



March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Term 1 Week 10



# The Crest

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Personal Best*



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### **Congratulations to:**

- Mrs Tonkes on the early arrival of Lewis Harry Tonkes born Good Friday, 25th March. Mum and bub doing well
- Zac B (6B) – selected into the 2016 Sydney North PSSA Boys Football (soccer) Team
- Jensen G (4C) – Junior Boy Age Champion – 2016 Sydney North PS Swimming Age Champion



**Berowra Public School** will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **14 June 2016**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **6 June 2016** and **15 June 2016**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **6 June**. From **15 June 2016**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
1. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **8 June 2016** and **15 June 2016**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **8 June 2016**. From **15 June 2016**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Online payments:** As of **7 June 2016**, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. From **14 June 2016**, we will begin to accept online payments using the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system. A button to access this new online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at **www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au**. By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page from which they can make online payments.

Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution cardholder all account details will be held securely helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

[https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/finance/schools/banking/Parent\\_Instructions.pdf](https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/finance/schools/banking/Parent_Instructions.pdf)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### **Big Day In**

Many thanks to all teachers, students, parents, grandparents and friends who made our 'Big Day In' such an amazing event. The assembly to showcase all our talented students was outstanding, with all children having the opportunity to shine! The arrival of the Easter Bunny and the wonderful tunes from the many bands, groups and choir added to the excitement of the occasion.

The children out did themselves again this year with their amazing headwear creations. It again was great to see 100% participation from all students Kindergarten to Year 6. The atmosphere was of total enthusiasm and enjoyment. The children enjoyed parading their hats/masks (with the help of their buddies).

Thank you to the support group for the scrumptious morning tea. A fantastic event!

A special thank you to our 'anonymous' parent who donated all the Easter Eggs

### **Staff Development Day**

Term Two Staff Development Day will be held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, this is a pupil free day.

Students return on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

## Interviews

Our Parent/Teacher interviews are this 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 teachers 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 are participating in these valuable interviews.

## Late Arrivals

Many children are beginning to arrive late at school, without parent consent. Children must come to the office and fill out a late slip before going to class. This must be signed by a parent and given to the class teacher. It is concerning to see children arriving late as this interrupts their learning and also disrupts their class when they arrive. Please also remember that if the reason they are late is due to : sleeping in, running late, sister wouldn't get out of bed, couldn't find my shoes, etc; the reason is **unjustified**.

Wishing you a safe and relaxing holiday after Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Enjoy!

*Di Bower*

Principal

**SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP**—Thank you for the great support from everyone who came to the BPS Disco. We raised over \$2000 which will go towards general classroom resources and replacement of three of the garden beds. Thank you for all our parents helpers, because without you the discos would not happen. A special thank you to Mrs Layson and Miss Lloyd who stayed to help the infant children to settle into their first disco of the year. The School Support AGM has been held. All position holders remain the same. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th May, 9.30am in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

**CANTEEN**—Volunteers are always welcome at the canteen. If you would like to help out, please see Heather on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

**SCHOOL BANKING**—Banking is becoming very popular. Remember that banking is on Tuesday mornings at the canteen. If you would like information about school banking, see the coordinators on Tuesday morning.

## Donation to The Cancer Council

At our K-6 assembly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Mr Alan Lovell, an ambassador from the Cancer Council came to receive a cheque from Freyja C in 4C for her fundraising efforts for the Cancer Council.



Last year Freyja held a lucky dip stall at the Year 6 Mini Fete. She was supported by all of Years 3 and 4 who brought in items for the lucky dip. Freyja also had an online fundraising page where she hoped to raise \$1000.



Freyja exceeded her expectations and raised in total \$2145 thanks to the support of Berowra Public School and her family and friends. Freyja was very happy to have helped The Cancer Council in the hope that no other family has to go through what her family has.



Thank you to everyone who helped Freyja realise her fundraising goal.



## BPS Knitting Group

This term I have been heading into the library once a week, to teach knitting. This is a skill that I very much enjoy myself, and that sadly, seems to be dying out. It has been quite popular, with numbers exceeding 30, which is really lovely to see.

It's such a pleasure to see the students beautiful faces racing to see me each week, eager to learn some more.

I have been really impressed with the concentration and patience that the children have shown.

Unfortunately, we are moving after this term, and I won't be able to continue with my little Knitting Club, but the kids are really keen to keep it up.

