

Berowra Strings Ensemble



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proud member

I am so sorrya big apology to the Berowra String Ensemble – I left you off the list of amazing performances at the Berowra Musica in our last Crest. Yes, I did watch and enjoy your performance and I was so proud of all of you.

Congratulations to Mrs Wilkinson on the birth of her second daughter, Ella, during the holidays.

Welcome back to Term 4.

I hope that you had a restful and happy break and you are ready to move into what is usually the busiest term of the year. 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 2016.

Our Kindergarten 'Berowra Beginners' program for 2016 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 an enjoyable and informal manner.

Hornsby District Music Festival

Congratulations to so many Berowra students on their performances at the Hornsby District Music Festival. Students from five local schools formed the massed choir and many schools demonstrated their individual performing arts skills in dance, drama, band and choral works.

Our children represented at Year 1 level right through to Year 6. Special congratulations to Lachlan B who was the MC for the matinee on Monday and Sophia H who hosted the evening performance on Wednesday.

Thank you to the Berowra teachers for their support of this wonderful event which showcases so many talented students in the Hornsby schools.

Many principals and parents from other schools commented on the talents and the behaviour of all of our students. I would like to personally thank and congratulate all our students who were either in the combined choir, junior choir, recorder/strings or dance groups – you were fantastic! Many thanks also to Mrs Withford, Mrs Cacitti, Mrs Lukic, and Dr Thorvaldson for being such inspirations to our children.

Classes for 2016

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 2016, 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 2016 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 2016. 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 2016** and have not yet notified us.

Please note this exert from an earlier Crest this year.....

NSW Public Schools are provided with teachers and staff on an age-based differential formula. Once the principal enters anticipated numbers of students, DEC Staffing will allocate a set number of teachers, SLSOs, School Administrative Staff, Counsellor times etc.

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016

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.

Berowra Beginners Program has already commenced and Orientation Day on Thursday 26th November.

For more information contact the school office on 9456 1319.



It is then the principal's job, with many hours input by the teachers, to devise the best mix of classes to suit the available resources.

Please keep in mind that as professional educators, we place students in classes after carefully analysing a variety of academic and social criteria. This may mean that students are not with the same classmates as in the previous year, although we do try to ensure that they have a familiar face in their class. Classrooms are first and foremost about learning and getting along with the teacher and peers in their class and of course students can always meet up with all their friends in the playground (remembering that their longest break from all their friends is TWO hours). Being able to form a wide range of happy, productive and polite relationships, with a number of people of all ages, assists students as they become older to get along with the many different individuals and personalities they will come across in their life.

Rarely do we get this placement wrong.

Parents deserve and will be provided with reasons for class placement of their child if requested, but there has been disappointing trend of late with parents demanding that their child is moved from their class placements. Rarely is it possible to move just one child from a class to another, or to 'swap mine with this kid'. The complexity of classroom personalities and the interconnectedness of classroom interactions rarely allows for such an easy 'swap'. Whilst we will always listen to (and take into consideration) the concerns of parents, it is in the end, the decision of

the principal and the school as to where the best learning setting is for each individual student. At the end of this year, class placements will be done by our teachers. Please do not send in requests for special

placements as the teachers will ensure your child/ren will be placed in the perfect class for them.

Road Safety

Please ensure that our children are safe at all times:

- · Walk your children across the road at the crossing
- · Do not attempt U-turns across Hillcrest Rd
- · Wait for the 'Crossing Lady' before crossing
- Do not get out of your car at "Kiss and Drop"

Selective high schools application

On Tuesday, 13th October, 2015 the online applications open for entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016.

Application is required by mid November 2015 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 2017.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 14 October to 16 November 2015.

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 the school office from 14 October, 2015. Paper applications must be submitted to the school principal by 15 November 2015. All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2017 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 10 March 2016.

Resilience and our children

"Life is not about what happens to us but what we do about it"

As much as we would like to defend our kids from the difficulties in life, from experiencing crisis, change or loss, we cannot! However, we can give our kids the tools to recover from difficult times when those hit.

For kids, changing seats in the classroom, a friend saying, "I'm not your friend anymore", or not being invited to play during a break can be "the end of the world". Still, the way kids (and adults) deal with these difficulties is what sets kids apart.

Resilience is part of our emotional intelligence. When faced with a problem, resilient people focus on finding a solution rather than getting depressed and feeling like victims. Resilience is another name to emotional strength.

Resilience is not ignoring unacceptable behaviour and walking away. Please ensure that if your child is a victim of 'unacceptable behaviour' that yes they ignore and walk away BUT they must inform a teacher, in order for us to intervene and monitor unacceptable behaviour at school.

