



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 5th June 2013
Term 2 Week 6

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School Fence

Just after the last Crest was published BPS became the owners of a new security fence. Unexpectedly, this also included the back gateway being closed off. School Security organised this fence and I was under the impression that the fence was only going along Berowra Waters Rd. The walkway has been closed off due to the enormous amount of vandalism during the weekends and holiday periods. Unfortunately, we have, on occasions, found teenagers on our premises during school time. They have been found coming out of the toilets and a couple of times been seen coming out of unoccupied classrooms. This added security should hinder teenagers from entering the school grounds during the day. The gate to the walkway will be open from 8:30 to 9:45am and then from 3:00 to 4:00pm each day.

I would like to thank all parents for your understanding and support during the afternoon of the closure of the fence. I was in 'panic mode' during this time and the fact that you understood our predicament and coped with the disruption was very helpful.

Safety around the school

Please be very careful in the streets surrounding our school. The Drop Off Zone is only for dropping off and picking up. This part of the street is not for taking your child/ren into school.

"The driver is to pull into the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' zone and remain in control of the vehicle while the school student exits or enters the vehicle."

Please also be careful not to drive over double lines (make a U turn) and park in the bus zone or no stopping zone in front of the school.

Students riding bikes to and from school MUST have a helmet. Skateboards are not permitted in the school grounds so please do not ride skateboards to and from school.

Zone Cross Country

On Monday, 27th May 48 BPS students competed at the 2013 Hornsby Zone Carnival at Rofo Park, Hornsby Heights. The competitors from all Hornsby Zone schools were of an extremely high standard, with each age event proving very challenging. I would like to thank those students who achieved personal bests through running hard and never giving up. I would also like to congratulate Sam P (1st), Lachlan M (3rd) and Cooper D (4th) on their outstanding success! Good luck at the Area Carnival!

Also congratulations to Carla S (7th), Mackenzie W (7th) and Jasmine M (8th).

Performing Arts

As always, BPS is a very exciting place to be. Over the last two weeks we experienced many highlights from our "Performing Arts" groups. The drama groups auditioned for NIDA. The dance groups were successfully accepted into the Sydney North Dance Festival for 2013. The Year 3 Choir performed at the 'Hornsby Voices for Reconciliation' celebration at Hornsby Mall last Friday. The mayor, Steve Russell, commented after their performance that he would love to have a video of our children singing for their citizenship ceremony. Mrs Sheldon was heard to say, 'We'd be delighted to perform for it!'

The whole school assembly last Thursday saw many of our amazing musicians entertain us. The School Band played to a crowded house and the audience clapped, swayed and even sang along with

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.

their performance. Then we had Zac G perform a drum solo – wow! What an outstanding talent. I know I loved being entertained by these talented children and on behalf of the entire school I would like to thank them and Mrs Gillard for this experience.

Small Steps Anxiety Awareness Program

Small Steps is a free program that aims to increase awareness of anxiety disorders in primary school children. This program will run on **Monday, 24th June in the school hall commencing at 5:30pm.**

In this seminar you will learn signs and symptoms of Anxiety Disorders; Panic, Generalised Anxiety, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Social Phobia, Separation Anxiety and Specific Fears. This is a program funded by the NSW Health. Please let the school office know (or email me) if you will be attending this free seminar.

Kindergarten 2014

Enrolments are now being taken for Kinder 2014 with enrolment forms available from our school office. Over the last two weeks, we held our annual Kindergarten Information Evening and Morning, which provided families with an overview of our school and programs and the opportunity to meet staff. If you were unable to make these sessions and would like more information about our school, please contact the friendly staff in our office who will assist.

A full orientation program is conducted in Term 4, 2013 for both you and your children.

Winter Uniforms

If boys are too hot in long sleeve shirts and long pants, they can wear shorts and short sleeve shirts during winter. Even girls can wear the gold short sleeve shirt with their winter tunic if they find the long sleeves too hot.

