



Berowra

Public School

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Wednesday 11th December 2013
Term 4 Week 10

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Firstly, I would like to congratulate our students and staff on another very successful year of teaching and learning at BPS. I am very proud of the fact that all our students, regardless of their ability, have been given every possible opportunity to be challenged, achieve success and feel valued in our school.

During the year, a number of our students accepted new challenges – academic, sporting and cultural. Some entered external national competitions, absorbed themselves in enrichment activities and entered various competition. Others represented our school at zone, district, state and national level sport and many students began to learn instruments, dance and drama skills and had the courage to perform in front of audiences for the first time.

All our students have been supported by highly dedicated teachers. Our teachers are incredibly committed to the well-being of all our students. They not only have exceptional talent in the technicalities of teaching, they have enormous energy and determination. Each of them takes pride in their profession and responsibility for ensuring that our school is a wonderful example of holistic primary education. I am very grateful to them for their extraordinary work this year, and so proud to be the principal of a school that has that kind of expertise.

The office staff is always there to lend a helping hand to sick or upset children (or teachers). They keep our school community informed and our school on the right track! They are always approachable, supportive and happy to help with any enquiry.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and community members who have supported our school throughout the year, as volunteers, drivers for excursions and of course those in various roles in the P and C and Support Group who have worked tirelessly to raise funds for our children and supported us in so many other ways. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated bunch of parents working in the best interest of our school.

I think the highlight of 2013 for me was the other day in my office when some of our children found out that they had not been selected to be part of the student leadership team for 2014. I heard a couple of them comment that there were other roles to go for in the school and they all accepted that they have other options. These children all showed great maturity and resilience. They taught me a very important life skill and I am very proud to have been a part of this experience.

This experience will help them learn to deal with rejection as a part of life that everyone experiences sometimes and help them bounce back with grace and renewed energy to their next endeavour.

Stage 2 enjoy the great outdoors at Gibberagong

Our Stage 2 children enjoyed two days outdoors at Gibberagong last week and this week. These children enjoyed bushwalking, spotlighting and movie making using the ipads. The teachers reported they were delighted with all students who displayed co-operation, positive behaviour and enjoyment of all activities. Many thanks to the teachers who gave up their valuable family time to accompany these children. Thanks also to the parents who helped with the 'dinner shift' in the evenings.

Classes for 2014

- KRed - Mrs Butler; KBlue - Mrs Layson; KPurple - Mrs Tonkes
- Year 1A - Mrs Withford/Mrs Clayton; Year 1C – Mrs Carroll; Year 1S - Mrs Sheldon
- Year 2P - Mrs Pickering; Year 2C – Mrs Cacitti/Mrs Smith; Year 2R - Miss Roberts
- Reading Recovery - Mrs Till (Assistant Principal K-2)
- Year 3P - Mr Parkinson; Year 3/4B - Mrs Bolger
- Year 4G - Miss Griffin; Year 4P - Mr Pritchard (Assistant Principal 3-4)
- Year 5K - Mrs Kempe; Year 5W - Mr Wright
- Year 5/6J - Mr Jones; Year 6B - Mrs Beckedahl (Assistant Principal 5-6)

Community Service

Another proud moment in 2013 was the other day when I received notification that some of our students and ex-students had been busy giving up their time for others. Isabella G (5/6J), Chloe G (3C) and Tom G (now at NBHS), Isabella P (school captain 2012) and Ben B (school captain 2012) and Lani B (3B) spent an entire weekend preparing and wrapping 30 presents, which they also donated. They spent Sunday at Auburn where they helped set up the hall for 'The House of Welcome Christmas Party' for refugees. They served lunch and played with the children, set up the Christmas tree, cleared tables and cleaned up after lunch.

These children have definitely 'lived' our school motto of "Service Before Self" and shown the true meaning of Christmas, as a time of giving.

These children gave of themselves to enrich other people's lives and made a huge difference. We can all make a difference to our lives and others by just giving some of our time.

Congratulations and thank you to these wonderful children.



I wish you every happiness for Christmas and the New Year and have a safe and happy holiday. I am looking forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and rejuvenated after the holidays.

Di Bower

Principal

THE VEGIE PATCH - During the past month our vegetable garden has expanded into the area that was once taken up by our demountable canteen/hall thanks to the hard work of a group of parents led by Mr Graeme Gates. Over quite a few weekends the Gates, Anstice, Ford and Waite families worked tirelessly clearing, putting down weed matting, filling the raised garden beds with soil and establishing a learning area within the garden. Mr Ford organised for the recycling of some raised wooded beds to supplement the metal ones and every class now has their own garden bed.

