



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 5th March 2014  
Term 1 Week 6

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In the light of the very sad incident at another public school last Friday week, I wanted to speak directly of the tree maintenance and management program at BPS. The trees in our school are assessed each 6 months on a cyclic basis using a reputable tree service. They have been used by the school over the past 8 years. Trees in the playground are inspected, pruned and all dead wood removed at least twice per year. I want to reassure parents that the school takes the issue of trees in the school very seriously and a number of trees have been removed over the past years as soon as they are deemed unsafe. The most recent time the trees were actually pruned and dead branches removed was on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

During high wind days we keep the children away from the trees and unfortunately some lunch times the children have been kept inside for their safety.

### Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival ran 'like clockwork' on Monday with many competitors gaining PBs (personal best times). Many thanks to Mr Jones and his band of merry teachers who worked tirelessly both before and at the carnival to ensure the smooth running. Many thanks to the many parents who supported the day either by assisting with judging, working in the canteen, cheering and supporting the carnival. Again a huge thank you to **Wayne Bingham** for donating his time, equipment and expertise. We are truly fortunate to have these wonderful parents, grandparents and community members at BPS.

I was very impressed with the non-competitors at the carnival. It is inspiring to see them joining in during the day and cheering on their friends who are competing. They also enjoyed their 25m races. Next year we are hoping to have at least three 25m races for the non-competitors.

This carnival (as with the other carnivals during the year) is part of the PE/H/PD syllabus and as this is our curriculum **all children in Years 3-6 should be in attendance.**

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Our parent teacher interviews are being held in Week 10 (31<sup>st</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April). This is a great chance to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. Stage 3 (Yrs 5 and 6) interviews will be held on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March; Stage 2 on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April; Years 1 on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April; Years 2 on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Kindergarten on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April; during the hours of 12:30 to 5:00pm. All teachers will also be available on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 3:45pm to 6:30pm for late night interviews. This year, parents will be able to see available times and book interview times online, receiving an email confirmation upon booking. Booking details will be included in the newsletter in coming weeks.

### Congratulations to:

- Emilie S (2C) recently won a Bronze medal in the Under 7 500 metres sprint at the North East Metro Zone athletics championships
- Lincoln V(2P), Zahli V (4B) and Maya W (2R) who competed in the State Nipper Carnival, during last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in all that rain! Zarli got to compete most events (flags, board, board relay, sprint relay, surf race, surf race relay) but had to miss individual sprint as it clashed with the surf race relay. She made it to round 2 in individual board, a great effort. Zarli had a great time at state and is already looking forward to next year. Lincoln competed in all his events (flags, individual sprint, sprint relay, wade and wade relay) and made it to the 2nd round of sprints. His team came 4th in sprint relay but unfortunately got disqualified. Maya competed in flags, wade and wade relay.
- Patrick and Maya W – congratulations on the birth of your new baby sister on Friday (right before the carnival!!)
- Brendan G – Year 6, 2012- received 2 awards at the end of last year at Asquith Boys. He was placed in the class for High Achievers and ended up topping the class for the year. Brendan also was the first child to receive the Principal's Gold Medallion for his application, effort and consistent performance. He has now in the Enrichment class.



## SCHOOL FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS -

Thank you to parents and caregivers who have made prompt payments of school fees. Reminders will be sent out towards the end of term, but if parents have spoken to me, reminders will not be sent. Remember, payment ensures that every child receives opportunities for an enriched education.

## SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL

MP Matt Kean has been in contact with Hornsby Council following a local Berowra resident's concern about Berowra Public School parents / carers parking at this entrance to the school, on the nature strip - ignoring the No Stopping signs.

In 2013 Berowra Public School requested that No Stopping signs be installed at this pedestrian access due to safety issues for pedestrians and drivers.

No Stopping signs are now in place at this location. Parents / carers are continuing to park here creating an unsafe environment for students and other pedestrians. Parents / carers are breaking two laws when parking at this location. They are disobeying a No Stopping sign and parking on a nature strip. Both of these incur a penalty fee of up to \$304 as well as loss of demerit points.

Please note that the ranger will be around the school on various days – so please park safely.

