



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

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Term 1 Week 2

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'Notes From School' is commencing this term. This issue of The Crest has also been emailed to parents. Please contact the school office by email, if you are having difficulties accessing 'Notes From School'.

Welcome to the 2015 School Year and another exciting year at Berowra Public School. The holidays just flew by and now we are back ready to go! I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing new year. I would like to warmly welcome our new families and students who have joined our school community this year and our enthusiastic Kindergarten children and their families. I know that you and your child will enjoy our school's warm, caring learning environment complete with outstanding educational experiences which enrich students' academic, social, creative, physical and cultural abilities.

I know the teachers are also excited to be back and are also looking forward to another 'action packed' year with your children.

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.

Class organisation for 2015 is as follows:-

Principal	Mrs Dianne Bower
KBlue	Mrs Janita Layson
KRed	Mrs Judith Butler (Kindergarten supervisor)
1C	Miss Louisa Cabral
1F	Mrs Skye Fenton / Mrs Wilkinson
1T	Mrs Bonnie Tonkes
2C	Mrs Rosemary Cacitti / Mrs Kerry Smith
2P	Mrs Deborah Pickering
2R	Miss Elky Roberts
3A	Mrs Alison Withford / Mrs Jacqui Clayton
3P	Mr Dominic Parkinson
3/4P	Mr Glenn Pritchard (Assistant Principal Stage 2)
4W	Mr Liam Wright
5B	Mrs Marilyn Bolger
5K	Mrs Elizabeth Kempe
6B	Mrs Elizabeth Beckedahl (Assistant Principal Stage 3)
6K	Mrs Sarah Krull
RFF	
Library	Mrs Jennifer Smith (M,T,W)
Dance/Lib	Mrs Kelly Lukic (T, Th)
PDHPE/Literacy	Mr Taran Jones (T, Th, F)
Literacy	Mrs Sally Till
Learning and Support Teacher	Mrs Sascha McIntyre
Reading Recovery	Mrs Sally Till (Assistant Principal Stage 1)

School Attendance

The Minister for Education has approved changes to the use of the Attendance Register codes for 2015. The changes implement the *ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting*. ACARA developed the National Standards to establish nationally consistent parameters for the collection and reporting of student attendance data.

As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. **A Certificate of Exemption will no longer be granted for this purpose.** Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education.

If you know you are going on a holiday (and can't make it for during the school holidays) please send a note to the class teacher. Your child will be marked absent for these days.

Sick/Leave

If your child is off school due to illness or appointments that can't be made in the holidays, please send a note or **an email to the class teacher**. Emails are now allowed – this should make it easier to keep on top of the notes!

From last year's Crest....

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, 9th 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/pickups. 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 2015

In 2015 we will continue to streamline homework tasks. At no stage has there been a "No Homework" policy. Homework is not an 'optional extra'. We are 'streamlining' it so that homework will not be an 'agonising' experience. Every child and every class will have some homework.

Homework in 2015 will consist of reading (K-2 – home readers; 3-6 – either oral or silent reading - depending on your child's ability), learning spelling and spending time with the family. It will also entail Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spellodrome. Maths/Literacy review sheets (related to the work being done in class at that time) may also be set for homework. 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 work 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

School 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 and 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 you to try ironing it so that it looks smart and is sun safe.

Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival is on Thursday, 19th February 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. Children not competing will still be involved in novelty 25m events.

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

Children in Year 2 who turn 8 years old before 31st December 2015 are eligible to participate if they can swim 50 metres competitively and competently. Please do not send if your year 2 child struggles to make 50 metres.

Safety around school

Just a few reminders, to ensure the safety of our children:

- Kiss and Drop is for a **two minute** drop off or pickup and drivers must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle– it is **not** an area to park and wait for your child to come out of school.
- ‘No Stopping’ sign means **no** stopping at any time.
- Please remind your child to cross Hillcrest Road at the Pedestrian Crossing, at all times, rather than running across the road anywhere.
- U-Turns and 3 point turns are illegal along Hillcrest Road.
- Obey the road signs and only park in parking areas. ‘No parking’ signs are there for a reason.
- Please also be very careful along Balaclava Road as the trees near the lane are still obstructing the nature strip.

Di Bower

Principal

LIBRARY NEWS - Welcome to 2015 in the Library! Lots of exciting things happening this year. Our library will have new and interesting books, ipods for use of each class, some new furniture, reading spaces, our smartboard and of course our fabulous and enthusiastic children.

A BIG welcome to our new kindergarten children and their parents, I am sure you will have a wonderful time at Berowra School. All children need a library bag to borrow their books. Children are encouraged to borrow each week and they can keep their books up to two weeks. They can then re-borrow for longer novels and information books.

2015 Library borrowing days beginning 9th February are:-

Monday - 3A, 1C, 1F, 6B *Tuesday* - 4W, 3/4P, 3P, 1T, 5K, 6G *Thursday* - KRed, KBlue, 2P, 2C, 2R

Happy reading days ahead.

Jennie Smith
Librarian

PERFORMING ARTS - Drama - Drama auditions will be next Monday 9th February, at lunchtime. Poems to practise for the audition will be available from the Library on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

There are two drama groups - Junior for Years 1 to 3 and Seniors for Years 4 to 6.

The children are welcome to try out for the 50 or so places available. Good luck everyone.

Dramatically yours

- Jennie Smith

Dance Groups - Thank you to all of the students who auditioned for the dance groups for this year. It is an extremely difficult decision each year as we have so many enthusiastic students.

Congratulations to the students who were successful. Rehearsals begin this week. Boys will rehearse at lunch time on Thursday. Girls will rehearse on Thursday mornings at 8:15am in the school hall

- Kelly Lukic

Choir - Senior Choir will commence in Week 4 at a time to be advised.

