

Many thanks to all the hard working parents who have been part of the P&C, School Support Group, Uniform Shop, Canteen Committee, Band Committee, Grounds Maintenance, Focus Group, Book Club and every other committee that has been run by a parent group in 2013.

We appreciate all you do for us! I know the newly elected P&C executive will enjoy this same level of support from the school community in 2014. Please attend our Helpers Thank You Morning Tea on Wednesday 11th December from 11am is you have been involved with helping out at the school in any way. We would love to see you there.

I sincerely hope all members of our school community survived the mini tornado in the Hornsby area last Monday.

2014 Planning

Planning for 2014 is in progress but at this stage it is educational programs and school targets based on internal and external assessments that the staff and I are concentrating on. Teachers have not been allocated classes so parents please do not arrange interviews or send letters requesting a particular teacher on the basis that teachers will remain on the same grade. Some teachers will remain on the same grade while others will move to a different grade. I am happy to discuss concerns and student progress, but I am certainly not in a position to listen to requests for specific class teachers. To assist with planning and class arrangements, once again I ask parents of students who will not be returning to Berowra in 2014 to inform me in writing.

School leaders for 2014

Congratulations to the 12 Year 5 students who have gained a place in the Student Executive for 2014. These students will give their final 'Election Speech' on Friday to the staff.

It is wonderful to see the students preparing for leadership roles as **all Year 6** 2014 students will be **leaders** next year. Only four students will be captains and vice captains and 8 will gain the positions of prefects. There are sports captains and Student Parliament Ministers which will need to be filled and will often be more suitable to individual students.

Congratulations:

- Matthew C (2B) 1st in Australia and 1st in the world in Mathletics 7th November
- Riley B (3B) -5^{th} in Australia in Mathletics -25^{th} November
- Year 3B 5th in Australia in Mathletics 25th November
- Harrison L (3B) 71st in Australia in Mathletics 19th November
- Nicole J (KY) 31st in Australia in Mathletics 26th November

Cyberbullying and Internet Appropriate Sites

As most people are aware, bullying takes on many forms, and is an issue across all walks of life. The advent and easy accessibility to so many forms of technology in today's world has certainly provided us with a plethora of exciting opportunities and learning tools compared to previous generations. However, it can also create a new form of harassment and intimidation we now know as cyber-bullying. This, like other forms of bullying, is a societal problem and one which we must be vigilant against, educate young people to the dangers of, and work together to eradicate. The explosion in the numbers of websites, on-line games, chat rooms, social media outlets, advanced video recording mobile phones and other mobile devices means we are living in a vastly different world than we used to. As I mentioned, it is a new world full of exciting educational and social opportunity, but also a world of new unknowns.

Last week we had another incident of incorrect use of internet



based programs and apps:

- If you receive an online image / text / video etc. that makes you feel uncomfortable or you feel is inappropriate you need to report it immediately to an adult who you trust. If you cannot speak to someone 'face to face' about a problem or an issue, you certainly shouldn't do it on-line.
- Anything that you upload / download / share, always ask yourself the question: "Am I comfortable with everyone in the world being able to see what I have just put on-line?" If the answer is no, then don't put it on-line!
- You never need to feel alone about on-line bullying. Always talk to an adult you can trust. Just some examples could be mum, dad, a teacher or the school counsellor.

As a parent, did you know that when you sign up for a Facebook account, you need to be 13 or over? Also, many apps that our children seem to be accessing are for people 17/18 or older. Children are telling me that their parents are aware and supportive of the sites/apps they are using.

With these age restrictions it means almost no primary aged students should have a Facebook or a KEKK account. Ponder these questions:

- Do you know if your child has a Facebook / other online account/s? If so, do you know what their safety /privacy settings are?
- Do you really know who your child is 'chatting' to on-line?
- Do you know what your child is up to on their computer / tablet / iPhone etc. etc. all of the time?
- What are the rules and regulations in your household around technology?
- Does your family have a policy which you have all discussed and understood?
- What have you done in terms of educating your child/ren about on-line activity?

I have had a number of parents and students concerned about 'cyberbullying' by older students. These incidents seem to be occurring on Skype, Facebook, emailing and msn.

