



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 6th March 2013  
Term 1 Week 6

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website - <http://www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

### Swimming Carnival

Last Monday was our swimming carnival at Knox Grammar Aquatic Centre. It was a fantastic day and the children, as always, were a pleasure! Their behaviour, participation, team spirit and cheering were excellent.

- Many thanks to all the teachers who spent all day marshalling, timekeeping, judging, recording, announcing, organising or looking after the spectators.
- Thank you also to Wayne Bingham for the use of his equipment, his expertise and his time on the day.
- Thank you to Claire Smylie and her band of merry timekeepers for helping on the day.
- Thank you to Jodie Ludlow, Caroline Harriss and their band of helpers for keeping all spectators happy and not hungry with their wonderful selections at the canteen.

Swimming Carnival results are found further in The Crest.

Good luck to all competitors today at the Hornsby Zone Swimming Carnival – held at Gosford Aquatic Centre.

### Literacy Parent Session

On Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm we will run our next **Parent Information Session**. This session will outline how we teach 'Text Types' throughout the school. This will explain how children learn to write narratives, expositions, explanations, etc. Also, we will include ideas on how you can help your children improve and enhance their writing at home. All welcome. This will be held in the 5/6W classroom – before the P&C meeting at 7:30pm.

### Gymnastics

All Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are enjoying their gymnastics lessons. If you would like to come along and watch your child during their session, you are most welcome.

Gymnastics session times are :

Tuesday		Friday	
9:20	KB	9:35	1C
10:00	KP	10:20	Yrs 3-6
10:40	KR		
11:50	KY	11:50	1A
12:30	2P	12:35	1W
2:20	2B		

### Helping your child at home:

Have a look at this site for some wonderful activities and ideas on how to help your child with literacy and numeracy -

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>

### Schoolkids Bonus

If school expenses are weighing you down, the Schoolkids Bonus can help lighten the load. It replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it is simple: there's no need to collect receipts or claim it through your tax.

Each year, eligible families and students will receive:

- **\$410 a year for each primary student** (\$205 paid in January and \$205 paid in July)
- **\$820 a year for each secondary student** (\$410 paid in January and \$410 paid in July).

Go to : <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/schoolkids-bonus>

### Congratulations

**Ryan J (2B)** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Australia on the Wall of Fame for Athletics on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Monday (before swimming many events) he was 5<sup>th</sup> in the World. Woo! Hoo!

Class 2B were 14<sup>th</sup> in the World and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Australia - Well done 2B

**Jordan S** – Jordan is now in Year 7 at Asquith Boys High School. Last year he was an 'Advocate Junior Sport Star of the Week'. Jordan has now been awarded the 'Hornsby Advocate Young Achiever Award for 2012'. Jordan is lucky to be selected in one of two teams to compete in the Mediterranean International Football Cup (soccer) in Costa Brava, Spain. We are very proud of all of Jordan's achievements and wish him every success this year in Spain.

## **Parking**

Please be aware of the road rules when parking or driving around our school. Parents are parking in 'No Standing', 'No Parking' zones or on speed humps in Balaclava Road. This hinders motorist's view of the street and places our children in danger.

Also, it has been reported that a car illegally made a U turn in front of the crossing in Hillcrest Rd the other afternoon. This was during the peak time of children leaving the school. Again I ask you to be very mindful and conscientious of our children's safety.

**Di Bower**, Principal

## **Ethics Classes 2013**

Last year we introduced Ethics classes for those children in Year 5 & 6 not currently attending SRE (Scripture.) We have been advised that there is now a course written for Year 3 & 4 students so if you are interested in being trained to deliver these weekly lessons, please contact Jessica Norris [jess@fn.com.au](mailto:jess@fn.com.au) and she will explain further. Alternatively, you can volunteer directly on the following website <http://www.primaryethics.com.au/volunteer.html>

All Scripture and Ethics classes are delivered in accordance with the Education Act, and done so by trained volunteers. As always, there is a non-scripture alternative for those parents not wishing their child to attend, and this is supervised by a teacher, with appropriate work given.

