



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 5th February 2014  
Term 1 Week 2

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Welcome to the 2014 School Year. It is always wonderful to see the fresh enthusiastic smiles on the faces of our children as they begin the year in their new classes with their teachers. A special welcome to our new students and families and to our magnificent Kindergarten children who came to school bubbling with confidence and the knowledge of many aspects of life! Let us all work together to make sure we maintain this zest for learning and participation. Class organisation for 2014 is as follows:-

Principal	Mrs Dianne Bower
KBlue	Mrs Janita Layson
KPurple	Mrs Bonnie Tonkes
KRed	Mrs Judith Butler (Kindergarten supervisor)
1A	Mrs Alison Withford / Mrs Jacqui Clayton
1C	Mrs Megan Carroll
1S	Mrs Elizabeth Sheldon
2C	Mrs Rosemary Cacitti / Mrs Kerry Smith
2P	Mrs Deborah Pickering
2R	Miss Elky Roberts
3P	Mr Dominic Parkinson
3/4B	Mrs Marilyn Bolger
4G	Miss Sarah Griffin
4P	Mr Glenn Pritchard (Assistant Principal Stage 2)
5K	Mrs Elizabeth Kempe
5W	Mr Liam Wright
6B	Mrs Elizabeth Beckedahl (Assistant Principal Stage 3)
5/6B	Mr Taran Jones
<b>RFF</b>	
Library	Mrs Jennifer Smith (M,T,W)
Dance/Lib	Mrs Kelly Lukic (W, Th)
Vis Arts/Lib	Mrs Judi Wade (W, F)
Science	Mrs Sally Till
Learning and Support	Teacher - Mrs Louisa Cabral (term 1)
Reading Recovery	- Mrs Sally Till (Assistant Principal Stage 1)

A very warm welcome back to our returning staff and new staff. I know the teachers are also excited to be back and are also looking forward to another 'action packed' year with your children.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Till after her time as Best Start Literacy Consultant.

Welcome to Mr Liam Wright and Miss Elky Roberts. Both of these teachers come to us with a wide range of experience and expertise and I know they will be a 'great fit' for our school community.

Classes are settled and the academic programs began on Day 1. Thank you to the many parents who sent positive messages to me regarding class placement.

Congratulations to all students who have started the year so well. The teachers have commented on the renewed energy, enthusiasm and lovely manners of the children in their classes. As educators, we will continue to maintain the motivation and direct the students towards higher achievements.

### **PSSA Teams/Dance/Drama/Choir Groups**

The beginning of the new school year means that selections are on for those interested in sporting teams, dancing, acting in the school play or performing with an advanced musical/dance ensemble. There's this in common with the all groups: some will make the cut, and many will not. Just a couple of examples are: Albert Einstein failed his college

entrance exam. Walt Disney was fired from his first media job and Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team.

Teachers spend many lunchtimes selecting these groups. All of these groups are part of our Gifted and Talented Program. The children selected in these groups/teams are chosen on their skills and talents. Some children, due to their well-developed skills and/or talents will make it into more than one team/group, just as some children will always top the spelling test!

At any level, being left out of any team or group hurts. Parents need to make this process easier for their children by softening the disappointment. Parents can help children learn to deal with rejection as a part of life and help them bounce back with grace and renewed energy to the next endeavour. As teachers we agonise over all decisions and try to give all children an opportunity to shine. We need to work together to ensure that all children don't give up but continue to strive for their best, handle setbacks graciously and just as Michael Jordan did.... **never, ever give up!**

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

These will be held next Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. This is a time for you to meet your child's teacher/s and understand their expectations. Procedures and class organisation will be explained during these sessions. The term letters will also be distributed during these sessions.

### **Class Parents**

We are asking for volunteers to be class parents. Each class needs a Class Parent - the role of the Class Parent is to cascade any information to the class as soon as possible. Depending on the subject, information may need to be gathered and passed back up. You don't have to be a parent who comes to school for drop offs/pick ups. The purpose of the Class Contact List is to facilitate social contact between the children and parents and assist the flow of information from the school, your teacher and volunteer groups like P&C. For example, organising reading groups, special events, class specific information, fundraising events and maintenance days.

Please add your name and contact details to the list in the classrooms on the Monday Evening Parent/Teacher Meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings please send your email and mobile phone details to your class teacher who will add them to the list.

### **Homework 2014**

This year, as a K-6 initiative, we have decided to streamline homework tasks.

