

The last fortnight has definitely been a busy one for BPS and Easter was a much needed break for all.

#### Harmony Day

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March was Harmony Day and BPS celebrated it in style. The children enjoyed buddy time, classroom visits, international food, an assembly, public speaking, international dances and concluded the day with a fun mini tabloid sport. Many thanks to all teachers and especially to Mrs Till who organised the day. A special thank you to the Cranfield family for the donation of the special stickers for every child. A very **harmonious** day was had by all!

#### Hat Parade

The children out did themselves again this year with their amazing headwear creations. It was great to see 100% participation from all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The atmosphere was of total enthusiasm and enjoyment. The children enjoyed parading their hats (with the help of their buddies), the arrival of the Easter Bunny and the wonderful tunes from the bands. Many thanks to Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Layson for their organisation of the event. Thank you to Mrs Gillard and the bands for their entertainment and thank you to the support group for the scrumptious morning tea. A fantastic event!

#### Congratulations

• Katrina T (5/6J) - accepted into the Sydney Recorder Camp

#### Mathletics Hall of Fame

- Ryan J (2B) 3<sup>rd</sup> World / 3<sup>rd</sup> Australia 25<sup>th</sup> March
  - 1<sup>st</sup> World / 1<sup>st</sup> Australia 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Bradley P (1C) 8<sup>th</sup> World / 6<sup>th</sup> Australia 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Matthew C (2B) 3<sup>rd</sup> World / 1<sup>st</sup> Australia 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Joshua JB (4K) 1<sup>st</sup> World / 1<sup>st</sup> Australia 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Cameron R (4P) 3<sup>rd</sup> World / 1<sup>st</sup> Australia 2<sup>nd</sup> April

#### P & C

On behalf of the staff and students of Berowra PS I would like to thank all the parents for their support of our school. At the last P&C meeting the school was given:

- \$5 000 for two interactive projectors for the Music Room and 3C
- \$10 000 to support teacher time for stage 2 and 3 children introduction of an enrichment program for both stages
- 15 Samsung Tablets to be used in the Kindergarten and Year 6 rooms

This generous donation will support and enrich the teaching and learning programs at our school. Thank you again.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Last week the teachers sent home 'snapshots' of your child's attitude to learning and school life. These 'snapshots' are not an academic report, they are purely to show your child's efforts in the classroom and their attitude to learning. Next week there will be Parent/Teacher interviews during the day and late evening meetings on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. Each meeting will be for ten minutes only. We are mindful that you may have particular queries you would like to raise with your child's teacher about your child. If you feel you will need longer than ten minutes then you may need to make another time to talk with the teacher.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews

#### Thank you

Many thanks to Phil Compton for installing shelves in the new class storerooms. The teachers really appreciate it.

#### April school holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having. Find out more: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a very relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Students return to school on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. At this time of year the weather can still be warm so winter uniform is not worn until around the end of May. I ask parents to decide which uniform is best for your child during this time. Enjoy your break!

#### Dianne Bower, Principal

**THE VEGETABLE PATCH** - The school vegie patch is up and running again for 2013. Classes have been busy digging, weeding, planting and mulching broccoli, silverbeet, spring onions, peas, beans, spinach, radish, lettuce, pumpkin and passionfruit. In anticipation of a delicious crunch and sip harvest in the winter.

Thank you to Steph Jordaan for organising seedlings, seeds and fertiliser from the Gordon Bunnings Store, Lisa Jewkes for a generous donation of seeds and Hornsby Council whose continued support and provision of resources through the 'Ready Set Grow' program is much appreciated.

Thank you also to those parents who have volunteered to help in the garden. We will particularly need support to maintain the garden over the school holiday periods. Anyone interested in helping in the garden can contact either Mrs Bolger or Mrs Butler. We are looking forward to another year of learning and fun in the garden.

#### Marilyn Bolger and Judy Butler

**DANCE NEWS** - During week 7, ten of our keen dance students went to Sydney Dance Company for the Sydney North Dance workshops. They had a wonderful time learning many different styles of dance such as Hip Hop, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Contemporary and even Zumba. This was a great experience for these children as they were taught by some of the best dance teachers in Australia. Well done to Jasmine M, Mackenzie W, Alexander H, Annika E, Emily D, Layla W, Cody L, Ella W, Seb E and Kirstyn S.

