SYDNEY NORTH AREA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL -

Last Monday the Sydney North Area Athletics Carnival was held at Olympic Park, Homebush with five BPS students competing. Congratulations Sam P (5/6G), Mackenzie W (4K), William K (3C), Jeremy J (4K) and Jett J (4K) on a fantastic performance and wonderful attitude! All students achieved 'personal bests'.

FUN RUN

Friday, 3rd September was our Fun Run Fundraiser, organised by the P&C. Thank you to all parents who supported and helped during this event. The children had an absolutely fantastic time!

I would like to especially thank Mr Jones for his organisation of this event. Mr Jones spent much of his own time ensuring this event was the success it proved to be. He ensured all children would be active during this time whether running a short 'cross country' course, being cooled by sprays of water pistols, cheering friends on with buddies, warming up with Mrs Lukic or just enjoying the sunshine with friends.

Many thanks to all teachers for supporting this activity and ensuring children had returned their sponsorship forms and money.

CANBERRA EXCURSION

Congratulations to our responsible stage 3 students. These students spent three days away from home last week. At 6:30am the students arrived at school for the long trip to Canberra. On Tuesday they spent the day skiing in 'not too pleasant' circumstances. Then on Wednesday went back to Canberra and arrived back at school at 7:30pm.

These students were an absolute joy to be with. Their behaviour was exceptional, especially on the ski slopes. I was also very proud to watch our students combining with Brooklyn students and making them feel welcome and part of our 'merry crew'.

I would personally like to thank the accompanying teachers for a most diligent and successful excursion. These teachers have given up their time and their family's time to be with our children and on duty 24 hours a day. Thank you, Mr Spencer, Mr Jones, Miss Griffin and Miss Smith (prac teacher) for being so giving of your own family time and providing our students with a wonderful experience.

A special thanks to Mr Spencer who has only been at our school for several weeks and managed to pull our excursion together and ensure the smooth running at all times.

UNIFORM

Last week of term is here along with some warmer weather. It's been good to see children wearing their summer uniform. Always remember to dress to the weather – either hot or cold.

It's also been pleasing to see our students being conscientious with their uniform and ensuring they have a hat on their head each day. Please check to make sure labels are up to date and clearly written, as there are often hats lost and found. Clearly labelled hats are easy to return to their owners.

X
To help with our class planning for 2014, please indicate below if your child / children will not be returning to Berowra Public School next year, and return this slip to the office or class teacher as soon as possible. Alternately, phone the school office on 9456 1319.
Student Name/s
2013 class/es :
Parent's Name :

CONGRATULATIONS:

AmpedUp – performed at the Wahroonga Public School Fair on Saturday, 7th September. Photos show all children enjoying performing for the crowds. They represented our school beautifully with their talents and their behaviour. Well done, Zac G (4P), James N (4K), Andrew S (4K), Mackenzie W (4K), Ashleigh H (4K), Ewan B (4K) and Ben W (5/6J). It looks like Mike G and Mitch G (1P) also joined in on the day.

Berowra School Band – performed, as part of the combined bands, at the Berowra Musica on Friday, 13th September. The performance was of a very high standard and I was fortunate to be invited to enjoy this entertainment. Congratulations to all of our musicians and to the children who were brave enough to perform a solo or in a trio. Daniel A (5/6G), Sophie A (5/6G) and Sara N (5/6J) were outstanding in both their solo and their trio performances.

Congratulations to all band members, Mrs Gillard and a big thank you to the band members' parents who helped with setting and packing up.

Berowra Training Band - entertained the school last Thursday at the whole school assembly. They were a joy to listen to and I was pleased to note how much they had improved and grown as musicians this year. Keep up this wonderful love of music children.

NAPLAN 2013

On Thursday 5th September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13th October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

Further information on understanding the NAPLAN student reports can be found at: www.nap.edu.au

KINDY FUN DAY

Many thanks to our Year 5 students who assisted with our 2014 kindergarten students today. Many eager children and their parents attended our Kindy Fun Day, competently organised by Mrs Butler (aided and abetted by her troupe of K-2 teachers). Many thanks to the Support Group for the enticing morning tea provided to parents. Our numbers for kindergarten in 2014 look very promising. We are looking at forming three classes.