Homework in 2014 will consist of reading (K-2 – home readers; 3-6 – either oral or silent reading - depending on your child's ability), talking to learn, learning spelling and spending time with the family. For those children who really 'crave' homework there is always Mathletics and Spellodrome. I am sure those children who love doing extra study will enjoy creating their own homework tasks. The home reading will ensure the continuation and love of our Berowra Book Busters and reading for enjoyment.

With the added pressures of after school activities (sport, dance, music, etc) and family commitments, homework is taking up more and more of precious family time. Research and project will be completed in class time.

### **Uniform**

There has been some confusion as to the correct uniforms :

#### **Summer school uniform**

##### **Boys**

Gold short sleeve shirt  
Grey shorts  
Grey socks  
Black shoes  
Grey school hat

##### **Girls**

Grey dobby check tunic with lemon trim  
Lemon socks  
Black shoes  
Hair accessories in gold or purple  
Grey school hat

##### **Sports Uniform**

Polo shirt in appropriate house colour for both boys and girls  
Black shorts  
White socks  
Joggers or trackshoes

Black skort or shorts  
White socks  
Joggers or trackshoes

Please note leggings/bike pants **are not** part of the sports uniform. We discourage canvas shoes as they do not give support for ankles during sporting activities.

Children need to wear hats at school and it needs to be a “sun safe” hat. We ask the children to take pride in their school uniforms which includes taking care of their hats. If the brim of your child’s hat has become out of shape so that it is no longer protecting them from the sun we ask that you try ironing it so that it looks smart and is sun safe.

### **Gymnastics K-2**

Gymnastics lessons, provided by Sportspo, will commence Thursday, 13th February for all children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. The gym sessions will be **Thursdays for Year 2R and Year 2P; KPurple, KRed and KBlue. Year 1 and Year 2C** will have their gym sessions on **Fridays**. A note will be sent home shortly regarding payment.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Our school swimming carnival is on Monday 3rd March at Knox Grammar School Aquatic Centre. All children in Years 3 to 6 are expected to attend. This is a school day and the swimming carnival is a school event. If your child is not a strong swimmer they will still enjoy cheering on their friends, chatting with friends and just enjoying a day of team spirit and school fun. Please do not keep your child home on this day.

Work related to this day will be followed up in class over the next few days.

### **Success at Asquith Girls High School**

After the Asquith Girls presentation day 2013, a parent emailed me with the achievements of the year 7 girls from BPS!

There were 34 girls from year 7 who were awarded Academic Outstanding Achievement. This was for grading Outstanding in at least 3 subjects. **8 of these 34** were from BPS.

The parent wrote, *“I thought this was a fantastic effort from our girls and was a great reflection on the wonderful teaching at BPS. As parents we were delighted to see so many Berowra girls do so well.”*

Congratulations to those eight girls and their parents!

### **Mathletics**

Congratulations to:

- Liam C (2P) - **6<sup>th</sup> in Australia** on the Wall of Fame in Mathletics on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January.
- Ryan J (3/4B) - **1<sup>st</sup> in Australia** on the Wall of Fame in Mathletics on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February

*Di Bower*

Principal

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS** - It’s very exciting to see so many of our performance groups up and running for the year already. 2014 promises to be another great year for BPS with Junior & Senior Drama groups, Junior & Senior Choirs, Boys Dance Group, Girls Dance Group, Training Band, Concert Band, Rock Band, Recorder groups and String Ensemble all busily scheduling rehearsals and finalising group members. There are so many opportunities for our students who would like enrichment through various performing arts. Some groups are unfortunately limited in the number of children able to participate, with these restrictions usually dictated by performance venues, whilst others are open to all. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries regarding your child’s involvement with these groups.

However the musical enrichment of Berowra students is not limited to students’ participation in these specialty groups. Countless studies have established links between music learning and improved academic and social outcomes in children. Music engages both sides of the brain – the logical, analytical left side and the creative, innovative, problem-solving right side. Hence, *music* remains an integral part of the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) curriculum and is therefore taught in every classroom. Whilst for the last few years, I had the opportunity to teach music as a specialty subject to all classes, I am now focussing on assisting all teachers in developing their skills in music education. During the holidays I was fortunate enough to be offered a scholarship to attend the inaugural *TunEd Up* residency program run by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. I spent five days at Sydney University learning various ways to enhance music education in our school, with inspiring workshops led by SSO and Conservatorium of Music tutors. I was also involved in discussions with ACARA, our national curriculum authority, and in particular the authors of the new National Curriculum for The Arts, due for release this year. It’s going to be a musical year at BPS!

