



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 13th June, 2012  
Term 2 Week 8

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### Area Cross Country

Good luck to our representatives- Sam P, Lachlan M, Edward B and Jordan S; who will be competing at the Area Cross Country on Thursday at Gosford.

I apologise to Sam P – who came **first** in the 8/9 years boys race at the zone carnival ... unfortunately I left his name out of the last Crest.

### National Reconciliation Week

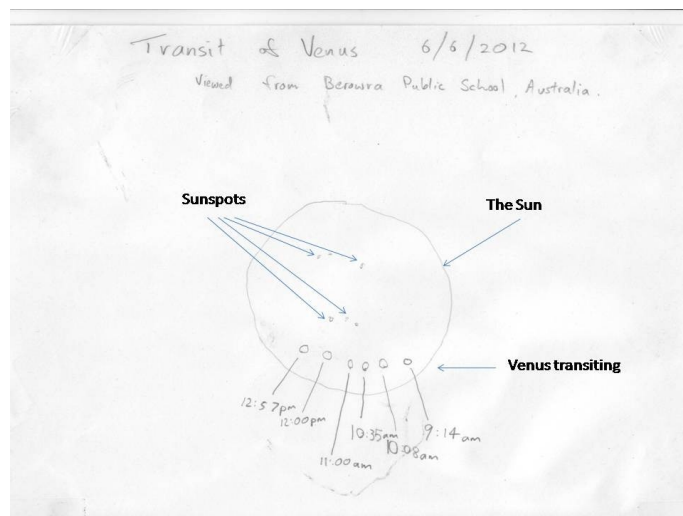
Our junior choir participated in The Children's Voices for Reconciliation on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June. The children performed at The Hornsby RSL War Memorial, along with other local schools. The children sounded beautiful and represented the school with pride and perfect behaviour. Many thanks to Mrs Sheldon for her leadership, expertise and dedication to the choirs. Many thanks also to the parent drivers.

### Debating News

Last Tuesday Berowra hosted the first round of the 'Friendly Interschol Debating'. Berowra argued that "Homework is good for students" against Mt Kuring-gai PS. Both teams put forward sound cases but this time Mt Kuring-gai was stronger. Well done team on a very tough and difficult debate.

### Transit of Venus

Last Thursday we were lucky to have Dr Erik Thorvaldson bring his telescope to school for the children to observe the 'Transit of Venus'. This was an invaluable and unique experience for all the children and one which I am sure they will remember for many years to come. Thank you very much Dr Thorvaldson for sharing your telescope and vast knowledge with us.



### Kindergarten 2013

The recent Kindergarten Information Sessions for parents interested in enrolling their children at Berowra PS in 2013 were very well attended. If you know of anybody who is thinking of sending their child to school- especially to BPS!- please encourage them to drop in or ask them to ring 9456 1319 so we can send out an information pack or make an appointment to have a tour of the school. Enrolment forms are available at the Office.

### Reports

The mid-year reports will be sent home before the holidays. 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.

Our system of reporting follows a mandatory system for all Australian schools. We report on a five point scale in Year 1 to Year 6, using word descriptions ('Outstanding', 'High', 'Sound', 'Basic' or 'Limited'). In theory, an 'Outstanding' at Berowra is equal to an 'Outstanding' in any school in the country.

The method of assessment used in New South Wales is known as 'criterion based'. Traditional reporting methods were 'norm based', in which certain proportions of students received each grade, based on test results. Under criterion based assessment all work done by students counts towards their assessment, and there are no quotas for each grade. Theoretically, it is possible, though extremely unlikely, that every student in a class or Stage could be given a 'High' or a 'Basic'.

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 across classes/stages/whole school, syllabus and with online samples. This is an exhaustive process which occurs in all schools.

### Diary Dates

UNSW Writing Competition 8am	Mon	18/6
P&C meeting 7:30pm	Mon	18/6
UNSW Spelling Competition 8am	Tues	19/6
Concert band preschool tour	Tues	19/6
Dance rehearsal at Glenn St Theatre	Tues	19/6
Dance performance 5pm at Glenn St Theatre	Wed	20/6
Stage 1 classroom museum visit	Thurs	21/6
BPS Disco	Friday	22/6
Dance performance 7:30pm at Glenn St Theatre	Friday	22/6
K-6 Athletics Carnival at Foxglove Oval	Tues	26/6
Dance performance 11:30am at Glenn St Theatre	Wed	27/6
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
Combined choir rehearsal at Hornsby North	Thurs	19/7
Drama Festival week	Mon-Fri	23-26/7
Dance Simulaunch rehearsal at Hornsby Nth 10am	Thurs	26/7
Education Week	Mon-Fri	30/7-3/8
Dance Simulaunch at Manly	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	Thurs	30/8
Fathers Day Breakfast	Friday	31/8
Opera House choir performance	Monday	3/9
Kindy 2013 Fun Day	Thurs	13/9
BPS shopping Tour	Sat	15/9
Last day of Term 3	Friday	21/9
Staff and Students return for Term 4	Mon	8/10

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'.

