



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 6th February 2013
Term 1 Week 2

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Welcome back to another exciting year at Berowra Public School. The holidays just flew by and now we are back ready to go! I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing new year. I would like to warmly welcome our new families and students who have joined our school community this year and our enthusiastic Kindergarten children and their families. I know that you and your child will enjoy our school's warm, caring learning environment.

A very warm welcome back to our returning staff and new staff. I know the teachers are also excited to be back and are looking forward to another 'action packed' year with your children.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Till after her twelve months at Cowan and Mrs Jennie Smith after her leave last year.

Welcome to Mr Taran Jones, our new stage three teacher. Mr Jones comes to us with a wide range of experience and expertise and I know he will be a 'great fit' for our school community.

Classes are settled and the academic programs began on Day 1. Thank you to the many parents who sent positive messages to me regarding class placement.

Congratulations to all students who have started the year so well. The teachers have commented on the renewed energy, enthusiasm and lovely manners of the children in their classes. As educators, we will continue to maintain the motivation and direct the students towards higher achievements.

Berowra Village Photo Competition

Congratulations to Tahli W (5/6J) and Max S (5/6T) who received a prize for themselves and a prize for the school for their entries in this competition. We thank both these children and are proud of their achievements. Well done, Tahli and Max.

Amped Up Wows Westfield Plaza!

BPS Rockband "Amped Up" performed at Hornsby Mall on Thursday evening, 20th December, 2012. The children were terrific and they sounded so good. People were coming over from everywhere just to stand and listen to them. The organiser was really impressed with the band and has invited them back to perform again early this year. They received so many compliments from total strangers. Parents were extremely proud of all the kids and they represented themselves and Berowra Public School so beautifully. I am so impressed with these children and I know they will continue to entertain us in 2013. Thank you also Amped Up parents and Mike and Vanessa Gordon.



Bunnings Barbeque

Sunday 30th December was our first Bunnings Barbeque for a few years. I would like to thank all the parents who gave of their time to support and lend a hand on this day. It was a good day and ran smoothly – thanks to Chris Chu and Katrina Gates.



Parent/Teacher Meetings

These will be held next Monday, 11th February. This is a time for you to meet your child's teacher/s and understand their expectations. Procedures and class organisation will be explained during these sessions. The term letters will also be distributed during these sessions.

Kindergarten—6pm Years 1 & 2—6:30pm Years 3 & 4—7:00pm Years 5 & 6—7:30pm

Class Parents

We are asking for volunteers to be class parents. Each class needs a Class Parent - the role of the Class Parent is to cascade any information to the class as soon as possible. Depending on the subject, information may need to be gathered and passed back up. You don't have to be a parent who comes to school for drop offs/pick ups. The purpose of the Class Contact List is to facilitate social contact between the children and parents and assist the flow of information from the school, your teacher and volunteer groups like P&C. For example, organising reading groups, special events, class specific information, fundraising events and maintenance days.

Please add your name and contact details to the list in the classrooms on the Monday Evening Parent/Teacher Meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings please send your email and mobile phone details to your class teacher who will add them to the list.

Mathematics Meeting

There will be a Mathletics and Mathematics meeting in the 5/6W classroom (next to staffroom) commencing at **6:30pm before the P&C meeting on Monday, 18th February**. This meeting is to familiarise you with Mathletics and how it works. We will also go through the way we teach different concepts in years K-6. If you are interested in helping your child with homework, etc but feel unsure as to how – come along and ask us! We are more than happy to explain the strategies.

Dogs in school .. just a quick reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

Uniform

There has been some confusion as to the correct uniforms :

Summer School Uniform

Boys	Girls
Gold short sleeve shirt	Grey dobby check tunic with lemon trim
Grey shorts	Lemon socks
Grey socks	Black shoes
Black shoes	Hair accessories in gold or purple
Grey school hat	Grey school hat

Sports Uniform

Polo shirt in appropriate house colour for both boys and girls	
Black shorts	Black skort or shorts
White socks	White socks
Joggers or trackshoes	Joggers or trackshoes

Please note leggings/bike pants **are not** part of the sports uniform. We discourage canvas shoes as they do not give support for ankles during sporting activities.

