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Public School

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Wednesday 19th February 2014
Term 1 Week 4

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Emailing teachers

Thank you to all parents who are using emails to communicate with their child's teacher. Please remember 'email etiquette'. Teachers do not need to be 'bombarded' by emails connecting them to newspaper articles, pyramid selling or new building contractors. This is not the purpose of school emails or class email lists. The purpose of the emails is to keep in close contact with school and home and ensure the best positive communication, collaborative atmosphere and quality teaching for our students.

Thank you also to the parents who are emailing to say their child is away – unfortunately some parents are sending emails to teachers to ask them to give messages to their child about how to go home. Most teachers do not have time to access their emails during class time. This is mostly done after school, before school or at night at home. Could we please ask that you allow at least a 24 hour 'turn around' with emails. If your child needs different instructions on how to go home from what you have already told them, please phone the office within a reasonable time and they will pass on the message.

Berowra Swimming Carnival

Berowra Swimming Carnival is on Monday, 3rd March for students turning 8 years of age and older within 2014. This is always a wonderful day and an opportunity where we, as a school community, can display team spirit through participating in swimming events, cheering on competitors and having an enjoyable day. All students in years 3 to 6 are expected to attend the swimming carnival as it is a normal school day. There are shorter races and novelty events (time permitting) for those students who don't swim a complete lap. If you are not the competitive type it's great to cheer for your sport house and your school, meet up with friends from other houses and just generally enjoy a day out. Part of participating in a carnival is also lending support to your team mates and encouraging your house members. Only attending for your event and then leaving is not displaying 'teamship' so unless vitally necessary please don't take your child home after completing their event, allow them to stay and support those still swimming.

Parents, if you are attending the carnival you might like to car pool or catch a train. Knox Grammar School cannot provide parking. Limited on street parking is available. Parking located at the Wahroonga village is within walking distance. Limited parking is also available on Pacific Highway. If no authorised parking ticket is visible, these cars may be stickered, clamped or fined. Both Wahroonga and Warrawee train stations are within walking distance.

Student Emails

If students wish to access their emails from home they need to either search for 'student portal' or go to: <https://student.det.nsw.edu.au> and follow the links from there.

Notes from School

Many thanks to all the parents who have returned these notes, unfortunately some have still not been returned. Please send them to the office as soon as possible.

Reading Tutors

We are looking for parents, grandparents, relatives or neighbours who would be willing to give up about an hour a week to assist children with their reading. This would entail working with one child at a time and reading with them. We will train you and give you the same children each time. There are many children who need that extra time and hopefully we can get enough volunteers to help them. If you are interested please either email the school or leave your name and contact details at the office.

Head Lice

Once again we have children with head lice. Please totally 'de-lice' your child before sending them back to school. To aid with avoiding lice and to look neat and tidy at school, please tie all long hair up. If your child's (either boy or girl) hair touches the shoulders then it should be tied back neatly.

Birthday Treats

Wondering what to send in for your child's birthday treat to share with their class? I have noticed many sensible patty cakes with limited icing coming in.

I have been asked to address the issue of healthy alternatives. When searching through the DEC policies and our syllabus. I found that ..."Any activities and programs within the school setting relating to or involving food and drink should promote healthy eating and good nutrition to students." Within the PD/Health/PE syllabus we teach healthy choices. Children need to be educated on healthy living and lifestyles; they need to recognise every day food and foods that we infrequently eat – such as treats!

With this in mind I would ask that you consider what you send to school to share with the students in your child's class and as parents I ask that you talk to your children as to what you wish for them to eat/accept. If you do not wish your child to have 'birthday treats' please let the class teacher know.

Acceptable birthday treats -

- Small patty cakes with limited icing
- One chocolate/ lolly (no Chippa Chups)
- Homemade cookies/biscuits
- Cut up fruit
- Low fat/ air popped popcorn
- Fruit kebabs
- Novelties – eg pencils etc

There are many recipes on the Department of Communities website to help you.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes/cakes-biscuits-and-treats>

Congratulations to:

- Zarli V (4B) – Bronze Medallion in the female surf relay at the Branch Nipper Carnival
- Maya W (2R) – Gold Medallion in the U8 wade relay at the Branch Nipper Carnival
- Nicole J (1A) – 46th in Australia in Athletics on 16th February
- Eden S (3B) – 37th in Australia in Athletics on 17th February.

Good luck to Zarli V (4B), Lincoln V (2P), Patrick W (4B) and Maya W (2R) who will be representing Umina Beach Nippers at the State Nipper Carnival on February 28th to March 2nd.

Di Bower

Principal

LIBRARY NEWS - Another year has begun with all children enjoying their first couple of weeks visiting the Library. It is wonderful to see children so enthusiastic about reading books! Library classes are as follows:

Monday	1C, 5W, 2R, 4G
Tuesday	1S, 3P, 2P,
Wednesday	1A, 5/6J, KB
Thursday	5K, 6B, 4P,
Friday	KR, KP, 1A (borrowing day), 2C, 3/4B

Lessons are taken by Jennie Smith (M,T,W) , Kelly Lukic (Thurs) and Judi Wade (Fri).

