

Staff Development Day

Term Two Staff Development Day will be held on Monday, 20th April, this is a pupil free day. The teachers will be meeting here with our Keerawall Community of Schools (Wideview, Mt Kurring-gai, Cowan and Brooklyn). We will be looking at the new Mathematics Syllabus.

Students return on Tuesday, 21st April, wearing their summer uniform. Changeover to winter uniform is usually around the middle to end of May, depending on the weather.

Mathletics/Spellodrome

Congratulations to all the children who are 'earning' certificates each week for their work on Mathletics and/or Spellodrome. I love looking at all the results each week. Children are also earning many gold bars for finishing all their tasks in each area.

A special mention to all the children who work so hard that their results achieve a place on the 'Wall of Fame' for either Australia and/or the world. Keep up this fantastic love of learning, children.

Interviews

Our Parent/Teacher interviews were last week. These series of interviews are an integral part of our reporting to parents' processes and an excellent means of sharing information. Children definitely perform better at school when parents and teacher work as an effective team. We appreciate and value your ongoing support and interest in your child's progress. Many thanks to teachers and parents who participated in these valuable interviews last week.

Mathletics/Spellodrome certificates come to Mrs Bower either before or after school or during morning tea or lunch times to claim their reward from the lucky dip. Please ensure your child is bringing **five** certificates not four. Golden Bikes and Gold Mathletic Certificates earn a lucky dip all by themselves.

Morning Assemblies

We are trying to streamline our morning assemblies so that students are not missing important classroom learning time. Parents could we please ask that you keep toddlers and pre-schoolers close to you and don't allow them to play on the library verandah where they distract the children from listening to important messages from either teachers or our student leaders.

NAPLAN 2015

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5. The results of the test provide important information about what each student can do and is used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating your child's level of achievement, reported against the national minimum standard.

Naplan testing is on Tuesday, 12th May, Wednesday, 13th May and Thursday, 14th May, 2015.

Additional information for parents can be found at www.nap.edu.au

Changeable Weather

At the moment the weather is very unpredictable. We often experience heavy rain just in time for children arriving and departing the school. An overwhelming number of children do not have raincoats in their bag, so that they are prepared for the change in weather. Many children who are waiting in the bus lines or to be picked up at Kiss and Drop are getting soaked. In the interests of your child's health, please assist by ensuring your child has a raincoat in their bag each day.

Children need to go to the toilets during the day and are also becoming very wet due to not having a raincoat with them.

Please do not send umbrellas as these become a safety issue. Children will not be allowed to use umbrellas in the school grounds.

Kiss and Drop Zone and parking around the school

A 'Kiss and Ride Zone' or 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area utilises existing 'No Parking' zones around schools. In these areas, drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children, however **No Parking** rules apply:

- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
- · Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
- · Vehicle must not be left unattended

Additional safety tips for school zones:

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school's procedures.
- · Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- · If your child is not on the footpath do not wait please drive off and come back.
- Never double park.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.
- Do not park in driveways or the Rural Fire Brigade driveway in High Street.

There will be many workmen on the school site during the holidays:

- The barbeque area
- The new COLA outside Kindergarten and BOOSH
- The toilet block painted
- B block could be getting new pinboards

On behalf of the staff and myself, we hope you have a restful and safe holiday and I hope the Easter Bunny leaves many Easter treats.

Di Bower

Principal

LIBRARY - Happy Easter to everyone from the Library! The children are allowed to borrow extra books to read over the holidays. It is wonderful to see so many enthusiastic readers. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Book Club. We have been able to purchase many new resources using Bonus Points, including special Anzac Day material to help us to commemorate the 100th Anniversary. Please help your children to return ALL OVERDUE BOOKS! Our borrowing period is 2 weeks with re-borrowing allowed. Have a safe and happy holiday. Mrs Jennie Smith

PERFORMING ARTS - Drama - The children have now received their scripts and parts for our festival plays.

"Travel in Time" - Senior Drama, "Magic Drums" - Junior Drama. Please help your child to learn their lines over the holidays. Have fun too.

Mrs Jennie Smith

<u>Band</u> - Concert and Training Band are off and running. It has also been fantastic to see the Training Band grow over the past few weeks, we are still however looking for more members to join.

The Concert Band has been entered into two festivals this year. Wahroonga Music Festival will be held on Sunday 14th June at Wahroonga Public School and the NSW School Band Festival will be held on Sunday 23rd August at University of NSW. There will be incentives for the band to work hard and try their best, the band knows their current incentive.