HEAD LICE

The problem continues. It is important for every parent to be vigilant about head lice. It is unfortunate when parents are particularly careful but the infestation occurs again. I understand when parents tell me that they are concerned about the number of treatments they have had to give their children and the cost. As a school community, everyone should be proactive and take responsibility when the infestation occurs and act.

KIDS' HOLIDAY CAMPS

Sport and Recreation Kids' Camps are a great way to help your child develop in a fun, secure and professionally run environment. They'll try new things, make new friends and help shyer children come out of their shell. Camps cater for children from 7-17 and include activities, accommodation, 24-hour supervision and nutritious meals. Supervised transport is also offered to and from most camps. Camps are located around Sydney and regional NSW. For more information and to book go to: www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp

BALACLAVA ROAD GATE

We have been advised that this gate will remain closed as of the beginning of next year due to the safety of our children.

MONEY COLLECTION DAYS



Please note that money collection days at Berowra Public School are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays only.**

For security of payments it would be appreciated if money <u>only</u> be sent to school on these days in a signed payment envelope.

We have only two days a week allocated to receipt money so please remind your child to give it to their teacher in the morning as receipting and banking are completed during the day. Correct money is appreciated as the office is unable to hold change.

Please do not hand payments in after school. Handing money into the office may result in confusion and your child's name not being marked off as paid for sport, excursions and activities.

Any payments for the choir, drama, interschool sport or extra curricular activities as well as P&C or Support Group fundraisers can also be handed to

If you are leaving Berowra PS at the end of 2013 (other than Year 6 students) could you please let the office know as soon as possible? Term 4 is when our arrangements need to be made for 2014.

Friday begins our eagerly awaited holidays. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable holiday and see you all back at BPS refreshed and reinvigorated on Tuesday, 8th October.

Di Bower

Principal

BEROWRA BOOK BUSTERS (BBB) READING CHALLENGE

Spring is in the air! A good time to launch our exciting Berowra Book Busters Reading Challenge! Maybe your children have already told you about it? The Berowra Book Busters Reading Challenge was created to encourage a love of reading for leisure, pleasure and knowledge. Reading is acknowledged as essential if children are to navigate successfully through life. It does not replace the Premiers Reading Challenge for those who wish to participate, but we decided to make our Reading Challenge exciting and relevant to our Berowra School students in particular.

Each class has received their colourful giant reading challenge map for classroom display. As well, each student received their very own avatar (Kindergarten will be tracking progress as a class), to plot their journey from start to finish, by gaining points for the books they have read (points will be allocated according to reading ability). Along the way they rescue princesses, gain super strength, complete spy missions and many other such "challenges". There are three different classroom maps- Fairytale Rescues for K-2, Superheroes for years 3-4 and Spy Missions for years 5-6. The children will receive progress certificates, a raffle ticket at each checkpoint and book prizes. The raffle tickets go in the draw to win an amazing e-reader!!

We hope it will be lots of fun for the children as well as inspiring them to read! Read! Read! Parents, if you can ask your children about the BBB maps and encourage them to read in order to gain as many points as they can before

the years end, that would be a great help. If you would like to come and look at the maps

you are more than welcome.

Thanks, in anticipation for your wonderful support!



The Berowra Book Busters Reading Challenge Launch



<u>LIBRARY NEWS</u> - All donated books have been given out. Please let me know if your child has not received his/hers yet. Thank you again to Mrs Steele and Mrs Williams for another term of hard work ensuring our Book Club runs so smoothly and efficiently. The bonus points our school received have been put to use purchasing up to date resources for our students. Thank you parents and students too.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and fun filled holiday with, of course, lots of reading!

<u>DRAMA NEWS</u> - MADD concert date now changed to Monday 28th October. Children have their scripts and thanks parents for hearing your children's lines and helping them to learn them. Notes re simple costumes will go out early next term. I'm looking for some coloured lights to create a rainbow effect. Any ideas? Happy holidays all!

