

Welcome back to Term Two! I'm sure it was a struggle for some fighting against the oppressive weather to get themselves to school last week, both parents and students, but it's great to have you all back. A number of staff was unable to travel to school because of road blockages and flooded waterways. I was very impressed to see that at least 50% of children had raincoats with them during the rain last week.

Term Two is an extremely busy term (aren't they all?) but it will be a very satisfying one.

New Covered over Learning Area (CoLA)

For those who have been to school in the last week, you will have noticed our extended CoLA from Kindergarten to BOOSH. This was funded by the P& C and all our parents from the proceeds raised at the 2014 Fair. Many thanks to all....we love it!

Outdoor Barbeque Area

Thanks to Graeme Gates for our fantastic 'covered, built in barbeque area'. We don't have to worry about rain, fat splashed on the concrete or having to lug gas bottles from one end of the school to the other end.

Graeme spent many hours during the holiday volunteering his time and expertise to erect this magnificent structure. Many thanks to Linc's barbeques who also gave us a great deal on the barbeque.

Thanks also to the parent who donated \$1000.00 towards the building of this barbeque.

Big Writing – Parent Information Evening

Big Writing is an approach to teaching writing and raising writing standards that focuses on:

- The importance of TALK and oral rehearsal
- · Accurate basic skills spelling, punctuation, grammar, handwriting
- · Regular and meaningful assessment and target setting
- High expectations for all pupils
- · Giving writing a purpose and making it fun

Berowra Public School is implementing this program this year.

If your children are coming home talking about 'VCOP' or 'wow' words please come to our Big Writing Parent Session. This session will be on **Wednesday evening**, **20**th **May** (prior to the P&C Meeting) at 6:30pm in the year 6 classrooms.

Congratulations:

Marco de P (6B) – achieved a Credit in his AMEB Grade 5 piano exam...outstanding!

Mackenzie W (6B) - selection to represent Sydney North Schools in the NSWPSSA Girls Football State Carnival. Mackenzie and family will be selling raffle tickets for fantastic prizes to help cover the cost of attending the carnival which is a three day event. Tickets will be available after school and at the school Cross Country Carnival. Thank you for your support.

School Grounds After the 'culling' of our dangerous trees we were left with a load of mulch and tree stumps. The mulch and stumps have now been spread or laid around the school. Many thanks to Brendan Greig (an ex-BPS student). Brendan has spent many hours spreading the mulch around the base of trees and near our outdoor seating. He has done an amazing job and our school looks so much better for his many long hours of work.

Thanks Brendan, from all of us at BPS.

Gymnastics

Last week was the first week of the Year 2 Sportspro Gymnastics lessons. It is an activity that is so beneficial for all kids but especially the younger ones. The ability to coordinate your movements and move within a space are invaluable skills that students carry though to adulthood. This is an integral and mandatory strand of our NSW Personal Development/Health/Physical Education Syllabus.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will take place in Week 4, commencing on Tuesday, 12th May. A notification letter advising parents of the dates and reasons for exemption for any students was sent home last term, and is available on the school's website. Parents who wish to exclude their child/children from these tests should speak to me and ask for a consent form which parents must sign. The school will not advise parents to exclude their children.

However, if parents have particular concerns, the teachers and I are happy to discuss these concerns and advise parents of their options.

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Principal

Roster

CANTEEN - Check out BPS Canteen News on facebook. It contains new items on the menu, events, 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.

P&C NEWS - Hi all, the first P&C Committee Meeting for this term will be on Wednesday 20th May at 7:30 in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have anything you would like to raise at the meeting please let us know at bpspandc2080@gmail.com.

Apologies to Tara Hamilton, our newest Committee Member. Tara is our 2nd Vice President and was left off the list in the last Crest.

UNIFORM SHOP - Welcome back everyone! New term and almost winter uniform time. Everything is almost ready to go. If anything is out of stock, please bear with us while we organise everything.