Gymnastics K-2

Gymnastics lessons, provided by Sportspo, will commence Tuesday, 12th February for all children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. The gym sessions will be **Tuesdays for Year 2 and Kindergarten. Year 1** will have their gym sessions on **Fridays**.

Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival is on Monday 4th March at Knox Grammar School Aquatic Centre. All children in Years 3 to 6 are expected to attend. This is a school day and the swimming carnival is a school event. If your child is not a strong swimmer they will still enjoy cheering on their friends , chatting with friends and just enjoying a day of team spirit and school fun. Please do not keep your child home on this day.

Work related to this day will be followed up in class over the next few days.

Staff Development Days

Tuesday 2nd April will be a pupil-free day. On this day the staff of local primary and secondary schools will be joining at Asquith Girls High School for a day of professional learning. At the beginning of term 2 our pupil free day will be Monday 29th April. Students will return to school on Tuesday 30th April. Thank you for your support of our professional learning.

Di Bower, Principal

Mathletics

Berowra Public School uses Mathletics for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. This year, students from Year 1-Year 6 can continue to login and complete Mathletics and Spellodrome activities with the username and password they used last year. Kindergarten students will be issued with their usernames and passwords shortly.

Students are allocated to curriculum courses at the start of each year and can be reallocated throughout the year. The name of each course will not appear on the screen when students login. The courses are based from NSW syllabus/Australian Curriculum and can be altered/designed by class teachers. As a result, students will not see a 'course name', but rather 'topic headings' for their activities.

Please remind students that they can click on the question mark in activities (not tests) to seek additional help if needed.

Students and parents from Years 1-6:

- * Students will be assigned their new courses this week.
- * Students results are kept from previous years.
- * Some activities overlap years.
- * 'Gold bars' are earned from completing tests from activities. When students are rolled over to a new course, they do not 'lose' their gold bars. The gold bars relate to the activity, so new activities means new tests and new opportunities to collect gold bars.

Thankyou in advance for your support of Mathletics and encourage the students to 'have a go'!

Website addresses: www.mathletics.com.au/
and <http://www.spellodrome.com.au/>

LIBRARY NEWS - Welcome back to another year in the Library - The Chinese Year of the Snake. 2013 will bring many new resources to the library. We are constantly updating our collection so the children have the very best of literature to stimulate their enquiring minds. Each class has a library lesson each week so check with your class teacher what day is yours and don't forget to bring your library bag so you can borrow books.

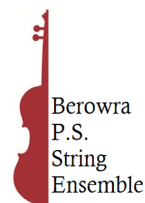
Scholastic Book Club operates twice a term thanks to the wonderful efforts of Natasha Steel and Sarah Williams. Parents are encouraged to support the Book Club as our school benefits greatly from 'bonus points' to aid in the purchase of new resources. The children also love looking through the catalogue and perhaps choosing their own books for themselves.

DRAMA AUDITIONS will be held next week on Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime. Notices will be put up around school so keep an eye out for these.

Jennie Smith

Diary Dates		
February		
7	Thursday	Dance Groups start
11	Monday	Meet the Teacher
12&13	Tues & Wed	Drama auditions at lunchtime
15	Friday	The Kick-Off 5:30-8:30pm
18	Monday	Year 6 CARES excursion
18	Monday	Mathematics meeting 6:30pm
18	Monday	P&C meeting 7:30pm
19	Tuesday	Year 5 CARES excursion
March		
1	Friday	Last day for Stewart House bags
4	Monday	BPS Swimming Carnival
6	Wednesday	Zone Swimming at Gosford Pool
16	Saturday	Trivia Night in hall
21	Thursday	Harmony Day
22	Friday	School Disco (notes to come)
28	Thursday	Easter Hat Parade
19	Friday	Good Friday
April		
1	Monday	Easter Monday
2	Tuesday	Staff Development Day (pupil free day)

MUSIC NEWS - The Berowra P.S. String Ensemble For those who missed the note last year, I am going to start a string ensemble at the school this term. We have some Violins and a Viola but would also love a 'Cello if there is one, which means we are all set to go. If there are any more string players out there, we'd love you to come and join our group. I'm not experienced enough to be teaching individuals, but if there is a student out there wanting to learn we could make some recommendations for teachers. We'll be meeting in the Library at 8:30am on Wednesdays - starting on 13th February (week 3). If you have any questions please contact me (erik.thorv@gmail.com, 9456 5251) or turn up at the library. At present there will be no charge for belonging to this group, incidental costs may come up from time to time.