If you are able to take over, **please give Kerrilee a call on 0407 463 681**

## BORROWED CLOTHING

From time to time students need to have a change of clothes during the day.

The office holds a small amount of clothing which we lend to the students.

If your child has come home with different clothes and a note from us, please wash the items and return them to the school office, or classroom, as soon as possible so they will be available for use again.

Thank you

**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



## **MONEY COLLECTION DAYS**

Please note that money collection days at Berowra Public School are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays only**.

For security of payments it would be appreciated if money only be sent to school on these days in a signed payment envelope.

We have only two days a week allocated to receipt money so please remind your child to give it to their teacher in the morning as receipting and banking are completed during the day.

Correct money is appreciated as the office is unable to hold change.

**Please do not hand payments in after school.** Handing money into the office may result in confusion for the teacher and your child's name not being marked off as paid for sport, excursions and activities.

Any payments for the choir, drama, interschool sport or extra curricular activities as well as P&C or Support Group fundraisers and the canteen special lunch days can also be handed to the class teacher, but please include these in separate envelopes and with separate payment.

Don't forget that you can also pay online. However, signed permission envelopes are still required to go to the teacher for excursion. Just mark on it that you paid online.

Thank you for your cooperation.



# poems about Sea Creatures from 2P

Polar Bears are big and WHITE  
Sharks might give you a FRIGHT  
Puffer Fish are very SPIKEY  
Crocodiles might make you say CRICKEY  
There are many FISH  
that might end up in a DISH  
Penguins slip and SLIDE  
Dolphins might take you for a RIDE  
Killer Whales are very SMART  
You can use Shells to make your ART  
Sea Horses are very CAUTIOUS  
Manatee don't care about VANITY

Zahlee O

The Octodolph

The octodolph is the size of a couch  
He moves up down and sometimes in a circle  
On weekends he plays with his friends  
Then he eats his favourite food chocolate

Spencer L

## Personal Best

### Term 1 - Weeks 8-11

- ⇒ *Tell your parents about what you are most proud of.*
- ⇒ *Tell your parents an interesting and positive event of your day.*
- ⇒ *What are your learning goals and how are you working towards your learning goals?*



# Do your best

### NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response before
3/2	General Permission	K-6	<b>ASAP</b>
17/2	Working With Children	K-6	-
17/2	Online Payment	K-6	-
22/2	Lake Burrendong Camp	Yrs 5 & 6	<b>1/3/16</b>
16/3	Stewart House Donation envelopes	K-6	<b>8/4</b>
16/3	Year 6 Jersey	Yr 6	<b>31/3</b>
16/3	Dance Group fees	Dance grps	<b>19/5</b>
16/3	Muogamarra excursion	Yrs 1 & 2	<b>3/5</b>
16/3	Opera House Choir	Choir	-
23/3	Classroom Resources	K-6	<b>5/5</b>
25/3	Winter Sport	3-6	<b>30/3</b>

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

### Diary Dates

#### MARCH

Thurs 31 School Photos

#### APRIL

Thurs 7 ANZAC Day Ceremony

Fri 8 Last day of term 1

Mon 25 ANZAC Day

Tues 26 Staff Development Day

Wed 27 Students return for Term 2

#### MAY

Tues 3 Mothers Day stall

Thurs 5 BPS Cross Country Event

Mon 9 Kindy 2017 Information Session 7pm

10-12 NAPLAN Testing

12 or 13 Stage 1 Muogamarra excursion

Tues 17 UNSW Digital Technology competition

Thurs 19 Kindy 2017 Information Session 10am

Mon 30 Zone Cross Country

Tues 31 UNSW Science competition

#### JUNE

Mon 13 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tues 14 BPS Athletics Carnival at Foxglove Oval

Wed 15 UNSW Spelling competition

Fri 17 BPS Disco

20/6-1/7 Sydney North Dance Festival

Fri 24 Area Cross Country

#### JULY

Fri 1 Last Day of Term 2

Mon 18 Staff Development Day

Tues 19 Students return for Term 3

### KINDERGARTEN 2017 INFORMATION SESSIONS

You are cordially invited to attend one of our Information Sessions which will be held at Berowra Public School.



These sessions are designed to assist you in enrolling your child in kindergarten for 2017.