*Di Bower*

Principal

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS - Band** - All three bands are now up and running! Training band had their first rehearsal last week—well done, musicians, it was a great start. Concert and Ensemble bands are working hard. Some of the pieces are hard, so practice will be needed but they are starting to come together beautifully. Fantastic work everyone.

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

## SPORT - PSSA Reports -

Junior Cricket – the team lost 111-74 against an excellent Turramurra team. Special mention goes to Zac B who scored 34 runs off the final over.

Senior Cricket – The senior boys' cricket team lost 78-18 to Turramurra Public School. The school played without any luck on the day. The boys are going to practise running faster between the wickets. Joshua J continues to bowl with accuracy and pace.

T-ball – 7-1 The girls lost a competitive match against Turramurra Public School, even though the score line doesn't suggest this. We can take a lot of confidence out of this performance.

Softball – 17-7 The girls lost to a very well drilled Turramurra team. Charlotte B batted exceptionally well and an excellent catch was taken by Rachel W.

**CANTEEN** - The pancake day was a great success. The students enjoyed their pancake and the canteen enjoyed making them.

### Canteen Roster

Wed 5/3	D Allan, P Smith	12/3	L Plumridge
Thurs 6/3	J Ludlow, C Harriss	13/3	K Carter, C Stone
Fri 7/3	T White, V Eliasson	14/3	B Faught, C Jones

## UNIFORM SHOP -

### Opening times

Monday	9-9:45am
Thurs	3-3:45pm

## 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.

**SCHOOL BANKING** - The school earns commission from every deposit with school banking.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS** - Asquith Boys 2015 Enrichment Class Exam is being held on Saturday 8th March. Applications close Monday 3rd March. For an application package visit the school website at [www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) or contact Stuart Robertson, co-ordinator on 9477 3508.

Asquith Girls High School 2015 Enrichment Class Exam is being held on Saturday 8th March. Application package and to secure a place for the exam, phone Christine Davis on 9477 6411.

Kuring-Gai High School. Come & see our great school at work. Please join us for a school tour & morning tea on Thursday 13th March at 9:30am. Bookings essential. 9144 3477

Turramurra High School 2015 GATS placement test is Friday 7th March from 9:30am-12:30pm in school's multi-purpose centre. Pre-registration & prepayment is required.

For further info & application form visit our website: [www.turramurrahighschool.com.au](http://www.turramurrahighschool.com.au)

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.

Yurrabung Road, St Ives. Phone: 9144 1689 website: [www.sih.s.nsw.edu](http://www.sih.s.nsw.edu).

Hornsby PCYC Blue Light Disco—Saturday 8th March from 5:30pm-8:00pm at PCYC Performing Arts Centre, 22 Waitara Av, Waitara. Phone: 9477 2310, email: [hornsbys@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:hornsbys@pcycnsw.org.au)

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This is a P&C fundraiser that you can share with your friends, family and work colleagues.

Funds raised will be directed to the new vegetable garden, which will have multiple garden beds and grow produce to be shared with the canteen, students and their families.

Return your order form and full payment to the class teacher no later than Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Please make cheques payable to Berowra Public School P and C.

If you have any queries, please contact Renee Stoner 0433 462 251 or leave a message at the office.

Thank you



<b>NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED</b>			
<b>Sent Out</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Response</b>
5/2	Term 1 gymnastics	K - 2	18/2
10/2	Term 1 sport	Yrs 3 - 6	27/2
26/2	Spring bulb fundraiser	K - 6	3/4
26/2	BPS Fair update	K - 6	-
28/2	Year 7 High School EOI	Year 6	19/3
4/3	Zone Swimming Carnival	Zone reps	6/3
5/3	2014 Voluntary Contribution	K - 6	-
5/3	Maths Support Class	Yrs 5 & 6	ASAP
5/3	Before School Fitness	Yrs 4 - 6	ASAP
5/3	Australian Schools Competition	Yrs 3 - 6	1/4
5/3	BPS Dance Party	K - 6	20/3
5/3	Scholastic	K - 6	11/3

