



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 20th February 2013
Term 1 Week 4

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Quality Teaching will continue to be a focus for 2013

Current research states that within schools, teachers are by far the most profound influence and impact directly on student learning outcomes. We are indeed very fortunate to have a highly experienced staff whose teaching skills are continually being updated through professional learning opportunities.

We are well-prepared for the challenges ahead in 2013 and continue to prepare our students for the 21st century. The role of the teacher of a school in the twenty first century is one of the most exciting and significant undertaken by any person in our society.

Schools share this responsibility with students, parents, carers, families, the community, business and other education and training providers. I know our teachers are keen to promote equity and excellence of our school and ensuring that the students we serve, individually and collectively are central in all decision making we undertake.

Last week during the Meet the Teacher evenings, parents were informed about the innovative and creative programs being provided in all classrooms. Thank you to all the parents who attended these meeting. I heard many positive comments. Thank you to all the teachers for their dedication and commitment to our children.

Kindergarten

Kindy made it very successfully through their first week- I must admit they looked a tad tired on the first Friday afternoon. I did make the mistake of asking one little girl on the following Monday how school was going. She replied, "School is fun, but why can't we come on the weekends?" I was a little lost for an acceptable explanation for that one!

Class Parents

As mentioned during the Meet the Teacher evening, there is usually 1 or sometimes 2 parents for each class in this role. This person(s) assists with communicating and liaising with other parents within the classroom on behalf of the teacher and/or the P&C. We are still short a few class parents, please see your child's teacher if you are able to assist with this role.

Anaphylaxis

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and AS-CIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Students and the Social Media

Many of our community know of or are an active member of social media sites such as: Facebook, Skype, Meebo, Twitter, Kick.. and the list goes on! Therefore, many of our children are members of many of these sites as well. Social media is a relatively new phenomenon that I am sure is here to stay.

We as adults and parents in this relationship must endeavour to ensure that the children are fully aware of their responsibilities when on the net and the ramifications that follow from irresponsible use of social media.

Over the last two years I have had cause to intervene and discuss with parents inappropriate behaviours and fractured friendships after a weekend or a night of social net interaction. It is much easier to say hurtful things to or about someone when you are looking at a keyboard rather than a human face. What is typed and posted cannot be withdrawn.

I urge all parents to reinforce my message to our older students to be net aware and net polite. It is never too early to start! Technology and access is changing so quickly that our children need safe and sure support.

Homework

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline. Homework should have a specific, explicit learning purpose and the teacher should provide feedback to your child about their homework.

Homework for Kindergarten-Year 2

In general, students are not expected to complete formal homework in Kindergarten. Students may be given books to read at home, as appropriate.

In Years 1 and 2 some formal homework may be set. For example, students might be asked to read and write, learn words for spelling and complete some mathematical activities.

Homework for Years 3-6

Homework in Years 3-6 may be varied and students may be expected to work more independently. Students could be encouraged to read and practise mathematical concepts learnt at school. Other homework may also be set across areas of the curriculum.

As a guideline- homework for Years 3 and 4 should take about 30 minutes each night. Years 5 and 6 should apply themselves for approximately 45 mins.

After this time of application, if the set tasks are not completed, please allow your child to leave the rest for another time. Some children are able to complete many tasks in the set time and other children struggle to finish one task. Please speak with your child's teacher so that your child is completing the correct amount of homework for them.

Congratulations

Congratulations and good luck to Zarli V (3C) who will be competing in the State Surf Life Saving Championships at Umina Beach on Friday, 1st March. She will be competing in 'flags', board and swim events.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival is Monday, 4th March. This involves all students Years 3-6 and those students in Year 2 who have already turned 8 or are turning 8 this year and can competently swim 50 metres. I **encourage and expect** all of the students mentioned to attend and participate. A carnival is about fun, school spirit, house spirit and participation. Let's see if we can have a record number of participants at the pool on the day!

Staff Development Day

There will be a Staff Development Day on **Tuesday 2nd April (the day after the Easter break)** at Asquith Girls High School for all teachers. This will replace the Staff Development Day in Term 2 on Tuesday 30th April 2013. This change is due to the availability of the guest speaker, Jason Clarke. Focus of the day will be on Building a Creative Learning Community. Parents are asked to make other child care arrangements for their children on Tuesday 2nd April, as there will be **no classes**. Students return to school after Easter on Wednesday 3rd April.

Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Di Bower, Principal

CANTEEN - The canteen will be available at the Swimming Carnival for snacks however NO LUNCHES. Drinks, cakes, slices, chips and treats will be on sale as well as tea and coffee. Children must bring their lunch.

The school canteen is always looking for volunteers to help out. The children love seeing their mum behind the counter so please consider giving a couple of hours of your time once a month.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 21/2	C Parker, F Minto
Friday 22/2	E Bedwin, K Wallis
Monday 25/2	S Vaughan, H Tyler
Thursday 28/2	M Trieble, C Stone
Friday 1/3	V Eliasson, T White
Monday 4/3	P Smith

UNIFORM SHOP - Credit is not available at the Uniform Shop. Our volunteers try to help everyone who needs uniforms or clothing but are unable to give out goods unless payment is received at the time. The Uniform Shop is open Monday mornings 9-10am and Thursday afternoon 3-3:30pm. If you are unable to make it during these hours, an order form can be obtained from the school office or the school website by accessing Community Support tab and then Uniform Shop. Please include cash, cheque or credit card details and orders will be filled when the shop is open and then sent to either the office for collection, BOOSH or your child's classroom. Please stipulate on the form.