At the end of term 3 a group of stage 2 students took home some of the seeds that had been donated earlier by Mrs Lisa Jewkes and successfully raised seedlings in readiness for the new gardens. The classes now have corn, tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce, zucchini, watermelon and a variety of herbs growing and everything was raised from seed. Meanwhile, the old garden which is destined to become our seed-raising nursery next year, has thrived and provided us with a good crop. The canteen used the lettuce and some of the classes enjoyed the produce during crunch and sip.

It has been a real community effort and if you haven't already taken a stroll through the new area try to do so soon. The new garden will need to be watered over the holidays and so if there were any families who might be able to take a turn the help, they would be greatly appreciated. Mrs Butler and Mrs Bolger are putting a roster together and so just let them know.

Thank you to all those people who have been involved with the garden this year. It is certainly providing a fabulous learning area for the children and we are looking forward to integrating it into our lessons again next year.

Marilyn Bolger and Judy Butler



Goodbye Mrs Dover

Next Wednesday 18th December, will be Mrs Dover's last day of teaching at Berowra Public School, as she retires from the job she has loved for 51 years. Mrs Dover started her career at Denistone East Public School in 1963, before moving to Armidale and teaching there for years. She actually met her husband Mr Dover through teaching as she was invited to dinner by one of the parents of a year 2 student. Little did she know that some match making was in progress and that this student's mother thought Miss Parmeter (as she was back then) might make a good girlfriend for her younger brother! Well as we say, the rest is history now!



Mrs Dover went on to have 4 children of her own and began working full time again when the youngest started Kindergarten. She worked at St Agatha's at Pennant Hills for 28 years. In 1990 she went to the University of Sydney – Kuring-gai Campus to gain her degree, as when she went to teachers college it was a 2 year course and you were teaching when you were 19! She graduated in 1992 with her Bachelor of Education and it so happened that the graduation ceremony for that was the same day as my graduation ceremony for my Bachelor of Education! So in April 1992, I am sure we became the only mother daughter to graduate together and gain our teaching degrees. The University even took pictures of us for the Alumni as I think it is a rare occurrence.



She decided to retire in 2005 but the call of teaching was still strong and she began a job share position with another teacher for the next few years. When this finished I needed someone to job share with and so began a partnership that has lasted 4 years! What a wonderful opportunity we were given and we are both very grateful to current and past principals, who enabled us to share our passion of teaching together.

I am sure if your child has had Mrs Dover as a teacher at Berowra, you will agree that she is a wonderful, highly organised, enthusiastic and dedicated teacher. The children particularly loved her art and poetry and her happy smiling face. She has loved teaching so much and I know there will be a hole in her life where teaching was. It is so much a part of who she is and she would say to me that she would get a buzz every time she walked into the classroom. We can only hope that we all feel like that when we have been teaching for 51 years.

I know you will all join in wishing Mrs Dover all the very best in retirement. She has already booked a trip to China in May, and was very excited to say, that it was the first time in 51 years that she did not have to look at when the school holidays fell.



Goodbye Mrs Dover, you will be missed by all the children and the staff!

Alison Withford (daughter)

P&C UPDATE - P&C would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has been involved with the school this year. Every little bit of help makes a positive difference to the students and the school community.

AGM results

President – Jose Auditore
Vice President – Kaye Power and Rebecca Walton
Treasurer – Emma Bedwin
Secretary & Maintenance Officer – Diana Vaotangi
Publicity Officer – Vivienne Simpson

The big fundraising event for 2014 will be the Fair on Saturday 8th November.

New P&C members are needed and welcomed at P&C so please consider becoming involved next year. Many things can be done without the need to be at school or through meetings and you can donate a little or a lot of time – whatever you can spare is greatly appreciated.

Last but not least, we hope you enjoy the Christmas break and stay safe, well and happy!

MUSIC NEWS - Band - What a great musical year we have had! Congratulations to all students for their hard work, perseverance and wonderful playing. Many thanks to all the parents for supporting your musicians and the band. Good luck to the Year 6 children leaving us, I hope they continue to enjoy music at high school. The band will recommence in week 2 in 2014 – the first full week of term. Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New year, with lots of music!

Amanda Gillard

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

CANTEEN NEWS - Last day the canteen is open this year is Friday 13th December. Canteen is closed during the last week of school.