As parents (and teachers), our role is it to help our kids respond positively and with strength.

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens, not by what life brings us, but by the attitude to what we bring to life.

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes.



Principal



Congratulations to our ICAS English Competition Winners

High Distinction: Jai C

Distinction: Polly V, Matthew C, Ryan J, Eden S, Kai V

Credit: Liam D, Sophia H, Danielle P, Zoe V, Freyja C

Merit: Jude M, Ewan B, Kaitlyn K, Pearl M, Rachel D

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP - Everyone should have received a brochure last term about our photo fundraiser. This is a fantastic opportunity to have a family portrait taken as well as raise money for the school. If you are interested please book a time slot ASAP by contacting Sarah. Her details can be found on the brochure. Times fill up fast so be sure to contact Sarah soon.

If you need name labels for your child, remember you can order through *Bright Stars* and *Stuck on You*. Once you have set up your account with them you simply use the code BPSS and this will raise funds for the school whilst you receive quality labels.

Our next meeting will be held in the staff room at 9.30am on Tuesday 27th October. Everyone is welcome to come along. We would love to see your there.

COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>Australian Girls Choir Open Day</u> - All school-aged girls are invited to come along to the AGC Open Day to find out more. The Open Day will be held on Sunday 25th October and gives girls the opportunity to join in a free class and attend an information session. Phone 9922 6733 for more information or visit www.ausgirlschoir.com.au

<u>Parenting Anxious Children</u> - A seminar for parents of children aged 4-10 yrs discussing the nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies and resources to assist.

Thursday 19th November 10am-12pm at Hillview Community Health Centre, 1334 Pacific Hwy Turramurra. Cost is \$10 and groups fill quickly. Phone 9485 6155.

<u>Bush School Learn To Swim Club</u> - Have your children taught to swim by our qualified and experienced instructors. 4yrs to 12 yrs on Saturdays from 7th November till 19th March 2016. 30min lessons in 27° pool.

Season cost \$100 for 1 child, \$170 for 2 children \$220 for 3 or more plus insurance.

Enrolments are Saturday 31st October 1.30-3.00pm. Enquiries 9489 1579, 9489 2415 or bushschoollts@gmail.com Website: www.bushschoollts.org







Scientists in Schools



On Thursday the 3rd September, four scientists from the University Of Sydney came to our school to tell us about bacteria and microbes. First, we were shown a PowerPoint presentation on microorganisms (microbes) and what they are. After that we conducted two experiments.

Our first experiment was to find a substance that could have a microorganism growing on it or even a family of microorganisms, then put a sample of it in a falcon-tube that was soon filled with water. The 'substance infused' water was smeared on three different petri dishes using a cotton bud. The three petri dishes had water with agar, fruit juice with agar and coconut cream with agar. Agar is jelly-like and is used to culture bacteria. It is made from a type of algae which provides an ideal growing surface for many different types of bacteria. Some types of agar contain added nutrients.

After we finished our experiments, we were shown more of a PowerPoint presentation about deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). We then



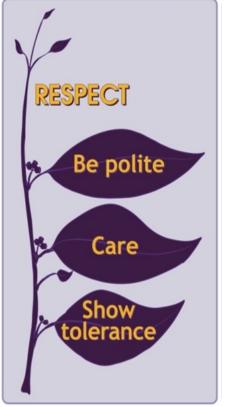
extracted the DNA out of a strawberry by mashing strawberries and mixing it with dishwashing detergent. The dishwashing detergent separated the strawberry from its DNA. The strawberries were put in a specimen jar with rubbing alcohol so we could see the strawberry DNA. The DNA was described as looking like fairy floss.

Two weeks later, on the 16th September, all four scientists returned to show us what had happened to our petri dishes. We filled in a sheet describing what the microorganisms looked like, such as their colours and shapes. Some petri dishes had more micro-organisms than others, it depended on what substance was put on the dish.

> We also had the chance to use a microscope to see the microorganisms up close.







BE POLITE

Term 4-Week 1-4

Please display excellent manners at all times, thank you!



Being kind to someone make you feel wonderful!

SHOW TOLERANCE

Everyone is special no matter what their differences are!

KB	Asad I, Callum L, Christiano D	3A	Natalia G			
KR	Kate F	3P	Monique D, Liam C, Jake D, Anthony D, Ollie G, Grace H, Luke M, Alex P, Brinlee S, Alicia S, Maximus V, Lincoln V,			
1C	Megan D		Sophie W			
1F	Taj Gormly, Zahlee O, Raiph C, Zane D, Madeleine T	3/4P	Orlando J, Anthony L, Josephine O, Elise O, Emalee P			
2R	Alex J, Araliya K	6K	Chelsea C, Liam D, Dimitri O, Caitlyn R, Hayley T			



Welcome back! We wish you a very warm greeting as we head into Term 4. There are so many exciting events throughout the term, which will make for a fun-filled and action packed time. Please enjoy our "Snippet's" for this week.