Liz Sheldon

Performing Arts Co-ordinator

**CHOIR** - *Junior Choir* is open to all students in Year 1 & 2 and this year we will be rehearsing at lunchtime on Thursdays. We will be starting rehearsals in a few weeks and I will be giving students lots of reminders so they don't miss out if they are interested in attending.

*Senior Choir* is open to all students from Year 3 to 6. With a number of performance opportunities during the year, it may be that not all students are able to participate in every concert. For example, the Opera House performance limits the number of students we can take. But I will endeavour to share opportunities between all those who are interested. Rehearsal time for this choir is yet to be confirmed.

Liz Sheldon

**BAND** - Welcome back to Band 2014. Concert band will start on TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY at 8am in the hall. Please remember to bring your black folder, spare reeds (if required) and your instrument.

Please check your instrument before band. Oil valves, ensure reeds are not broken and that brass players have a cloth. Looking forward to getting back to playing some music.

Any questions or queries please contact [bpsband@hotmail.com](mailto:bpsband@hotmail.com), Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 or leave a message at the school office.

Amanda Gillard

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 5/2 D Allen, P Smith

Thurs 6/2 J Ludlow, C Harriss

Fri 7/2 T White, V Eliasson

Wed 12/2

Thurs 13/2

Fri 14/2

L Plumridge

K Carter, C Stone

B Faught, C Jones

The canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out please see Teresa, the canteen supervisor any day the canteen is open or call her on 0402 855 941.

The next canteen meeting is on Tuesday 18th Feb at 9:30am.

### **THE SCHOOL VEGE PATCH**

The new garden is now well and truly up and running. There is a patch for each class and one for BOOSH as well. There is a crop of tomatoes ripening and on their return to school the children were very excited to see some watermelons growing.

A big thank you to the Higgs, Jones, McGilchrist, Ford and Drake families who gave up their time during the school holidays to water the garden boxes. We are very grateful.

In 2013 the school was able to secure a grant through the "Live Life Well" program. Some money from this grant will be used to connect our two water tanks to the garden, build a table in the learning centre and to begin to irrigate some of the boxes.

Our next maintenance job will be to clear the old garden and to dig it over so that new seedlings can be raised for the class boxes. If anyone would like to help with this project please contact either Mrs Bolger or Mrs Butler.

We are looking forward to an exciting gardening year that will include all classes.

Marilyn Bolger  
(on behalf of the Garden Committee)

## **Band 2014**

**It's Not Too Late!**

**School Instruments Still Available**



There are still school instruments available for hire from the school - **flutes, clarinets, trombones, cornets, trumpets, saxaphones, euphonium and percussion places.**

Other instruments can be hired privately from Turramurra music.

**Take this chance for a great social and educational opportunity!**

**Band Information booklet** available on line on the school website.

**Contact the band director to arrange to try instruments.**

If you have questions please contact the band Director Mrs Amanda Gillard on 9456 2908 or [bpsband@hotmail.com](mailto:bpsband@hotmail.com) or through the school office.



**UNIFORM SHOP** - Welcome to 2014! Congratulations to all the new starters and the new Kindy children for making it through the first week. You all looked fabulous in your new school uniforms.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out. If you can assist, please let us know. You can contact us by emailing [berowrapublicuniform@gmail.com](mailto:berowrapublicuniform@gmail.com).

Thanks to everyone for your patronage throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you all throughout this new year.

Opening times — MONDAY 9–9:45am & THURS 3–3:45pm

#### Roster

Thurs 6/2	A Dawson, C Harriss
Mon 10/2	S Drake, S Prosser
Thurs 13/2	S Lindsay, T Hogarth
Mon 17/2	V Eliasson, D Allen
Thurs 20/2	S Beard, J Jones
Mon 24/2	T Allen, B Jones
Thurs 17/2	N Steele, L Plumridge

#### **NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED**

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
31/1	Sport selection process	3-6	-
3/2	Meet the Teacher	K-6	-
4/2	Claymation	Yrs 5&6	7/2
5/2	Term 1 milk order	K-6	13/2
5/2	BPS Fair	K-6	-
5/2	Term 1 Gymnastics	K-2	18/2

#### **CALLING ALL ROCK STARS!!**

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Following the club's registration day, we have vacancies for players aged:

10 years old - 3 players

12 years old - 1 player

If your daughter would like to play netball this year (whether she has played before or not), please call our registrar Karen Pick on 0425 293 243.

