

Apologies

I have a few apologies to make -

- I omitted to congratulate the **Berowra Recorder Group** on their wonderful performance at the Hat Parade last term. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to music.
- Katrina T (6B) who was selected (again) this year to attend the Sydney North Region Recorder Camp. This is a very selective camp and we are very proud of Katrina and her music talents. Dr Sue Thorvaldson was also invited to attend the camp this year as a tutor.
- 22nd May tomorrow is a rehearsal for the **Festival of Instrumental Music** for the recorder children involved in this festival. This rehearsal was omitted from the calendar.

Cross Country

What a great day we had on Thursday 8th May with our Cross Country. The weather was perfect and the friendly competitive spirit throughout the day was just lovely. Well done to all of those who participated so enthusiastically in the school's cross country and I wish 'good luck' to those runners who are now competing in the Zone Cross Country on Monday, 26th May. Special thanks to Mr Jones for his superb organisation of the event ... this doesn't just happen and I am sure that many do not know that many teachers arrived at school very early in the morning to have things just right for the day. Thanks too for the number of parents who jumped in to lend a hand during the day, your help and support is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the Hornsby Council workers, who were very accommodating of our Cross Country and worked 'around' our course for the day.

Hornsby Zone Cross Country

Monday 26th May (wet weather date – 2nd June), 10:45 – 2:30, Rofe Park Hornsby Heights. 10:45am: Entrants walk the course, 11:00am: Events begin.

Order of events:

1) 10 yr boys 2000m	2) 10 yr girls 2000m	3) 8/9 yr boys 2000m	4) 8/9 yr girls 2000m
5) 11 yr boys 3000m	6) 11 yr girls 3000m	7) 12/13 yr boys 3000m	8) 12/13 yr girls 3000m

Reports

Throughout Term 1 2014 our teachers have been busy implementing the new NSW English K-6 Syllabus for the Australian curriculum. Most teachers have also been trialling the new NSW Mathematics K-6 Syllabus.

Our Community of Schools Group (Mt Kuring-gai, Wideview, Cowan, Brooklyn and Berowra) have been working together to produce our semester one reports, which will go home later this term.

These reports are slightly different to our last ones. We now are reporting on the outcomes the children have been working on during the semester; these are listed and the students will be given either – *Working Beyond/Working At/ Working Towards*. Students will be assessed at their grade level eg Year 1 not Stage 1 (as for the previous syllabus/ reports). There will not be comments for English or Mathematics; instead there will be "Learning Goals". These Learning Goals will be areas where the students need either consolidation or assistance.

Attendance

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note, as soon as possible explaining the reason for the absence. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you're having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher or principal.

For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to: www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/ student_admin/attendance/ sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml

Community Rewards Campaign

Don't forget we are competing to win our share of the \$16000 in cash from this campaign. Just remember to place your dockets into one of the envelopes and tick **Berowra Public School.**

Let's keep going and keep us in the front.

Please find below a leaderboard update for the Community Rewards campaign:

These points can be found here: http://berowravillage.com.au/about.html

Mathletics - Congratulations:

- Sophia H (5W) 31st in Australia during the holidays
- Ryan J (3/4B) 6th in Australia and 50th in the World; Monday 12th May
- Aleisha C (4G) 27th in Australia; Monday 12th May
- Cameron R-E (5/6J) 49th in Australia; Monday 12th May
- Year 3/4B 1st in Australia; Monday 12th May
- Year 4G 6th in Australia; Monday 12th May

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

No Hats in June/July

'The Cancer Council's regional manager Shayne Connell says if the UV rating is below 3 it is safe for schools to relax the requirement for students to wear hats, so they can maintain adequate Vitamin D levels.

Mr Connell says it is all about striking a balance, but schools have been slow to respond.

"We know that a couple of schools have seen the Cancer Council's position and are communicating to the students," he said.

"We really want to make sure that we keep the message clear that people need to protect themselves from the sun throughout the year, but people are becoming more aware of the impact and so is the Cancer Council of vitamin D deficiencies."

"So during winter, particularly for people who spend a lot of time indoors, there are things people can do to make sure they get enough of that exposure."

Mr Connell says it is quite safe for students to take their hats off over June and July.'