Kindergarten- The Happening Year!

At the end of the term, Kindergarten had a lovely day at Muogamurra for our Teddy Bears Picnic! We learned lots of facts about living things and also had lots of FUN!









Year 1 - The Movers and Shakers

This is artwork of fire trucks saving buildings which are on fire. We did this because we are learning about workers in the community.



<u>Year 2 – The Big Mob</u>

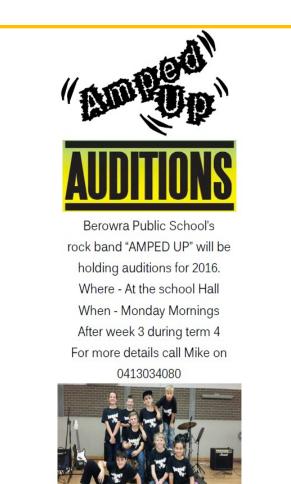
Year 2 making music with body percussion and instruments.







Snippetly Yours, Sally Till and the K-2 Staff



Year 2 - The Adventures of Flat Stanley

Check out all the adventures that Flat Stanley has been having at

http://www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/flat-stanley-adventures1

or

Google: Berowra Public School 'School years' tab along top bar 'Flat Stanley Adventures' at the bottom left of screen



Please Note: Not all Flat Stanley's have returned yet...not all Flat Stanley adventures have been uploaded to the website...keep watching this space!

INTERSCHOOL SPORT GRAND FINAL

Friday 16th OctoberFriday 23rd OctoberPSSA Cricket and Softball/T-ballvs Turramurravs Hornsby South

at Montview Oval & Rofe Park

Warrina Street Oval & Berowra Oval

PSSA League Tag always at Foxglove OvalJunior 1 & Senior 1Junior 1 & Senior 1vs Waitara 2Junior 2 & Senior 2Junior 2 & Senior 2vs Warrawee 2vs Waitara 1

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS or CONTACT DETAILS including your email address? ARE THERE NEW MEDICAL DETAILS?

Please make sure you advise the school of any changes to your details—particularly your phone numbers and email address which are used in the case of an emergency, as well as changes to your address.

If your child has any medical conditions that you feel we should be aware of, please advice us immediately.



Phone the school office on 9456 1319

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

Parents and students are reminded that mobile phones are <u>not to be brought to school</u>

except in exceptional circumstances.



Then the mobile phone <u>must be left at the school office</u> before school and collected at the end of the school day.



You are invited to our

BPS M.A.D.D. night!



Next Monday night will be a fabulous night of Music, Dance and Drama. The school bands, recorder groups, drama groups, choirs, dance groups and rock band will be performing at our MaDD night. We also have some very talented soloists who will be entertaining us.

The concert will begin in the school hall at 7pm and is expected to go for approximately 2 hours. There will be a gold coin donation at the door. The BPS band groups will also be selling pizza, bottled water and cakes from 6pm to raise money for training and concert bands.

<u>Performers</u> are required to report to the Kindergarten rooms by <u>6.45pm</u>. A note with more detail has been sent home.



Monday 19th October



Berowra Public School Hall

Day For Daniel - Coloured Fun Trek

A reminder that on Friday 30th October, Berowra Public School will join students from the other local primary schools to participate in a 'Colour Trek' from Berowra Oval to Warrina Street Oval.

This event will raise money for both the school and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Students have brought home a sponsorship form which is to raise money for Berowra Public School. Students are encourage to do extra jobs around the house to earn the sponsorship.

If you are able to donate money to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, please visit:http://makingadifference.gofundraise.com.au/page/berowraschools.

This is a very special charity that provides schools with resources to help develop children's sense of personal safety, as well as providing financial support to victims of crime and their families.