Jennie Smith

Teacher Librarian and Drama Co-ordinator

<u>DANCE NEWS</u> - The date for MaDD Night has been changed. MaDD Night will now be held on Monday 28th October. A note with more information will be sent home next term.

The Senior Girls and Boys Dance groups have been working on a new performance for MaDD Night. They will be performing a combined dance to 'Problem – The Monster Remix' from the movie Hotel Transylvania. I am looking forward to seeing the 'monster' costumes they are arranging for themselves. Dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday 17th October at 8:30am.

Term 4 dance times – girls and boys will now have combined rehearsals every Thursday morning at 8:30am and every Friday at lunch time. Boys will no longer be rehearsing on Friday mornings due to summer PSSA.

These dancers have been invited to be a part of a 'flashmob 'at Hornsby Westfield on Thursday 31st October. They will be required to attend two rehearsals at Hornsby North Public School on Tuesday 15th and 22nd October. A note will be sent home at the beginning of Term 4. It will be a great experience for these students and loads of fun.

If your son needs a new suit for a special occasion, go to Blue Sky at Hornsby Westfield. They gave us a great deal on the suits for the boys for their Men in Black dance. Mention our school and they may even give you a good deal.

Kelly Lukic

<u>MUSIC NEWS</u> - <u>Band</u> Congratulation to everyone on your performance at the Musica on Friday night, especially our soloists Sophie A, Daniel A and Sara N. Many, many thanks to parents for all their help with equipment at the Musica. Wishing everyone a great holiday and returning to band the first day of term 4.

Amanda Gillard 9456 2908, bpsband@hotmail.com

Amped Up had a very successful gig at the Wahroonga Bush School Spring Fair on Saturday 7th September. They all played really well and did themselves proud. They represented our school beautifully with their talents and their behaviour. We were very proud of them and would love it if their efforts could be acknowledged. They have all worked very hard.





Vanessa and Mike Gordon

<u>CANTEEN NEWS</u> -Hi everyone, I can't believe it is almost the end of the year. Where has the time gone? I would like to say a big thank you to all my volunteers without whom the canteen would not operate. These volunteers don't only help once a month but always put their hand up when I have a special day or event. Thank you.

A big mention to Tracey White and Renee Stoner who have been working with the canteen and organising the special lunch days for this term and next term. They give up the time and days to give the children at Berowra Public School a treat and something special for lunch. Thank you to both ladies for all the work you do. Their helpers Mel Charlton, Gaby Staniland, Melanie Trieble, Ann Daniels, Rebecca Stevens, Tracey Hogarth, Chelsea Stone, Carolyn Harriss and Philly Smith—thank you!

Also thank you to Carolyn Harriss who looks after the canteen books, Vanessa Eliasson who organises the milk orders and Philly Smith for working the rosters.

Teresa McKenzie - Canteen Supervisor

P&C UPDATE - We hope you all enjoyed the Funathon fun run. A huge thank you to all the students for their energy and enthusiasm, the parents and teachers who helped organise and run the event, the parents and families who came to watch and everyone who donated financially. At the time of writing, it looks like it's raised over \$5,000. We expect the student incentive prizes will be available for distribution early in Term 4.

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED							
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response				
20/2	Classroom resources	K-6	9/4				
8/5	Voluntary School Contribution	K-2	ASAP				
4/9	Family Portraits	K-6	15/10				
11/9	Sport	3-6	17/10				
11/9	Milk order	K-6	10/10				

Unfortunately we didn't win the \$5,000 CUA Community Care Grant but there were 1,341 votes made for wour school which was a tremendous effort. Thank you everyone who took the time to vote online and/or in branch.

Next meetings and AGM notice

The remaining 2013 P&C meeting dates are listed below. At the AGM, all officer positions are declared vacant and some of the current officers have indicated they will not re-stand. Please consider becoming involved in P&C either at a general or officer level. Membership is a small 50c and can be paid at any meeting. If you would like more information please ask any P&C member.