Dianne Bower  
Acting Principal

**Performing Arts News** - Dance - On Thursday 28th June, the classes who have been learning dance this term will put on a short performance. This will be held in the hall from 2:45-3:10. You are welcome to come and watch 4/5C, 5G, 3M and 2/3B perform.

Choir - On Friday 1st June, some representatives of our Senior Choir attended the *Hornsby Children's Voices for Reconciliation* concert. This is an initiative of Hornsby Shire Council and celebrates reconciliation and Aboriginal culture. The children sang 'Why we Sing' - a song celebrating harmony and the unifying nature of music. We were privileged to listen to stories told by local Aboriginal elders, take part in some indigenous dances and listen to a performance by *Nature Nature*, a trio comprising flute, didgeridoo and tapping sticks. Thankyou choir for a beautiful performance and your excellent behaviour representing our school.

**Canteen News** - Canteen Mad Monday Meal Deal  
18th June BFC Burger (Berowra Fried Chicken)  
includes meal, water, zinger for \$4.00

#### Canteen Roster

Thursday	14/6	C Stone, H Stephenson
Friday	15/6	R Smith, C Jones, L Stoner
Monday	18/6	J Mihalarias, C Harriss
Thursday	21/6	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	22/6	M Cunningham, K Wallis
Monday	25/6	S Vaughan, H Tyler

#### 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	14/6	S Williams, R Stoner, G Smith
Monday	18/6	L Sharpe, T Allen
Thursday	21/6	C Harriss, L Peltonen, C Chui
Monday	25/6	L Stebbins, S Vaughan

**Coles Sports for Schools** - Berowra Public School has now registered for Coles Sports for Schools program. Don't forget to collect your vouchers. A collection bin is in the office foyer.

#### Community News

Hornsby Gang Show - Family entertainment, dancing, singing, comedy, drama and a cast of local talented Scouts & Guides.  
When: Fri 29/6, Sat 30/6, Mon 2/7, Wed 4/7, Fri 6/7, Sat 7/7 8pm  
Sat 30/6, Sat 7/7 2pm  
Where: Asquith Theatre at Asquith Boys High School  
Bookings: [www.gangshow.com](http://www.gangshow.com) or contact Errol 9481 0937

Free sessions 'Living with Teenagers' - Transitions, body image, stress, technology from 7pm–8:30pm.

Where: Hornsby, Mission Australia, 1 Coronation St  
Galston, Community Health Centre, 17 Arcadia Rd

Enquiries/Bookings: Contact CAFS (Mission Australia) on 9482 1366 during business hours. Bookings are essential.

### Australian Mobile Recycling

Do you have an old mobile phone lying around in drawers at home? Are friends, family and work colleagues the same?

Just place your old mobile phones in the box in the office foyer and help raise funds for the school.



Lifeline Huge Annual Book Fair - All funds raised help maintain Lifeline's essential services to the community.

When: Thurs 12/7, Fri 13/7 9am-9pm & Sat 14/7, Sun 15/7 9-5pm

Where: Knox Grammar school hall, Pacific Hwy, Wahroonga.

Vision Valley Holiday Camp - Years 3-6 & Years 7-10, 3-6 July  
Ski Camp: 12 to 15 July 2012. Adventure Day Camp: Age 7 to 16, 5, 9 & 13 July. Camps are run for children & young people from 8 to 16 years, so there is plenty of variety to meet all ages & needs!

KU Berowra Preschool Fun Fair Day - Market stalls, live music, food stalls, activities, colouring competition, raffle & prizes.

When: Sunday 17th June 10am-2pm

Where: KU Berowra Preschool, 38 Hillcrest Rd

For more info phone 9456 2762

School Holiday Sew and Style - looking for a fun, educational activity for the holidays? Come & join one of our exciting sewing workshops, no experience necessary.

When: Wed & Thurs 4&5/7 & 11&12/7 9:30am-12:30pm

Where: 43 Cambewarra Cres, Berowra Heights

Cost: \$30 per child per session.

Bookings essential. Call Sinead 9456 1807 or 0417 672572



### Stage 2 Maintenance Day

**Sunday 17th June 8am-11am**

Stage 2 maintenance day was postponed earlier this month because of bad weather. The new date is this Sunday 17th June.

Each maintenance day will focus on an area within the school that relates to that Stage so it's a great way to help the school, meet other parents and the children can either help or play.