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* * *	Class Awards				
*	17 Sept - 14 Oct ** **********************************				
KB	Zane C, Rhyan K, Luca P, Ivy U, Jack W				
KR	Jonathan B, Olivia F				
1C	Taye C, Alex L, Amelia N, Baylin G				
1F	Luke E, Caleb F, Tanya P, Tatiana R				
1T	Jonathan C, Daniel F, Gabe H, Noah L, Chais M, Lily P,				
2C	Chloe C, Taliah S, Robert W, Jade W, Aimee H, Savannah L				
2P	Finn F, Charlotte S				
2R	Jasmine B, Gabriel F, Tiana P, Scott T, Nicole T, Natasha W				
3A	Freyja C, Nathan G, Aedan K,				
3P	Liam B, Sophia H, Corey S, Lara T				
3/4P	Jaylah B, Rachel D, Jasper M, Liam N, Zoe V				
4W	 Catherine A, Benjamin B, Anna O, Ben P, Laura R, Mikayla S 				
5B	Will P, Abiha I, Layla W, Elizabeth G, Cody L				
5K	Hugh C, Molly H, Isara W				
6B	Blake D, Zac G, Zoe G, Ashleigh H, Amy H, Jeremy J, Joshua J, Lachlan O, Mackenzie W				
6K	Ethan B, Amy R, Andrew S				



From our Crossing Supervisors

Our Crossing Supervisors would like to ask parents when driving and stopping at the school crossings, to stop behind the solid white line, wait for the children to cross and then for the crossing supervisor to leave the crossing before proceeding.

Also, could parents of pre-schoolers please keep the children with you when walking to school. Preschoolers running or riding scooters ahead of parents could be dangerous when approaching the crossing and confuse drivers.

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED						
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response before			
18/3	Voluntary Contributions	K-6	ASAP			
13/5	Classroom resources	K-6	overdue			
16/9	Kindy Gymnastics	Kindy	15/10			
16/9	Advanced Life Studio	K-6	ASAP			
7/10	Berowra Colour Trek	K-6	29/10			
13/10	Gibberagong excursion	Yrs 3 & 4	17/11			
14/10	Dangar Island excursion	Year 2	27/10			
14/10	After school aerobics	Yrs 4-6	ASAP			
14/10	MaDD Night information	Performers	-			
14/10	PSSA Cricket, Softball & T-ball	PSSA reps	20/10			
14/10	PSSA League Tag	PSSA reps	20.10			

Most notes are on the BPS website under 'Our School' tab—'Missed a Note?'

Privacy Law Advice

If you take photos at school functions and then post them on social media, you are in potential breach of privacy laws. You may not post photos which contain children other than your own, even if they only appear in the background.



Diary Dates						
OCTOBER	OCTOBER					
Mon 19	MaDD Night					
Wed 21	P&C meeting in staffroom at 7.30pm					
Sat 24	Family Portraits					
Tues 27	School Support Group 9.30 in staffroom					
Fri 30	Day For Daniel—Coloured Fun Trek					
NOVEMBE	R					
Tues 3	Year 2 Transport excursion					
Wed 18	P&C meeting 7.30pm in staffroom					
Thurs 19	Police Band visit					
Tues 24	School Support Group 9.30 in staffroom					
25 & 26	some Year 4 at Gibberagong overnight					
Thurs 26	Kindy 2016 Orientation Day					
Fri 27	Turramurra P.S Band Performance					
Sat 28	P & C Trivia Night					
30 & 1 some Year 4 at Gibberagong overnig						
DECEMBE	R					
Wed 2	Christmas Scripture Service					
Thurs 3	High School Orientation Day					
Fri 4 BPS Disco						
7-9	Year 3 at Gibberagong overnight					
Tues 8	Stage 1 Christmas Concert					
Thurs 10	Presentation Day					
Fri 11	Stage 3 Surf Education					
Mon 14	Celebration of Learning assembly Year 6 Farewell					
Wed 16	Party Day Last day of term					
17 & 18	Staff Development Days					

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their children's student pack as well as the voluntary school contribution.

Every student received a student pack which could consist of things such as :- Mathletic, Spellodrome and Reading Egg licences, exercise books, scrap books, school magazine or show me student whiteboards and markers. Every year is different.

These resources are used in the classroom every day by your children and we appreciate your help.

If you are unsure if you have paid for the student pack or school contribution, please contact the school office.

Australian Red Cross Blood Service is coming to Berowra Community Centre

Tuesday 27th October

Wednesday 28th October

Thursday 29th October

1:30pm - 6:30pm

<u>Drink up!</u> Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate <u>Eat!</u> Have a good sized meal beforehand <u>Bring photo ID</u> or your blood donor card with you

Roll up your sleeves and give blood

Please phone **13 14 95** to make an appointment



Berowra Public School Fundraiser

Time: 7pm-8pm

Adult Beginner Rock 'n' Roll Lessons

Everyone is welcome, so come along and have fun learning this energetic partner dance. If you do not have a partner we will try to arrange one for you.

After the lesson we will leave the music playing for extra social dancing time. **Location:** Berowra Public School Hall, Friday nights in September and October, Starting September 11th.