- Monday 21st October, 7:30pm in the Staff Room
- Monday 18th November, 7:30pm in the Staff Room (AGM first, followed by ordinary meeting)

CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KP	Caroline B, Araliya K
KR	Anneliese K, Jed W
KY	Avari D, Jessica C
1A	Mackenzie F, Maya W, Jake D, Jensen G
1C	Kamden H, Jonathan C
1P	Grace H, Charlie L
2B	Parisa G, Jasper M
4K	Hayley T, Matthew L, Kieren R

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP - Look out for the Family Portrait flyer which was sent home recently.

The date is Saturday 19th October and costs \$20 per family for a portrait with the option to purchase packages. Enquiries to Sarah Williams 0412 999 101 or Tammy Allen 0402 464 743.

A huge thank you to everyone who baked for the election day cake stall, and to those who helped out on the day. Just over \$2800 was raised overall which included the sausage sizzle BBQ which is shared with BOOSH, giving us around \$1400 each. Special thanks to former BPS students Sandra M and Bethany H who were both here serving all day.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd October at 9:30 in the staffroom. All welcome including toddlers. Why not come along and see what we do.

<u>UNIFORM SHOP</u> - The Uniform Shop is holding its <u>AGM on Thursday 19th September at 11am</u> in BOOSH. We do not have enough volunteers to fill the positions to keep the Uniform Shop open. We need volunteers urgently. If these positions are unable to be filled, the Uniform Shop will be forced to close. This would mean that the profits made by selling uniforms would go to companies such as Lowes rather than directly to the school, benefitting our kids. You would have to travel to buy the clothes and they would be more expensive.

Please, if you are able to come and assist, we would love you to come to the meeting. Toddler / babies are welcome.

Uniform Shop General Information

- Opening —MON 9–10am & THURS 3–3.30pm
- No cash refunds available, cheque only (Uniform Shop cheques will be cancelled if they are not presented within 12 months of the date of issue)
- All returns need to have a returns form attached

COMMUNITY NEWS - Hornsby Shire Library has storytime at Berowra and Hornsby libraries and evening storytime at Pennant Hills. Flower making workshop at Hornsby and Berowra and Science shows at Hornsby, Pennant Hills and Berowra Libraries. Bookings essential. To find out more phone Hornsby Library on 9847 6614 or Berowra 9847 6140.

Uniform Shop Roster

Thursday 19/9 C Harriss, M Charlton, S Williams School holidays

Thursday 10/10 G Staniland, G Smith, T Allen
Monday 14/10 V Eliasson, J McKendrick S Prosser

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS??

Please make sure you advise the school of any changes to your details—particularly your phone numbers which are used in the case of an emergency, as well as changes to your address.

Phone the school office on 9456 1319

Choir to the Opera House - Tuesday 3rd September



On Tuesday 3rd September, our Opera House Choir joined the 700 voice combined choir of the Northern Sydney Region to perform a stunning repertoire as part of the Primary Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House.

It was a very long day for the children, who rehearsed all day then returned to perform late into the night, but they were amazing!! From a moving rendition of Enya's "May it Be", complete with Elvish lyrics, to Toy Story's "When She Loved Me" and a musical arrangement of Dorothea Mackellar's "I Love a Sunburnt Country", the show was certainly varied - but always entertaining.

The sound produced by the choir was beautiful and they represented our school admirably with perfect, professional behaviour. Thankyou too to all the parents and friends who came to support us. I hope you enjoyed the concert. Next stop has to be Broadway surely?!

-Liz Sheldon



Australian Red Cross Blood Service

is coming to

Berowra Community Centre

Monday 28th October Tuesday 29th October Wednesday 30th October

1:30pm - 6:30pm

<u>Drink up!</u> Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

Eat! Have a good sized meal beforehand Bring photo ID or your blood donor card with you