It would be great if parents could monitor their child's practise as best as they can. Training Band students will benefit most if they practice daily for 10-15mins. Concert Band students should be practising 20-25mins at least 5 times each week. If all members are able to try and stick to this practise routine the bands will improve dramatically.

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Band Director – Training and Concert Band



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Personal Best — Do your best!



<u>P & C</u> - Berowra Public School kicked of the new school year with its annual picnic which was enjoyed by many, in spite of the rather uninspiring weather.

This was followed by the AGM, which was held on 18th March. Office holders were elected as follows:

José Auditore
Jodi Ludlow
Jo West
Kaye Power
Graham Gates
Vivienne Simpson

The P&C Group oversees the operation of a number of activities around the school such as the Canteen, the Uniform Shop, School Support Group, The Music Group and fundraising. Although many of these groups have a paid staff member, most of these activities only happen because of the many people who volunteer to work in the Canteen, serve in the Uniform Shop and bake cakes and run the many fundraising activities of the school Support Group. We would ask that you treat these people with kindness and respect as they give up their time to support the school.

This term we have had some complaints from volunteers who have been abused by parents and such behaviour is unacceptable. In future parents who abuse P&C volunteers while they are carrying out their duties will be banned from directly accessing that service. If you have a complaint about the service you have received then please feel free to email the P&C on bpspandc2080@gmail.com and we will investigate the problem for you.

We will be keeping you updated on future P&C activities in The Crest, but if you want to see what is happening in the meantime you can like our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/BerowraPublicSchoolPand C and later on in the year we will be launching our website with more information and activities.

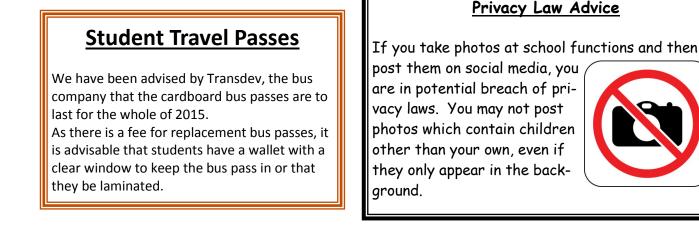
<u>CANTEEN</u> - Check out <u>BPS Canteen News</u> on facebook. It contains new items on the menu, events and happening and special day reminders.

Our school canteen is open three days a week:- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don't forget you can order lunches online at flexischool.com.au.

<u>UNIFORM SHOP</u> - 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.

SCHOOL BANKING - Banking has commenced every Tuesday morning at the canteen between 8.50 and 9.20am. The Commonwealth Bank is continuing their commitment to schools Australia-wide, with \$5 when a student makes their first school banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made (up to \$10 per individual deposit).



NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response before
4/2	General Permission	K-6	ASAP
18/3	Voluntary Contributions	K-6	ASAP
30/3	Canberra & Ski Excursion	Yrs 5 & 6	30/4
1/4	Mothers Day stall	K-6	-

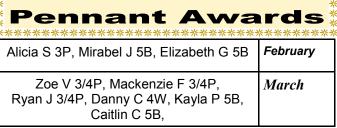
Most notes are on the BPS website under 'Our School' tab—'Missed a Note?'

Diary Dates Grandparents Day/Harmony Day/Faster

April

Thurs 2	Grandparents Day/Harmony Day/Easter Celebrations 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		
Thurs 30	BPS Cross Country Carnival		
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Mon 4	Kindy 2016 Information Session 7pm		
Tues 5	Mothers Day Stall		
Thurs 7	School Photo Day (winter uniform)		
12-14	NAPLAN testing		
Thurs 14	Kindy 2016 Information session 10am		
Tues 19	Digital Technology competition		
June			
Wed 3	Science competition		
Mon 8	Queen Birthday public holiday		
Fri 12	BPS Disco		
Tues 16	BPS Athletics Carnival at Foxglove Oval		

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Yesterday we went to the vegetable garden and we planted sweet peas. Then we watered the whole garden. Then we pulled out weeds. We saw fruit trees and watermelons. We picked up grubs then we went back to the classroom.

Jayden and Chantelle

Yesterday 2P went down to the vegetable garden. At the garden we planted sweet peas. First we got two seeds each and we planted them in the soil, down to two cms deep. After that we took turns of watering all of the plants. At the garden we took out some of the weeds and we saw some pumpkins, cucumbers, zucchinis, tomatoes, lettuce, corn, watermelons, chives and fruit trees. After that we had lunch.