Purple re-useable bags If you have a re-usable bag, please remember to bring it along next time you purchase something.

The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays 9-10am and Thursdays 3-3.45pm. Cash, cheque and EFTPOS 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.

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KINDERGARTEN 2016 INFORMATION SESSIONS

You are cordially invited to attend one of our Information Sessions which will be held in the school li brary.

These sessions are designed to assist you in enrolling your child in kindergarten for 2016.

You will hear about the programs Berowra Public School has to offer, how we cater for individual needs and how we provide a balanced education for all students. You will also hear about our student welfare policy, our buddy system and positive steps to providing a happy and safe learning environment for your child.

This is the first part of our extensive Kindergarten Orientation Program during which we welcome you and your child to Berowra Public School and help to make the transition a happy and positive experience.

Session Times

7:00pm Monday 4th May 2015

10:00am Thursday 14th May 2015

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RESPONSIBILTY Own Your Actions



<u> Term 2 – Weeks 1-4</u>

Accept responsibility for your actions. Think about your actions affecting others. Look at positive actions you have made.

"Pay it forward" – Give a positive action to someone, they then do a positive action for someone else.

Australian Red Cross Blood Service is coming to Berowra Community Centre

on

Tuesday 28th April

Wednesday 29th April

Thursday 30th April

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



Student Travel Passes

We have been advised by Transdev, the bus company that the paper bus passes are to last for the whole of 2015.

As there is a fee for replacement bus passes, it is advisable that students have a wallet with a clear window to keep the bus pass in or that they be laminated.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015



Envelopes have gone home this week.

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a \$2 coin or equivalent in the envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to school to be eligible for the draw for a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

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.



Berowra Community ANZAC March & Ceremony Saturday 25th April 2015

With perfect weather on our side Berowra Public School students Sophia H, Lachlan B, Ashleigh H, Cameron R, Mackenzie W, Liam D, Hayleigh S, Dayna B, Kiara B, Emily D, Jake D, Kyle B, Jayden B, Dylan W, Zarli V, Lincoln V, Amy S and Alicia S attended the ANZAC Day March and Ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

School captains Sophia H and Lachlan B had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of Berowra Public School.

I was fortunate enough to have the privilege of escorting the students for the March and Ceremony.

Well done B.P.S students!

Mrs Charmian Steel School Learning Support Officer





My Family's ANZAC story By Josie E 6B

I rolled out of my bed thinking it was just a normal Saturday so I jumped onto the couch and I heard Mum say in her morning voice "Turn off the TV, the whole family is going to my Grandma's house" "But why??" I complained, "Because it is ANZAC day, because she is family, and we love her" her voice became stern, just a little. "Why is ANZAC day special anyway?" I asked, just trying to prove a point. "Her Dad died in the war" she said in a soft voice, and sounded sad. "Could you pleeease tell me the story?" I asked hopefully. "Yes of course, but we need to go now, so I will tell you in the car" Mum replied. As I got dressed I thought about how it would be if I didn't live in such a great place like Berowra.

Once Dad had started the engine, Mum began the story of how my great-great grandfather Warren Robert Hoad joined the army in 1917 and how he was one of those people that faked his age so that he could join. After that he started training in Australia, but got sick "so he didn't get to go to Gallipoli?" I questioned in a confused voice. Mum said "No, but he married a lady with the name Doris and she is my great-great Grandmother, and they had twins, Joan and Jack Hoad, and Joan is your great grandmother and she is the lady we are seeing today".

Mum then started taking about World War II, how he joined on the 6th of June 1940, and then trained in Bathurst. From then on he went to fight in Malaya, during his battle he was caught and became a prisoner of war in Malaya. They didn't take care of him in Malaya, so he sadly died. But the family didn't know that he had died, they didn't even know that he was a prisoner of war, the only thing about him they knew was that he was missing in action.

As Dad parked the car, my Mum suggested "my grandma might like to tell you the rest of the story". I was confused "But there is no more to tell, right?" I asked. Mum answered "Grandma served during World War II".

