

Welcome back to Term 4.

I hope that you all had a restful and happy break and are ready to move into what is usually the busiest term of the year.

On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome Mrs Barbara Lawrie to our school as a newly appointed School Administration Officer. Barbara has been working in the office for over a year as a casual and has just been appointed permanently.

Our Year 6 students are now into their final term of primary school which is very exciting and as a school we begin to plan ahead for the end of year festivities and for the beginning of 2015. Before we know it we will be celebrating student achievement on Presentation Day and saying farewell to our Year 6 students.

Our Kindergarten 'Berowra Beginners' program for 2015 Kindergarten students began this week. If you have missed out on this special event please contact the office immediately in order for us to include all students in this exciting program. The program is designed to assist the children to feel more relaxed and comfortable about starting at school next year by introducing them to the teachers and to their new friends in and enjoyable and informal manner.

Many thanks to all the parents who have taken time to complete the parent survey sent via email. This will help with our school management plan for 2015 – 2017.

NAIDOC Garden

Many thanks to Mrs Deb Pickering and the many parents/families/students that have supported the development of our NAIDOC Garden (located adjacent to the staff car park). This has been a huge project and it is now nearing completion. Thank you to all who have supported this project. It looks amazing.

George Blackwood

On behalf of all of BPS community I would like to extend our congratulations to George Blackwood, an ex-BPS student and Year 12 student at Asquith Boys. George has been selected for the under-19 Socceroos squad for the upcoming ASEAN Football Federation Youth Championships in Vietnam. He will also begin playing for Sydney FC in the National Youth League later this month.

http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/berowras-george-blackwood-selected-for-young-socceroos/ story-fngr8j1q-1227044677121?nk=3ceecef446f0823824c7120843f21d0b

Parents/students

If your child has any problems with another student at BPS, I ask that you allow us to follow up on this problem/issue. Please do not talk or approach the other student about any issue.

Congratulations:

- Ryan J $(3/4B) 1^{st}$ in Australia and 1^{st} in the world in Mathletics on 17^{th} September.
- · Ryan J $(3/4B) 4^{th}$ in Australia and 22^{nd} in the world in Mathletics on 7^{th} October.
- Ryan J $(3/4B) 4^{\text{th}}$ in Australia and 22^{nd} in the world in Mathletics on 13^{th} October.
- Riley B (4G) 7^{th} in Australia and 12^{th} in the world in Mathletics on 13^{th} October.
- · Year $3/4B 4^{th}$ in Australia in Mathletics on 13^{th} October.
- Year $4G 8^{th}$ in Australia in Mathletics on 13^{th} October.

Classes for 2015

During Term 4 many parents begin to think about classes for the following year. The staff and I are concentrating on providing the best education for children in 2014, consequently plans for next year

regarding teachers on certain grades are not in place. Please do not assume that teachers will remain on the same grade next year.

Requests for a particular teacher cannot be accommodated. I also ask parents not to attempt to pick and choose who they would like their child to be or not be with next year. Genuine and special

reasons should be directed by phone, letter or interview to the principal. Class teachers or executive will not take requests for class placement next year. Naturally, parents will discuss their child's

needs with the class teacher but promises of classes and teachers will not be made by the 2013 class teacher. In short, see me if you have any concerns, but please trust the teachers and me to place your child in a class where they will have friends and learn in an engaging friendly atmosphere.

We are carefully monitoring our anticipated enrolments for 2015. Thanks to those who have already returned an enrolment form. Please contact the school for an enrolment package if you have a sibling yet to enrol or **you are aware you will not be returning to BPS in 2015** and have not yet notified us.

Selective High Schools application

On Tuesday, 14th October, 2014 the online applications open for entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016.

Application is required by mid November 2014 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 14 October to 17 November 2014.

Application information is available on the Department's internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/Shsplacement For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms will be available in government primary schools, selective high schools, network offices and NSW State Office at Bridge Street from 21 October 2014. Paper applications must be submitted to the student's school principal

by 17 November 2014.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2016 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015.