With this in mind we have decided that wearing hats in June and July is optional and we won't be enforcing the wearing of hats.

Di Bower

Principal

<u>LIBRARY NEWS</u> - It is great to see the children using the library and enthusiastically borrowing books. Thank you parents for supporting the <u>Berowra Book Busters</u> by hearing and encouraging your children to read. May is Reading Month, so we are especially focused on reading as much as we can.

Special thank-you to Mrs Steele and Mrs Williams for the wonderfully efficient running of the Book Club twice a term. Thank you also to Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Magnusson for covering our library books so perfectly. To my clever library monitors and Mrs Allen for shelving the books, thank you.

Jennie Smith Librarian **<u>PERFORMING ARTS NEWS</u>** - <u>**Drama</u></u> - We are madly practising our plays for the Sydney North Drama Festival audition to be held on Friday 30th May. The Seniors are performing a play about believing in yourself called "It's Now or Never" and the Juniors are into the world of imagination with their play "Imagine This".</u>**

Thank you parents for all your encouragement of our drama students.

The Drama Festival is held at NIDA Kensington during the week of 21st-24th July.

Jennie Smith

Connected Classroom

Last term Year 2 had a connected classroom lesson with the seven students from Tambar Springs.

Everyone in 2C and 2R scooted over to the library ready to meet our new friends from Tambar Springs. This small school in the middle of the state has seven students. Their names are Beau, Lucas, Liam, Coby, Damien, Georgia and Phoebe. Coby is their school captain and the only person in Year 6. There were two people in Year 5, Phoebe in Kindy, no-one in Year 1, Georgia in Year 2, Liam in Year 4 and Lucas in Year 3. About one hundred people live in Tambar Springs. Their teachers' names are Mrs Adams and Mrs Worsley (the principal). Mrs Adams baby is due this week on 23rd May.

Each student has their own computer, tablet and a laptop. Mrs Adams, her huge belly and her huge class, led 2C and 2R through a drawing activity. Each student gave us one instruction each to complete a picture. Some gave more than one instruction, especially the school captain. Everyone introduced themselves to us before they gave us their instructions and we could speak back to them. Only one person was allowed to speak at a time. At the end the final picture was a castle, with pigs and a pirate in the front. It

was the last picture from a book called, 'The Pirate Who

It was really extremely good fun.

Never Washed'.

On Tuesday, 2C and 2P went back to the library to see our friends at Tambar Springs again. Mrs Smith was encouraging us to come in quickly, as the Easter Bunny was writing messages to us on the Smart Board. He was very cheeky. He asked us if we had seen his favourite movie, 'Hop'. He promised to bring some chocolate to our houses in a couple of days.

We spoke to our friends from Tambar Springs on the television screen after the Easter Bunny had left the Smart Board. We didn't speak for very long because they had to go to scripture.

Year 2 thought the two activities were really fun. Thank you, Mrs Smith, for helping us to organise the connection. We hope to speak to our new friends in Tambar Springs again soon.

From 2C students

Diary Dates				
Мау				
Wed 21	P & C meeting 7:30pm in staffroom			
Thurs 22	Kindy 2015 Information Session 10am			
Mon 26	Zone Cross Country at Rofe Park			
Tues 27	School Support meeting 9:30am staffroom			
Fri 30	Voices for Reconciliation at Hornsby Drama Festival auditions			
June				
Tues 3	Year 1 Aquarium excursion			
Wed 4	UNSW Science competition			
Mon 9	Queen's birthday public holiday			
Thurs 12	Area Cross Country at Gosford			
Mon 16	UNSW Writing competition			
Tues 17	BPS Athletic Carnival UNSW Spelling competition			
Wed 18	P & C meeting 7:30pm in staffroom			
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 interested year 4			
	Berowra Musica rehearsal 7:45am			
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Band - Following the MST meeting last week, we have restructured the band into Concert Band 1 on Tuesday morning and Concert Band 2 on Wednesday mornings. Please remember that band starts at 8am so musicians need to arrive at 7:55 complete with music and instrument.

Congratulation to year 6 musicians on a fantastic pre-school tour and many thanks to parents who assisted with organisation and transport on the day. It was great publicity for the school.

Anyone who has not completed a registration form for this year, please do so as soon possible.