Charlotte and Jackson

Yesterday, we went to the vegetable garden. We had two seeds each to plant. Then Jed and Jarvis got to water the plants first.

After that we looked at some ripe tomatoes and fruit trees. Eric and Kiara

Yesterday 2P went to the big garden. First we planted our sweet peas. We saw some tomatoes and we removed the grubs. We watered the garden and we saw some pumpkins. We picked up some weeds and threw the weeds on the pile. We saw some corn and we dug where we were planting. We touched a rotten watermelon and watered some plants. Finn and Amelia

Yesterday 2P went to the vegetable garden. We planted sweet peas then we watered the fruit and the vegetables. Then we weeded the garden and then we looked at the other gardens. It was spectacular! 2P loved it! Jarvis and Annabelle

Yesterday we went to the vegie garden. Each person planted two sweet peas. The sweet peas will grow and flower in spring. Before we planted the sweet peas we picked out the grubs in the soil. At the same time other people were weeding. We looked at the pumpkins, the watermelons and the zucchinis. Then we saw some tomatoes and some corn. The pumpkins were very big! Jack and Jed

'Now and Then'

Then

I woke up this morning at 5 o' clock, just like every other day, I got dressed and set off to do my chores. I started by milking the cows and finished by hanging up some clothes. I missed out on breakfast.

Now

I started off my day by slumping out of bed at 8am, getting dressed, tying up my hair and grabbing myself a muesli bar as I walked out the door.

Then

As I was 5 minutes late for school I was caned right on the knuckles, I tried to hold in my tears of pain as I took a seat. I noticed my knuckles were swollen while I reached for my blackboard and chalk. Mrs Brown began the lesson by strutting up and down the wooden floor boards reading us times tables.

Now

I was 10 minutes late for school so I handed in my late note and joined my class for sport. We headed back to class and learnt about ANZAC day and World War 1.

Then

I walked home meeting my mother at the door, I went to set the table and feed the cows before realising that my father was not home yet. I went to ask my mother where he was, I was told that he had been sent out to war. I broke down in tears and went to bed early as I was worried about my father.

Now

I walked home and let myself in because my parents were at work. Later I stayed up until 10pm playing on my phone before falling asleep at my desk, using my book as a pillow.

1 week later...

Then

My mother and I went out to the market. We travelled on a cart with my favourite horse, we rode along Second Street and dirt blew in our faces. We collected the weekly newspaper of which contained the names of the soldiers that had died at war. My mother and I stood in the middle of the market scanning the newspaper for my father's name. We stopped in horror; there it read 'John Smith'. I scrunched up the newspaper and ran all the way home. I knew my father was dead, I was never to see him again, I cried all week. I didn't expect this, I'm only 9.

Now

I was emailed a magazine, I read it before heading off to Westfield, I bought a dress and a phone case. I caught a bus home and thought about my friend Jenny who had caught a plane to Africa, I missed her.

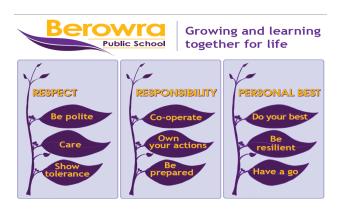
Me

I wrote this to display the difference in 2 lives, 1 taking place in the early 1900s (then) and the other taking place in the early 2000s (now). There are many more luxuries now then there was in the early 1900s such as phones, cars, games, medicines, heating/cooling, machines, different foods and some materials plus much more.

April the 25th is approaching, reminding us of the soldiers that have fought in wars and made Australia a better place.



Lest we forget. Jane R



Dr Seuss DR Theodore Seuss was a children's author. He was born in America in 1904 on the 2nd march in Howard Street, Springfield, Massachusetts. His mum would sing him rhymes before he went to bed each night. He would remember these rhymes and that helped him write his books. HE had 44 books published and then translated into 15 different languages. He sold 200,000,000 copies of his books. Some of the most well-known books are: cat in the hat; 1 fish 2 fish red fish blue fish; Horton hears a who; green eggs and ham; how the Grinch stole Christmas and many more. Some of these books have been made into movies, TV shows and musicals. The very first book he wrote was called and to think that I saw it on mulberry street. He challenged by his publishes to write a book with only 225 new reader words he decided to write cat in the hat (which is mentioned above). DR Theodore Seuss won 2 academy awards, 2 Emmis ,1 Peabody and a Pulitzer prize . Unfortunately he died in 1991 24th of September After he died they made an amusement park in Florida USA in 1999 in loving memory of him. By Taffy M & Hayley T

Greetings from Year 5

We have had a great start to 2015.