Maintenance day is **Sunday 17th June 8am-11am** and is for **Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)** parents. We'd love to see you for any amount of time on the day.



For more information please contact Graeme Gates  
0418 485 322.

### CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KBlue	Caitlin J, Maya W, Daniel L, Jaylah B, Aedan K, Brinlee S
KRed	Max D, Imogen B, Jake D, Rowan S, Liam C, Maximus V
KYellow	Lara T, Lincoln V, Kamden H, Maddie E, Sam S, Abbie S
1A	Danielle P, Fiona T, Zoe V, Matthew C, Bronte L, Max A, Ryan C, Abbie C
1P	Elise O, Pearl M, Emma T, Saxon W, Kai V, Haylee S
2K	Ryan R, Guiliano C, Caleb S, Zarli V, Daniel H, Jude M, Kyle B, Jake E
2W	Blake C, Cole S, Harry D, Layla W, Dayna B, Anna J
2/3B	Jarrold L, Peter M, Kayla P, Michael C, Jasmine M, Nia D, Joshua A, Molly H
3M	Cameron R, Caitlyn R, Stephanie M, Lilly L, Charlotte B, Lachlan B, Ewan B
3/4P	Alice C, Max S, Ella B, Kieren R, Emily A, Amy R, Miles V, Renee B, Matthew L
4E	Eileen L, Chelsea W, Jessica L, Isabella S, Chloe T, Andrew C, Leah O, Abbey B, Isabella S, Leah O, Rachel W
4/5C	Ella W, Marissa A, Daniel L, Hewitt F, Mitchell K
5G	Claire M, Sam A, Georgie B, Max B, Julian S, Sophie A, Jordan C, Ben W, Sara N, Isobel N, Jesse C, Jack I
6A	Beau J, Hannah P, Thomas M, Tia M, Cameron J, Santhi S, Ben B, Damian F, Sian S, Taylor M, Zara J
6W	Lachlan O, Brendan G, Laura B, Madeleine W, Philip M, Joanna D, Alec L, Caitlin B, Liam M, Katherine T, Tahlia B, Lachlan O

# Berowra Public School Fundraising Bus Shopping Tour



## Saturday 15th September 2012

We have had a good response to the bus shopping tour but there are still seats available.

Enjoy a day out without the children and have a nice lunch and spend the day shopping.

We will be leaving Berowra Public School, Hillcrest Rd at approximately 7:30am and returning about 6:00-6:30pm. You will need to be at the bus stop at 7:15am.

Our shopping outlet venues are:

1. **Beach & Bath** (towels etc)
2. **Barcs** (fashion jewellery, scarves, fascinators, handbags & accessories)
3. **Breville/Kambrook** (electrical needs, coffee machines, toasters, irons and much more, a very popular stop)
4. **Sea Folly, Taking Shape, Sandler, Bags & Shoes** (all counted as one outlet stop for swimwear, fashion, bags and shoes)
5. **Handbag Factory** (this is our regular handbag place for fashion handbags, leather bags, beach bags etc)
6. **Dolci D'Oro** (a favourite stop for chocolates, nuts and confectionary)
7. **Kingsgrove Shoes** (including Tony Bianco, Naturaliser, Hush Puppies, Easy Steps)
8. **Home and Gift Warehouse** (for all kitchen needs and gift ideas)
9. **Debs Hidden Treasures** (a favourite outlet for Bali style furniture, handicrafts, stoneware, soft furnishing, jewellery and more)
10. **Urban Rituelle** (bath, body, beauty & candle products) plus **Cosmetic Warehouse** (new this year for European cosmetics, minerals, foundations, lipsticks etc only sold to beauticians. Counted as one outlet stop)
11. **Manchester Importer** (another new outlet for Manchester)
12. **Original Surf Warehouse** (Billabong boardies, T-shirts etc)

Our lunch venue this year is at the St George Rowing Club. The menu this year is Chicken Parmigiana or a pasta dish, dessert, tea or coffee. Please let me know if you require special meals, like gluten free etc, and this can be prearranged. Please note that venues, meal menu and price may be subject to change.

A deposit of \$10.00 is required to secure your seat. Kindly leave the correct money at the school office in a marked sealed envelope. Bookings are now filling up fast with limited numbers left.

The total fare this year is \$59.00, which includes the luxury coach and lunch, is required to be paid by Friday 24th August 2012. CASH ONLY please.

Don't forget to bring your wallet and credit cards of course and a cooler bag if buying chocolates.

Any further enquiries please contact:

Bronwyn Mills  
Phone: 9456 3962  
on behalf of Berowra Public School P and C



### Australian Red Cross Blood Service

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### St. Ives, Hassell Park

9 -12 JULY - 9am-1pm (4 days, \$200)

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