When mum knocked on the door, I felt like she had been waiting for us, she was there in a millisecond, as usual she mixed me up with my sister (I love that she thought I was older than my big sister!). After Mum and Dad had a cup of tea, I asked her about serving in the war, there was a short silence, then she asked "what do you want to know?" I cleared my throat "why did you choose to serve in the army?" She relied in a soft voice "I went to find my father". She said no more about that.

Once we had left Mum told me everything about how her job was all one big secret, and no one knew, not even her husband. She also told me about how she met Rusty Evans, and that they had twins Judy and Gill Evans and that Judy is my grandmother.

That day was a couple of years ago, but just recently my great-great Grandmother Joan Evans died, she was 91. At her funeral people from the RSL came to honour and salute her. The Ode of Remembrance was played, and people placed poppies on her coffin.

This ANZAC day I want to remember my great-great Grandfather and my great Grandma and Grandad who served our country, but it wasn't just my family it was millions of others who fought, suffered, made sacrifices, or died so that we can have freedoms that we don't always think about. Like we can choose to go to church each Sunday, I can be a girl and go to school, I have a choice of what work I want to do and live where I want to live and how I want to live.

I am so thankful, lest we forget.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY - BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

On 29th April Berowra Public School commemorated the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli. A moving ceremony was held near the flag pole, with a Catafalque party standing guard. We also had three members from the Berowra RSL attending, including the Berowra RSL president Mr Bob Dobson. Mr Dobson gave a speech and presented the school library with a book called 'Meet the Anzacs' by Claire Saxby.

During class time, the children have been learning about the events of the 25th April, 1915 and why we commemorate ANZAC DAY each year.

Parents and teachers from our school community sent in photos and memorabilia from past wars and this was displayed in the hall. The display will be kept up for the term for the school community to have a look at.

After the service the RSL presented each child with a very special centenary medallion, which we hope each and every child will treasure for many years to come. We would like to thank the RSL for presenting these to our children. I believe the Berowra RSL sub-branch are the only RSL in Sydney to have made this gesture to the children in their community.

We would also like to thank members of the 226 Normanhurst Army Cadet Unit for attending our school ceremony. This made it particularly special for our school to have a Catafalque Party around the flag pole, where our flowers were laid.

Thank you also to the BPS Canteen for providing lunch after the ceremony for the RSL members and the cadets, it is very much appreciated and I know they were also appreciative of your efforts.

Thank you to all the children from Berowra for your outstanding behaviour during the ceremony. All of the teachers were very proud of you and Mr Dobson from the RSL commented that the behaviour of the children was a credit to our school. Well done!

We hope that this very special ceremony will live in the hearts of the children for many years and they will remember the ANZAC Centenary.

Liz Beckedahl and Alison Withford











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Term 1 concluded on such a wonderful high and I would like to thank all the teachers for their dedication and support with the "Big Day Out"! Clearly, Berowra PS is the place to be, with so much talent and entertainment. After an eventful start to Term 2, we are settling back to our routine, despite "the forces of nature". There are lots of exciting things happening this term and the term letter this will update you on all the class activities. ANZAC Day and the importance of this ceremony have been presented with the dignity it deserves. The students have been learning about the meaning of ANZAC Day in class to reinforce their understanding and the importance of this event.

Kindergarten....





Kindergarten is doing the HSIE unit *Me*, gaining a greater understanding of their self, their family and their needs. The children are beginning to record this information using some very cute pictures

and writing some sentences. In Maths we have been learning about number lines. We created our own by using a streamer, number cards and seedpods as markers.

Year 1 Science Term 1





In term 1 we were looking at how things change in the environment. To watch how seeds grow and change we decided to make our 'Grass Heads'. We started by taking our pictures and taping them to our cups. We then

had to plant grass seeds in the soil and water them. Over the next few weeks they started to sprout and we observed the changes and wrote about our findings. Once the grass had grown very long we were then able to give them funny hair-cuts.