## **LIBRARY NEWS - Scholastic Bookclub**

Thank you to all parents ordering from Scholastic Australia Bookclubs. By doing so, you are not only engaging your child in reading the materials they or you have selected, but also enabling our school to obtain additional free resources to benefit all of the students in the school. On Issue 1 alone, our school received \$255 of free resources (selected by the school) and earned \$343.50 in credit to purchase resources in future. Over the course of a year, the value of materials obtained in this way from Scholastic Australia is significant.

With Issue 1, the layout of the order forms changed somewhat. Please fill in your child's name and class at the top of the order form; these details are required to enable your order to be returned to your child. You do not have to fill in your phone number at the top of the form UNLESS YOU ARE MAKING A SECRET ORDER. (However, it can sometimes be helpful to have a contact number if there are any queries with your order.)

If you would like your order to be SECRET, please be sure to write the word 'SECRET' on the order form along with your phone number, so you can be contacted when your order arrives at school. If possible a mobile number is good, so we can send a text message.

There is no need to fill in any details in the 'payment receipt number' box UNLESS YOU ARE PAYING FOR YOUR ORDER BY CREDIT CARD. The first name and surname details required in this box are the details of the credit card holder, not those of your child. If you are paying by credit card, please include a contact number in the 'payment receipt number' box, even if you have also written it at the top of the order form. (The 'payment receipt number' box is sent to Scholastic Australia; the order form is not.)

If you order from more than one brochure (even if for more than one child) you can make your total payment by a single cheque or single credit card transaction. In this case please include all order forms in the one envelope. Orders will be distributed to the child whose name and class appear on each individual form (or held at the school office if you have also written 'SECRET' on a particular form). If you pay for items by credit card from more than one brochure in a single transaction, please fill in only ONE 'payment receipt number' box with the TOTAL amount you paid in the single transaction. Please do not fill out the box on each order form with the same receipt number and different amounts paid corresponding with the total ordered from each individual form.

If you have any queries, the parents who run Bookclubs on behalf of the school, Natasha Steele and Sarah Williams, can be contacted via the school office.

## **Lost and Found at the Swimming Carnival**

**LOST** - Size 6 Asics gel runners—white with blue and silver accents. These shoes have black orthotic inserts especially made for the owner.

If any child accidentally wore these home from the swimming carnival on Monday or knows anything about them please see the school office as soon possible.

**FOUND** - Size 10 Red 'Koala' sport shirt. If this is yours, please enquire at the school office.

**DRAMA NEWS** - Drama lessons begin this week in the hall. Junior Drama is Tuesday in the hall at lunchtime after eating. Senior Drama is Wednesday in the hall at 1:00pm. We are looking forward to a wonderfully, dramatic year with our 60 new and 'old' thespians.

Jennie Smith

**MUSIC NEWS** - **Choir** This year, for the first time, we will be having three different school choirs. With so many children keen to participate I have started an extra 'Year 3 only' choir (yet to be named) and I am in the process of working out special performance opportunities for them. Both the Year 3 choir and the Junior (Year 1 & 2) choir are open to any student willing to give up their time before school. All I ask is regular attendance. Senior Choir (Year 4 – 6) was chosen by audition this year. This was a first for BPS, however it became necessary as we can only take a limited number of children to combined choral festivals etc. Therefore, it was decided to bring choir into line with other performing arts extension groups in the school (eg drama, dance) and run a selection process. This was not an easy task, and I am hoping to incorporate the unsuccessful applicants later in the year in the Hornsby District Music Festival, but congratulations to those who made it through – I'm looking forward to working with you!

Choirs rehearse in the music room at the following times :-

**Senior Choir – 1:00pm Monday**

**Year 3 Choir – 8.30am Tuesday**

**Junior Choir – 8.30am Thursday**

If you have any queries about choir, please don't hesitate to contact me. - Mrs Liz Sheldon

**Band Welcome Evening** The Band Welcome Evening is on tomorrow night, Thursday March 7th. Both Concert and Training Bands will play with a supper to follow. This will be a great social evening for all band families and I am looking forward to meeting everyone.