Teresa McKenzie - Canteen Supervisor

UNIFORM SHOP - The Uniform Shop has a new committee! We have been feeling our way for the last month or two and getting our heads around all the stock we have. A BIG thank you to the previous committee members who have been so helpful with passing on information and being available when we have asked questions. On behalf of Steph, Jo, Katherine and Rosa, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the fabulous job you have done in the past and for all your assistance to date.

On to the news—Follow us on FACEBOOK!! Yes, we are moving into the 21st Century. With the popularity of social media we thought it would be a good idea to get ourselves out there. We have a dedicated page for the Uniform Shop. Feel free to drop us a message, ask any questions, give any feedback or just say “Hi”. Head over and “Like” us at Berowra Public School Uniform Shop on Facebook and keep up to date with the latest information.

Orientation Day.

For the new kindy starters we introduced a “Kindy Starter Pack”. Our idea was to make it as easy as possible for all the new mums and dads who might have been a little awe struck when thinking about purchasing their little ones uniforms. We have received such positive feedback from all those who purchased them. Thanks to everyone for making the Orientation Day such a success for the shop. It was great to meet all the new starters and we even managed to convince a few new mums to volunteer in the Uniform Shop.

Trading Days.

As the year is drawing to a close, so is the Uniform Shop. The last trading day for the shop will be Thursday 12th December. We will be closing the shop to undertake a stock inventory and re-opening on the Tuesday 28th January, 2014 (the Staff Development Day) for an hour in the afternoon: 2pm – 3pm; and again on Wednesday 29th from 9am to 10am. We will return to normal hours of business from Thursday 30th (3pm – 3:45pm).

Volunteers

If you volunteer, PLEASE follow us on Facebook as we will be putting reminders there during the holidays. Please note, that we will also release the volunteer roster by the end of the year. If we have your email, we will send you a copy. If not, please drop us an email at our new email address: berowrapublicuniform@gmail.com

New volunteers are ALWAYS welcome

Please see below for the final roster for the Uniform Shop for the year.

Mon 9/12 V Eliasson Thurs 12/12 T Allen
9-9.45am J McKendrick 3-3.45pm K Krishnaratna
S Prosser

Merry Christmas everyone! We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Katherine Krishnaratna

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will finish on Tuesday 10th December for the year.

It will commence again in the canteen before school on Tuesday 4th February.

CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KP	Eric H, Araliya K, Talen S, Jacob B, Caroline B, Jaydan L
KY	Gabriel F, Jessica C
1A	Max D, Ollie G
1P	Macy S, Daniel V
2P	Samantha S, Emma B, Monique W, Danielle P, Haylee S
3C	Caitlin C, Nene H
4K	Ewan B, Edward R, Andrew S, Hayley T, Ella B, Jasmine M, Francesca M, Marcus R, Tamara W
5/6G	Freya S, Daniel L, Eileen L, Jack B, Sophie A
5/6T	Sam A, Jordan C, Alice C

Diary Dates

Thurs 12	Presentation Day at Community Centre
Fri 13	Stage 3 Surf Education
Mon 16	Celebration of Learning Assembly in hall
Mon 16	Year 6 Farewell at Asquith Golf Club
Tues 17	K-4 Picnic Day
Wed 18	Last day for students
19 & 20	Staff Development Days

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
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March

Mon 3	BPS Swimming Carnival at Knox College
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Berowra P.S Stall at BRFP's Berowra Fete

The BRFP is the Berowra Recreational Funding Project to upgrade the amenities block at Warrina St Oval.

Our school is supporting the BRFP by participating in the Berowra Fete on **Saturday 14th December 2013, 11am – 5pm**.

We'll be running a stall selling second hand books, glow sticks, hand-made craft and guesses in a jelly bean guessing competition and we need your help with the following:

- Selling jelly bean guesses before or after school at BPS;
- Moving the tables, books etc to and from Warrina St Oval on the day;
- Working on the BPS stall (even just half an hour would be wonderful); and
- Working on the BRFP stall between 11:30-12:30 when pre-sale ride armbands are being collected.

If you are able to help with any of these can you please contact Katrina Gates on 0409 837 344 or katrina.gates@cba.com.au
The attached page from the BRFP contains more information about the day and how to order branded items and the pre-sale ride armbands.

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and
Guitarists
for 2014.

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ROBOT SKOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Normanhurst Boys High Schools Robotics Club are hosting a:

Robotics School Holiday Workshop for Primary & Secondary students.