Contact: Cathy Cooke

0449949260 cathyny2000@hotmail.com

Cost: \$5 per lesson All money goes to Berowra Public School fundraising





BPS P & C



Racing Trivia Night Saturday 28th November 7pm



GREAT PRIZES FOR TRIVIA, BEST DRESSED AND OTHER FUN GAMES!!! BRING PLENTY OF GOLD COINS!

Venue: Berowra RSL Price: \$25.00 per person – Adults only, includes Finger Food BYO – Decorations for Table, Gold Coins for games Dress/Theme: Racing Tables: Please organise teams of 8-10 people



TABLES WILL SELL FAST SO BOOK IN EARLY!!

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE OR BOOSH COTTAGE BY Friday 13th November 2015

Name:

Child's Class:

 Table Name:

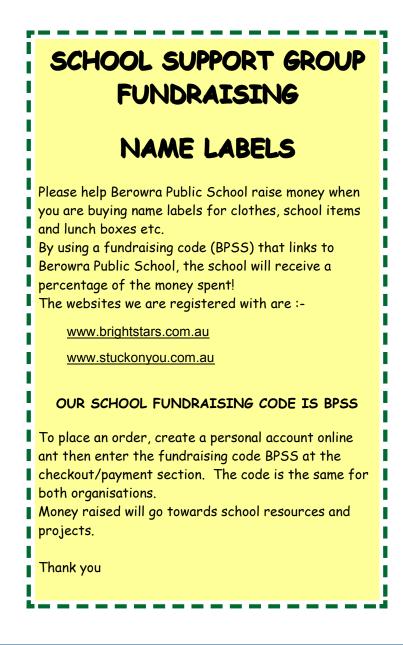
 No of People:

 Amount enclosed:

Payments can be brought to the school office or to BOOSH COTTAGE by 30th October by cash or cheque made payable to Berowra Public School P & C in an envelope marked "Trivia Night" or by EFPOS at BOOSH or Uniform Shop (Monday morning, Thursday afternoon)

Enquiries by email to Lisa Jewkes : bpsfaircoordinator@gmail.com or phone 0413367580, or Tara Andis 0411 882 861

Donations of prizes for the event are also welcome - Please contact Lisa or Tara



Become an Ethics Teacher or Coordinator at Berowra Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We have a few vacancies for volunteers to teach ethics classes in Stage 1 and Stage 3. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact:

Jessica Norris Ethics Coordinator for Berowra Public School jess@fn.com.au or 0478 221155

<u>Part Time or Full Time</u>

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If you are thinking about going back to work or have been looking for that elusive business that can be worked around the day-to-day running of a busy family home, please call for a friendly chat to find out more.

CC: 0408 906 227



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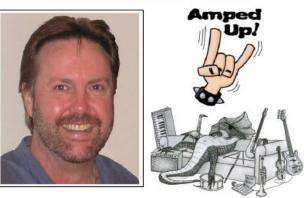
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GUITAR and BASS Lessons

School Rock Band "Amped Up" Music Director MIKE GORDON

is available for tuition at the school in 2015 & also at his home on Saturdays Kids (ages 8 and up) and adults welcome. For more info call 0413034080 or email <u>ampedupband@musician.org</u>



Lessons are also available at Mike's School **The Learning Lounge** at Turramurra 9488-9970 All instruments and styles taught!



St Luke's 29th Annual Model Train Exhibition

The St Luke's 29th Annual Model Train Exhibition will be held over the weekend of 14-15 November. About eighteen model railway layouts will be on display, together with a craft stall, Devonshire teas and other light refreshments. This year's display will showcase about eight visiting displays, both large and small, together with home layouts belonging to club members young and old – each one displaying different modeling techniques.

There will also be a free jumping castle, free face painting, and \$2 plaster painting. Take the opportunity to look over our new church hall.

Details:

Saturday	/ 14 th November:	Exhibition	9am to 5pm
Sunday	15 th November:	Church Service Morning Tea: Exhibition	9.30am – 11am 11am 12noon – 4pm

Where:

St Lukes Anglican Church 155-157 Galston Road Hornsby Heights, NSW, Australia

Displays include:

- Appletree Vale H0 trams & trains
- New Defty St Lukes brand new club 00 scale layout, featuring Hornby live steam
- Rosemount H0 Australian trams in an urban setting
- Legeauxland complex operating theme park using Lego components
- Croesyceiliog NCB 00 scale Welsh mine railway system
- Penguins Halt H0 U-drive, with a variety of animal themes among the trains
- Thomas Display of novelty Tomy "Thomas Big Loader" items
- Warringah Model Engineers display of working miniature machines
-and many more!

For additional information phone 02-9477-3140