This year we have two dance groups that are both working extremely hard preparing items to audition for the Sydney North Dance Festival. We wish them the best of luck for their auditions in early Term 2.

This term 2B, 4P, 5/6T and 5/6W have been enjoying weekly dance lessons. These classes performed some short cultural dances for our Harmony Day Assembly on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Earlier in the term these classes were inspired by Pilobolus and The Silhouettes. These dance companies create amazing images using the shadows of their bodies. I urge you to have a look on YouTube to see what all the fuss is about. It is truly magnificent!

Mrs Kelly Lukic - Dance Teacher

**<u>MUSIC NEWS</u>** - <u>BAND</u> Congratulations to both concert and training bands for their performance at the hat parade last week. Concert band played tirelessly for everyone to parade and training band gave a fantastic performance to the parents, children and teachers. There were some great hats too!

Many thanks go to everyone for their Easter donations, help with putting the baskets together, organising stands etc for the performance and for the fantastic performance given by the musicians.

Please note the band uniform is LONG BLACK PANTS.

I hope everyone had a great Easter break. We have just two weeks left of this term and some great music to practice. The band will recommence in WEEK 1 of term 2.

Great work everyone, wishing you all a happy and enjoyable holiday.

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

#### <u>P & C</u> - Reference Group – Calling for parent representatives

A Reference Group is a sub-committee of the P&C which focuses on matters of special interest to the school.

The Reference Group consists of parents and teachers as relevant to a particular special interest. The frequency of meetings will be determined by the participants. The sub-committee has been structured this way to encourage greater participation from the parent community and you can drop in/out of the Reference Group depending on your interest, time and skills.

The first focus area for the Reference Group is the development of a 5 year strategic plan for the school. This will complement the schools 3 year plan which focuses on the educational aspects. The next meeting for 2013 is scheduled for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Anyone that is interested please come along . For more information contact Kaye Power on 0400 677 642.

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#### CANTEEN - Canteen Roster

Thursday 4/4	G Smith, P Smith
Friday 5/4	V Eliasson, T White
Monday 8/4	K Carter, C Harriss
Thursday 11/4	J Anderson, C Stone
Friday 12/4	C Harriss, L Plumridge
Mon 15/4– Mon 29/4	school holidays
Thursday 2/5	G Smith, P Smith
Friday 3/5	V Eliasson, T White
Monday 6/5	C Hatch, P Smith, D Allen

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#### CLASS MERIT AWARDS

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KP	Pranay G, Jade W,
KR	Amelia B, Jayden B,
KY	Jack J, Charlotte S,
1C	Morgan C, Madeleine B, Leela S
1W	Charlie L, Lincoln V, Maddie E
2B	Pearl M, Ripley B, Khema R, Danny C, Mikayla S, Kai V
2P	Danielle P, Kaitlyn K, Abbie C, Haylee S, Ben M, Zoe V
5/6T	Zoe P, Brody M, Stephanie D,
5/6W	Sophie A, Carla S, Daniel L,

#### **STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2013**

Families would have received a Stewart House

Donation Drive envelope recently.

You could win a \$4,000 holiday to the destination of your choice!

- 1. Write your name, address, telephone number & school.
- Insert a donation of at least \$2 into the envelope & seal it.
  Return the envelope to your class teacher before Stewart
- House Day, Friday 10th May.

It's that easy! The school will forward envelopes and payment onto Stewart House before the prize draw on 24th May 2013.

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW & the ACT.