Dates: Monday 13th to Friday 17th January

Times: 9am until 3pm

Workshops include:

Computing Science & Programming,

Scratch, Python, Arduino, Lego, 3 D Printing, Engineering Challenges & more!

Cost: \$50 per student per day OR \$200 for the week.

Payments made to the school front office (02) 9489 1077 before December 17 OR on the day.

Enquiries: 0423254681



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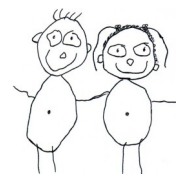
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Tuesday 14 and 21 January

'Learn to Sew'

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Wednesday 15 January

'Pyjama-rama'

Make your own fabulous cotton pyjama shorts for the summer using a sewing machine. Fabric provided. Suitable for ages 7+. Workshop runs from 9.30 until 1pm.

Wednesday 22 January

'Gone Fishing'

Make a colourful, decorated 'fish' shaped felt purse. Suitable for all ages. Workshop runs from 9.30 until 12.30.

Please bring morning tea and a drink. Please also bring lunch for 'Learn to Sew' workshop.

Bookings essential, places limited.

Sinead 02 9456 1807/0417 672 572, sineadandmolly@hotmail.com.

Learn to Sew workshop \$45, all other workshops \$35.

Workshops held at; 43 Cambewarra Crescent, Berowra Heights, 2082.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

We will see all returning students refreshed and back at school on Wednesday 29th January.

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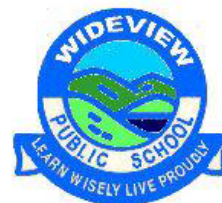
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BRFP and Warrina St Fete 14th December – Save the Date!!

The BRFP is the Berowra Recreational Funding Project to upgrade the amenities block at Warrina St Oval, and is being strongly supported by the entire Berowra community. The BRFP committee is made up of representatives from Berowra's largest sporting clubs and members of our community. Their main goal is to raise funds and attract qualified volunteer labour to contribute to the well overdue upgrade to the existing amenities block. The project will also significantly increase the toilet facilities whilst creating much better accessibility to these toilets for the general public by installing automated timer locks. It will also increase the change room and storage areas for the sports clubs, and to create a large meeting facility (100 plus people) that will be available for all of the community.

Construction starts on 3rd December and is due for completion at the end of March 2014. Any volunteer tradespeople who can offer any of their time for the project – please contact Nathan Tilbury.

Funding for this community project comes from a variety of sources – including government grants (Matt Kean's Community Building Partnership grant), Federal Sport & Rec. grant (TBC), local businesses (The Bush Tele & Bendigo Bank), community groups such as Apex, Lions etc. and extensive fundraising by the BRFP committee.

You can support the BRFP today by purchasing a special BRFP shirt, bumper sticker or raffle ticket (order form attached) or place a donation into the BRFP bucket at the Berowra Bendigo Bank. The major fundraising project is the Berowra Fete on Saturday 14th December (more details below)

BEROWRA FETE and MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

By far the easiest and best way to support the BRFP is to attend Berowra Fete from 11am-5pm, followed by Movies Under the Stars at 7pm. Berowra's four largest sports clubs, four primary schools, local groups, local businesses, and kindys are involved in this Berowra community event. BRFP T-shirts, Stickers and Raffle Tickets will also be on sale on the day. There will be a wide variety of stalls and kids activities including face painting, jumping castles, rides, sports exhibitions, live music and much more.

Santa has agreed to make an appearance around 7pm just before the family movies starts at around 8pm.

Fete Arm bands for all rides are now on sale for \$25.

They will be \$30 on the day so get your order in today!

More information or feedback can be given at the BRFP facebook site

<https://www.facebook.com/berowrarfp?ref=profile>

For further details on any of the above you can also contact the BRFP co-ordinator, Nathan Tilbury, on 0403 227 560 or ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au at any time.

BRFP T-shirt, Sticker, Raffle Ticket, Fete Arm Bands

Order Form

T-Shirts \$25 each

Male Sizes

Size:	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Chest cm:	58.5	61	63.5	66

Female Sizes

Size:	S	M	L	XL
Chest cm:	46	51	56	61

Kids Sizes

Size:	4	6	8	10	12	14
Chest cm:	37	39	41.5	44	46.5	49



Stickers \$2.00 each



Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each

Orders can be placed in an envelope to the school office including payment via direct deposit, Cash or Cheques in the name of BRFP.

BRFP Account – Bendigo Bank Berowra

BSB: 633 000

Account #: 149903080

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please ensure you put your name into the Reference for Direct Deposits.

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