The Easter parade is also approaching fast. The MST will be holding a raffle and asking every music family to contribute Easter treats. The Concert band will play for the parade and the Training band will have their first performance for the whole school. More details to follow.

Please return registration forms to me at band rehearsal, by email or to the office.

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

### CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KB	Jasmine W, Joshua W
KP	Kaiya H, Finn L
KR	Robert W, Kiara B
KY	Natasha W, Gabriel F
1A	Maya W, Marcus G
1C	Abbie S, Drew S
1W	Emily L, Daniel V
2B	Matthew C, Fiona T
2P	Ryan C, Kiana L
4K	Matthew L, Andrew S, Jane R
5/6J	Alex W, Chelsea W, Georgie B
5/6T	Maham H, Chloe P, Claire M
5/6W	Nico D, Bonnie P, Rachel W

### Diary Dates

#### March

7	Thurs	Band welcome evening in the Library
11-15	Mon-Fri	Dance Camp for selected students
12	Tues	Canteen Sushi Day
16	Sat	Trivia Night in hall
18	Mon	P&C meeting at 7:30pm
21	Thurs	Harmony Day
28	Thurs	Easter Hat Parade
19	Fri	Good Friday

#### April

1	Mon	Easter Monday
2	Tues	Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
3	Wed	Students return to school
5	Fri	Stage 1 excursion to Seymour Centre
5	Fri	School Disco
12	Fri	Last day of Term 1
29	Mon	Staff Development Day
30	Tues	Students return for Term 2

#### May

7&8	T&W	Mothers Day stall
9	Thurs	Cross Country
14-16	Tu-Th	NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5
21	Tues	Aust Schools Computer competition
27	Mon	Zone Cross Country

#### June

3	Mon	School photos
5	Wed	Aust Schools Science competition

# 2013 Swimming Carnival Results

Children highlighted are the Zone Competitors

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>Boys Junior Medley</b>	Ty W	Jake E		
<b>Boys Senior Medley</b>	Cooper D			
<b>Girls Senior Medley</b>	Kirstyn S			
<b>50m Freestyle</b>				
<b>8 Years Boys</b>	Ryan J	Will P	Matthew C	
Girls	Hayleigh S	Neve R	Aleisha C	Annika E
<b>9 Years Boys</b>	Zac B	Giuliano C	Michael C	Lachlan McH
Girls	Nia D	Zarli V	Taffany M-H	Amy S
<b>10 Years Boys</b>	Sam P	Alex G	Zac G	Benjamin W
Girls	Mackenzie W	Eliza R	Abbey T	Jasmine M
<b>11 Years Boys</b>	Sebastian E	Daniel M	Aaron M	Kyle L-W
Girls	Chelsea W	Carla S	Rachel W	Katie W
<b>12 Years Boys</b>	Cooper D	James R	Aaron S	Parsa D
Girls	Kirstyn S	Ella W	Samantha N	Tahli W
<b>50m Breaststroke</b>				
<b>Junior Boys</b>	Sam P	Alex G	Liam D	Benjamin W
Girls	Nia D	Emily A	Eliza R	Mackenzie W
<b>11 Years Boys</b>	Daniel M	Sebastian E	Sam A	Lachlan M
Girls	Chelsea W	Carla S	Rachel W	Annabelle M
<b>12 Years Boys</b>	Cooper D	Aaron S		
Girls	Ella T	Zoe P	Kirstyn S	Ella W
<b>50m Backstroke</b>				
<b>Junior Boys</b>	Sam P	Peter M	Benjamin W	Patrick W
Girls	Layla W	Eliza R	Molly H	Nia D
<b>11 Years Boys</b>	Jordan S	Sebastian E	Jack B	Dylan P
Girls	Carla S	Chelsea W	Freya S	Leah O
<b>12 Years Boys</b>	Cooper D	James R	Aaron S	
Girls	Kirstyn S	Lilly S	Isabella G	
<b>50m Butterfly</b>				
<b>Junior Boys</b>	Sam P	Lachlan McH	Ty W	Jake E
Girls	Eliza R			
<b>11 Years Girls</b>	Freya S	Orla P		
<b>12 Years Boys</b>	Cooper D			
Girls	Kirstyn S	Ella W		
<b>100m Freestyle</b>				
<b>Open Boys</b>	Cooper D	Ryan J	Ty W	William K
<b>Open Girls</b>	Kirstyn S	Carla S	Rachel W	Freya S
<b>Relays</b>				
<b>Junior Boys</b>	Koala	Wombat	Emu	Kangaroo
<b>Junior Girls</b>	Kangaroo	Wombat	Emu	Koala
<b>Senior Boys</b>	Kangaroo	Koala	Emu	Wombat
<b>Senior Girls</b>	Kangaroo	Wombat	Koala	Emu
<b>Overall House Places</b>	<b>Kangaroo</b>	<b>Koala</b>	<b>Wombat</b>	<b>Emu</b>

