

Public School

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Wednesday 22nd August, 2012 Term 3 Week 6

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HORNSBY DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Last week students from Berowra PS and many other local schools joined to form the Hornsby District Mass Choir, performing at the Hornsby RSL. These concerts showcase the talents and skills of students and teachers across the Hornsby District. Also, some of our groups performed - boys and girls dance Dianne Bower groups, junior choir and the junior recorder group. Without any bias, I thought the Berowra students stood out and were amazing! I know many parents and grandparents attended the concert and were impressed with the performances.

I was especially proud of Eden S from 1A who accompanied, on the piano, the recorder group and also entertained the audience with a solo piece – a huge undertaking for a 6 year old!

Congratulations also to Mrs Liz Sheldon who conducted the choir on the night. Many thanks to Dr Thorvaldson, Mrs Wynn, Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Lukic – who trained, taught, conducted, accompanied or choreographed these groups.

BOUNCE BACK!

Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check. You will always feel better and have more ideas about what to do if you talk to someone you trust about what's worrying or upsetting you.

As parents we need to encourage our children to talk to us and other trustworthy adults about what's troubling them and help them to find solutions. Encourage them to talk about how they are feeling and what they are thinking about the problem. Then help them to think about different solutions.

COUNSELLOR REFERRALS

There is a process for referring children to our school counsellor. Unfortunately, Greg Field is only here on Tuesdays, weekly and an extra day every four weeks. If you are concerned about your child's academic growth (or lack of) or their emotional wellbeing, please see your child's teacher first. If you would prefer not to raise the matter with the class teacher or the matter is very urgent then you may need to speak with me.

All concerns, whether emotional or academic are raised within our Learning and Support Team Meetings. From there the counsellor and/or our Learning and Support Teacher are made aware of children who are experiencing difficulty either academically or emotionally. Sometimes we need to involve these people, other times the teacher is able to accommodate the child in the classroom, without any outside intervention.

MATHS MEETING

Many thanks to all the parents who braved the cold on Monday night and attended our first "Information" meeting on Mathematics. Many thanks also to Mrs Layson, Mrs Wilkinson and Mr Pritchard for their leadership on the night. The parents who attended were very positive.

One issue that was raised last night was the use of Mathletics and Spellodrome. Teachers use this tool in a variety of ways. Some teachers set prescribed homework each week and some use it in the classroom during their computer time, others use it as revision work. If you are unsure of how it is being used or how you are able to support your child with Mathletics please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Just a reminder: Mathletics and Spellodrome certificates are printed out at school each Monday morning. If children receive either a Gold Mathletics or a Golden Bike Certificate they are entitled to a "lucky dip" from my office. Also FIVE Mathletics or

FIVE Spellodrome or any combination of 5 Mathletics/ Spellodrome Certificates also entitles a child to a 'lucky dip'. So please remind your child/ren to come up and claim their prizes!

Principal

Performing Arts - Last week our school participated in the Hornsby District Music Festival at Hornsby RSL. This is an initiative of the public schools in our area and showcases the performing arts talents in our primary schools.

Berowra's two dance groups, our Junior Choir, our Senior Choir and our Junior Recorders all participated - and performed brilliantly! Eden from Year 1 even performed a piano solo and the two shows were compared by our own school captains, Ben & Isabel. Well done everyone! You represented our school admirably and delighted the audiences with your talents. The finale of the show featured our children in a combined choir, singing the iconic 'We're All in this Together' alongside students from Clarke Road School Signing Choir. This was such a moving performance and there wasn't a dry eye in the house - what a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Mrs Sheldon



Berowra Fete

1P is running a Second Hand Clothing stall at the Berowra School Fete later in the year.

We are now collecting second hand clothing to sell. If anyone has any second hand clothing they would like to donate to the stall, it can be dropped off in the designated container in the old school office foyer.

All donations will be gratefully received.

Bus Shopping Trip - Saturday 15th September

Just a reminder that the payment of \$59.00 for the bus shopping trip has to be paid to the school office no later that Friday 24th August 2012.

Please note dress rules apply for St George Rowers Club. We still have a few seats left if anyone else if interested.

Bronwyn Mills

Canteen News - Canteen Roster

Thursday 23/8 J Anderson, C Bourke
Friday 24/8 M Cunningham, K Wallis
Monday 27/8 S Vaughan, H Tyler
Thursday 30/8 G Smith, P Smith

Friday 31/8 R Smith, C Jones, L Stoner

Monday 3/9 S Parker, P Smith

<u>Uniform Shop</u> - <u>General information</u>

- 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 23/8 P Smith, N Steele, J West
Monday 27/8 L Stebbins, S Vaughan
Thursday 30/8 S Parker, J Chalmers
Monday 3/9 Renei, G Blackwood, K Ross

Community News

Hornsby Shire Libraries school holiday activities -

Build machines with meccano, participate in science shows "Wild Winds" & "Wonder of Water", come to solve a mystery: "The case of the missing chocolates" & "Escape of the monkey".

Meccano - 4/10, Mysteries to Solve - 2/10, Science Shows - 5/10 In person bookings, with payment required.

Holiday Storytime - 26/9, 27/9, 28/9 & 3/10, Evening 25/9.