Roll up your sleeves and give blood

Please phone **13 14 95** to make an appointment



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Diary Dates

September

Thurs 19 Part Stg 1 Muogamarra excursion

Fri 20 Last day of Term 3

October

Tues 8 First day back for Term 4 students/staff

14 - 31 Kindy 2014 'Ready-Steady-Go' program

Sat 19 Family Portraits

Wed 23 Maths Fun Day

Mon 28 M.A.D.D. Night

November

Wed 13 Kindy 2104 Orientation Day

Thurs 28 **Twilight Concert**

December

Wed 4 High School Orientation Day Tues 10 Stage 1 Christmas Concert

Thurs 12 Presentation Day at Community Centre

Fri 13 Stage 3 Surf Education

Mon 16 Celebration of Learning Assembly

Mon 16 Year 6 Farewell

Tues 17 K-6 Picnic Day

Wed 18 Last day for students

Thurs 19 Staff Development Day

Fri 20 Staff Development Day

January

Mon 27 Australia Day holiday

Tues 28 Staff return to school for 2014

Wed 29 Years 1-6 return to school

February

Mon 3 Kindergarten starts school



Call Kate 0401833302 Caroline 0422287251 or head to our website cch.net.au for more details.

Kickstart is a fantastic kids holiday program for primary school aged kids (k-6) run by Community Church Hornsby.

We offer full day and half day programs to suit all.

Our days include craft, sport, games, music, workshops and a healthy, yummy morning and afternoon tea... there is something for everyone. 23rd-27th of September from 8:30-5:30pm

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Fusion Sydney Nth is holding a course in Hornsby on Thursday nights 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th October (over 4 weeks)

6.45pm - 10pm (sorry no child care provided) Course cost: \$60 per person or \$80 per couple (includes manuals & supper)

Please contact **Belinda Wade** if you would like to register for this course or would like more information on: 0412 657 492 or email belinda.wade@fusion.org.au.

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24-26 September 2013 - 9am to 2pm - \$210

Moore Park, Driver Avenue, Surry Hills

25-27 September 2013 - 9am to 2pm - \$240

Includes: Training at SCG and SFS Indoor Complexes & Tour of Sydney Cricket Ground & Sydney Football Stadium

St. Ives, Hassell Park

30 September - 2 October 2013 - 9am to 2pm - \$210

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1-3 October 2013 - 9am to 2pm - \$160

Includes free entry to Ryobi matches

2 - 4 October 2013 - 9am to 2pm - \$210

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HOW DO YOU MAKE FRIENDS WHEN YOU'RE TOO BUSY STUDYING INSECTS?

Help your child on the autism spectrum build friendships by learning about non-verbal cues

"I get by with a little help from my friends"

The Beatles had it right when they sang these words. We all need a little help from our friends from time to time. Friendship enriches our lives, helps us get through the tough times and celebrate the good times. It's well established that children who have even one friend throughout their school years will handle transitions and stress better and are less susceptible to bullying. Children and adolescents with high-functioning autism spectrum disorders (the 'spectrum') can struggle to make friends, potentially making the social world more confusing and overwhelming for them.

Many children on the spectrum want to make and maintain friendships, but don't know how to go about it in a socially appropriate way. I have spoken to many parents over the years who describe their own sadness and frustration as they watch their child make social attempts which are either ignored or openly rejected by other children. Or they observe their child not noticing or responding to offers of friendship.

Being on the spectrum affects a child's ability to understand 'theory of mind' which, put simply, is a person's ability to understand that someone else has different thoughts and feelings to you. This translates into the playground in the challenge a child can have with understanding that another boy wants to play with the trucks in the sandpit while he or she is completely consumed by his/her interest in insects.

Donna Williams, famous author, autism consultant and self described 'autie', likens being autistic to being on one track, whereas the rest of us 'neurotypicals' (those not on the spectrum) can multi-track.

This means that she finds it challenging to talk with another person while noticing that person's non-verbal cues simultaneously. In face-to-face communication, research has shown that non-verbal communication makes up a significant amount of all messages sent and received between people, with words making up the rest.

Non-verbal Communication Channels:

- 1. Facial Expression
- 2. Body Language
- 3. Tone of Voice
- 4. Personal Space

Do you remember learning how to recognise facial expressions? Many of these skills are learnt naturally through play at an early age. Most of us neurotypicals notice others' cues while we are speaking and can respond to them appropriately, usually without much conscious effort. For people on the spectrum it is often not so easy.