Dianne Bower, Principal

DRAMA Once again apologies for the late notice about the drama auditions held last Wednesday for the entry into the Sydney North Drama Festival. The children did SO WELL! Thank you parents for outfitting your children in amazing costumes at such short notice. It made the whole show look so much better with colour and variety. We will hear in about 10 days time whether our plays will be accepted for The Sydney North Drama Festival at NIDA Kensington from 22-25 July. We also hope to perform our plays at a school assembly before the end of term.

Dramatically yours
Jennie Smith

LIBRARY NEWS - Thank you everyone for your ongoing participation in the Book Club. Mrs Steele and Mrs Williams run the club so capably twice a term. The school receives bonus points for the books you purchase for your children. We use these bonus points to buy new resources to keep our collection up to date and relevant.

Over due notices (on blue paper) go out every term. Please help your child locate our library books and return them. Our Berowra School barcode is on the front lower left hand corner. If you feel your child has already returned the books please mark "returned" on the overdue notices and return it to the library. Sometimes books are returned to shelves without being marked off your child's name.

Book borrowing is for two weeks, but can be renewed for longer durations.

200th Anniversary of the Blue Mountains crossing

On May 11th 1813 it was the 200th anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson. Since the arrival of the first fleet the settlers from England couldn't grow enough crops and homes for animals because the Blue Mountains were blocking a lot of land that was urgently needed.

When the settlers had no more land to harvest and look after animals three men decided to conquer the Blue Mountains and go searching for land. These brave men's names were Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson.

Blaxland was a very wealthy man, Lawson was a surveyor and Wentworth is a son of a doctor. On their trip they had four fully packed horses to carry their supplies and equipment. When these men travelled through the Mountains they stuck to the ridges. When the three men reached a mountain called Mt York they walked along the ridges looking out for land. A few hours later they were coming to the end of the mountain and couldn't see anything until Lawson saw at least 100 acres of land for the crops to grow and the sheep to stay. The three men had found the land they needed. So the three men conquered the Blue Mountains and found land. They were heroes.

Now in the Blue Mountains there are suburbs and memorials named after them.

By Isaac C 5/6G

Favourite Authors:

Juniors: Pamela Allen, Bob Graham, Anna Fienberg, Alison Lester, Mem Fox, Eric Carle, Margaret Wild.

Seniors: Graeme Base, Andy Griffiths, Emily Rodda, Lemony Snicket, Anthony Horowitz, Morris Gleitman, Jacqueline Wilson.

It is wonderful to see so many parents encouraging and support their children's reading prowess. May was National Reading Month but every month should be a reading month!

Year 5 and 6 have been studying the 200th Anniversary of the Crossing of the Blue Mountains in May 1813. Some of the children volunteered to adapt their note taking and write a report.

Years 3 & 4 have been studying Machines

Years K to 2 have been reading and then dramatizing the stories. They are very creative and talented!



MUSIC - CHOIR - Last Friday, 21st May our Year 3 Choir had their debut performance in Hornsby. We were privileged to join in the Hornsby Children's Voices for Reconciliation Concert which is organised every year by Hornsby Shire Council. Joining with children from other local schools, we were welcomed by Aboriginal elders with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country and we were privileged to be told stories from the Dreaming by Uncle Wes Marne. The children sang 'The Green and the Gold', a song celebrating unity in Australia, and received high praise from everyone there. Well done children - you represented our school admirably.

- Liz Sheldon

BAND - What a great performance from the Concert band at assembly last week! The Band played extremely well with great enthusiasm and behaved so well on the stage too. Particular congratulations to our two soloists Nathalie and Zac - fantastic! There will be further times for soloists, please take advantage of this opportunity. Special thanks to all the Concert band children who came to Training band to act as mentors. Both Training band children and Concert band children benefitted from the experience.

Please return registration forms to me at rehearsal.