**CLASS MERIT AWARDS**

Diary Dates	
March	
Fri 7	Last day for Stewart House bags
Tues 11	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thurs 13	Selective High School test
Tues 18	Student parliament mufti day
Wed 19	P&C meeting 7.30pm
Tues 25	Area Swimming Carnival
April	
Wed 9	Easter church service 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 return for term 2
May	
Tues 6	School photo day
Thurs 8	BPS Cross Country Carnival
Mon 12	Kindy Information Session 7pm
Tues 13	Canteen Sushi Day
13-15	NAPLAN testing days
Tues 20	UNSW Computer competition
Thurs 22	Kindy Information Session 10am
Mon 26	Zone Cross Country
June	
Wed 4	UNSW Science competition
Mon 9	Queen's birthday public holiday
Mon 16	UNSW Writing competition
Tues 17	UNSW Spelling competition
Thurs 26	Opera House concert- recorders & string
Fri 27	Last day for term 2
July	
Mon 14	Staff Development Day
Tues 15	Students return for Term 3
Wed 23	OC testing for y4
28/7-1/8	Education Week
Tues 29	BPS Open Day UNSW English competition
Wed 30	Combined church service
August	
Tues 12	UNSW Maths competition





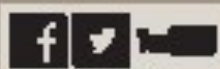
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## BPS Swimming Carnival Results 2014

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>Boys Junior Medley</b>		Blake D	Jake E	Will F	
<b>Boys Senior Medley</b>		Ty W	Henry P-M		
<b>50m Freestyle</b>					
<b>8 Years</b>	Boys	Jensen G	Mac T	Lincoln V	Timothy C
	Girls	India H	Alicia S	Maya W	Samantha S
<b>9 Years</b>	Boys	Ryan J	Matthew C	Will Parry	Bodie D
	Girls	Neve R	Hayleigh S	Aleisha C	Zoe V
<b>10 Years</b>	Boys	Blake D	Zac B	Patrick W	Kyle B
	Girls	Nia D	Zarli V	Taffany M-H	Polly V
<b>11 Years</b>	Boys	Sam P	Cameron R-E	Ty W	Liam D
	Girls	Eliza R	Jasmine M	Mackenzie W	Sophia H
<b>12 Years</b>	Boys	Jordan S	Daniel M	Aaron M	Henry P-M
	Girls	Carla S	Rachel W	Katie W	Orla P
<b>50m Breaststroke</b>					
<b>Junior</b>	Boys	Blake D	Jude M	Ryan J	Jensen G
	Girls	Nia D	Zarli V	Amy S	Hayleigh S
<b>11 Years</b>	Boys	Liam D	Sam P	Alex G	Cameron R-E
	Girls	Eliza R	Sophia H	Jasmine M	Abbey T
<b>12 Years</b>	Boys	Aaron M	Daniel M	Jordan S	Henry P-M
	Girls	Carla S	Katie W	Orla P	Rachel W
<b>50m Backstroke</b>					
<b>Junior</b>	Boys	Blake D	Jensen G	Michael C	Will P
	Girls	Zarli V	Rachel W	Nia D	Caitlyn R
<b>11 Years</b>	Boys	Cameron R-E	Liam D	Ty W	Ben W
	Girls	Eliza R	Jasmine M	Mackenzie W	Chelsea C
<b>12 Years</b>	Boys	Jordan S	Aaron M	Henry P-M	Mitchell K
	Girls	Carla S	Rachel W	Orla P	Leah O
<b>50m Butterfly</b>					
<b>Junior</b>	Boys	Blake D	Will F	Jake E	
	Girls	Nia D	Caityn R	Zarli V	Amy S
<b>11 Years</b>	Boys	Sam P	Ty W		
	Girls	Eliza R	Sophia H	Mackenzie W	
<b>12 Years</b>	Boys	Jordan S	Dylan P	Lachlan M	Henry P-M
	Girls	Freya S			
<b>100m Freestyle</b>					
<b>Open</b>	Boys	Blake D	Jensen G	Ty W	Liam D
<b>Open</b>	Girls	Eliza R	Carla S	Rachel W	Zarli V
<b>Relays</b>					
<b>Junior</b>	Boys	Koala	Kangaroo	Emu	Wombat
<b>Junior</b>	Girls	Kangaroo	Wombat	Emu	Koala
<b>Senior</b>	Boys	Emu	Koala	Wombat	Kangaroo
<b>Senior</b>	Girls	Emu	Koala	Wombat	Kangaroo
<b>Overall House Places</b>		<b>Kangaroo</b>	<b>Koala</b>	<b>Emu</b>	<b>Wombat</b>





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