routine occurs. It is not necessary to phone the office if your child is absent for a short period.

School Activities

There have been so many exciting activities happening in and out of school in the last two weeks and I would like to recognise all of these. I am so proud to be associated with such talented children and their very supportive parents.

Congratulations to all these groups

- **Dance Groups** – Performed at The Sydney North Dance Festival at Glen St Theatre. Both groups were so professional and their behaviour was excellent. Many thanks to Mrs Lukic for her talented choreography and dedication to these groups. Thank you Mrs Sheldon for giving up your precious time to supervise these groups on both nights.
- **Band** – The Band performed at various pre-schools around Berowra last week and I heard they were very entertaining and melodious. Many thanks to Mrs Gillard for leadership of the band. Thank you also to the band of merry parents who drove the children and their instruments around the suburb. Thank you also Mrs Sheldon for accompanying the group.
- **Soundwave** – This band, expertly led by Sue Blackman, performed at the Berowra RSL last Thursday night. Again I was impressed with their repertoire and their professionalism. I loved listening to them. Thanks to all parent supporters and *again...wait for it....* Mrs Sheldon. Yes, she was there again cheering on yet another of Berowra's performing groups.
- **Years 1 and 2** – These children hosted 'Museum Sessions' last week. Their rooms were filled with many of their own memorabilia and they expertly crafted, designed and made their 'memory boxes'.

It is wonderful that so many children are so excited about their learning, whether it is academic, creative or sporting. Keep on being enthusiasts and explorers about learning, children.

Athletics Carnival

Last year we were sweltering during our carnival, unfortunately this year the rain continually drizzled to make it an unpleasant experience. The blue sky was appearing at Foxglove when we made the decision. Most children enjoyed the day, even though they were wet. I sincerely thank all the children, parents and teachers who braved the conditions. Thank you to all involved, especially Wayne Bingham, who gives of his time and expertise for our children.

Thanks also to the parents who manned the canteen. The hot chocolates were definitely a hit!

Congratulations also to Sam Parry who came 3rd in the 8/9 years boys Area Cross Country event. Sam will now participate in the State Carnival.

Diary Dates

Last day of Term 2	Friday	29/6
Staff Development Day	Mon	16/7
Students return for Term 3	Tues	17/7
Dance Simulaunch rehearsal at Brickpit 10am	Tues	17/7
Florino Cup	Thurs	19/7
Combined choir rehearsal at Hornsby North	Thurs	19/7
Drama rehearsal & performance at NIDA	Tues	24/7
Dance Simulaunch rehearsal at Hornsby Nth 10am	Thurs	26/7
Christmas in July	Sat	28/7
Education Week	Mon-Fri	30/7-3/8
Dance Simulaunch at Manly 12:30pm	Mon	30/7
UNSW English Competition at 8am	Tues	31/7
BPS Open Day and Book Fair	Tues	31/7
NAIDOC Day	Thurs	2/8
Combined choir rehearsal in BPS hall	Tues	7/8
Combined schools Musica rehearsal at 7:45am	Wed	8/8
Music Festival Matinee performance	Mon	13/8
UNSW Maths Competition 8am	Tues	14/8
Opera House Choir rehearsal at Chatswood	Tues	14/8
Music Festival Evening performance	Wed	15/8
Book Week	Mon-Fri	20-24/8
Book Week performers	Tues	21/8
Special Swimming Scheme	Mon-Fri	27/8-7/9
Fathers Day stall	Tues & Wed	28-29/8
Recorder group Opera House performance	Wed	29/8
Zone Athletics Carnival	Wed	29/8
Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic at Mougamarra	Thurs	30/8
Fathers Day Breakfast	Friday	31/8
Opera House choir performance	Monday	3/9
Kindy 2013 Fun Day	Thurs	13/9
Musica rehearsal 9-11am	Fri	14/9
Musica performance 7pm at Community Centre	Fri	14/9
BPS shopping Tour	Sat	15/9
Last day of Term 3	Friday	21/9
Staff and Students return for Term 4	Mon	8/10
Kindy 2013 Beginner Groups	Mon-Thurs	15/10-8/11
MADD Night at BPS hall	Mon	22/10
School photo days	Mon & Tues	5&6/11
Kindergarten 2013 Orientation Day	Thurs	22/11

Term 3

As I am writing this newsletter, the only news I have in relation to the position of principal, is no news! Therefore I will still be here for the beginning of term 3.

Miss Emily Clark (4E) will be leaving BPS on Friday. We wish her well and thank her for all her contributions during the last two terms. Miss Megan Sumner will be teaching 4E from the beginning of next term.

I wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable and warm holiday.

Dianne Bower
Acting Principal

Library News - During this term your children have been immersed in a range of quality literature.