Fantastic work everyone! Any questions or queries? Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 bpsband@hotmail.com

200th Anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains

On 11th May 1813, three brave explorers named Gregory Blaxland, William Wentworth and William Lawson decided to cross the Blue Mountains only 43 years after the discovery of Australia by Captain Cook and 25 years after the arrival of the first fleet. It was a long and dangerous journey, but they made it. It took them 21 days to complete the trip, but it was all worthy it. Especially since the need for new grazing land was colossal. It was a long and dangerous journey because they had to hack their way through the bush, they had to climb up and down cliff faces and they had to dig through lots and lots of dirt. Today, just west of Katoomba you can see the remains of a Eucalyptus tree marked by the famous explorers Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson. The Marked Tree, along with Caley's Repluse at Lawson, are the only remaining marks of the early explorers. A cairn of stones was also placed at Linden; however, we can not be certain if the existing cairn at Linden is the original. The Blue Mountains are remarkable places to be. The blue colour, the mountain ranges themselves, everything. It's completely remarkable. Without those fabulous brave explorers, Gregory Blaxland, William Wentworth and William Lawson, the Blue Mountains wouldn't be the same as they are today. Well done brave explorers!!

By Dylan P 5/6J

200th Anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains

On 11th May 1813, three brave explorers by the name of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson set out to cross the Blue Mountains to search for more land. With machines being used to make almost anything, wool was in great demand and Australia had many thousands of sheep but Australia needed more land to make room for more sheep to help them make more money. The men crossed the Nepean River and came through the bush. They came across the decision to go along the ridges then finally they came across the land that would last them for at least 30 years. So we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains that these brave explorers travelled across.

By David T 5/6J



PARLIAMENT MOTIONS - On Thursday 23rd May 2013, Berowra Public School had their second parliament session for Term 2. We had three motions brought from the floor and all were seconded in the disagree and agrees areas. The first motion was the only one that got passed - we should have seats and tables outside the canteen as the concrete is quite gross to sit on - this motion went to Minister for Health and Safety. The next motions officially did not pass, they were - we should get new sandpit buckets as most of them are broken. And also - Berowra Public School canteen should have a special section for people with food allergies. After that we all enjoyed our lunch. Thank you for reading the updated motions.
From Secretary, Tamara B

CANTEEN - Thank you to everyone who helped me at the Zone Cross Country Carnival - Emma Bedwin, Alicia Nowells, Carolyn Harriss, Leanne Plumridge who came in on her birthday. Happy birthday Leanne and a special thank you to Philly Smith who was with me from 7am till the end. It was a great success and thankfully good weather.

Reminder 1: 18th June Athletics Carnival at Foxglove Oval will be open. We will be selling pies, sausage rolls, chips, drinks and lollies. We will also be running a sausage sizzle so hopefully it will be a nice day.

Reminder 2: Next term the canteen will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only. We are also planning some special meal days so keep a look out for that note.

Reminder 3: There is a special Spaghetti Bolognese day on Tuesday 25th June. Cost is \$3.50 and 50c for garlic bread. Order forms have gone home today and need to be back at the canteen by Friday 14th June. Enjoy!

Canteen Roster

Thursday 6/6	G Smith, P Smith
Friday 7/6	V Eliasson, T White
Monday 10/6	closed-Public Holiday
Thursday 13/6	J Anderson, C Stone
Friday 14/6	C Chu, L Plumridge
Mon 17/6	L Dobson, R Walton

UNIFORM SHOP - Uniform items (new)—stock update - Black fleece jackets are selling out faster then we can get them in. Another order has been placed. We anticipate it arriving on 10 June.

Stockings for the girls are available. We carry Red Robin brand, which comes with a cushioned foot.

Spray jackets are also available.

Dance pants for the girls are in stock, too.

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 6/6	S Horner, K Labuschagne, J Clayton
Monday 10/6	closed-Public Holiday
Thursday 13/6	G Staniland, R Stoner, G Smith
Monday 17/6	C Cooke, J West, S Drake
Thursday 20/6	C Harriss, M Charlton, S Williams

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP - It has come to our attention that some of the 'live, laugh, love' mugs sold at the mothers day stall may be faulty. If you have experienced any problems with your mug please return it to SSG and we will happily replace it with another item. Contact Carolyn 0412 502 025. Sorry for any inconvenience.

SSG is holding a mufti day on Tuesday 11th June. Money raised will go towards buying new home readers.