Cyberbullying can have negative academic, social and psychological outcomes, so providing support for children and young people who are involved in cyberbullying is critical. At this age your child's internet use should still be closely monitored. To help with this try to keep the computer in a shared or visible place in the home. Please be aware and vigilant regarding your child's internet use and remember only invite people onto your computer that you would be willing to invite personally into your home!

Here are just two websites which you may feel beneficial and possible starters for a discussion involving your children: www.thinkyouknow.orga.au and www.cybersmart.gov.au

Surveys

It is time again to gather information for our Annual School Report for 2013. Included in this newsletter, sent home in paper form and added to the website are two surveys. It would be greatly appreciated if you could spend a couple of minutes to fill out these surveys and send them back to the office as soon as possible. These surveys are anonymous.

To all the **parents, grandparents, canteen and uniform shop volunteers, scripture teachers and all other helpers** who have helped

out both inside and outside the classroom, the staff and students of

Berowra Public School would like to say.....



<u>The Helpers' Morning Tea</u> Wednesday 11th December 2013 11.00am

Looking forward to seeing you outside the canteen!

Thank You

A big thank you to Steve Ford (father of Finn in KYellow). His work has donated 30 laptops and monitors to our school. These will be rebuilt and be a great asset and teaching/learning tool for our teachers and students. Thank you very much, there are always exciting things happening at BPS.

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Principal

LIBRARY NEWS - The year is fast coming to a close. Our annual library stocktake begins next week. Please help your children locate and return ALL books ASAP. Year 6, we will miss you when you leave at the end of the year but please return your library books so we don't miss them as well!

Book Club thank you parents for supporting the Book Club throughout the year. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to keep the library collection up to date with the latest books your children love. We are so grateful to Mrs Natasha Steele and Mrs Sarah Williams for all their hard work and dedication in running the Book Club so smoothly and efficiently. You are amazing! So too is Mrs Katrina Gilbert who gives up her time to expertly cover so many of our new books. Thank you Mrs Lynne Lee and Mrs Charmian Steel for your invaluable help in the Library this year. The children and I are fortunate to have such a dedicated team of helpers. Finally thank you to my colleagues Mrs Kelly Lukic and Mrs Melissa Grassick for all your hard work, creativity and enthusiastic teaching this year.

The school library is now closed for borrowing. The Berowra Community Library will be open over the holidays. Book Busters Reading Challenge is being enthusiastically embraced by the children. Every fortnight a raffle ticket, earned by the children is drawn out of a jar for each class and a book prize is awarded. On Presentation Day all raffle tickets will be returned to a bigger jar and one lucky student will win an E-Reader. Thank you parents for your support and encouragement of your children's reading efforts.

DRAMA NEWS - Both the senior and junior drama groups are busily practising their Christmas plays. These will be performed for their peers over the next few weeks. The children have grown in confidence, public speaking, self esteem and creativity over the year and have been a pleasure to teach. Thank you parents for all your help with costumes, hearing the children's lines and supporting their dramatic aspirations! We will do it all again next year!

Jennie Smith Librarian and Drama Teacher

To make sure the school has the correct details for our new notification system, please complete the following urgently and return to class teacher.

Child 1 First Name	Last Name	Class
Child 2 First Name	Last Name	Class
Child 3 First Name	Last Name	Class
Mum Mobile Phone:	Email:	
Dad Mobile Phone:	Email:	
OTHER Parent Mobile:		
Parent/Carer Name	Signature	

<u>MUSIC NEWS</u> - <u>Band</u> - Great playing at the Infants Assembly last week everyone and also at the Band Information Evening. Both bands are playing at the Twilight concert on Thursday—bring your family and friends for a relaxed and enjoyable evening. Gold coin donation. Sausage sizzle from 6pm followed by tea, coffee, cordial and cakes at a small charge.

Rehearsals continue until the last week of term. The band Christmas party, for both concert and training bands, is on Thursday 5th December, so please bring a plate of food to share. I will be bringing some hot food and drinks. No lunch needed.

If you are hiring a school saxophone or trombone, please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to continue to hire next year.

Fantastic work everyone!

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

<u>CANTEEN NEWS</u> - Hasn't the year gone fast! Thank you to all my helpers during the year. You all know who you are. You have been wonderful. I hope to see you at the Helpers Morning Tea on Wednesday 11th December.

