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Term 1 Week 8



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Snapshots Delayed!

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Term One Snapshots will not be going home until Thursday, 24th March. These 'snapshots' of your child's efforts and approach to learning, will help your understanding how they are working in class this term. These are purely based on class effort and are not based on any formal assessments. Teachers will talk about your child's progress at the interview in Weeks 10 and 11.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our zone competitors and many thanks to Mrs Steel for being our manager on the day. All our children were well behaved and were amazing competitors.

A special thanks goes out to Katie C (4P) and Abbie C (5B) who jumped in at the very last moment to help out the junior and senior girls relay. The selected girls (for the relays) went home and the teams were both left with one girl short and these two girls offered to swim. I couldn't have been prouder of them. Thank you so much girls - I love your school spirit.

Congratulations to Jensen G (4C) who was the Junior Boy Champion and broke four records.

Congratulations also to Jensen G (4C) and Zarli V (6B) who competed at the Area Carnival today.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Our parent teacher interviews are being held in Weeks 10 and 11 (29th March – 5th April). This is a great chance to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

Tuesday, 29 th March –	Year 2
Wednesday, 30 th March –	Years 5 and 6
Thursday, 31 st March -	PHOTO DAY
Friday, 1 st April –	Year 1
Monday, 4 th April -	Kindergarten
Tuesday, 5 th April –	Years 3 and 4

All teachers will also be available on Wednesday, 30th March from 3:45pm to 6:30pm for late night interviews. Just like last year, parents will be able to see available times and book interview times on-line, receiving an email confirmation upon booking. Booking details will be emailed in the next week.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy: (NAPLAN) is conducted each year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and nongovernment schools. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

Please note these dates in your diary. Unless there is sickness, no Yr 3 or Yr 5 child should miss this assessment.

Tuesday 10 May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

Wednesday 11 May - Reading test. Thursday 12 May - Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Chance and data, Measurement and Space)

Mathletics...

As you know our students are encouraged to use Mathletics and Spellodrome. These programmes will be accessed again this year during class time, and we encourage our students to use these programmes at home. All our students have usernames and passwords. If your child is unsure of theirs then please see their class teacher.

Many of our students receive Mathletics awards each week, reaching a Bronze, Silver or Gold level. From time to time our students are recorded in the Mathletics Hall of Fame.

I do enjoy seeing children with their Mathletics and Spellodrome certificates each week. To see so many children enjoy learning and education is always a highlight of my day.

Please remember – five Mathletic and/or Spellodrome certificates or a Gold Mathletics or a Golden Bike, equals a 'lucky dip' from my office. Children need to come outside classroom time ie before or after school, morning tea or lunch time.

The Hall of Fame appears on the Mathletics home page at www.mathletics.com.au. This is updated by the minute with only current and previous day's students appearing.

Congratulations :

- Alannah Brunskill (former student now Year 7 at AGHS) has, as a Kuring-gai Rep, made it into the State Age Netball Team.
- Zac B (6B) – selected into the zone cricket team
- Alex J (3A) competed at the State RSL Swimming Championships and won two medals. 2nd place 8yrs boys medley and 3rd place 8yrs freestyle relay.
- Jenson G (5B) competed at the State RSL Championship held at Mt Druitt last Saturday, breaking a 42 year record set in 1974 for 9yrs boys 50m backstroke.

Di Bower

Principal

PERFORMING ARTS—DANCE - On Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th March Emily, Layla, Molly, Aleisha and Annika from Year 6 went to Sydney Dance Company Workshops in the city. On the first day we all met in studio 1 and we split into groups. We started the day with jazz taught by Ramon Doringo (director of dance at Sydney Dance Company). Our next class was musical theatre with Natalie Somerville. We danced and sang to "It's a Hard Knock Life" from Annie. The last class of the first day was contemporary with Kimberly Crawford. We did a beautiful contemporary piece to end the day. On the second day we started with contemporary with Xanthe Geeves. Next we continued our musical theatre dance. Finally we continued our jazz dance. The final day started with contemporary with Josef Brown. Then we had hip hop with Shyamla, this dance was amazing. Our last class of the day was finishing our jazz dance with Ramon.

This was a great experience for us. For anyone who will attend throughout the years you will have an amazing time at the Sydney Dance Company Workshop.

by Emily Da Silva 6K



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.

SPORT - Congratulations to all our zone swimmers. On an exceptionally hot day, they performed with their usual enthusiasm and determination. As always, their behaviour was exemplary.

A special mention must go to Jensen G 4C who was junior boys champion. Jensen won the 200m junior medley with a new record, the 50m freestyle with a new record, the 50m backstroke with a new record and the 50m butterfly with a new record. Jensen also placed 2nd in the breaststroke and broke the previous record in the heats.

