



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 25th July, 2012
Term 3 Week 2

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Welcome back to another exciting term at Berowra. I hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday. Our thoughts and best wishes go to Miriam Myers, our crossing lady, and her family. Miriam is still in hospital and will be for a while longer. We miss her smile and happy disposition and I know the children miss their daily talks with her. Get well, Miriam and come back soon.

Please be very mindful of your children (especially preschoolers!) around the school. Unfortunately, our gates do not close/lock and we have had a few instances where children have been found outside the school grounds. Please keep your children in your eyesight at all times. Do not let your children play on the old play equipment as it has been deemed not safe and will need to be dismantled.

This term will see our children involved in many outside school activities. The Senior and Junior choirs, the bands, the dance groups, debating teams, drama groups and recorder groups will all be performing at different events this term and we wish them all the best at each and every event. I would like to thank all the organisers/conductors/choreographers/teachers who lead all these groups for allowing the children to have these wonderful experiences.

Now that the old hall has been removed we are beginning to organise our new vegetable garden. The new garden will be where the hall was. This will make it a much larger area and allow most years to have a patch. We need help with organising and building the surrounding fence and also with the supplies for the garden – soil, edging, water tanks, tools, gloves, plants etc. If you are able to help with any of this please either see Graeme Gates or leave a message at the office.

Education Week is next week and there are many fantastic events occurring at BPS. Monday the dancers are at Manly for the Simulaunch for the opening of Education Week. Tuesday is Open Day in the hall with all children performing, Wednesday is our K-6 Mini Olympics and Thursday is our NAIDOC activities and visiting performers. Put these dates on your calendars!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Samuel P (4E) who competed in the State Cross Country on Friday and was placed 20th. This is amazing and we are extremely proud of his achievement. For those who know Sam well will not be surprised to hear that he then came to watch the PSSA soccer on Friday and ended up playing and scoring a goal.

Chelsea W (4E) who competed in the 2nd and final Northern Region State Gymnastics Trial on Saturday. There were 75 girls competing for only 10 team positions and vying for the opportunity to represent and compete again at the NSW State Gymnastics Championships on August 25/26.

Chelsea was successfully crowned the All Round Gold Medallist for the Northern Region State Trials, with a combined total score of 54.150 out of a possible 60 for the four apparatuses of: Beam, Bars, Vault and Floor. Chelsea also placed individually on all four; 1st Bars, 2nd Beam, 3rd Vault and 4th Floor. As the all round gold medallist Chelsea will now spearhead TEAM A for the NSW State Championships in August. We wish her the best for the championships.

The **Senior Girls Touch Football** team who competed in the Florimo Cup last Thursday. These girls were runners-up on the day. Well done girls. All teams went well and other than being very cold seemed to enjoy the day. Many thanks to Miss Allan,

for organising the day and Mrs Cacitti and Miss Griffith for supervising and supporting on the day.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Just a reminder that full winter uniform should be worn this term. Leggings are not part of the school uniform or the sports uniform.

DISCUS

Any child who would like to be considered for the Discus event at the Zone Athletics Carnival, could you please bring in your Little A records. All records or photocopies need to be left at the office – please ensure your child's name is on the sheet/book and they are in by Friday, 3rd August.

Athletics Carnival results are in this edition, the 5, 6 and 7 years' results will be in the next edition of the Crest.

SPORT TERM 3

For the children in years 3 -6 there will only be winter sport and PSSA sport this term. Elective sport (tennis and gymnastics) will be offered in term 4.

ABSENT NOTES

"The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented from doing so by sickness or other good reason. The Act requires you to explain your child's absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded."

Unfortunately, we still have many unexplained absences. The Department of Education and Communities mandate that all absences be explained within seven days. Please check you have sent in all absent notes as I will be sending out the 'department absence letter' again on Wednesday, 8th August.

Also, please remember that unjustified reasons are not accepted by the department. These could be – running late, mother's birthday, birthday, lunch with aunty/grandparents, mental health day, couldn't find shoes, don't like sport, too cold, too hot or had to take sister to the doctor, etc.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Many thanks to all the parents who have paid the voluntary contributions so far this year. Our school uses these funds to purchase essential items for the children and to resource our teaching programs. The funds we are given by the department do not cover all our expenses, hence the fund raising and voluntary contributions. If you are able to contribute to this fund we would be extremely grateful.

MATHLETICS/MATHS INFORMATION MEETING

On **Monday, 20th August** at 6:30pm (before the P&C meeting) there will be a session for parents on using Mathletics and how we teach mathematics in the primary school.