A special thank you goes out to Jane Anderson and Cathy Parker who's children are in Year 6 and will be leaving our school. They both have supported the canteen and me for many years. I will miss their smiling faces.

A big thank you to Renee Stoner and Tracey White who have organised all the special days (sushi, ice cream etc) and have given up their free time.

Carolyn Harriss for keeping the canteen books in order, thank you.

The canteen would love to have new volunteers next year. No experience is necessary, free morning tea and lunch and you can help as many days as you like or as little as once a month or so.

Reminders: -Helpers Morning Tea, Wednesday 11th December from 11am.

Canteen thank you dinner at Absolute Thai Hornsby, 6.30pm, Saturday 30th November. See Teresa for details. 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

Diary Dates					
November					
Thurs 28	Twilight Concert from 6pm				
December					
2 - 4	Year 4 Gibberagong overnight excursion				
Tues 3	Canteen Ice Cream Day				
Wed 4	High School Orientation Day for Year 6				
9-11	Year 3 Gibberagong overnight excursion				
Tues 10	Stage 1 Christmas Concert				
Wed 11	Christmas church service Helpers thank you morning tea 11am				
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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KB	Emily C, Omar D, Dylan D, Harry S
KP	Scott T, Liam J, Jasmine B, Kaiya H
KR	Amelia B, Savannah L, Jarvis L, Anneliese K
KY	Isabella C, Julian C, Zeke J, Charlotte S
1A	Sam S, Mackenzie F, Tim C, Brinlee-Rose S, Marcus G, Alicia S, Sophia H
1C	Morgan C, Natalia G, Drew S, Madeleine B
1P	Eveline C, Millie T, Dakota J, Charlie L
3B	Daniel W, Cody D, Harrison L, Kydan O
3C	Tara M, Hamze D
4K	Nia D, Joshua A, Zoe G, Niamh D
4P	Zac G, Caitlyn R, Peter M, Alex G
5/6G	Seb E, Elly C, Sam P
5/6J	Mitchell B, Corey T, Quinn J

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED						
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response			
8/5	Voluntary School Contribution	K—2	ASAP			
11/9	Sport	3—6	17/10			
23/10	Parents Contact Information	K—6	Urgent			
20/11	Canteen ice cream day	K—6	29/11			
22/11	Salvation Army Food Drive	K—6	6/12			
27/11	Helpers Thanks you Morning Tea	K—6	-			

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) <u>Uniform Shop Roster</u>

Thursday 28/11P Smith, N Steele, J BlissMonday 2/12C Jones, K Murphy, B JonesThursday 5/12S Horner, Kerrillee L, Jacqui CMonday 9/12V Eliasson, J McKendrick, S Prosser

COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>Hornsby Shire Libraries holiday fun activities</u> include Summer Reading Club, Christmas Pantomime and Gingerbread House Making. In January there are educational, fun, hands on activities with Egyptologist Dr Eve Guerry, the Marvellous Mummies and the Archaeology Adventures. For further details see the school's noticeboard, councils website or contact Hornsby Library Children's Services during business hours on 9847 6738.

<u>Hornsby Shire Council workshops</u> - DIY flower arranging, run by 'Flowers By Mercedes '

<u>Adults workshop</u> - Saturday 7th December or Sunday 8th December

Let's get floral for the festive season. Learn how to say "I love you" or "thank you" through the art of flower arranging . At the end of the course you will have created your own boxed floral arrangement to take home. <u>Kids workshop</u> - Friday 17th January or Saturday 18th January

This January school holidays, give the kids something different to do. Boys and girls will love the customised flower arrangements, designed to put a smile on any child's face.

At the end of the course kids will have produced their own flower creations to take home. Parents are encouraged to stay and join the fun. Recommended for seven to thirteen year olds.

For more information on both workshops see www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/number5

Places are limited to allow for plenty of assistance and individual guidance. Please contact us to reserve your place via <u>workshops@flowersbymercedes.com.au</u> or on 0414 986 490.

Dementia Carers Support Group If you care for a relative, neighbour or friend with memory loss or care for an elderly person and need support or information, join us at Berowra Community Health Centre, 123 Berowra Waters Road on Thursday 5th December at 2:30pm. Cost if free, Christmas afternoon tea provided. RSVP Marie Brooks on 9456 3344. Next meeting is Thursday 13th February 2014.