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

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

A Challenge to All Australian Primary Schools

The annual National Walk Safely to School day (WSTSD) - when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school-will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23 May 2014.

Take the Challenge and download it at walk.com.au

Objectives

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of public transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

P & C NEWS - It's Entertainment Book Fundraising time again! Once again the P&C are fundraising with the 2014/2015 Entertainment Book and this year, to celebrate their 20th anniversary, you can purchase the traditional book or a digital membership for your smartphone. You can look at the wonderful vouchers and savings before making the purchase, to know that it really is a worthwhile investment for you and your family. A book has been sent home with each family so you can purchase the book as outlined on the information sheet inside or return it to school if you do not want to purchase. Please return books promptly.

CANTEEN - Roster

Wed 21/5	R Walton, C Cooke	Thurs 22/5	M Triebel	Fri 23/5	E Bedwin, K Wallis
28/5	S Vaughan, H Tyler	29/4	C Chu, F Minto	30/5	B Faught, C Jones

UNIFORM SHOP - Roster

Monday	/ 9am-10am	Thursday 3-3:45pm		
19/5	V Eliasson, D Allen	22/5 C Harriss, S Williams		
26/5	K Krishnaratna, B Jones	29/5 N Steele, L Plumridge		

2nd Hand Uniforms

Whilst we appreciate all donations, please ensure all uniforms are of wearable quality and are in a condition that you yourself would purchase. Please note: - shoes, socks, underwear, tights, hair ties and hats are not able to be accepted.

Gold Shirts

We apologise for the delay in some sizes of gold shirts. We are frantically sourcing more stock. Please bear with us.

The Uniform Shop Committee



Friday 23 May 201

COMMUNITY NEWS -

<u>Turramurra High School Open Morning</u>. Maxwell St, South Turramurra. Friday 13th June 9:00am to 11:00am. We invite parents to take this opportunity come along and see our fantastic school in action. Enjoy morning tea with the Principal and other key members of staff. Guided tours commence at 9:00am.

Berowra school captains were invited to Parliament House by Matt Kean, the member for Hornsby. So on Thursday 15th May that's what we did.

The day started when Miles missed the train. Luckily the rest of us caught the train on time and headed off to Parliament House. We met up with Matt Kean when we arrived. The schools had a big tour of the place and were treated with a guest speech from Steve Menzies, a former Manly Sea Eagles player. He talked to us about different types of leaders, and we learnt a lot of things about leadership. The Premier of NSW also dropped in to tell us about his story.

Overall it was a great day and we can't wait to share what we learned with our peers and teachers.

By Katie, Eileen, Jordan and Miles

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2P	Leela S, Anthony D, Kamden H, Jessica Y
4G	Hayleigh S, Blake C, Isara W, Annika E, Will F, Elizabeth G, Lani B
6B	Maham H, Rory M, Miles V

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED					
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response		
5/3	2014 Voluntary Contribution	K - 6	-		
26/3	Classroom requirements	K - 6	8/5		
2/4	SPECTRA (in The Crest)	Yrs 3 - 6	19/6		
29/4	Term 2 sport	Yrs 3 - 6	8/5		
30/4	Community Sports Competition	Reps	2/5		
7/5	Term 2 & 3 PSSA Sport	Reps	22/5		
12/5	Voices for Reconciliation	Choir	ASAP		
13/5	Drama Auditions	Drama groups	-		
14/5	Zone Cross Country	Zone Reps	20/5		
14/5	Year 1 Aquarium excursion	Year 1	27/5		
21/5	Pyjama mufti day	K - 6	27/5		