Please remind children to bring their library bag on their Library day. Books are borrowed for 2 weeks but can be renewed for longer periods if required.

Berowra Book Busters is up and running again. It is our own special Berowra Reading Challenge encouraging all children to do their personal best and read as many books as they can. The Premier's Reading Challenge is still available. If children wish to participate, all the details are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

Jennie Smith

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS -

Choir - Both the Senior and Junior Choirs are starting up for the year this week. Rehearsal times are :-

Senior Choir (Years 3 – 6) - Monday 1.15pm (NB This rehearsal goes into lunchtime and students are expected to attend every week as per the information letter that came home. If this clashes with sport training, students will be able to leave choir early by arrangement with Mrs Sheldon.)

Junior Choir (Years 1 & 2) - Thursday lunchtime. Students will be collected from the library COLA after eating time by Mrs Sheldon.

Drama - Last week we had 130 children audition for the 60 places in the Junior and Senior Drama groups. They were all so amazing! So many enthusiastic renditions of their little audition poems! We found it so hard to choose but after much deliberation the final lists went up last Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Till, Mrs Bolger, Mrs Sheldon and Miss Roberts for all your help with the auditions.

We would have loved to accommodate everyone but there are just not enough hours in the day!! Well done to everyone who participated, came along during their lunchtime and gave their very best effort. The important thing is to "have a go". There is always next year. Congratulations to those 60 students who are now part of the 2014 junior (years 1-3) and senior (years 4-6) drama team!

Drama lessons are on Tuesdays. Junior Drama at lunchtime (after eating) and senior drama after lunch. Thank you parents for encouraging your children.

Jennie Smith

Band - The Concert Band is up and running (34 musicians) which is great and we have new music on order. The Ensemble will start next week - Monday 24th February and Training band on Wednesday 26th February. Concert and Training band START at 8am - please make sure musicians are on time and well prepared.

"Children are fantastic and parents are the key to their success" – Phil Beadle (Teacher of the Year 2004, now Teacher in Residence at Knox).

One of the ways parents are key to a child's success is by supporting them and to this end I am asking for more parental help for the band.

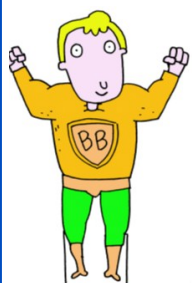
The few parents who were able to help last year were fantastic but overwhelmed by the work needed. Assistance from more parents would ease the load on the few. We are all working for your children's benefit and I understand that in many families both parents are working but the band needs your support to continue to offer this opportunity to your children.

The AGM was held last week and there are still several positions unfilled on the committee, please consider making your child's music a priority.

"We learn music because it is good. We learn music because it is unique. We learn music because it stimulates creativity at a very high level. No other reasons for teaching music are needed. If the Federal Government is serious

Berowra Book Busters (BBB) Reading Challenge

Welcome back to school and an exciting year ahead! The start of the year is always a good time to start new things and our exciting Berowra Book Busters Reading Challenge is starting again! If you are new to our school, maybe your children have already told you about it? The Berowra Book



Busters Reading Challenge was created to encourage a love of reading for leisure, pleasure and knowledge. Reading is acknowledged as essential if children are to navigate successfully through life. It does not replace the

Premiers Reading Challenge for those who wish to participate, but we decided to make our Reading Challenge exciting and relevant to our Berowra School students in particular.

Each class has a colourful giant reading challenge map for classroom display. As well, each student receives their very own avatar (Kindergarten will be tracking progress as a class), to plot their journey from start to finish, by gaining points for the books they have read

(points will be allocated according to reading ability). Along the way they rescue princesses, gain super strength, complete spy missions and many other such "challenges". There are three different classroom maps- Fairytale Rescues for K-2,

Superheroes for years 3-4 and Spy Missions for years 5-6. The children will receive progress certificates, a raffle ticket at each checkpoint and book prizes. The raffle tickets go in the draw to win an amazing e-reader at the end of each term!!



We hope it will be lots of fun for the children as well as inspiring them to read! Read! Read! Parents, if you can ask your children about the BBB maps and encourage

them to read so they can gain as many points as possible before the terms end, that would be a great help. If you would like to come and look at the maps you are more than welcome.

Thanks, in anticipation of your wonderful support.



about education then it should mandate music education in the early years of a child's life. Australia has never been in greater need of creative minds.

A truly educated mind has had music as part of its education. Every child in this country should have an opportunity to have a truly educated mind." - Richard Gill

Any questions or queries? Contact Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 bpsband@hotmail.com or through the school office.