The students in classes 5G, 4/5C and 6A have been studying the amazing graphic novel titled "The Invention Of Hugo Cabret" by Brian Selznick. These highly creative children have designed promotional posters for the book using black drawing pens. I will be awarding book prizes this week for some of the outstanding designs. I urge you to visit this extraordinary display in the Library.

The talented children in Class 2A have been studying the work of Vincent Van Gogh and have created their own vibrant interpretations of "Sunflowers" in fine black pen and oil pastel.

The children in Class 1P and KY have been enjoying the beautiful story of 'Rose's Garden' by Peter H. Reynolds. This story of faith, hope, perseverance and kindness inspired the children to make giant colourful teapots.

The Library back wall is growing with Olympic fever thanks to the terrific work of Mrs Lukic and her classes.

We also have some incredible displays of Murgatroyd's Garden and Tanglewood by the talented Mrs Wood and her classes.

A reminder to all students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge to persevere and complete this worthwhile literary challenge.

Exciting Book Fair News in Term 3

Berowra Public School will hold its annual Open Day and Book Fair on Tuesday 31st July.

Our huge Book Fair will be displayed outside our beautiful Library on that day. It is an excellent opportunity to shop for your own home Libraries, Christmas and birthday gifts as well as donating to our wonderful collection.

It will be supported by Scholastic Books and Central Books. Look forward to meeting you on the day.

Mrs Scanes

Performing Arts News - *Dance* - Over the last week the dance groups have had three performances at Glen Street Theatre. They were fabulous! I was extremely impressed with the behaviour of all students, not to mention their brilliant dancing. At the dress rehearsal the organisers commented on their impeccable grooming, eye-catching costumes, enthusiasm and how well-rehearsed they were. I am so proud of all of the dancers. They have represented Berowra Public School brilliantly. Thank you also to Mrs Bower and Mrs Sheldon who helped backstage for these performances. I greatly appreciate their support and enthusiasm for dancing at Berowra Public School.



On Monday 30th July the dancers will take part in Education Week's Simulaunch. This is a 'flashmob' of dancers all performing the same dance at the same time. The Simulaunch will be held at Manly Corso at 12:30pm. This will be a great experience for all the children and I'm sure they will have a lot of fun.

Mrs Kelly Lukic
Dance Teacher

Band - Last week, members of our school band toured some of the local preschools to entertain the children and showcase our talent. The preschoolers enjoyed learning about the various in-



struments in our band and they even played and marched along. Joining in favourites such as 'Bananas in Pyjamas' and 'Bob the Builder'. Thanks must go to our dedicated team of parent volunteers who helped transport all the instruments and equipment from place to place and of course to Mrs Gillard our band conductor.



Rock Band - 'Sound Waves' entertained the locals at the Berowra RSL last Thursday night at the Steve Passfield Music Jam. The band played really well and I am extremely proud of them!

It was a huge week for many of the band members with the dance festival happening as well but in the midst of it all, everyone put in their very best effort.

After the band performed, the place was buzzing with excitement and loads of people came over to me to say how much they loved the band and how good they were. There were quite a few professional musos there too and they were also blown away by the talent in the band. So well done kids and thank you!

I also want to say a big 'thank you' to the band parents for all the hard work you continue to put in, encouraging your kids to practise their parts, driving them to (and paying for) instrument tuition, band rehearsal, gigs etc. It takes a team to help make anyone or anything successful and I certainly do appreciate the huge role that you play in it all.

Also thank you to Steve Passfield for supporting us and allowing the band to come and perform at the Music Jam. Steve is a great supporter of youth and musicians in our local community and he has done a lot to help BPS music students and bands over the past 5 years. Steve's Music Jam nights take place at the Berowra RSL on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Thanks also to Gary Steel, Rodney Ford and Mark Blackman, the other musos in the house band, for letting us use their gear and for all their encouraging words.



Sue Blackman
Band Director

CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KB	Emalee P, Jake D, Madeleine B, Mackenzie F, Ella M, Daniel V
KR	Caitlan F, Eveline C, Ella M, Daniel V
KY	Emilie S, Lara T, Bradley P, Genevieve C
1A	Monique W, Ryan J, Lucy B, Eden S
1P	Patrick H, Lucy T, Isabella A, Samantha S
2K	Hayleigh S, Lani B, Laura S, Cody L
2W	Aleisha C, Eliza O, Grace B, Stella M, Ella L, Annika E
2/3B	Elin D, Alannah B, Will P, Olivia B
3M	Tom M, Max W, Natasha D
3/4P	Taffany M, Eliza R, Tahnee B, Nakita B, Liam D, Emily A
4E	Stephanie D, Brody M, Katie W, Chloe M, Quinn J, Katie W
4/5C	Freya S, Daniel M, Mitchell K, Oliver K
5G	Adam W, Sebastian E, Tara B, Tamara B, Nico D, Adam W
6A	Tor Wei L, Caitlin E, Jordan S
6W	Anja T, Ben B, Joanna D

School Support News - SSG have purchased sand toys for the Stage 1 students to use. We have also used the money from the book stalls, term 1 disco and mothers day stall to purchase three computers for the school. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our fundraising efforts. We are holding a bookstall on Sunday 8th July so please keep your donations coming. Don't forget to get your tickets for 'Christmas In July' on Saturday 28th July from 7pm. \$15 per person includes welcome drink and finger food. Tickets are available from the office or call Carolyn on 0412 502 025.