Bookings essential for storytime. For further enquiries 9847 6738.

Father's Day Stall

This year we will be holding the stall on **Tuesday 28th August**

with Wednesday 29th for students who were unable to attend on the previous day.

Gifts will range from \$1.50 to \$9.00

Your child can purchase gifts for Dad, Uncles and Grandpas etc.
There will be a wide choice available.

Please send a <u>small bag</u> along so gifts make it home safely.

The School Support Group

Fathers' Day Breakfast

Attention all dads and granddads.
Berowra Public School teachers will be holding their annual Fathers' Day Breakfast

WHEN: Friday 31st August TIME: 7:00am - 9:00am



Come along with your children and enjoy bacon, egg and sausage sandwiches!

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET COACHING CLINIC – SEPTEMBER 2012



For 6 – 15 year olds (9.00am – 12.30pm) Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara

When: Tues. 25th, Wed. 26th & Thurs. 27th Sept. Accreditation: Level 1 & 2 qualified coaches Cost: \$140 each (discounts may apply)
Registration form: www.hkhdca.com.au/
Enquiries: Justin Epthorp – 0488 772 707

Email: executive.officer@hkhdca.com.au

Diary Dates Book Week Mon-Fri 20-24/8 Pet Education Program stage 1 Thurs 23/8 27/8-7/9 Special Swimming Scheme Mon-Fri Tues & Wed Fathers Day stall 28-29/8 Recorder group Opera House performance Wed 29/8 Zone Athletics Carnival 29/8 Wed Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic at Mougamarra 30/8 Thurs Fathers Day Breakfast Friday 31/8 3/9 Opera House choir performance Mon Thurs 13/9 Kindy 2013 Fun Day 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 15/10-8/11 Mon-Thurs MADD Night at BPS hall 22/10 Mon School photo days Mon & Tues 5&6/11 Kindergarten 2013 Orientation Day Thurs 22/11 BPS Fete Sat 24/11 5-7/12 Stage 3 Broken Bay excursion Wed-Fri Twilight Concert and Carols by Candlelight Fri 7/12 Presentation Day 13/12 Thurs Stage 3 Surf Education 14/12 Friday Year 6 Farewell 17/12 Mon Stage 2 & 3 Picnic Day 18/12 Tues Last day of Term 4 Wed 19/12 Staff Development Days Thurs & Fri 20-21/12 Staff return for 2013 Tues 29/1/13 Year 1-6 students return for 2013 30/1/13 Wed Kindergarten 2013 Best Start testing Wed-Fri 30/1-1/2 Kindergarten 2013 start school Mon 4/2/13



Berowra RSL

Youth Swimming Club

Registration for 2012/13 Season

Saturday 15/9/12 10:am—2:00pm

Berowra Heights IGA or

Online at www.berowrarslswimclub.org

Registration fees - \$70 for an individual or \$120 for a family

Pool entry is \$4.00 per person or

\$15 for family of four or more

Summer is coming and so is the Berowra RSL Swim Club for the 2012/13 season. It's the perfect opportunity to swim and compete in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

We are a fun club for swimmers of all ages who want friendly competition, to go beyond swimming lessons, prepare for school races or learn more about swimming as a sport.

Competitors enjoy swimming in handicapped races against other swimmers with similar abilities and times. There are also opportunities throughout the season for competing at Zone and State levels.

The Club's aim is not to turn out potential Olympians but to give swimmers the confidence in themselves and their abilities.

Come and give it a try with the first two weeks free for new memhers

The season starts on Sunday 7th October, 9:00am – 11:30amAbbotsleigh Aquatic Centre

If you have any queries please contact Michael McAlister (Club President) on 0403 750 900 or Elizabeth Russell (Club Vice-President) on 9456 0195.For further information and to download the registration form please visit our website at www.berowrarslswimclub.org



CLASS MERIT AWARDS AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	
KB	Monique C, JonathanC, Brinlee-Rose S, Aiden S, Jaylah B, Mac T, Caitlin j
KR	Rowan S, Emalee P, Alicia S, Liam C
KY	Anthony L, Emily L, Maddie E, Dakota J
1A	Emma H, Kiana L, Matthew C, Anna O
1P	Ben M, Pearl M, Brooke F, Elise O, Isabella A, Kai V, Samantha S, Danny C, Mikayla S, Kael S, Laura R
2K	Elizabeth G, Hugh C, Sophie S, Daniel H
2W	Patrick W, Ella D, Cole S, Kydan O
2/3B	Olivia B, Chloe G
3M	Jeremy J, Alex G, Luke S, Stephanie M, Amy S, Benjamin W
4E	Ben H, Elieen L, Timothy D, Isabella S, Sarah W, Quinn J
4/5C	Sienna O, Jarrod H, Katrina T, Ella W
5G	Tahli W, Charlotte S, Ben W, Sophie A, Samantha N, Ethan D
6A	Sandra M, Zara J, Clare A, Damian F, Jacob Z, Tia M
6W	Andrew M, Edward B, Caitlin R, Isabella P, Ben B, Callum W
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Isabella P, Tor Wei L, Liam B, Ben B, Brenton S, Damian F, Brendan G	

SCHOOL BANKING AT BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL IS CHANGING

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.



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.







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