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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

or

**10:00am Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Jan Layson  
Kindergarten Supervisor



## Class Awards 16 Mar - 29 Mar

<b>KB</b>	Samantha F, Xavier A, Sienna T, Chloe S
<b>KR</b>	Acacia E, Noah F, Kaelan J, Ruby B
<b>KY</b>	Oliver H, Atoosa A, Mia F, Reuben L
<b>1S</b>	Isobel F, Josh B, Luca P, Anouk D
<b>1T</b>	Lara S, Maddi H
<b>2C</b>	Otis H, Archie R, James F, Matthew A, Luca D, Farrah P
<b>2P</b>	Charlie M, Cooper L, Zahlee O, Molly N, Harrison B, Nancy P, Jade V, Dorian T, Spencer L, Benjamin B, Madeleine T
<b>3A</b>	Alexander M, Ayden M, Katrina D
<b>3/4P</b>	Caitlan F, Daniel L, Isabella C
<b>4P</b>	Rowan S, Alex P, Caitlin J, Ollie G, Liam C, Maximus V, Nathaniel T, Katie C
<b>5B</b>	Elise O, India H, Mischa M, Kiana L, Lucy T
<b>5K</b>	Zoe V, Allisha M, Emma H
<b>6K</b>	Aleisha C, Diarmuid C, Ella-Jayne D, William P, Rachel W, Alexander L

## Pennant Awards

Rachel D, Luke M, Dylan D, Natalia G, Daniel H, Laura S, Jackson C, Charlie L, Isabel A, Jasmine B, Harry M, Blake C, Isabella C	<b>Term 1</b>
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## Stewart House Donation Drive 2016



Envelopes have gone home. Enter and you have a chance to win a \$4,000 holiday destination of your choice.

Your \$2 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 by Friday 8th April** (last day of term 1) to be eligible for the draw.

## PBEL Awards 16 Mar—29 Mar

<b>1T</b>	Jakob R, Cristiano D
<b>6K</b>	Layla W, Daniel P, Aleisha C, Emily D, Lindley R, Mirabel J, Chloe G, Laura S, William P, Hayleigh S





**Awards from  
our assemblies**



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Once again, Berowra Public School is fundraising with Entertainment Books, however we will not be having a complete book rollout as in previous years.

If you would like to order your copy of either a digital membership or the book, visit the website [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/205g133](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/205g133) and follow the prompts.

If you would like to look at a copy of the book before purchasing, a sample book is in the office foyer and you will easily see what great value it is. For those who would prefer to pay by cash or cheque, there are also payment slips and envelopes in the office.

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Please note that parents have the option, if they prefer to do so, of directly 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 ad opposite. 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 (and perhaps hiding an order from your child more easily than previously), 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 and Tammy Allen, know this and give them some way of contacting you when the order arrives, preferably mobile number**, or the order will be sent to your child in their classroom. Natasha and Tammy can be contacted directly if you know either of them, or alternatively via a note in the book club letterbox in the school office. Any such notes must be dropped in the book club letterbox by the cut off date for returning order forms for the issue, or they may not be seen as the book club letterbox is only checked at this time.

The old method of ordering by returning paper order forms to the book club letterbox in the school office and paying by cash or cheque is still available. **If you want your order to be SECRET, please clearly write 'SECRET' beside your phone number on the order form.** Again, please be sure your order is returned by the cut off date for the issue.

Thank you!

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## AUDITIONS

Berowra Public School's  
rock band "AMPED UP" is  
still looking for musicians  
for 2016.

Where - At the school Hall

When - Monday Mornings

For more details call Mike on

0413034080



## Australian Red Cross Blood Service

is coming to  
**Berowra Community Centre**  
on

**Tuesday 26th April**

**Wednesday 27th April**

**Thursday 28th April**

**1:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Roll up your sleeves and give blood**

Please phone **13 14 95**  
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Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours  
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Eat! Have a good sized meal beforehand

Bring photo ID or your blood donor card with you

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Please help Berowra Public School raise money when you are buying name labels for clothes, school items and lunch boxes etc.

By using a fundraising code (BPSS) that links to Berowra Public School, the school will receive a percentage of the money spent!

The websites we are registered with are :-

[www.stuckonyou.com.au](http://www.stuckonyou.com.au)

[www.brightstars.com.au](http://www.brightstars.com.au)

**OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING CODE IS BPSS**

To place an order, create a personal account online and then enter the fundraising code BPSS at the checkout/payment section. The code is the same for both organisations.

Money raised will go towards school resources and projects.

Thank you



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Closing Date Friday 6th May 2016

Courses fill fast so get in early.

## DID YOU KNOW???

Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds, (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled).

For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



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