5B and 5K have been joining up for various activities, including visual arts and handwriting with impressive results. These joint activities have been helping to pave the way for when we spend our morning sessions together for our Literacy activities in Term 2. Our investigation into the Rainforests of our world has been equally exciting and all of the students have been eager to participate in researching and enquiry based activities.

See you in Term 2.

<u>Anzac Day Essay</u> <u>By Sophia H</u>

Imagine getting a knock on the door, or a letter in the mailbox, saying that you have to go off to war. Imagine packing your clothes and saying goodbye to your family, knowing that you may never see them again. Imagine saying farewell to your siblings, your loving parents, your pet and everything you have ever known. That's what happened to many thousands of young men, who should have finished living their life, though unfortunately some never got the chance.

They were sent over to Turkey and fought a losing battle, in which we made many mistakes. The remaining soldiers crept away one night and returned to Australia having done their best in a battle they could never win. But that wasn't the biggest problem to many families, who soon realised they were never going to see their son again.

That is what Anzac Day signifies. On the 25th of April, we remember all those men who fought for the rights that have made Australia what it is today. We will always remember their efforts. Lest we forget.

2015 is an important year. Not only is it my final year of primary school, it is the 100th anniversary of the soldier's landing at Gallipolli. One hundred years ago, these soldiers fought. Because of this, I am able to go to school, have so many opportunities, and live the fortunate life I live.

I am a student at Berowra Public School. Like every other Australian child, I have the right to go to school and to get a proper education. I also have the right to hold my own beliefs. This is taken for granted throughout Australia, but in many countries you can get hurt for holding beliefs that are different from others'. The reason I am allowed to go swimming after school, the reason my parents and every other adult can vote and the reason and the reason that we have rights, is because of the brave Anzacs, and all the other soldiers who fought in other wars, battled for our rights.

So thank you Anzacs. You have made Australia the incredible place it is today. You have changed our country for the better, and for that we pay our greatest respects. Lest we forget.

Anzac Day

Every weekday morning, I wake up, get dressed, have breakfast and go to school. Everyone at Berowra Public School does something like this as well, but I'm sure not many students question *why* we can go to school, *why* we can walk home by themselves, *why* we can go to the skate park at 5pm if we wanted to. Well, it's all because of a very meaningful day.

On the 25th April 1915, 100 years ago this year, 1000s of Australian soldiers fought the Turkish soldiers. "Why was this war so special?" you might ask, well it was the first war that Australia fought independently, meaning they did not fight among the British Army. The Australian soldiers arrived at Gallipoli by boat. Unfortunately, the boats landed on the wrong part of the beach, therefore ruining their chances. They landed on the beach with large cliff face in their way. To fight the Australian soldiers had to climb the cliff face. Sadly, the Turkish soldiers were already 1 step ahead. They were on top of the rock face giving them a great advantage. Australia didn't stand a chance and the soldiers that weren't already shot, took cover in the boats and behind rocks. Late at night all the remaining Australian soldiers fled. It was a defeat, with 1000s dead

This tragic war changed Australia forever. Since then, we have become a democratic, safe and very lucky country. We can have an education, walk to school and go to the skate park at 5pm.

The 25th of April, or Anzac Day, commemorates the brave and strong Australian soldiers that fought or maybe even died for us. We should all be *very* thankful.

-Renee B 6B

ANZAC Day Essay Niamh D 6K

In 2015 Berowra is a war free zone and Australia is a free country. We're a free country because many years back men were fighting for the freedom that we have today.

Boys the age of sixteen went to war, their families heartbroken and scared that they wouldn't come back. In other countries, people can't even go from place to place without being scared that they're going to get bombed. Their buildings are demolished because of this.

Our life today is different from life back then. We are able to jump on a bike for a little ride, back then you couldn't do that. People's birth dates would be put in a raffle and if their birthday was called out they would have to go to war. They had no choice.

Many young boys thought that the war was going to be exciting, not realising that they might not come back from the war. The months of training must have been really hard and intense for the boys, some boys really wanted to go to war. They lied about their age and said that they were 16 or more but they were really fifteen.

Many girls joined the war too but they were never allowed to fight. So they nursed the sick and injured. It would have been quite awful tending to all those young boys who lost their arms or legs and many who would have died from infections. There were few antibiotics in those days.

For all those boys and men that lost their lives for their country, may we never have to go to war again.

> We shall remember them. Lest we forget.



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