2014 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS						
	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
KINDY BOYS	Daniel F/Zane D	Jonathan C	Max M			
KINDY GIRLS	Indigo J	Timeka C	Chloe L	Lucy H		
YEAR 1 BOYS	Jackson C	Julian C	Jed W	Joshua W	Alex J	Zeke J
YEAR 1 GIRLS	Tahlia S	Mia S	Anna P	Ava A	Annabel H	Bella C
YEAR 2 BOYS	Daniel V	Drew S	Luke M	Aedan K		
YEAR 2 GIRLS	Emilie S	Morgan C	Leela S	Grace H	Genevieve C	Mackenzie F
8/9 YEARS BOYS	Matthew C	Bodie D	Jake D	Charlie L	Ryan J	Eden S
8/9 YEARS GIRLS	Elisa O	Isabella A	Brooke F	Annika E	Mikayla S	Lucy B
10 YEARS BOYS	Jude M	William K	Zac B	Kyle B	Marco D	Hamze D
10 YEARS GIRLS	Caitlyn R	Caitlin C	Rachel W	Miranda A	Layla W	Olivia B
11 YEARS BOYS	Jett J	Alex G	Peter M	Jeremy J	Joshua J	Ben H
11 YEARS GIRLS	Mackenzie W	Jasmine M	Hayley S	Stephanie M	Tahnee B	Abbey T
12 YEARS BOYS	Lachlan M	Daniel M	Jordan S	Mitchell B	Aaron M	Connor A
12 YEARS BOYS	Carla S	Elly C	Katie W	Leah O	Rachel W	Eileen L
OVERALL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
RESULTS	EMU	KANGAROO	KOALA	WOMBAT		

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SPECTRA CHALLENGE 2014

SPECTRA (Science Program Exciting Children Through Research Activities) are science based projects that focus on individual interests and skills. Students can select from a variety of activity projects which offer many different and creative opportunities to express their interests in science.

SPECTRA is divided into two age groups: Years 1 - 4 (Junior) and Years 4 - 6 (Senior). Year 4 students can decide which level topics they would like to study. Students complete activities related to their chosen topic at home and return their project to school to be marked. They work to complete enough activities to be awarded a nationally recognised badge or certificate.

The cost of entering the SPECTRA CHALLENGE is **\$9.00**.

The following topics are being offered this year:

Junior SPECTRA

Animals Clean and Green Fun with Chemistry Inventing and Designing Moving through Air Pets and Gardens Rocks, Soil and Sand The Sound of Science What is it made of? By the Sea Finding out about ourselves Indigenous Science Looking at Liquids Outdoor Science Plants Science on the Move Water Science What will the weather be like?

Senior SPECTRA

Aeronautics Animals Biodiversity Electricity Entomology Horticulture and Agriculture Oceans Polar Science Sight, Light and Colour Space Science The Human Body Water Active Earth Astronomy Chemistry Energy Home Chemistry Indigenous Science Plants Science and the Environment Sound Science Technology, Designing and Engineering Tools, Toys and Machines Weather and Air

Samples of the topic cards can be viewed at the school office. They can also be viewed at <u>http://www.asta.edu.au/</u> resources/spectra

To be involved in this exciting challenge, students need to hand in the signed permission slip on the attached, to their class teacher, together with payment of **\$9.00**, no later than Thursday 19th June 2014

Di Bower Principal

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SPECTRA CHALLENGE 2014

I give permission for my child to be involved in the 2014 SPECTRA Challenge.	class
Level*: Junior / Senior (please circle) Topic Chosen*:	
I have enclosed \$9.00 for the cost of the program. * <u>Please note that projects cannot be ordere</u>	d without this section of the permission slip completed.
Parent/Guardians Name	

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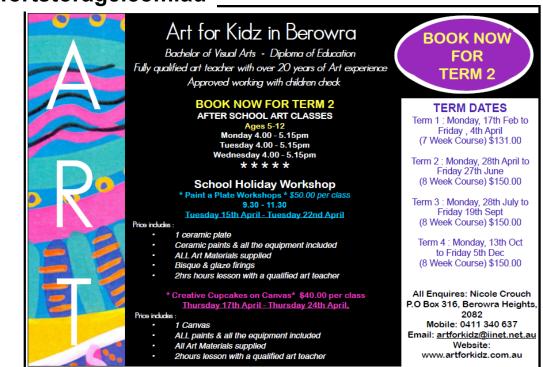
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24TH MAY 2014



- Come as your favourite Movie Star or Movie, only limited by your imagination
- Where??? Asquith Boys High School Hall
- When??? Saturday 24th May 2014
- Time??? 6.30pm Set up your table, 7pm Settling at your table
- Cost??? \$20 per person
- $\bullet {\tt Get} \ 10$ Friends together and reserve a whole table
- There will be Silent Auctions
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School Banking

Don't forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to the canteen from 8.50am to 9.20am.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