Donated Rep Shirts

The Uniform Shop arranged for our old rep shirts to be donated to a school in Africa. This photo, left, is of the excited boys wearing the shirts

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Principal

<u>CHOIR NEWS</u> - <u>Senior Choir</u> (Year 3-6) will continue on MONDAYS at lunchtime this term. Please come to the hall straight after eating time.

<u>Junior Choir</u> (Years 1 & 2) will be on TUESDAYS at 1.05 in the hall. Your teachers will remind you.

Both choirs are preparing performances for the fete and our end of year special assemblies so be sure to come along and join in the fun!

Mrs Sheldon

<u>UNIFORM SHOP NEWS</u> - Term 4 already!! <u>Ride arm bands</u> for BPS Fair will be available for the Uniform Shop from Thursday 16th October for \$25 (pre-purchase price) or \$30 on the day of the Fair.

This week is the start of the Beginners Group Program for Kindergarten 2015. If you are a new parent and need new uniforms, make your way to the Uniform Shop and check out



Australian Red Cross Blood Service is coming to Berowra Community Centre **Tuesday 28th October** Wednesday 29th October Thursday 30th October 1:30pm - 6:30pm Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate Eat! Have a good sized meal beforehand Bring photo ID or your blood donor card with you Roll up your sleeves and give blood Please phone 13 14 95 Australian Red Cross to make an appointment BLOOD SERVICE

everything. The "<u>Starter Packs</u>" were a great success last year so we will be offering them again and they are becoming a permanent item. Remember, this takes all the stress out of purchasing uniforms for new families. The cost of the Starter Pack is \$200.

Don't forget, as an addition, we will be introducing a "<u>Sibling</u> <u>Starter Pack</u>". These will contain ONE full uniform (for either boys or girls) and will be particularly useful for families who have older children at school and will be handing down some uniforms to the Kindy child. Prices will be advised as soon as possible.

Now for the really BIG NEWS. The <u>Uniform Shop is getting</u> <u>EFTPOS</u>! Soon we will be able to process all your credit card and direct debit purchases on the spot. We should have the new system up and running within the next few weeks.

<u>Hats</u> are now to be worn in the playground so it's timely to remind you of the hats we have available. Formal hats are \$25 each or casual hats can be purchased for \$15 each or a special of \$25 for 2. These are perfect for putting in the bottom of the bags in case one gets misplaced.

<u>Just a friendly reminder</u>—the Uniform Shop is staffed by volunteer mums who willingly give up their time to assist. Please be mindful of this when you have any dealings with our volunteers. We understand that it is a small room and it can get quite busy and sometimes frustrations can boil over. We are all parents, we all have children, we all understand the need of getting the correct uniform. Please remember that without the volunteers there would be no Uniform Shop.

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| Instrument Try outs! Don't Miss Out on Your Favourite Instrument! | 1111 |
| S Instrument try-outs for Band 2015 in the Hall | 1 1 1 |
| Monday 20 th October, 3:00 – 3:45pm – Year 2 students only Wednesday 22 nd October, 9.00 – 9.30 am – ALL interested students Years 2 – 5 Wednesday 29 th October, 9.00 – 9.30 am – ALL interested students Years 2 – 5 | 777777777777777777777777777777777777777 |
| Take this fantastic opportunity to give your children the gift of a lifetime – <u>MUSIC!</u> | |
| School instruments available are flutes, clarinets, saxophones, cornets, trumpets, baritone, euphonium and trombones. | עעעעע |
| Anyone interested in percussion or keyboard or if you have questions please contact the Band Director, Mrs Liz Thomson via email <u>bps-</u> <u>band@hotmail.com</u> or through the school office. | IIIIII 2nd |
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| Diary Dates | | | | |
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| October | | | | |
| Wed 15 | P&C Meeting 7:30 in staffroom | | | |
| Thurs 16 | Maths Fun Day Flashmob perform at Hornsby Westfield | | | |
| Mon 20 | Band Concert for Year 2 | | | |
| Tues 21 | Canteen Ice Cream Day at recess | | | |
| Wed 22 | Band try-outs for Years 2-5. 9.00-9.30am | | | |
| Wed 29 | Band try-outs for Years 2-5. 9.00-9.30am | | | |
| Thurs 30 | League Tag Gala Day Pink Morning Tea | | | |
| November | | | | |
| Sat 8 | BPS Fair | | | |
| 10-12 | Year 3 Gibberagong camp | | | |
| Thurs 13 | Kindy 2015 Orientation Day | | | |
| Fri 14 | BPS Disco | | | |
| 17-18 | Year 4 Gibberagong camp | | | |
| 17-21 | Stage 3 Broken Bay camp | | | |
| Thurs 20 | Stage 2 Water Catchment program | | | |
| Tues 25 | Science Show | | | |
| Wed 26 | Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic at Gibberagong | | | |
| Thurs 27 | Twilight Concert & sausage sizzle 6pm | | | |
| December | | | | |
| Wed 3 | Christmas church service BPS Helpers morning Tea Y7 2015 High School Orientation Day | | | |
| Tues 9 | K-2 Christmas Concert 10am & 12pm | | | |
| Thurs 11 | BPS Presentation Day | | | |
| Mon 15 | Celebration of Learning Assembly Year 6 Farewell | | | |
| Wed 17 | Last day of term | | | |
| 18-19 | Staff Development Days | | | |
| Jan 28 | Students return for 2015 | | | |