We are aiming to run a different session for parents before each of the P&C meetings. These meetings will be run by the teachers and will be to inform you about what happens in the classrooms, how your child is learning, how we are teaching the Key Learning Area and show you some of the activities we use to teach. These sessions will also incorporate use of the interactive whiteboards. Please come along, join in and better understand your child's learning and our teaching. This session will be held in the 6W classroom which is the room next to the staff room in the old office block.

DANCE GROUPS

The DVDs of the groups' performance at Glen Street Theatre have arrived. If you would like a copy of your child's performance please let the office know.

Each DVD copy will cost \$2.00, also to be paid at the office.

Dianne Bower
Acting Principal

Music News - Welcome back to term 3! We have a busy term ahead of us, starting with a performance on Open Day. See the band email note for details.

Fantastic work from all musicians. Please check roster for parent helpers.

Any questions or queries, Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or bpsband@hotmail.com

Canteen News - The new menu for Terms 3 and 4 have gone home today. Also, on Mondays only, you can order Homemade Chicken Fried Rice for only \$3.50.

New Chick 'n' Moo is 2 Yummy Drummies and Milk (any flavour) or 4 Chicken Nuggets and Milk (any flavour) only \$3.00.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	26/7	J Anderson, C Bourke
Friday	27/7	M Cunningham, K Wallis
Monday	30/7	J Mihalarias, C Harriss
Thursday	2/8	G Smith, P Smith
Friday	3/8	L Peltonen, V Eliasson, T White
Monday	6/8	S Parker, P Smith

Diary Dates

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
Mini Olympics for K-6	Wed	1/8
NAIDOC Day	Thurs	2/8
Stewart House collection	Friday	3/8
Combined choir rehearsal in BPS hall	Tues	7/8
Combined schools Musica rehearsal at 7:45am	Wed	8/8
Combined Scripture Service	Wed	8/8
MST meeting 7pm	Thurs	9/8
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
P&C meeting 7:30pm	Mon	20/8
Book Week performers	Tues	21/8
Book Character Parade	Tues	21/8
Pet Education Program stage 1	Thurs	23/8
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	Mon	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
BPS Fete	Sat	24/11
Stage 3 Broken Bay excursion	Wed-Fri	5-7/12
Twilight Concert and Carols by Candlelight	Fri	7/12
Presentation Day	Thurs	13/12
Stage 3 Surf Educations	Friday	14/12
Year 6 Farewell	Mon	17/12
Stage 2 & 3 Picnic Day	Tues	18/12
Last day of Term 4	Wed	19/12
Staff Development Days	Thurs & Fri	20-21/12

Library News - Welcome back to Term 3 in the Library. This is my favourite term with many exciting activities and events planned.

I extend an invitation to all Berowra families to attend the annual Book Fair on Tuesday 31st July. This amazing fair is an integral part of Berowra Public School's Open Day in Education Week.

It will be a great opportunity to view a range of quality literature at reasonable prices and purchase for your home library and donate a book to our wonderful collection. This year we are being supported by Central Books and Scholastic.

The books will be arriving early next week so that the children can have a sneak peek during Library lessons.

I look forward to meeting you at the fair outside the Library and urge you to visit the Library which showcases the incredible talents of our students.

URGENT LIBRARY REQUEST This week Mrs Lee, our wonderful Library assistant, has worked tirelessly on the computer and amongst the book shelves checking for overdue books.

She has printed out Overdue Notices which require urgent attention from parents and students.

We would sincerely appreciate these valuable resources returned to the Library by next week.

Please see me if you have a problem.

Thank you
Mrs Scanes

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	26/7	P Smith, N Steel, J West
Monday	30/7	D Allen, S Parker
Thursday	2/8	S Horner, H Anstice, J Clayton
Monday	6/8	Renei, G Blackwood, K Ross
Thursday	9/8	S Williams, R Stoner, G Smith

The Uniform Shop Committee

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.



Community News

Hornsby Junior Touch Registrations 8/8/12 4:30-6:30 at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah. Family Discounts Apply. Child 1 \$50 - Child 2 \$45 - Child 3 \$40.

10 week competition commences 12th September - No games during the school holidays - All games played at foxglove Oval. Further information & forms at www.hornsby.mytouchfooty.com. Hornsby Touch not-for-profit.

Hills Hawkes Softball Club play at the same ground every week, Hayes Oval, Galston Rd, Galston. Teeball, Modball & Softball for ages 4 to Adults. Meet us on Registration Day, Sunday 22nd July 10am-2pm or register online at www.hillshawks.softball.org.au or phone Hazel 0414 474 461. All welcome

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 20th August 11:30am-1:30pm

Cost: \$10

Phone: Child Adolescent Family Team on 9477 9190

Healthy Relationship Forum Presentations by services on Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships, Family Law, Children Health & Wellbeing and How to keep your family safe.