- Alison Withford

UNIFORM SHOP - The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays 9-10am and Thursdays 3-3.45pm. Cash, cheque and EFT-POS is available (minimum purchase \$20).

If you would like to volunteer in the shop, please leave your name and contact details with the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS - Study Tours in February 2015 - Do you have a vacant room for an International students between 02/02/2015 to 16/02/2015? We have many Study Tours coming to Sydney for this period.

\$260.00 per student per week. As many students as you can accommodate in shared rooms (single beds)

Requirements are to provide 2 meals a day no lunch except on a Sunday, first and last day - Pickup/ Drop Off, take to and from Town Hall Station first day only (Tour Leaders will take students from the Town Hall Station to School).

Please reply as soon as you can for further information and the application form to confirm your students.

Susan Carr

Administration Inquiries

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Diary Dates

February

Mon 9	Parent/Teacher Night from 6pm
Fri 13	Primary term sport commences
Wed 18	P&C meeting 7.30pm in staffroom
Thurs 19	Swimming Carnival at Knox Grammar
Fri 20	Kick Off 5.30-8pm school grounds
Tues 24	School Support Group meeting 9.30am

March

Mon 2	Asquith Girls High School Open Night
Tues 3	Asquith Boys High School Open Night
Sat 7	AGHS / ABHS Enrichment Test
Tues 10	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thurs 12	Selective High School Placement Test
Wed 18	P&C meeting 7.30pm in staffroom
Mon 23	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Sat 28	State Elections

April

Thurs 2	Hat Parade Last day of Term 1
Fri 3	Good Friday
Mon 6	Easter Monday
Mon 20	Staff Development Day
Tues 21	Students return for Term 2
Sat 25	ANZAC Day
Mon 27	ANZAC Day holiday

May

Thurs 7	School Photo Day
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Please note that parents now have the option, if they prefer to do so, of ordering and paying for their book club orders online, rather than submitting paper order forms and cash/cheque/credit card slips to the school office. For how to do this, please see the notice below from Scholastic.

However, the old method of ordering and paying is still available. If parents do order and pay online, their order will be sent to the school along with the main school book club order for delivery to their child's classroom.

This means that the benefit is convenience of paying, rather than any speedier delivery.

Please be aware when ordering and paying online that **if you want your order to be SECRET** and not to be sent to your child's classroom, **you must let the book club coordinators, Natasha Steele or Sarah Williams, know and give them some way of contacting you when the order arrives, preferably mobile number**, otherwise the order will be sent to your child in their classroom.

Natasha and Sarah can be contacted directly if you know either of them, or alternatively via a note in the book club letterbox in the school office.

Thank you!

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- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
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- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
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For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.



CANTEEN - Hi, my name is Teresa, the Canteen Manager. Our school canteen is open three days a week:- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help out on these days. Any time you can give is very much appreciated whether it is for the whole day (9.30– 2.30), lunchtime (12.00-2.30) or mornings (9.30-12.00). Lunch is supplied as well as morning tea. Unfortunately pre-schoolers are not permitted in the canteen for safety reasons.

Please leave your contact details at the school office or phone 9456 1319.

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response before
2/2	Parent/Teacher meeting	K-6	-
4/2	General Permission	K-6	ASAP
4/2	School Sport	Yrs 3—6	12/2
4/2	Swimming Carnival nomination form	Yrs 3-6	12/2
4/2	Swimming Carnival permission form	Yrs 3-6	17/2
4/2	Welcome Back Kick Off	K-6	-

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

HALF PRICE

PIANO /KEYBOARD LESSONS!

For new students in Years 3-6 starting in Term 1 2015!

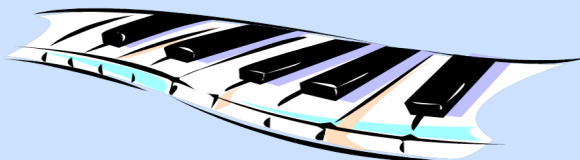
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Term 3 (8 Week Course) \$155.00 Monday, 27th July - 14th Sept Tuesday, 28th July - 15th Sept	NEW CLASS TUESDAY 5.30 - 6.45pm	10-12 years

Term 4 (8 Week Course) \$155.00
Monday, 12th Oct - 30th Nov
Tuesday, 13th Oct - 1st Dec

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BEROWRA NETBALL CLUB

Registrations are still being accepted for the 2015 Netball Season until this Saturday 7th February.

Please contact Karen Pick (Club Registrar) on 0425 293 243 or email bncregistrar@gmail.com.

Reminder: Pre Season training for registered players will commence Wednesday 4th February & Wednesday 11th February at Warrina Street Netball Courts.

If you are not a registered player but are considering registering by the 7th February – come along to Pre Season training for a chat and further information.

Juniors 9's to 10yrs	4.45pm to 5.45pm
Juniors 11 to 12yrs	5.30pm to 6.30pm
Inters/Cadets/Seniors	6.15pm to 7.15 pm

Go4Fun family fun day



Free activities for primary school aged children.

Come and try the Go4Fun program at this FREE Family Fun Day which includes a range of sports and fun activities for kids.

Find out this free program which helps children and families develop healthy eating habits, build self-confidence and become more active. Meet other families and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day!



Details

When: Sunday 8 March from 9.00am – 11.00am
Where: Ruddock Park
Coral Heath Avenue, Westleigh
Cost: Free
Bookings: Bookings Essential
Book online at trybooking.com/GMRR

What to bring:

- Drinks, hats and sun protection
- Chairs or picnic blankets
- Suitable sports footwear
- A healthy snack for your child

Children must be supervised by an adult for the duration of the session.

This event will be cancelled if raining – please check Councils facebook page and website.



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