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

Enrolments for Kindergarten are well underway.

If your child or you know of a child ready to start school next year make sure they are enrolled. Our orientation programs began this term with the Kindy Fun Day.

Berowra Beginners Program commences Week 2 Term 4 and Orientation Day 13th November.

For more information contact the school office on 9456 1319.



<u>Hand Items</u>. If you have any summer uniforms that you would like to donate, please drop them into the shop. A reminder that whilst we appreciate all donations, please remember that we CAN NOT accept hats, underpants, socks or shoes.

Uniform Shop Roster -

| Mon 6/10 | Public Holiday | Thurs 19/9 | K Krishnaratna, S Beard |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon 13/10 | S Chambers, J Clayton | Thurs 16/10 | A Dawson, L Plumridge |
| Mon 20/10 | J Greenwood, A Dawson | Thurs 23/10 | S Lindsey, T Hogarth |
| Mon 27/10 | K Murphy, B Jones | Thurs 30/10 | J West, S Williams |
| Mon 3/11 | S Manns, L Plumridge | <i>Thurs 6/11</i> | N Steele, C Harris |

<u>CANTEEN</u> - A new menu will be distributed shortly. Don't forget the <u>Ice Cream Day</u> on Tuesday 21st October. Orders to the canteen by Friday 17th October please.

Because this term is so busy with camps for Stage 2 and Stage 3 as well as excursions, Presentation Day and the K-2 Concert, it has been decided that there will

be NO milk orders this term.

Milk orders will recommence Term 1 2015.

Canteen Roster

| Wed 15/10 | R Walton, C Cook, N Lewandoski |
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| Thurs 16/10 | C Chu, F Minto |
| Fri 17/10 | T Pearce |
| Wed 22/10 | S Vaughan, H Tyler |
| Thurs 23/10 | M Triebel |
| Fri 24/10 | K Wallis, B Barton |
| Wed 29/10 | D Allan, P Smith, T Carlson |
| Thurs 30/10 | C Chu, F Minto |
| Fri 31/10 | T Pearce |

| NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED | | | | | |
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| Sent Out | Subject | Distribution | Response before | | |
| 3/9 | Summer Sport | Yr 3—Yr 6 | 9/10 | | |
| 10/9 | PSSA sport | PSSA reps 9/1 | | | |
| 8/10 | Year 5 Asquith High Schools Experience Day | Year 5 | ar 5 ASAP | | |
| 15/10 | League Tag Gala Day | Reps 28/10 | | | |
| 15/10 | Beginner Recorder | Kindy & Year 1 1/12 | | | |
| 15/10 | Year 2 Band Concert | Year 2 | - | | |

Most notes are on the BPS website under

'Our School' tab—'Missed a Note?'

BPS Fair - Saturday 8th November

<u>2nd hand clothing</u> - Donations can be left at the office. Please contact Tara on 0411 882 861 if you have any enquiries.

Please return raffle tickets to the office or BOOSH

Cottage. There are great prizes for people who sell the most raffle tickets.