P&C News - Reference Group –

Calling for parent representatives

A Reference Group sub-committee has been established under the P&C to focus on matters of special interest to the school. The Reference Group will consist of parent, teaching and student reps as required by/relevant to a particular special interest. The frequency of meetings will be determined by the participants. The sub-committee has been structured this way to encourage greater participation from the parent community and you can drop in/out of the Reference Group depending on your interest, time and skills.

The first focus area for the Reference Group will be the development of a 5 year strategic plan for the school. This will complement the schools 3 year plan which focuses on the educational aspects. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25 July at 7:30pm in the staffroom and we are calling for approximately five parents to be involved in this piece of work.

For more information contact Kaye Power on 0400 677 642.

Canteen News - Canteen Roster

Thursday	28/6	J Anderson, C Bourke
Friday	29/6	G Gates, K Last
Mon-Mon	2-16/7	Closed - holidays
Thursday	19/7	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	20/7	R Smith, C Jones, L Stoner
Monday	30/7	J Mihalarias, C Harriss

Uniform Shop - 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	28/6	P Smith, N Steel, J West
Mon-Mon	2-16/7	Closed—Holidays
Thursday	19/7	C Harriss, L Peltonen, C Chui
Monday	23/7	L Stebbins, S Vaughan

Community News

School holiday activities at Berowra RSL Club includes kids drive-in where they make their own box car and then park it at the 'drive-in' to watch a movie. Wednesday 4/7, 10:30 start, gold coin entry.

Wed 11/7, 10:30 start, \$2 entry for kids bingo. Bookings required on 9456 1844. Each child receives a bistro discount voucher.

Rugby League Holiday Clinic at Greenway Park, Cherrybrook 10-2 \$40.00 for boys and girls 5-12 years. Every child will receive Subway lunch, instruction from qualified coaches & Kids 2 Kangaroos pack. To register www.arldevelopment.com.au/sydney. Jess Palmer 9245 3069 or 0411 159 428

Over 30's Disco - an invitation to all Berowra parents

When: Saturday 21st July 7pm till midnight

Where: Berowra Community Centre, The Gully Rd

Theme: 80's dress up

BYO: Alcohol and nibbles

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

Contact: Chris Jennings 0413 096 190 or Chris Hindmarsh 0418 223 587 or email over30sbluelight@gmail.com

A well earned, fun night out with music, games and prizes.

Holiday activities at Asquith Rugby League Club include movies, kids bingo, \$5 kids meals. Wednesday 4 & 11/7. Ph 9487 1066.

Being Cyber Smart Detectives



Recently my group and I did the Cyber Smart Detective Challenge where we were set questions about 'Sarah' meeting a man through text messages.

The main reason for this is to teach children about being cybersmart detectives and being cybersmart. Some of the questions were what should you do to help 'Sarah'. The members of my team were Hewitt and Daniel and some questions were hard but most were easy. We logged on by going on team Berowra and we were Team 2. The story was that Sarah met an online friend although she didn't know that he was much older than her, they met each other but Sarah got kidnapped, although at the end you saved Sarah.

I liked the test so I finished with a smile.

By Jamie C

On Tuesday 29th May, Year 5 became cyber smart detectives. In my group was Ella T, Kirstyn and Marissa.

It went for one hour and there were about 14-18 questions. Our team did really good and we all answered the questions well and all got to type in what we thought. There were pools and my favourite question was where it asked us if we know you can put a lock on your social networks to keep strangers from looking. I said I knew.

In the end we learnt that social networks are more dangerous than we thought and it is best not to put your last name, email, age, phone number and home address on your social networks.

We learnt so much that I am going to change my pages on my social networks to be cyber smart. We all made a group effort and I will never forget this EVER!!

The cyber smart guides helped us and gave us a challenge.



By Alani K

SCHOOL BANKING AT BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL IS CHANGING

**Commencing Term 3 Week 1
Every Tuesday**

School banking will be processed before the morning bell.

Please bring your deposit books and meet the School Banking Co-ordinator at the canteen from 8:50am till 9:20am

We will be waiting to process your school banking and all deposit books will be given back to the children immediately, to be brought home the same day.

If you would like to open an account for your children and include them in school banking, please come and see us and we can explain the options of account opening.

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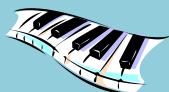
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