Salvation Army Food Drive

The Salvation Army supports those in our community who are less fortunate. They give out parcels of food and other items to those who are experiencing hardship and this year they are encountering an increase in the number of people requesting assistance.

If you can help with a donation of any of the following items, please send it to school before Friday 6th December. Collection point is the staffroom foyer.

Please do not send items that are homemade or out of date.

- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Long life milk
- Pasta sauce
- Cordial and juice
- Biscuits and crackers
- Tinned vegetables / corn / beetroot / tomatoes
 - Coffee
- Teabags

- Baby food Disposable nappies
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Children's lunch box items
 Tinned ham / abieken
- Tinned ham / chicken
 Soap
- Soap
 Ladies personal toiletry items
- Tinned vegetables / corn / beetroot / tomatoes

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 presale 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 <u>katrina.gates@cba.com.au</u> 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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Registrations are now open for the beginner recorder classes for 2014. Email me using the address below to reserve a place for your child.

For more details please refer to the note available from the school office or contact me at <u>sue.thorv@gmail.com</u>. Please register by 1st December, 2013.

Twilight Concert – Thursday 28th November

If you would like to hear the BPS recorder ensembles performing, please join us for a relaxed evening this Thursday at the BPS outdoor stage. 6pm for a sausage sizzle and 7pm for a short concert.

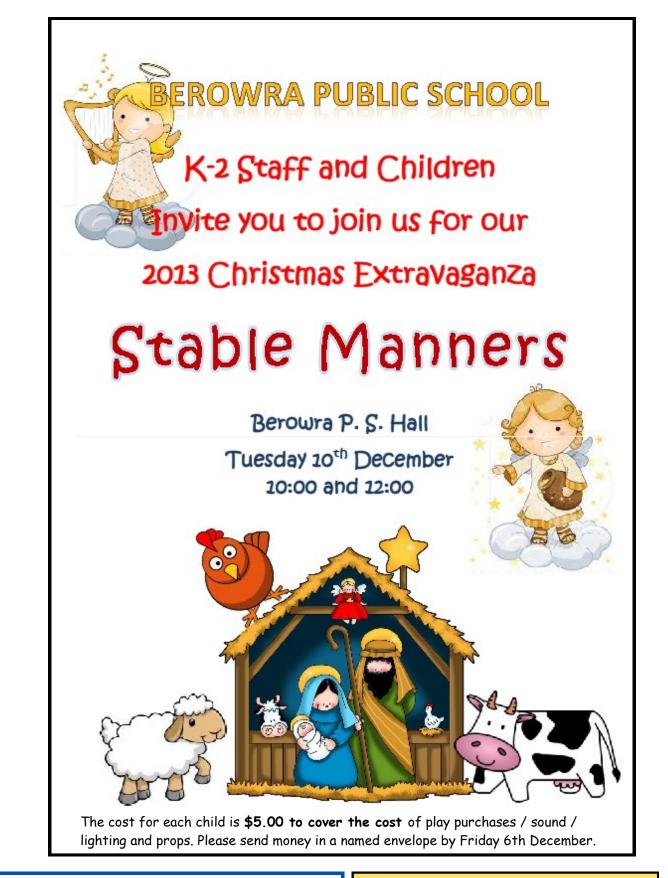
Sue Thorvaldson (Recorder Ensemble Director).

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THE SALVATION ARMY



CANTEEN LUNCHTIME SPECIAL DAYS

Tues 3rd Dec Ice 0 Day

Ice Cream Served with sprinkles and/or \$2.00 Day chocolate topping

As the canteen has to order for special days, <u>no late</u> <u>orders can be accepted</u> after the closing date on order forms

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will <u>finish on Tuesday 10th December</u> for the year.

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

Singlewith ARE YOU A Children SINGLE PARENT?

Every week **Single with Children** provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)



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French & Italian & Mandarin
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ENROL TODAY IN OUR NEW SPANISH FOR KIDS CLUB STARTING IN 2014 - HORNSBY AREA!

