



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

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Term 3 Week 4

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Welcome to my first 'official' newsletter as the
permanent principal of Berowra Public School.

EDUCATION WEEK

Last week we celebrated **Education Week**. This is a time to not only acknowledge the outstanding work that occurs in each classroom each day but is also a time to reflect on our school's growth and achievements in the past year. I continue to be extremely proud of the work staff and students do to create quality learning opportunities that make our school an outstanding educational environment.

On Monday, a number of our dance students participated in the Simulaunch at Manly Corso to open Education Week. The Simulaunch took place at 9 major locations across the entire State. Our children were part of the 500 student group at Manly.

Tuesday, the students entertained parents and grandparents with an item at our Open Day Concert. These items included singing, dancing, acting, musical instruments and even skipping. The variety of items was amazing. Thank you to all children, teachers and conductors for your enthusiasm and fantastic performances. Classrooms were also on display, morning tea and a sausage sizzle was available and the day ended with the rock band performances.

Wednesday we all participated in our own original Berowra Mini Olympics. I loved watching the children during these activities, they had so much fun. Thank you to the organisers for such a unique experience for all our children.

Thursday saw the entire school enjoying our Aboriginal performers. The children again enjoyed a varied learning experience. Many exciting activities and of course they especially enjoyed seeing the teachers performing the dances. We are all waiting for a good wind gust to blow the boomerangs off the roof!

THE CREST

Next term we are going to trial a 'paperless' Crest. The Crest is uploaded each fortnight onto the school website and so if you have missed your copy you can always find it there. If you wish to have the Crest emailed to you – just send me your email address. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the Crest each fortnight – please send in a written request for this.

All notes that are sent home will also be put onto the website – if you miss a note please check the website before asking for a replacement. With all notes published on to the website, communication should improve.

Also, check your child's class site to keep up to date with what is happening in their class. I am hoping that our website will continue to be informative and to help reduce the phenomenal amount of paper we are going through!

BOUNCE BACK!

Classes are enjoying and learning from The Bounce Back! program. After watching the Year 3 children last week at our Open Day Concert, I thought it would be a good idea to insert one of the key messages into the Crest.

Bad times don't last. They always get better. Stay optimistic. Life is mainly good but now and then everyone has a difficult or unhappy time. Things always get better even though sometimes they may take a bit longer to improve than you would like. It is important to stay hopeful and expect things to get better.

As adults we understand this concept but we need to help and support our children during these times and encourage them not to dwell on the negatives but to learn from their experiences and 'move on'.

ABSENCES

Letters are being sent home today for 'unexplained absences'. I know these are just an oversight but we need to keep our records up to date. I thank you for your understanding and I apologise in advance if we have overlooked any of your notes.

Congratulations to our K-2 and relay winners:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
5yrs Boys	Drew S	Aedan K	Luke M	
5yrs Girls	Emilie S/Chloe B	Leela S	Grace H	
6yrs Boys	Jake DaS	Lincoln V	Mitchell G	Orlando J
6yrs Girls	Ripley B	Kiana L	Macy S	India H
7yrs Boys	Matthew C	William P	Daniel P	Jasper M
7yrs Girls	Elise O-C	Aleisha C	Annika E	Imogen L-W
Junior Boys	Kangaroo	Koala	Wombat	Emu
Junior Girls	Koala	Emu	Kangaroo	Wombat
Senior Boys	Emu	Wombat	Kangaroo	Koala
Senior Girls	Kangaroo	Koala	Wombat	Emu

REMINDER : MATHEMATICS AND MATHEMATICS MEETING
IN 6W CLASSROOM,
6:30PM MONDAY, 20TH AUGUST
BEFORE P&C MEETING

This meeting is to familiarise you with Mathematics and how it works. We will also go through the way we teach different concepts in years K-6. If you are interested in helping your child with homework, etc but feel unsure as to how – come along and ask us! We are more than happy to explain the strategies used.

Dianne Bower
Principal

Performing Arts - Film Festival

ArtsNorth are again running a Film Festival for primary school students. Last year Ben B from Year 6 had his film selected for the final screening at the Opera House as a part of the festival. If any students are interested in participating, please see Mrs Bower or Mrs Sheldon for details. Much of the production will need to be done in students' own time, however we would love to help any aspiring 'Steven Spielbergs' to have a go!

PERMISSION NOTES & PAYMENTS

The school regularly organises special programs and excursions which add significantly to the educational experience of your children.

When these are organised, we ask you to return permission envelopes and make payments by a particular date. It is important that permission and money are received within the given timeframe as we need to know how many children are involved in an activity well before the day to finalise planning. It is very important that we receive signed permission before a child can be included in an activity.

Permission envelopes are available at the school office or write a note giving your permission.

Additional notes are available for downloading on our schools website: www.berowra-p.school.nsw.edu.au under the 'Calendar' tab.

Drama Festival

A huge 'well done' to our drama children!! On Tuesday 24th July both school drama groups performed in the Arts-North Drama Festival, run by the Dept of Education and Communities. The festival was held at NIDA and the children were very excited to be performing at such a prestigious venue.