"I liked it because we got to cut its hair and I learnt how to grow grass." Matt S. 1T

"I liked it because you can do anything with it and we learnt about nature. We learnt about how things change, about how grass changes." Hannah H. 1T





Year 2 – Big Mob Experience – March, 2015

As part of the Year 2 learning program, we visited Bobbin Head in Ku-ring-gai National Park where we investigated aspects of Aboriginal culture such as traditional family roles, responsibilities, rules and laws. This experience involved bush walking, traditional Aboriginal story-telling, role-playing with support from the local Aboriginal community – Adam Cryer and Faith. Prior to the excursion, we explored 'women's business' and 'men's business'. The girls learnt about traditional Aboriginal mothering and food gathering and the boys learnt about hunting and the right of passage into manhood.





Snippetly Yours, Sally Till and the K-2 Staff





Berowra Public School Choir

By Abbie and Mischa

Berowra Public School has two amazing choir teachers. The Year 1-2 choir is run by Mrs Cacitti and the Year 3-6 choir is run by Mrs Withford. Their jobs are to give us songs, help us learn them and organise where we perform. Both choirs are rehearsed in the hall.

Interview with Mrs Cacitti

Mrs Cacitti was inspired to be a choir teacher by her love of music. When she was little she was in choir. Mrs Cacitti picks songs from her sing set. She makes them not too high or low. Mrs Cacitti enjoys teaching choir when the choir people come! Mrs Cacitti thinks it is a bit hard being a choir teacher.



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Interview with Mrs Withford



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Mrs Withford picks songs that the kids will enjoy and be able to learn. She was in choir at primary school but not at high school. Mrs Withford thinks that everyone will be able to sing well at the performances because we practice a lot. She likes being a choir teacher because she loves music and how it expresses lots of emotions. When people forget their words Mrs Withford would like them to practice even more.

Drama

Written by: Shamaya, India and Kian

 \bigstar Our school holds two drama groups .One is for junior drama for years 1-3 and the other is for senior drama years 4-6. The teacher of the drama groups is Mrs Smith. She puts a lot of effort into plays and teaching evervone drama. $\stackrel{\frown}{\sim}$

We play fun games that help us warm up our voices, ready to do some fun plays. Junior drama is held on Monday lunch times after eating time and senior drama is held on Wednesday lunch times after eating.

An interview with Mrs Smith:

 $\overrightarrow{}$ Mrs Smith found it very hard to choose the drama group because there are so many talented students at $\stackrel{\frown}{\propto}$ Berowra Public School. Mrs Smith finds it very fun being a drama teacher because you get to pretend you're a different person [character]. Mrs Smith finds it very hard to think of fun plays for the children, she says you have to get an idea and the hardest part is there are thirty children that need a part.



She said that what inspired her to be a drama teacher was that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ she did it at school and when she grew up she was in a drama 🖕 group. Mrs Smith says her favourite play in her whole teaching 🕁 career was when she was Alice in Alice and Wonderland at \bigstar \bigstar school.

Mrs Smith said she was so proud of the drama groups that got stinto State twice and there were loads of schools at the festival and they only picked a few.



League Tag

Written by Laura, Matthew and Kai

A Bit about Mr Prichard

દ્દી દર્દી Mr Pritchard did not play league tag as a child because it had not been invented back then and he also jokes about how the wheel was not invented back then. Mr Pritchard played rugby league until the age of ten, then he played soccer.

When he was choosing the teams he was looking for general fitness ability, ball handling, throwing, catching and good teamwork including communication.

He chose to coach the team because he loves watching the students having fun and seeing their skills im-Ŵ prove so quickly and it is rewarding seeing our students give their best and improve each week.

He said he was lucky to have big brothers who played rugby league with him and introduced the sport to him.