Play-based programs: Games, songs, puppets, craft, drama/ role-plays & other fun activities to get your child using the language quickly and naturally

> Pre-schooler Clubs: 2-5yrs Primary aged Clubs: 5-12yrs Tutoring – all ages

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FOR AN INFORMATION PACKAGE Call Nathalie on 0430 286 590 Or email <u>nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au</u> <u>www.lcfclubs.com.au</u>

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR BOOKINGS BY 12 DECEMBER 2013

LEARN TO SWIM IN THE JANUARY HOLIDAYS!



LESSONS FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN, PRESCHOOLERS AND BABIES

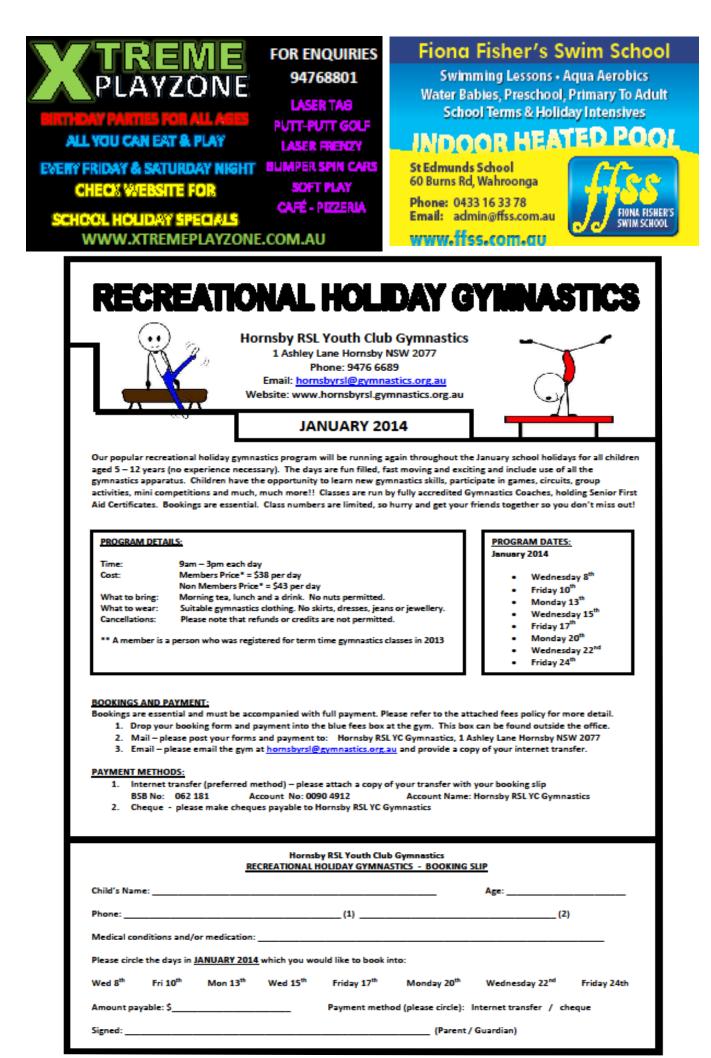
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\$10 or \$1

All shows 2pm This December Saturday 7th **Sunday 8th** Saturday 14th Sunday 15th Performing at the Berowra Community Centre - The Gully Road - Berowra



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Rice bubbles	Porridge topped with banana + honey

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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 support 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

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T-Shirts \$25	each							ļ				
Male Sizes Size: Chest cm:	L 58.5	XL 61	XXL 63.5	XXXL 66						T	BEROWINA	
Female Size Size: Chest cm:	s S 46	M 51	L 56	XL 61					MEAD			
Kids Sizes Size: Chest cm:	4 37	6 39	8 41.5	10 44	12 46.5	14 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.

Orders will be delivered to your Child's Class on a weekly basis.

Name:	me: Child's name and class				
Address:					
Phone:	Mob:				
E-mail:					
I would like to order T-shirts Size	Payment Type (Please Tick) Cheque				
Stickers	Cash				
Raffle Tickets	Munch Monitor Receipt #				
Arm Bands	Direct Deposit Receipt #				
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Any ordering questions please contact Kate Friend 0422 595 676 or venus2107@hotmail.com

Mathematics Survey Parent/Carer

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your child/ren?