<u>Ride Bands</u> are available from the uniform shop for \$25. \$30 if you buy at the fair.

Start collecting that <u>trash n treasure</u> together. We'll advise soon of drop off dates.

Eliza and Caitlin

During the school holidays Eliza O (4G) and Caitlin J (2R) both attended the Australian Irish Dancing Championships in Canberra. We would like to congratulate them on coming 5th place for their 8-hand team dance.

They performed amazingly for their first National Champion-ships!

Community News

LOST - a set of Toyota car keys lost between parking on Hillcrest Road and BPS uniform shop. If anyone finds them please call 0411 361 920 or hand

them into the school office. Thank you.



Thursday 30th October 9.30am at BOOSH Cottage

Bring a friend, bring a donation, wear something pink and come enjoy a tea or coffee, cake and a chat.

Lucky door and raffle prizes to be won. Preschoolers welcome.

See you there!!

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 and the canteen special lunch days can also be handed to the class teacher, but please include these in separate envelopes and with separate payment.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Class Awards

15 Sept - 10 Oct

- KR Jonathan C, Hayden F, Ryan M, Archie R, Benjamin B, Matt S
- 1A Indigo R, Jasmine W, Jessica C, Jayden L, Alex J. India N 1C Julian C, Isabel A, Nicholas G, Cayleigh H, Anna P, Isabella C
- **1S** Jack J, Benjamin O, Alexander M, Jayden B, Emily C, Savannah L

Exceptional learning opportunities for boys

- 2P Jake D, Maximus V, Emily L, Daniel V, Luke M, Lincoln V, Madeleine B, Leela S
- Orlando J, Millie T, Maya W, Ollie G, 2**R** Sophie W, Charlie L
- Will P, Layla W, Blake C 4G
- 5/6J Rachel W, Eileen L, Daniel M









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The BPS String Ensemble is looking for new members for 2015.

Students who are learning violin, viola, cello or double bass are en-

In 2015 the string ensemble will cater for players from beginners to more advanced students. A highlight for 2015 will be the chance to play on the stage of the Sydney Opera House in The Festival of Instrumental Music.

For more details or to register please contact me at since the second seco

2014 if you wish your child to be involved in the

Festival of Instrumental Music.

Sue Thorvaldson BPS String Ensemble Director

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Start at 12.30pm ['] Official Ceremony at 5.00pm

Bush Dance 6.00pm to finish at 8.00pm

Saturday 25th October

Cowan Public School Chandler Avenue, Cowan

BBQ all day, Food Stalls, Market Stalls, Showbags, Raffles, Silent Auctions, Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Balloon Art, Sand Art, Classroom Museum, Rural Fire Service & Activities, Live Music, CPS History Photo Book, and much more...







AFL **family fun day**



Activity for children 4 to 13 years old.

Come and join us and learn AFL skills by playing fun games with other families. Meet AFL accredited coaches and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day!

Basic AFL skills and games

Activities include:

- Show bags with a football and information of local services
- Morning tea and picnic

Details

When: Sunday 16 November from 9am to 11am

- Where: James Park, Corner of Low and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby
- Cost: Free

Bookings: Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/childrenandfamilies

- What to bring:
 - Drinks, hats and sun protection.
 - Chairs or picnic blankets
 - Wear suitable sports footwear

Children must be supervised by an adult for the whole duration of the event. This event will be cancelled if raining.





CALLER SOUTH

Attention YR 6 Parents!

We're inviting all YR 6 Kids to attend Wildcats Youth Group in Term 4.

We understand that moving from Primary School into High School can be a big transition for kids; so we look to offer a small step in between.

Wildcats is for all High School aged Young People in YR's 7 - 12.

- WHERE Unit 4/67 71 Jersey St, Hornsby
- WHEN 730pm-930pm Every Friday of the School Term

For more details visit www.cch.net.au/youth/

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Road safety

Key points to remember around schools

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Driving and parking safely near the school

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.

Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.

Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.

NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you. Slow down near the school crossing.

At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.

Always park and turn legally around the school. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.

Using your school's drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.





For the latest penalties – fines and the loss of demerit points – visit rms.nsw.gov.au

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