April 5 Fri Stage 1 excursion to Seymour Centre 5 Fri School Disco 7 Sun **Daylight Saving Ends** 12 Fri Last day of Term 1 29 Staff Development Day Mon 30 Students return for Term 2 Tues May 7&8 T&W Mothers Day stall 8 Wed Sydney North Dance Festival audition 9 Thurs **BPS Cross Country** 10 Fri Last day for Stewart House donation drive envelopes 13 Mon Kindy Information Session 7pm 14-16 Tu-Th NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5 16 Thurs Class parent catch-up 2:30 21 Tues Aust Schools Computer competition 22 Wed P&C Mufti Day 23 Thurs Kindy Information Session 10am 27 Mon Zone Cross Country June 3 Mon School photos 4 Tues Band preschool tour 5 Wed Aust Schools Science competition 10 Mon Queen's Birthday public holiday 17 Mon Aust Schools Writing competition 18 Tues Aust Schools Spelling competition 18 Tues Athletics Carnival @ Foxglove Oval Tues 25 Interrelate 6pm & 7:15pm 28 Fri Last Day of Term 2 15 Mon Staff Development Day 16 Tues Students return for Term 3

**Diary Dates** 

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#### UNIFORM SHOP - 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 4/4S Horner, K Labuschagne, J ClaytonMonday 8/4V Eliasson, J Mckendrick, S ProsserThursday 11/4G Staniland, R Stoner, G SmithMon 15/4– Mon 29/4 school holidaysThurs 2/5S Horner, K Labuschagne, J Clayton

**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

Would you like to help another adult learn English? <u>Hornsby TAFE</u> is offering a FREE tutoring course: Saturday 18th and 25th May, 2013. Register now 9472 1294 or email <u>monique.brunello@tafensw.edu.au</u> for more details.

<u>Hornsby Libraries holiday fun activities</u> - Storytime at Hornsby & Berowra, Rangers on the Run—under the sea show at Hornsby & Berowra, JDs world of magic show at Hornsby. For further information see flyer in school noticeboard or contact Hornsby Library on 9847 6614 or Berowra Library 9847 6140.

<u>Sydney Olympic Park holiday program</u> returns with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$20, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting play-ground. Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au or 9714 7888.

Hornsby RSL Youth Club holiday gymnastics - swing on ropes, bounce high on trampolines, roll down the sprung floor, balance on the beams & hang around on the bars. Always so much to do & no previous experience is necessary.

When: Mon 15th, Wed 17th, Fri 19th, Mon 22nd, Wed 24th, Fri 26th April. 9am –3pm

Cost \$37 per day (members) or \$42 per day (non members)

Bring: Morning tea, lunch & plenty to drink

Where: Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics, 1 Ashley Lane Hornsby

Bookings essential. For more information 9476 6689 or email hornsbyrsl@gymnastics.org.au



By Eileen L

Far away, in the middle of the ocean, black, angry clouds rolled out from the mainlands to meet. As they collided, a streak of lightning found its way out of the maze of clouds and struck the ocean which the wind was tossing about as if it was light as a feather. The thunder rolled as the second bolt of lighting rushed to the ocean, splitting the sky in half. Countless drops of rain fell rom the jet black clouds into the swirling ocean, joining millions of others as they plunged into the sea, disappearing into its depths forever.

Vision Valley holiday camps include an action-packed overnight 4 day camp, four adventurous day camps, horse riding camps and an overnight camp out. Bookings closing Monday 8/4/13. email vvcamps@wesleymission.org.au to request a booking form.

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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	-			
20/2	Classroom resources	K-6	9/4			
6/3	Spring Flower Bulb fundraiser	K-6	28/3			
6/3	Aust Schools Competitions	3-6	28/3			
14/3	Senior Choir fee	Senior Choir	ASAP			
20/3	School Disco	K-2	4/4			
28/3	Dance Groups fee	Dance Grps	2/5			





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A little bit arty, a little bit gourmet & a whole lot of family fun! 11:30am, Live Music with Jay Parrino **9am - 2pm, Sun April 14** Berowra Public School



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<u>Learn to Swim</u>

Water Bables, Preschool, Primary to Adult School Terms & Holiday Intensives St Edmunds School, 60 Burns Rd, Wahroonga

Fiona: 0433163378 admin@ffss.com.au www.ffss.com.au



#### WIDEVIEW PUBLIC FETE DAY SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 10AM - 3PM

Wideview Public School in Berowra Heights is having its fete on Sunday 5th May 2013, and would like to invite stall holders to operate a stall on the day.