Uniform items (new) stock update

- Girls skorts (size 4-16)
- Lemon socks (size 4-8)
- Black fleece jackets worn with or without grey jumper/jacket, on order. Available by the end of term 1.
- Girls dance pants on order. Available by the end of term 1.

Uniform items (2nd hand)

Due to recent donations we have 2nd hand uniform items available to purchase at a significantly reduced cost and some items are free.

Uniform Shop General Information

- Opening — MON 9–10am & THURS 3–3.30pm
- No cash refunds available, cheque only
- All returns need to have a returns form attached

Uniform Shop Roster

Thursday 21/2	C Harriss, M Charlton, S Williams
Monday 25/2	R Walton, J Ludlow, T Andis
Thursday 28/2	P Smith, N Steele, J Bliss
Monday 4/3	C Jones, K Ross, B Jones

Reminder - Volunteers writing receipts for purchase, it is important to write the *method of payment* (eg visa card or cash) on the receipt and the *name of the person taking the order* (eg Tammy) along with the *stock item details* (eg size 8 black sports shorts).

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP - Our first meeting of the year is next Tuesday 26th February at 9:30am in the staffroom. It would be lovely to see some new faces and of course welcome back the old ones. Our meetings are a great way to get involved in your school and find out what's going on in a relaxed, informal environment. Toddlers are welcome and morning tea is provided. Hope to see you there.

Carolyn Harriss
President

From our Crossing Supervisors

Our Crossing Supervisors would like to ask parents to cross at the school crossing when they have children with you. Please do not cross the road from your parked car or at the top of Hillcrest Road as this will set a bad example for the students and pre-schoolers..



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.

The truck is coming early the next week so no more bags after the weekend please.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Asquith Boys High School Open Night on Tuesday 5th March from 6:30pm is open for year 5 & 6 boys and your opportunity to hear about our exciting and innovative programs designed specifically for the needs of boys.

Asquith Boys High School 2014 Enrichment Class Exam is on Saturday 9th March 2013. applications close Thursday 28th February.

For and application package go to the website or contact the school on 9477 3508.

St Ives High School Open Afternoon on Tuesday 26th February 4:00-7:00pm will be an opportunity for prospective students and parents to visit the school to see the diverse programs and opportunities available. If you know anyone who would be interested, please pass on this information.

St Ives High School 2014 Gifted and Talented Assessment Test is being held on Friday 22nd March 2013. It is important to note that the deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday 13th March. They can be downloaded from the website or call the school on 9144 1689.

Turramurra High School Open Afternoon is on Tuesday 26th February from 4:00-6:45pm. Let our students show you the rich variety of opportunities available at our high achieving school.

Turramurra High School 2014 Gifted and Talented test is on Friday 8th March 9:30-2:pm. Further information & application forms available on schools website.

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
6/2	General Permission Note	K-6	-
6/2	Authority to Publish Form	K-6	-
6/2	Years 3-6 Sport	3-6	28/2
6/2	K-2 Sport	K-2	28/2
13/2	PSSA Sport	PSSA	26/2
13/2	Swimming Carnival	3-6	26/2
20/2	Mufti Day on 26/2	K-6	-
20/2	Classroom resources	Kindy	9/4
20/2	Classroom resources	Year 1	9/4
20/2	Classroom resources	Year 2	9/4

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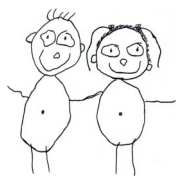
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Mufti Day

When: Tuesday 26th February

Wear: dressed in the colour of your favourite fruit or vegetable.

Bring: gold coin donation to raise funds for the school vegetable garden supplies.



Trivia Night

Trivia, games, prizes for best dressed man & lady, best dressed table and dancing.

It's always a great night and we hope to have the biggest night ever this year!

When: Saturday 16th March

Time: 7pm for 7:30 start

Where BPS Hall

Theme: 'Back to School'. Come dressed in something school themed like uniform, lab coat, a book etc.

Tickets: \$20 each

Approximately 10 people per table and BYO all food, drink eskies etc.

We will also run a raffle which will be on sale soon at school, along with tickets for the night.



Keep our kids safe!

Park legally in school zones

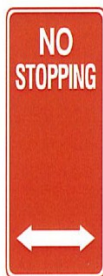
No Parking

- 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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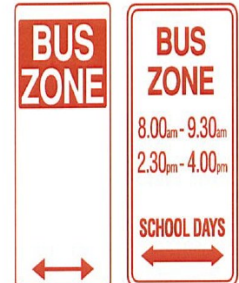
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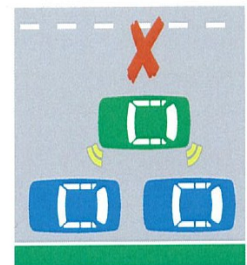
Bus Zones

- 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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