**CANTEEN** - 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 each month.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 7/3	G Smith, P Smith
Friday 8/3	C Harris, L Plumridge
Monday 11/3	K Carter, C Harriss
Thursday 14/3	J Anderson, C Stone
Friday 15/3	M Charlton, C Jones
Monday 18/3	L Dobson, R Walton

**UNIFORM SHOP** - The Uniform Shop Committee would like to thank Sue Davies from Impress Promotions for her continued support of the school and in obtaining stock.

To order size 14 long grey pants for winter, please directly contact Jacqui Clayton on mobile no 0416 251076.

The Uniform Shop will be raising prices of some items in the coming weeks in response to the increase in prices by suppliers.

Uniform items (new)—stock update

Black fleece jackets (sizes 4–14) available to purchase now. These jackets are \$25 each and they are selling fast.

Girls dance pants on order—available to purchase in a couple of weeks.

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

Uniform Shop Roster

Thursday 7/3	S Horner, K Labushagne, J Clayton
Monday 11/3	V Eliasson, J McKendrick, S Prosser
Thursday 14/3	G Staniland, R Stoner, G Smith
Monday 18/3	C Cooke, J West, S Drake

## Spring Flower Bulb Fundraiser

**\$5 Spring Basics Packs**

**\$8 Exquisite Bulb Packs**

**\$12 Bulk Bargain Packs**

**\$25 Spring Bulb Collections**

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This is a P&C fundraiser that you can share with your friends, family and work colleagues.

Funds raised will be directed to the new vegetable garden, which will have multiple garden beds and grow produce to be shared with the canteen, students and their families.

Return your order form and full payment to the class teacher no later than Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Please make cheques payable to Berowra Public School P and C.

If you have any queries, please contact Renee Stoner 0433 462 251 or leave a message at the office.  
Thank you



**P & C NEWS** - It has been a very busy start to what we hope will be a fun and exciting year of social and fundraising activities. The next big fundraising and social event is the **Trivia Night** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March (7pm for 7:30pm start). This is a great night out, fantastic place to meet up with other parents and have a good laugh and dance. Tickets are on sale (\$20 each) at school or by calling Chris 0449 255 168 or Bec 0410 836 590. Tables of approximately 10 – we can help if you are a smaller group looking to join others or a bigger group wanting to stay together. We are also running a **Raffle** with some great prizes. Tickets are \$2 each/ 3 for \$5/ 7 for \$10 and on sale at school as well. It will be drawn on the trivia night but you don't have to be there to claim your prize. See the separate note for more details on ticket sales and the events.

In the last weeks, we have also had the Kick Off/Welcome Back night and a Mufti Day. Feedback on the Kick Off/Welcome Back was positive and we will look at having a similar evening towards the end of the year. Thanks to everyone who came along.

Mufti Day last week raised approximately \$470 towards the vegetable garden and it was interesting to hear what the kids favourite fruit and vegetables were – cucumbers, apples, bananas, avocados, grapes, watermelon etc.