Congratulations also to Zarli V 6B who placed 2nd in the 50m breaststroke, 4th in the freestyle finals, 4th in the butterfly and 4th in the backstroke.

Congratulations on some amazing performances

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP—The school disco is fast approaching. We are looking for parent volunteers to help at both the infants and primary discos. If you are able to help please contact Chris Chu 0449 255 168 or Leanne Plumridge 0407 481 561.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 9.30am in the staffroom. This is our AGM. Membership fee of 50c will be collected from those wishing to join. 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 commenced last week, Tuesday 8th March at 8.50am in the canteen. Thank you to our new coordinators. If you would like to volunteer as well, help is always needed to spread the load.

If you would like information about school banking, see the coordinators on Tuesday morning.

BORROWED CLOTHES

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

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

A very big thank you from the Garden Committee to all those parents, teachers, carers and students who came to help in the first of this year's garden working bees. The saying, "many hands make light work", certainly proved true last month as everyone pulled together one Friday afternoon, to clear the garden of last season's left overs and to pull out the weeds that had grown up through the weed matting. The larger class garden area is now ready for a new layer of mulch to cover the weed matting and the beds are in readiness for class plantings.

This term we have formed a gardening team as part of the Years 3-6 Interest Group Program that runs for the first hour on Friday mornings. Mr Pittman is looking after the group and the students have been keen to try out the new gloves and trowels that were kindly donated by the Support Group at the end of last year. The group will work in our smaller garden, which we call "the orchard", over the next few weeks as well as working to resurrect some of the scarecrows.

We look forward to a successful year in the garden and hope to run our after school working bees once a month.

Marilyn Bolger
for the BPS Gardening Committee



Personal Best

Term 1 - Weeks 8-119

- ⇒ *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

BPS Easter Raffle

Please support the Music Program at BPS by purchasing raffle tickets which are on sale before school every morning at the picnic tables.

Tickets are **only \$1 each** for a chance to win baskets full of Easter treats.

The raffle will be drawn at The Big Day In on Thursday 24th March.

Good luck!



NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED				Diary Dates	
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response before	MARCH	
3/2	General Permission	K-6	ASAP	Wed 16	Area Swimming Carnival P&C Meeting 7.30pm staffroom
17/2	Working With Children	K-6	-	Fri 18	BPS Disco
17/2	Online Payment	K-6	-	Wed 23	Easter scripture service
22/2	Lake Burrendong Camp	Yrs 5 & 6	1/3/16	Thurs 24	Big Day In
2/3	High School EOI	Yr 6	18/3/16	Fri 25	Good Friday
2/3	Australian Schools Competitions	3-6	24/3/16	Mon 28	Easter Monday
16/3	School Photos	K-6	31/3	Tues 29	Parent/teacher interviews
16/3	Stewart House Donation envelopes	K-6	8/4	Thurs 31	School Photos
16/3	Year 6 Jersey	Yr 6	31/3	APRIL	
16/3	Dance Group fees	Dance groups	19/5	Thurs 7	ANZAC Day Ceremony
16/3	Asquith Boys scholarships	Yr 6 boys	20/5	Fri 8	Last day of term 1
16/3	Big Day In	K-6	24/3	Mon 25	ANZAC Day
Most notes are on the BPS website under 'Our School' tab—'Missed a Note?'				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

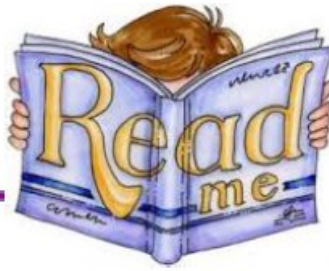
7:00pm Monday 9th May 2016

or

10:00am Thursday 19th May 2016

Jan Layson
Kindergarten Supervisor





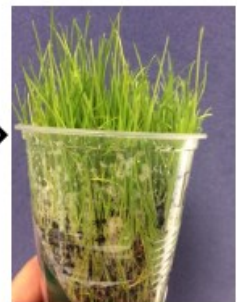
We are busily working with our buddies to surprise you for our "Big Day In". It will be a memorable event. In the meantime, our K-2 Snippet adventures continue.

Kindergarten- The Happening Year!



Year 1 - The Movers and Shakers

Year 1 is looking at 'Living World' in science. To understand how living things grow and change we have started a 'Grass Head' experiment! Look how they have changed:



Year 2 – The Big Mob



**YEAR 2 USING INFORMAL UNITS TO MEASURE THEIR FEET
AND RECORD THE LENGTH.**

Snippetly Yours,

K-2 Staff

What's Up in Stage 3?

Stage 3 classes and their buddy classes are working together to produce some wonderful masks for the "Big Day In".

It's sure to be a hoot!



Here are 6B and 2L working hard to finish their great art work for Harmony Day.

6K have got area wrapped up! They have been doing some wonderful work on area.