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Diary Dates				
April				
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			

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED				
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response before	
18/3	Voluntary Contributions	K-6	ASAP	
30/3	Canberra & Ski Excursion	Yrs 5 & 6	30/4	
1/4	Mothers Day stall	K-6	-	
22/4	Electronic Notes info	K-6	-	
22/4	Canteen Sausage Sizzle	K-6	-	
22/4	School Photos	K-6	7/5	
24/4	Year 6 Jersey	Year 6	8/5	
29/4	Winter sport	Yrs 3-6	14/5	
29/4	Festival of Instrumental Music	Rep Students	14/5	
29/4	Recycled Fashion Event	K-6	20/6	
Most notes are on the BPS website under				

'Our School' tab—'Missed a Note?'



2P Big Writing

To the Berowra School Community, First and foremost, I think we should do our best in sport because we will be fit and healthy.

I strongly feel that we should do our personal best in school so we can do neat work and be nice to other people.

Furthermore, we should do our personal best at home with

our chores so your house can be neat and tidy.

- Chantelle C 2P

To the Berowra School Community,

I think that we should do our personal best because it makes us get better at things.

I strongly feel that you should do your personal best at sport because you will get healthy and fit.

Last but not least, you should do your personal best at school because you will finally get it!

- Jackson C 2P

To the Berowra School Community,

I think that we should do our personal best in our writing because we might get an award.

I strongly feel that we should do our personal best to clean up our school to make it clean.

Furthermore, I think you should do your personal best at sport because you might get 50 house points! Last but not least, do your best by always being kind to other people because it will make you feel happy.

- Jessica C 2P

To the Berowra School Community,

I think we should do our personal best every day. Do you realise that if you don't do your personal best in your work you won't be smart.

I am convinced that if we don't work hard our strengths will die.

Last but not least, I think we should do our personal best because we want to be smart.

- Isabel A 2P

To the Berowra School Community,

First and foremost, we should all do our personal best at sport because if we don't, sport might end up not being fun anymore. Also sport is being part of a team.

I strongly feel that we all should do our personal best at writing because writing is important. Secondly, you need to do your personal best in handwriting.

Last but not least, you should do your personal best at reading because it's good for your brain.

- Julian C 2P

To the Berowra School Community,

I think that we should always do our personal best because if you always do your personal best you get better at things.

I strongly believe that we all should do our personal best because it makes you feel proud. It will also make your parents feel proud too.

Furthermore, I know you should also your best in sport because it keeps you healthy and fit. Also, it keeps you safe.

Anybody can see that we should do our best at art because after, when you have made a nice picture, it makes you feel proud and happy.

- Kiara B 2P

To The Berowra School Community,

I think that we should do our personal best every day. Do you realise that if you do your personal best you will get better at the things you are working on. You will get better at it because you are making good choices. I am convinced that you should do your personal best like when it is good to try new things.

- Annabelle H 2P

To the Berowra School Community,

First and foremost, I think you should do your personal best at soccer, maths, reading and everything. I think you should play hard at soccer because you need to get into open spaces. Also you definitely need to try hard at maths because you will get a job. I think you should do your personal best at reading because you will be able to read books like a dictionary and comics.

- Finn F 2P

To the Berowra School Community.

I am convinced that we should do our personal best always. For instance, if you were drawing and you were not doing your personal best you might scribble or rip the amazing paper.

- Harry M 2P

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Then come along at

7.00pm SATURDAY 20th JUNE and shop

Light supper provided. BYO drinks.

Anyone who can't make it on the night but would like to shop we will be open from 5pm for purchases. Lots of new items with Tags, 'formal dresses' perfect for Yr6 farewell.

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BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Tuesday 5th May 2015- K-6

Not only is this a great chance for your child to choose lovely gifts but also a wonderful opportunity to help fundraise for our school. It is always interesting to see what children choose for that special mum, aunty or grandmother. There will be a choice of gifts available ranging from \$2.00 to \$10.00.

Children will be taken to the hall by their teacher during the day, so please remember to give your child money and a plastic **bag** to put the gifts in on the day.

The School Support Group



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