Grading day is scheduled for Sunday 16th February

#### **Diary Dates**

##### **February**

3-4	Stage 3 Claymation
Thurs 13	Stage 1 Gymnastics starts
Fri 14	PSSA sport begins Summer sport begins P&C Kick Off
Wed 19	P&C meeting 7.30pm
Tues 25	P&C Fair mufti day

##### **March**

Mon 3	Swimming Carnival at Knox Grammar
Fri 7	BPS Disco
Tues 11	Zone Swimming Carnival
Tues 18	Student parliament mufti day
Wed 19	P&C meeting 7.30pm
Tues 25	Area Swimming Carnival

##### **April**

Thurs 10	Hat Parade
Fri 11	Last day for term 1
Fri 18	Good Friday
Sun 20	Berowra ANZAC service
Mon 21	Easter Monday
Fri 25	ANZAC Day
Mon 28	Staff Development Day
Tues 29	Students first day for term 2

##### **May**

Tues 6	School photo day
13-15	NAPLAN testing days

##### **June**

Mon 9	Queen's birthday public holiday
Fri 27	Last day for term 2



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# Berowra Public School Canteen Menu - all items meet the Healthy Kids Association guidelines

<b>Sandwiches (Wholemeal)</b> <b>(Gluten Free \$1.00 extra) (toasted 20c)</b>		
Ham	\$3.00	
Chicken	\$3.00	
Tuna	\$3.00	
Salad	\$3.00	
- lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot		
extra: tomato, lettuce, cheese 50c each		
Vegemite	\$1.60	
Cheese	\$1.60	
<b>Wraps</b>		
Salad	\$3.50	
- lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot		
Ham, Chicken, Cheese, Tuna or Egg		
+ salad	\$4.00	
<b>Salad Bowls</b>		
Caesar Salad	\$4.50	
(lettuce, cheese, bacon, croutons, egg, ceasar dressing)		
with Chicken	\$5.00	
Greek Salad	\$4.50	
(lettuce, tomato, cucumber, olives, feta, dressing)		
<b>Hot Food</b>		
Chicken Burger (chicken pattie, lettuce, mayo)	\$3.50	
The lot (lettuce, tomato, beetroot, mayo) extra	\$1.00	
Beef Burger		
(beef pattie, cheese, tomato or BBQ sauce)	\$3.50	
The lot (lettuce, tomato, beetroot) extra	\$1.00	
Party Pie	\$1.20	
Nuggets (4)	\$2.50	
Chicken Tenders (Sweet Chilli)	\$1.50	
Pizza Slab: Margarita or Ham & Pineapple	\$3.00	
Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese	\$3.00	
Homemade Vegetarian Fried Rice	\$3.00	
Garlic Bread	\$0.70	
<b>Meal Deal 1</b>		<b>\$3.50</b>
Chicken Tender (Sweet Chilli)		
4 cucumber sticks		
4 cherry tomatoes		
4 carrot sticks		
<b>Meal Deal 2</b>		<b>\$4.00</b>
2 Rice Paper Rolls		
- noodles, cucumber, carrot, capsicum, sauce (Sweet Chilli)		
Milk or Water		
<b>Meal Deal 3</b>		<b>\$1.20</b>
4 cucumber sticks		
4 cherry tomatoes		
4 carrot sticks		
<b>Morning Tea ONLY</b>		
Homemade sausage rolls	\$1.00	
Pizza muffins	\$0.70	
Garlic bread	\$0.70	
Anzacs biscuits	\$0.50	
Popcorn	\$0.50	
Breadsticks	\$0.10	
Jelly fruit in a cup	\$0.60	
Frozen banana pops	\$0.70	
Homemade smoothies	\$1.00	
Small jelly cups (max 3)	20c each	
Frozen fruit	30c each	
(choice of a piece of frozen pineapple, rockmelon, watermelon or oranges)		
<b>Chips</b>		
Honey Soy	\$1.20	
Jumpys	\$1.00	
<b>Drinks</b>		
Water	\$1.00	
Apple & black current juice	\$1.00	
Milk - chocolate, strawberry, plain	\$1.50	
Up & Go	\$1.50	
Slushie	\$1.50	
OKF Sparkling Water	\$2.00	
- apple, watermelon, strawberry		
<b>Ice Creams</b>		
Lemonade Icy Pole	\$1.00	
Frozen yogurt cups	\$0.50	
Assorted Ice creams	\$1.50	
Zingers	\$0.50	

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