Designing of Year 6 jumpers is well underway!

Notes to be sent home this week.

Bring on the cooler weather!

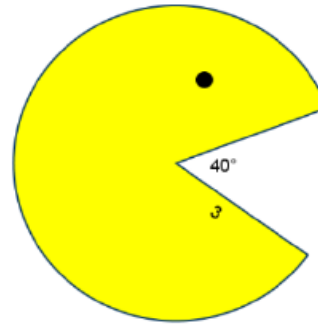
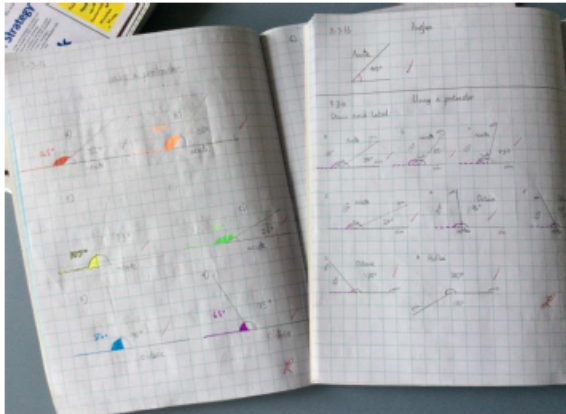


Thanks for your camp deposits and permission slips.

Planning is well underway and the excitement is building.



5K has been working a treat on angles. They have everything sorted, right, acute and revolutionary.



Some great stories have been coming out of the 5B classroom over the last few weeks. Here are some introductions to whet your appetite.

Lost

I was sprinting through the forest petrified of being caught in the tiger's paws. "Swish! Swipe! Swish!" The tiger got hold of the lace on my miniscule little dress. My heart skipped a beat as I dived for cover into a gorse bush. I looked at my skin. It bled and bled as the gorse bush scratched more bleeding cuts into my arm. "Well there goes my beautiful scarless skin," I sighed.....

Katy

The Tree in the Playground

There's a tree in the playground that eats kids. Nobody goes near it. It's at the top of a hill called Gloom Hill. It's old and knobbly with burnt withered leaves and roots as thick as an adult's body. The story's told that it uses these roots to suck the blood of any kids brave - and foolish - enough to go near it. It makes me think of a spider and a fly and I'm the fly.....

Shamaya

Thylacin

Lights, shouting, fear, danger! I dash through the gigantic trees and eventually find a small cave to take refuge in. If I reveal myself will I be taken to my beloved children, or will I be shot on sight? I decide to remain hidden, hoping not to be caught. I shiver, I'm just so frightened.....

Sarah

Class Awards 2 Mar - 15 Mar

KB	Maddie B, Bethany W, Ariana C, Billy Y
KR	Ethan N, April A, Emmett S, Annika S
KY	Ayden P, Sierra B, Darcy F, Ella A, Beau R, William H, Emma W, Amelia R
1S	Olivia F, Ruby S, Xander L, Rhyen K, Holly R, Peter W
1T	Jakob R, Jonathan B, Zane C, Tahnee W
2C	Matt S, Hayden F, Lucy H, Skye T
3A	Larvis L, Jack J, Avari D, Chloe C, Cayleigh H, Alex J
3R	Robert W, Javaan A, Annabelle H, Amelia B, Annaliese S, Jasmine B
3/4P	Emily L, Zeke J, Madeleine B
4C	Freyja C, Mackenzie F, Kamden H, Millie T
5B	Kaitlyn K, Sarah H, Fiona T, Neve R, Abbie C, Zara G
5K	Benjamin B, Danielle P, Parisa G, Imogen L
6B	Blake C, Jude M, Tara M
6K	Ashkan S, Harry D, Lindley R, Grace B, Caitlin C, Chloe G

Stewart House Donation Drive 2016



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PBEL Awards 2 Mar—15 Mar

1S	Xander L, Holly R, Nathan W, Harry A
1T	Katerina M, Ivy U, Maddi H, Callum L, Tahnee W, Jack W
6K	Riley B, Penny H, Ashkan S, Mirabel J, Abiha I





Awards from our assemblies



Berowra Public School

Big Day In 2016

Please come and join us in celebrating

Harmony Day



Easter

**Grandparent's and
Friend's Day**



Dear families and friends,

Come and celebrate **Harmony Day** and **Easter** with the children and staff. There will be dancing, singing, storytelling, mask and hat parade, music by the school band, **string** and recorder groups and morning tea to buy. **Grandparents and friends** are invited to read with the children after the parade. The Easter Raffle will be drawn.

When: 9:30am, Thursday 24th March, 2016

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Where - At the school Hall

When - Monday Mornings

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0413034080



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on

Tuesday 26th April

Wednesday 27th April

Thursday 28th April

1:30pm - 6:30pm

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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.

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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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