When: Thursday 9th August 2012 9:30am-2:15pm

Where: Kuring-gai Town Hall, Pacific Hwy, Pymble

Cost: Free with free lunch & refreshments

Bookings essential, phone Centacare 9488 2400

Hornsby Library Bookweek Author - Jacqueline Harvey, author of the Alice-Miranda series will join us at the library to talk to children & parents about how to develop a love of reading, sharing books together and of course, Alice-Miranda.

When: Tuesday 21st August 6:30-7:30pm

Cost: Free

Bookings are essential at any Hornsby Branch Library. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Mini Olympics Wednesday 1st August

For one of our activities next week, we need to borrow **7 more small dinkie/trikes** for use by K-6 in our 'cycling' event.

If you have one you wouldn't mind being used for our Mini Olympics could you please see Mrs Withford or Mrs Dover in 1A.

Thank you

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 Friday 3rd August.

The truck is coming early the next week so no more bags after Friday please.

NAIDOC Week



Berowra Public School will be celebrating NAIDOC Week on Thursday 2nd August.

This is a whole school indigenous program celebrating our history and culture and links to our National Curriculum.

The day begins with a welcoming/opening ceremony performance. Students will then break into groups and rotate through activities such as Aboriginal art, Aboriginal song and dance, artefacts, boomerang and spear throwing, weaponry, a didgeridoo workshop, bush survival and Aboriginal face painting.

The day finishes with a farewell closing ceremony, 'Corroboree' Aboriginal song and dance performance with student, teacher and parent participation.

The cost for the day is \$10.00 per student.

Please return money to your class teacher by Thursday 26th July in a signed permission envelope on a money collection day.



Christmas in July

Saturday 28th July 2012

Come along and have some fun!
No raffles, no prizes, no fundraising -
JUST FUN!!

An **ADULTS ONLY** party

When: Saturday 28th July

Time: 7pm

Where: Berowra School Hall

Cost: \$15 which includes:-
a glass of mulled wine
finger food
disco

Discounted beer, wine, champagne and alcoholic slushies will be available to purchase.

No raffles, prizes or fundraising, just come along and enjoy yourself.

Tickets available at the office.

Call Carolyn on 0412 502 025 for enquiries.

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2013

If you have a child, or know of anyone who has a child ready to start school next year, now is the time to enrol.

We have a Kindergarten Fun Day organised for Thursday 13th September from 9:30 till 10:45 as well as our 'Ready-Steady-Go' Program commencing in Term 4.

For enrolment forms or more information, please contact the school office on 9456 1319.

Did you know?

Frozen vegetables are as healthy as fresh

Frozen alternatives are fine, as the vegetables have usually been frozen soon after they're harvested. Just check they don't contain added salt or sugars. Fresh vegetable can lose nutrients if they're not stored correctly in the refrigerator.



Nutrition News Snippet provided by
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Katya's Babysitting Service

Looking For Someone You Can Trust?

Hello mum's & dad's!

- Do you need some time out just for you?
- Need to go somewhere where you're unable to bring the kid/s?

STOP Your Search Right Here!

My name is Katya; I'm 26yrs old, reliable, responsible & nurturing child minder servicing the North Shore area and take care of children 4 & up.

I have my own car with full license as well as my St John's First Aid.

If you would like further information, please feel welcome to contact me on my details below as I would love the opportunity to talk or meet with you.

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What sport do you do in Summer?

Do you play a sport that involves running around or standing about on those HOT! HOT! summer days. Why not try a sport that keeps you cool and, at the same time, is a lot of fun?



You and your family can enjoy the wonderful waterways of the Hawkesbury River and experience the fun & sport of sailing at the same time.

Our Club operates most Saturdays during the sailing season (Sept-March), and is located at Lookout Bay (also known as Dead Horse Bay) Brooklyn, not far from the Parsley Bay boat launching ramp and car park.



The Club is affiliated with the **Hornsby PCYC**, and has been training children since 1968.

Our sailing instructors are AYF accredited, and sailing is taught through participating in our theory sessions on Thursday evenings and followed up with sailing on Saturdays.

Parental participation is an essential part of the running of the Club and sailing membership is open to all sailors, both experienced or beginners, from the age of 8-14 years. Boats are provided for beginners, and are maintained by the Club at our Lookout Bay boat shed.

Club racing classes are Manly Junior, Flying 11, 125 skiff, and VEE ESS class (senior).

Sound like fun?

Please contact the Hornsby PCYC, or the names below and find out more about this safe and enjoyable family sport.

Contacts:

Hornsby PCYC - 9477 2310

Graham Brown (Commodore) - 0418 251 751

Brian Gleeson (Vice Commodore) - 0419 836 713

Jeanette Bakker (Committee) - 9456 2996



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