Erik Thorvaldson

School Band Welcome back to the concert band players for 2013! Great to see so many happy, smiling faces even if the playing is a bit rusty – me included! We have new music this year with more to come. Please do some practice on these before the next band rehearsal. These are BAND rehearsals not instrument section rehearsals. Registration forms will be sent out for everyone to complete, they may be emailed back or returned at band rehearsals. Training band will start rehearsals in week 5.

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

CANTEEN - Canteen Roster

Thursday 7/2	G Smith, P Smith
Friday 8/2	G Gates, C Harriss, L Plumridge
Monday 11/2	K Carter, C Harriss
Thursday 14/2	J Anderson, C Stone
Friday 15/2	M Charlton, C Jones
Monday 18/12	L Dobson

UNIFORM SHOP - Uniform Shop General Information

- Opening — MON 9–10am & THURS 3–3.45pm
- No cash refunds available, cheque only
- All returns need to have a returns form attached

Uniform Shop Roster

Thursday 7/2	S Horner, K Labuschagne, J Clayton
Monday 11/2	V Eliasson, J McKendrick S Prosser
Thursday 14/2	G Staniland, R Stoner, G Smith
Monday 18/2	S Van Rossum, J West, S Drake

P&C NEWS - The first P & C meeting for the year is on Monday 18th February at 7:30 in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and we encourage new parent to come along.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Come Join The Pride! PARTICIPATION and FUN are the cornerstones of the **Hornsby Junior Rugby Club** philosophy. Everyone receives equal time on the paddock, regardless of age, weight, height, ability or shoe size. In order for the Club to fulfil its goals, it is essential that we provide a family oriented environment where mothers, brothers, sisters, grandparents and friends are genuinely welcomed.

For more information about the club and registration for the 2013 Season, join us for "DEN NIGHT", 6pm at Waitara Park on Friday 8 Feb or visit: <http://www.hornsbyjuniorrugby.com.au>

For Sale - Drum Kit complete includes stools, sticks, extra symbols and skins, single and double bass pedals, percussion instruments, maracas, triangle, tambourine, cow bell etc. For more information please phone Annette on 9457 8027 or 0419 978 033.

CALLING ALL ROCK STARS!!

BPS Rock Band



are looking for band members.
We especially need guitarists
and male singers to audition!
Call Mike on 0413034080
for more information

Stewart House Clothing Appeal



Stewart House are again asking for donations of clean clothing. It's time for a clean out this weekend.

Please return your Stewart House bag to the staffroom foyer by Friday 1st March.

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Guitar & Bass Guitar Lessons at school



BPS rock band "Amped Up" Band
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Band 2013

Just a Few School Instruments Remaining!

There are few school instruments still available for hire from the school -
flutes, clarinets, cornets, trumpets, 1 euphonium and 1 percussion place.
Other instruments can be hired privately from Turrumurra music.

Take this chance for a great social and educational opportunity!

Band Information Booklet available on line on the school website.

If you have questions please contact the Band Director Mrs Amanda Gillard on
9456 2908 or bpsband@hotmail.com or through the school office.



Keep our kids safe! Park legally in school zones

No Parking

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- The driver **MUST** remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.



No Stopping

- Stopping is not permitted at any time.
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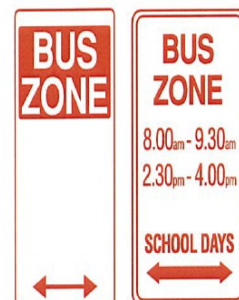
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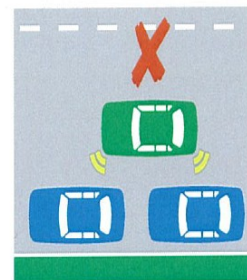
Bus Zones

- Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



Double Parking

- Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.
- Double parking decreases visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and significantly reduces road safety around schools.



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