The good news is that children on the spectrum can learn to recognise and respond to non-verbal cues. If they do, it becomes easier for them to notice and respond to an offer of play, even when they've been studying their favourite insect!

Greetings: a great place to start learning about non-verbal cues

Greetings are a natural and integral part of our social world and relationships, and while it may seem obvious to us neurotypicals, it may not be so for a child on the spectrum. Greetings are actually

Parenting deas

incredibly complex. There are many factors that affect the way a greeting is made: your relationship with the person, any age difference, the situation, the length of time since you've seen that person. For example, do I have to say hello again to my friend who I walked past in the classroom two hours ago? How much eye contact should I make? All this is a lot to take in and make a decision on in an instant!

One of my students once asked me, "Why should I say hello to someone when they say hello to me?" This is a really good question. It's helpful to explain to a child why it's important to respond to a greeting. A simple, logical answer is that one day you might want to play with that child, or have to do a project together, so it's good to say hello back to them. It's part of positive relationship building. Sometimes a child might not respond to a greeting because they haven't processed the words and situation quickly enough to respond, but with practice it becomes easier.



Here are some tips on helping a child on the spectrum become more aware of non-verbal cues:

Notice how the child communicates when greeting people: If you notice a difference between the child's expression and the message they are intending to send, then have a chat with him/her about their messages.

Tip: Once a week have a chat about a social situation that recently occurred. For example, "I noticed you didn't respond to the other kid when he said hello. What happened there?"

Notice how you communicate when greeting others: A parent is the most important person in a child's life and modelling good communication yourself will go a long way towards helping a child.

Tip: Once a week ask the child to see if they can guess how you are feeling when you greet them after school. For example, you may have smiled and made eye contact even though you were feeling tired after a long day.

Have a chat about other people's communication: Noticing how other people communicate is an effective and powerful way to help a child become more aware of the non-verbal cues that occur between people.

Tip: A fun activity could be to watch 10 minutes of a TV show together and then discuss how the characters greeted each other and why.

Angelica Rose

Founder and principal of Voice and Movement, an organisation dedicated to helping children make and maintain friendships. For the past 11 years, her unique Drama for Everyday Life Program has been delivering social skills in a practical and fun way to children and adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome and high functioning autism, with outstanding results. For your invitation to a free information evening and other events email

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Voice & Movement

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
Week 1	7 October Public Holiday	8 October	9 October	10 October 12:45 Student Parliament	11 October	12 13 0ci
2	14 October	15 October 9:30 Canteen Meeting Dence Group @HRPS	16 October Preschool Valt - Jir Dance Chair MUDE FOOD DAY	17 October 12:45 K-6 Assembly 2:80 Class Parent "Critch-up"	18 October Family Portraits-Sat	19 20 Oct
3	21 October	22 October Dence Group @HNPS	23 October Mathe Fun Day	24 October League Tag Day - Foxglove 12:45 K-2/3-6 Assembly	25 October	26 27 Oct
4	28 October MaDD Night	29 October	30 October	31 October 12:45 Student Parliament 6pm Dance @ Hby Westfield	1 November	2 3 Nov
5	4 November K-2: Circus Skills- NRHS 11am-1pm	5 November	6 November	7 November BOOSH Pink Ribbon M Tea 12:45 K-6 Assembly	8 November	9 10 Nov
6	11 November	12 November	13 November Kindy Orientation	14 November 12:45 K-2/3-6 Assembly	15 November	16 17 Nov
7	18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November AGHS/ABHS EXP DAY 12/45 Student Parliament	22 November	23 24 Nov
8	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November 12:45 K-6 Assembly TWILIGHT CONCERT	29 November	30 1 Dec
9	2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December 1245 K-2/3-6 Assembly	6 December	7 8 Dec
10	9 December	10 December 62 Ehrstwise Consent	11 December	12 December PRESENTATION DAY	13 December Stage 3 Surf Ed	14 15 Dec
11	16 December	17 December K-4 Party Day	18 December	19 December SDD GIBBERAGONG	20 December SDD	21 22 Dec
Hols	23 December	24 December	25 December	26 December	27 December	28 29 Dec