The market stalls are \$45 plus a small donation (\$15 - \$25 value) for our chocolate wheel.

If you are interested and would like to reserve a site, please e-mail wideviewfete@gmail.com or alternatively contact Michelle Burr on 0407 467 416 or Jason Conlon on 0402 403 598.

The Wideview Public School Community look forward to seeing you there!

# EASTER HOLIDAY FUN

Sew and Style Fun, funky holiday sewing workshops for kids

Fun, educational activities for the holidays. Come and join one of our exciting sewing workshops, no experience necessary.

**'Library/Tote Bags'** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**'Puppet Friends'** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**'Pyjama-rama'** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Learn basic sewing machine skills and make your own cool pyjama pants. Suitable for ages 8+.

from a dog, pig, rabbit or pony.

Suitable for ages 6+.

Learn basic sewing machine skills and

make your own drawstring bag, perfect for school or for your pyjamas' (see below). Suitable for ages 7+.

Make cute farm friend puppets. Choose

\*\* FULL \*\* Possible second date (Tues 16 Apr), please email your interest.

Workshops run from 9.30am until 12.30pm. \$35 per child. Please bring morning tea and a drink. Bookings essential, Sinead 02 9456 1807/0417 672 572 or sineadandmolly@hotmail.com. Workshops held at 43 Cambewarra Crescent, Berowra Heights

#### **MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL**

Parents and students are reminded that mobile phones are <u>not to be brought to school</u> except in exceptional circumstances.

Then the mobile phone must be left at the school office before school and collected at the end of the school day.





#### First Aid Course "Caring for Kids"



Berowra Rotary is organising a St John's Ambulance "Caring for Kids" first aid course focusing on caring for children aged between 0-7 years. Participants learn child and infant resuscitation, management of fractures, head injuries and the treatment of sudden illnesses. This course is designed to meet the first aid needs of parents, grandparents, carers and members of the public who may be entrusted with the care of babies and children.

Dates:	Saturday 13th and Saturday 20th April 2013
Time:	10am - 2:30pm with lunch provided
Venue:	St Marks Church, 18 Berowra Waters Rd
Cost:	\$95pp for 8 hours training over two Saturdays
Parking:	Available on site

For enquiries and registration please phone Carolyn Higgs on 9456 4450 or 0414 741 737 or email at <u>berowrafirstaidcourse@gmail.com</u>



The Julie and Jan Belcastro School of Dancing Ph. 9457 9976 or 9456 2638 Berowra - Pennant Hills DANCE TRAINING WITHOUT PRESSURE



# Waratah Pre School

12 Waratah Road Berowra NSW 2081 Phone: 02 9456 3434 <u>Waratahpre\_school@bigpond.com</u> www.waratahpreschool.com.au

Long Day 7:30am ~ 5:30pm Short Day 8:30am ~ 3:30pm Children aged 2 ~ 6years, Accredited Centre Experienced and Qualified Staff Extra programs: Music, Creative Dancing, School Readiness & Languages

#### 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 <u>only</u> 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 <u>to their</u> <u>teacher in the morning</u> 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.

# LEARN TO SWIM!



## **INDOOR HEATED POOL**

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TERM 2 STARTS: MONDAY 29 APRIL

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# **Berowra Public School**

# is pleased to announce the **entertainment** Book fund-raiser!

We are pleased to be offering parents the opportunity to purchase the brand new 2013|2014 Sydney North Entertainment<sup>™</sup> Book to raise funds for Berowra Public School.

We really like the new Entertainment<sup>™</sup> Books because they contain many of the area's best restaurants, cafés, activities, hotel accommodation and much more. These popular Books are packed with over hundreds of **up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers,** and over *\$15,000* value in total that your family can enjoy until 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014!



The best part is that for only **\$65** you'll be helping our fund-raising, with **\$13** from every Book sold contributing to **Berowra Public School**. Please let your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues know we are fund-raising, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we raise!

#### ORDER ONLINE NOW: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/205g133

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