The String Ensemble - This year the Berowra P.S. String Ensemble are heading to the Opera House to be part of the Festival of Instrumental Music. This is a wonderful opportunity and should be great fun. For those who have played violin, viola, cello or bass, we would love to have you join us - even if you have only been playing 6 months or so. I need to put in the final numbers by the end of February, so there is not much time. If you are unsure about being part of the Festival of Instrumental Music, or you don't think you have learnt for long enough, we would still love you to join our group. We rehearse in the Library every Monday morning from 8:30 to 9:00.

Erik Thorvaldson

9456 5251

SPORT - PSSA Reports - On Friday 14th we played Hornsby South Public School in cricket, softball and t-ball.

Junior Cricket Berowra won 124 – 59. Daniel W took 4 wickets and Zac B took a spectacular one handed diving catch on the boundary that Mr Jones said was the best catch he had ever seen. The best partnership was 57 off two overs by Daniel W and Zac B that included 7 sixers. The entire team played brilliantly and special mention is given to Luka J for his batting and Jordan T for his bowling. - Daniel and Luka

Senior Cricket After losing the toss, Berowra had to bat first. The whole team batted well playing great shots and scoring 70 runs. Our bowling was even more impressive, bowling no extras and getting a total of 8 wickets. Everyone played a great game and we ended up winning 70-10. - Mitchell B and Alex G

T-ball The t-ball team had a great game and won 14-12 against Hornsby South. Everyone had a great game. Our batting and catching were very impressive. - Dayna and Emily

Softball Berowra's softball team were successful against Hornsby South 7-2 last Friday. The whole team played really well for the first game of the season. Standout performers were Carla, Eileen, Sienna and Annabelle. We're really looking forward to our next game.

UNIFORM SHOP - This month the volunteers in the Uniform Shop have been run off their feet. We have had some changes in the shop, new volunteers starting, chair bags have been selling like hotcakes and we've sorted through a massive load of 2nd hand and free uniforms. To make things easier for everyone, we have colour coded all our 2nd hand uniforms which are for sale. Have a look on the wall as you walk in and see what you can get, you will be surprised at the quality of the uniforms. Also, this month, there are a couple of 2nd hand bags for sale - \$5! Bargain!!! Remember to come and have a look.

We are having a meeting for all the volunteers and committee members. If you are new and would like to come along, please do. We would love to see new members and old members too. We will be discussing new ideas, suggestions, what's changed in the shop, and just the added incentive of some delicious treats, tea and coffee.

Meeting: Monday 24th February

Place: BOOSH Cottage at 10am

We are always looking for volunteers to help out. If you can assist, please let us know. Thanks to everyone for your support this month. We have had a great start to the new year, and we look forward to seeing you during the next month.

Uniform Shop Roster

Thurs 20/2 S Beard, J Jones

Mon 24/2 T Allen, B Jones

Thurs 27/2 N Steele, L Plumridge

Opening times

Monday 9-9:45am

Thurs 3-3:45pm

Thanks

Steph, Jo and Katherine

COMMUNITY NEWS - St Ives High School open afternoon is Wednesday 5th March 4-7pm. Come & join us as our school swings into action for you to see the diverse program and opportunities for your child.

Yarrabung Road, St Ives. Phone: 9144 1689 website: www.sih.s.nsw.edu.

Colour and Movement!

On Sunday 9th February, some of BPS staff took part in Sydney's Swisse Colour Run, held at Homebush Olympic Park. The 5km fun run was not only a great experience, with lots of colour-throwing madness, but our little team raised over \$400 for The Cancer Council.

Year One teachers Alison Withford, Jacqui Clayton and Liz Sheldon, along with Tara Andis (mum of Connor, Bella and Ava), decided it was so much fun that next year, we're organising a staff team.

Watch this space. But until then, this pic may explain why Mrs Sheldon has had slightly blue hair for the past week....



Stewart House Clothing Appeal



It's time for a clean out this weekend!
Stewart House are again asking for donations of clean clothing.

Please return your Stewart House bag to the staffroom foyer by Friday 7th March.

The truck is coming early the next week so no more bags after the weekend please.

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response
5/2	Term 1 gymnastics	K-2	18/2
10/2	Term 1 sport	Yrs 3-6	27/2
10/2	Notes from school	K-6	14/2
12/2	BPS Swimming Carnival	Yrs 3-6	25/2
19/2	Canteen pancake day	K-6	28/2
19/2	P&C Fair Mufti Day	K-6	25/2

BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL Monday 3rd March 2014

For all students from year 3 to year 6 and for any year 2 student turning 8 years old this year and can swim 50m competently and competitively.

BUSES leave school at 8:30 sharp, so be at school by 8:15am

WEAR sports uniform. Tracksuits are appropriate if weather is cool.

BRING a packed lunch and drink in plastic bottle (NO glass)

LABEL all towel and clothing with child's name as item get lost very easily.

RETURN payment and consent form to class teacher by Tuesday 25th February

All parents are invited to attend the carnival at Knox Aquatic Centre. The canteen will be open for coffee, tea and snack. No lunches available.



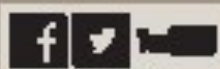
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