The Junior group, comprised of year 2 and 3 students, performed 'The Earth in Danger', reminding the audience that we must look after the earth and protect what is valuable. The Senior group performed 'Life is a Journey', a piece largely written by the students themselves where a group of students travel the world only to find that true treasure is found in the journey rather than the destination. Both pieces were brilliant, but more importantly the children represented our school admirably, both on and off the stage. They've worked hard for months, often in their own time, but this hard work paid off – wonderful work kids! Thanks must go to Mrs Smith who is currently on leave, but who started the children on their journey with these performances. Her tireless efforts and enthusiasm inspire both staff and students! Thanks also to our wonderful parent helpers – Mrs Braham, who comes in every week to help with drama and Mr Braham and Dr Thorvaldson who made 'show day' just that much easier by coming to help. Have a look on our school website, there are lots of photos!

Mrs Sheldon

Dance Group

On Monday 30th July, our dancers went to Manly to dance in a 'flashmob' style Simulaunch. They had an amazing time being a part of a group of 500 dancers. You will hopefully be able to check out their moves on You Tube soon (keywords: Education Week 2012 Simulaunch Manly). Look out for the Berowra Public School purple PSSA shirts.

Live action photos from Sydney North Dance Festival can now be purchased online at

www.onlinepictureproof.com/ad Doyleproduction. Follow the instructions online to find our school. Please note, no orders can be made via the school, all orders must be processed through this website. Available for a limited time only.

Next Monday 13th August, the boys will be dancing at the Hornsby District Music Festival at 12:30pm. The girls will perform at this festival on Wednesday 15th August at 7pm. Boys must have returned their permission note and \$8 by tomorrow. We wish them luck with their performances.

From next week the boys and girls will be learning a new dance for our MADD night and school fete. Dance rehearsals will continue with girls on Thursdays at 8:30am and boys at lunchtime on Thursdays.

Mrs Kelly Lukic
Dance Teacher



Library News - A huge thank you to all children, parents and staff who visited our spectacular Book Fair last week. Thanks to your kind generosity, 94 books were donated to the school library and Mrs Smith now has over \$750 to spend on new books for the collection.

In Week 6, on Tuesday 21st August, we will be celebrating Book Week 2012. The theme this year is "Champions Read" to tie in with the Olympics. The day will be full of wonderful experiences for the children and yourselves.

The students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in the annual Book Week character parade. Please encourage them to dress up as one of their favourite book characters or something related to the theme. This parade will take place straight after morning assembly on the outdoor stage. It is not a competition, it is just for fun.

At 10am students in years 3-6 will be seated in the hall to experience the magic of Opera in a performance of Hansel and Gretel.

At 12pm students in kindy and years 1-2 will be seated in the hall for their exciting performance call Hocus Pocus. This is a magic show and so I'm sure it will delight everyone..

In the afternoon we will all enjoy the Book Week Trivia.

Lynne Scanes

Canteen News - Please add the following items to the latest canteen menu -

Garlic Bread	50c
Vegetarian Fried Rice	\$2.50
Cheese Pizza Muffin	50c (1 half)
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Muffin	\$1.50 (2 halves)
Chicken Fried Rice	\$3.50 Monday only

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	9/8	C Stone, H Stephenson
Friday	10/8	G Gates, K Last
Monday	13/8	M Triebel, R Persson
Thursday	16/8	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	17/8	R Smith, C Jones, L Stoner
Monday	20/8	J Mihalarias, C Harriss

Diary Dates

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 Education	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

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.



This summer we're looking for the next generation of bowlers, batters and catchers. There's lots of ways you can get involved in cricket with your local club, association or indoor centre.

Sign up now with your local club or find out more at...

playcricket.com.au

A color photograph of a modern, two-story house with a yellow and white facade. The text 'EXTENSIONS & NEW HOMES' is at the top in white on a teal background. Below the image, it says 'HOME DESIGNS & PLANS FROM CONCEPT TO COMPLETION!' followed by a list of services: 'Innovative, functional designs to suit your lifestyle and budget', 'Experienced with your local council', and 'Increase the value of your home & improve your lifestyle'. At the bottom, it says 'LIFESTYLE HOME DESIGNS' with a logo, 'For a free consult call 9986 1311', and 'www.lifestylehomedesigns.com.au'.

Children's Meditation, Relaxation & Yoga Class

Wednesday's 4pm
at Mt Kuring-gai.

Kids learn muscle relaxation, simple yoga poses and breathing techniques to help with everyday life, anxiety, disturbed sleep and more.

Book a place for Term 3 now.

Visit

www.movingbodiescentre.com.au

CREATIVE BEROWRA MARKET Sunday 12th August 9am – 2pm

Gourmet Food, Fresh Produce, Arts, Crafts, Clothing, Live Music, Free Drumming Circle and more.

Enjoy a morning coffee listening to Jay Parrino (Australia's Got Talent finalist) from 10am – 11am. Don't miss it!
For the kids there is a jumping castle and face painting.

Celebrate creativity in our local community.

www.creativeberowra.com.au

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