This term's disco will be held on Friday 21st June. See separate note.

SCHOOL BANKING - Please note that there will be NO school banking on the morning of the Athletics Carnival, Tuesday 18th June. Banking will be as usual the next week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dementia Carers Support Group "How different symptoms and behaviours relate to different types of dementia".

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 on Thursday 13/6/13 June at 2:30pm at Berowra Community Health Centre. Cost is free. Afternoon tea will be provided. RSVP 9456 3344.

Mufti Day

When: Tuesday 11th June

Wear: Mufti. Closed in shoes are a must and don't forget your hat.

Bring: Gold coin donation

School Support Group will be using the proceeds raised to buy new home readers for the classrooms.

CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KBlue	Alexander M, Harry S
KPurple	Jackson C, Jasmine B
KRed	Kiara B, Anneliese K
KYellow	Jack J, Charlotte S
1A	Max D, Mackenzie F
1C	Disha G, Natalia G
2P	Monique W, Emma H
3C	Sophia V, Patrick W, Stella M
4K	Amy S, Benjamin W, Tom H
4P	Michael C, Lachlan B, Mimi L
5/6G	Lachlan M, Carla S, Lilly S
5/6J	Miles V, Isabella G, Lilly S
5/6T	Daniel M, Sienna O, Genevieve F

**Canteen opening days
from Term 3**

**Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday**

Term 2 will remain Monday, Thursday
and Friday

Diary Dates

June

10	Mon	Queen's Birthday public holiday
13	Thurs	Music Support Team meeting 7pm
17	Mon	Aust Schools Writing competition
17	Mon	Hornsby Music Festival rehearsal
18	Tues	Athletics Carnival @ Foxglove Oval
19	Wed	Aust Schools Spelling competition
19	Wed	Combined concert/training band 7:55
20	Thurs	CAPA performance @ assembly 12:30
21	Fri	School Disco
24	Mon	Stage 2 Powerhouse excursion
25	Tues	Interrelate 6pm & 7:15pm
25	Tues	Dance rehearsal 11am
26	Wed	Dance performance 7:30pm
27	Thurs	Dance performance 11:30am & 5pm
27	Thurs	Winning sport house sausage sizzle
28	Fri	Last Day of Term 2

July

15	Mon	Staff Development Day
16	Tues	Students return for Term 3



Dear Parents

.....Time is ticking.....If you do not want to purchase the Entertainment Book which was sent home recently, please sent it back to school.

Otherwise, please send payment.

Your assistance is very much appreciated!!!



NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
20/2	Classroom resources	K-6	9/4
10/4	Term 2 Sport—tennis	Yrs 3-6	9/5
8/5	PSSA soccer, netball & AFL	PSSA	16/5
8/5	Voluntary School Contribution	K-2	ASAP
8/5	Canberra & ski excursions	Yrs 5 & 6	Deposit 23/5/13
22/5	Stage 2 Powerhouse Museum excursion	Years 3 & 4	13/6
29/5	Athletics Carnival	K-6	11/6
29/5	Interrelate	Years 3-6	25/6
29/5	Dance Festival	Dance	6/6
5/6	Mufti Day	K-6	-
5/6	BPS Disco	K-6	18/6

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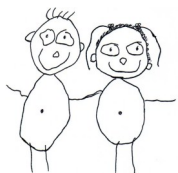
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Cost: Free

RSVP: 9456 1319

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Saturday	June 29 - 2pm & 8pm
Sunday	June 30 - 3pm
Wednesday	July 3 - 8pm
Friday	July 5 - 8pm
Saturday	July 6 - 2pm & 8pm

Tickets

Adult	\$21.00
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School Holiday

Wednesday 3 July

10.30am **Free Kids Movie - Jock**
12noon **\$5 Kids Meals**
1.00pm **Free Kids Bingo** (Dobbers \$2)

Wednesday 10 July

10.30am **Free Kids Movie - Frankenweenie**
12noon **\$5 Kids Meals**
1.00pm **Craft Day \$4** child 3 years and over
Bookings essential






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