The **Spring Bulb** fundraiser has also started and proceeds from this will be directed towards the new vegetable garden. If you would like to help with the vegetable garden please contact Graeme Gates on 0418 485 322.

The **P&C Maintenance Officer** position is also vacant for this year – can you help? This volunteer position involves organising a few working bees throughout the year and liaising with P&C and the school regarding jobs necessary to be completed.

If anyone is interested please contact Katrina Gates 0409 837 344 or Jose Auditore 0407 848 453.

The next **P&C Meeting** is **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm in the Staff Room**. This will be the second meeting for the year and therefore be tighter and shorter than the first meeting. All welcome.

#### **Grants and financial assistance**

Did you know that there are many grants that the school and/or P&C could be applying for? Have you seen a grant and didn't know who to contact at the school?

If an application was successful, BPS could receive additional funding or resources which would benefit your child and assist with the schools fundraising goals.

If you see/hear of a grant say on the radio, TV, internet or perhaps in your workplace and think it might benefit the school, please contact Emma Bedwin at [jbedwin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbedwin@bigpond.com) or via the school office.

## **\*\*\*\*TRIVIA NIGHT\*\*\*\***

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm, School Hall**

### **“Back to School” theme**

**Trivia Night and Raffle tickets are on sale NOW. Don't miss out....**

You can buy them from



- ✓ Chris, Bec, Vivienne, Carolyn or Jodi on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons after school in the playground between the Kindergarten rooms and staff room
- ✓ Teresa at the Canteen Monday, Thursday and Friday
- ✓ Vivienne before school on Friday
- ✓ Calling Chris 0449 255 168 or Bec 0410 836 590

**Trivia Night tickets** are \$20 each and you can start by simply just booking a table. Payment is due before the night by cash or cheque.

There are around 10 seats per table and we can help you join up with another table if you are only a small group. Tables can also be slightly bigger – just ask us.

**BYO** all food, drink, eskies etc. Prizes for winning table, best dressed man, best dressed lady and best decorated table.

**Raffle tickets** are \$2 each/ 3 for \$5/ 7 for \$10 and will be drawn on the night (you don't have to be there to claim your prize). Prizes are:

1. TV - TEAC 22" Full HD LCD with built in DVD player, one touch recording, HDMI and PC connectivity
2. Saucepans - Tefal Bistro non-stick 5 piece set red pans (RRP \$229)
3. Kids electric toothbrush - Sonicare Hx6311 (RRP \$99)





**SCHOOL BANKING** - The school earns commission from every deposit with school banking.

- \* Every Tuesday morning at the canteen from 8:50-9:20am
- \* There is no minimum deposit required
- \* New rewards and certificates for consistent banking
- \* Promotes good saving habits
- \* See the coordinators for details



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Bunnings Warehouse Thornleigh Free ladies DIY Workshop - Thursday 7th March 11am-1pm. Reach your kitchen renovation potential at our free interactive DIY workshop which will teach you skill to start your kitchen renovation. Receive expert advice from our team and hands on product demonstrations. Create & take home a mini herb garden for your new kitchen. Refreshments provided. Bookings recommended phone 9479 9000 or [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)

Benedictine Monastery Arcadia is holding their 48th Annual Country Fair at 121 Arcadia Rd on Sunday 10th March from 10:30am. Lots of stalls, BBQ, Chocolate Wheel, major prize raffle, tours of the Monastery.

### 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	Overdue
6/2	K-2 Sport	K-2	Overdue
13/2	PSSA Sport	PSSA	Overdue
20/2	Classroom resources	K-6	9/4
6/3	Aust Schools Competitions	3-6	28/3
6/3	Scholastic Bookclub	3-6	12/3

## 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 only 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 the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## JAZZ - HIP HOP - TAP - BALLET

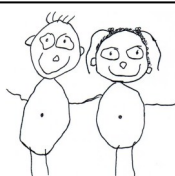
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