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Homework is completed without fuss

Homework is problematic

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> Homework is generally too difficult Homework is at a good level

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Homework is not supported in our family

Homework supports my child/ren's learning

How would you rate your experience with maths/Mathletics homework for

1. Please indicate (circle) which grades your child/ren are currently in

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2 How relevant is the content of school maths in today's world?

- 0 Not aware of the subject content
- 0 Only mildly important
- 0 Important
- o Very important

Please comment on the help that your child requires with their maths

homework. Feel free to pick more than one!

My child does not have regular maths homework

0 Extremely important

ω Which of the following best describes your child/ren's attitude towards

mathematics?

- 0 Loves it
- 0 No strong feelings about mathematics
- **Dislikes mathematics**
- 0 Don't know as he/she does not talk about it
- 4. How would you rate your child/ren's confidence in maths? Tick as many as you wish.

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I feel unable to assist

I only help when my child ask for or need my assistance

My child completes homework independently

I do not help with homework

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I am confident in my ability to assist with maths homework

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How could the school assist parents with their understanding of the maths

syllabus and its content? Please mark as many as you like

- 0 I feel my child struggles with maths
- 0 Could do better with additional help
- 0 Is doing the best she/he can

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Newsletter items

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Parent courses

Parent information sessions

Thanks – no assistance required

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Other (please specify)

Materials on the school website

- o Is a capable and confident maths student
- 0 Is gifted in this area
- 'n How much time on average would your child spend on maths/Mathletics
- homework and learning their times tables?
- 0 My child is not required to complete maths/Mathletics homework
- o 1-10mins
- 0
- 11-20mins

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More than 31mins

Public School

21-30mins

YES/NO

I would be able to attend these sessions at night

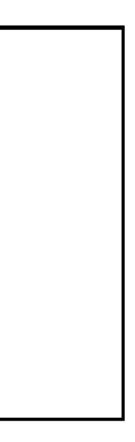
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I would be able to attend these sessions during school time

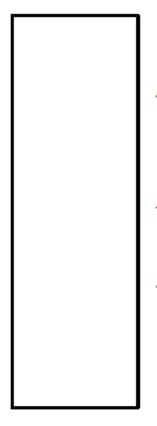
10. How would you rate the level of communication around your child/ren's

progress in mathematics? Choose as many as you wish.

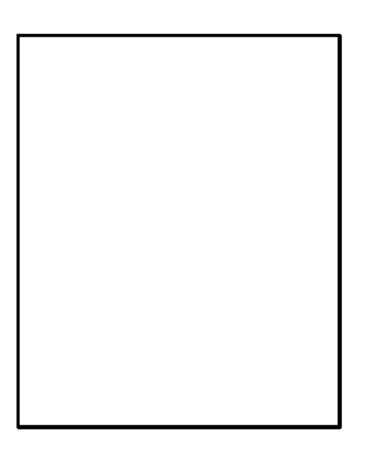
- School reports provide good information
- My child's teacher contacts me if there is a problem
- The parent/teacher interviews are informative
- The information received is helpful
- I would like more regular feedback
- I would like more specific feedback



11. How could your child's maths experience be improved?



Please add any other feedback or comments



Many thanks for completing this survey. These surveys are valuable feedback for us and steer our planning and monitoring of our programs.

Dianne Bower Principal



PARENT SURVEY about SCHOOL CULTURE



As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. With the school's consent, the information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Tick the box for the answer you agree with most. For example, the parental response was usually for the statement – What my child is asked to learn is important. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all boxes blank.

	Almost always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	
What my child is asked to learn is important		\checkmark			

	Almost always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
The school knows about the families and community in which it serves.				
School leaders have a positive influence on the school culture.				
The school often praises and rewards individuals who are successful.				
The students are the school's main concern.				
Parents support what is happening at the school.				
I am proud of my child's school.				
The school encourages new students and their families to be involved in school activities.				
The school appreciates having my child as a student.				
The school encourages students to achieve their best.				
The school encourages everyone to learn.				
The school caters for the learning needs of all students.				
The school is continually finding ways to improve what it does.				
When necessary, the school makes important changes to what it does.				

Thank you for completing the survey

School Culture-@ State of NSW-Department of Education and Training-SchoolMap Best Practice Statement