



February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017  
Term 1 Week 2



# The Crest

*Self*

*Respect  
Others*

*Community*



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**Public School**



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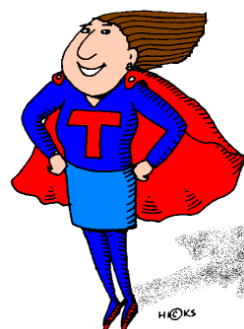






Welcome to the 2017 School Year. It is always wonderful to see the fresh enthusiastic smiles on the faces of our children as they begin the year in their new classes with their teachers. A special welcome to our new students and families and to our magnificent Kindergarten children who came to school bubbling with confidence and the knowledge of many aspects of life! Let us all work together to make sure we maintain this zest for learning and participation. School and class organisation for 2017 is as follows:-

Principal	Mrs Dianne Bower
KBlue	Mrs Janita Layson ( Kindergarten supervisor)
KRed	Mrs Judith Butler/ Miss Brittani Lloyd
KYellow	Mrs Skye Fenton
1D	Mrs Ruby Sullivan
1S	Mrs Sally Till (Assistant Principal Stage 1)
1T	Mrs Bonnie Tonkes
2C	Mrs Louisa Cabral
2P	Mrs Deborah Pickering
3R	Miss Elky Roberts
3A	Mrs Alison Withford
4C	Mrs Jacqui Clayton
4P	Mr Dominic Parkinson
3/4P	Mr Glenn Pritchard (Assistant Principal Stage 2)
5/6B	Mrs Marilyn Bolger
5/6K	Mrs Elizabeth Kempe
5/6E	Mrs Elizabeth Beckedahl (Assistant Principal Stage 3)
5/6S	Mrs Sarah Krull



#### RFF

Library	Mrs Jennifer Smith (T, W), Mrs Amanda Wilkinson (M) and Mrs Kelly Lukic (Th)
Dance	Mrs Kelly Lukic (T)
ICT	Miss Rebecca O'Malley (M, T, W)
Visual Arts	Miss Brittani Lloyd (Th, F)
Learning and Support Teacher/Reading Recovery	- Mrs Rebecca Walton
School Learning Support Officer	- Mrs Charmian Steel
Teacher's Aide	Miss Melissa Jones

#### Office

School Admin Manager	Mrs Karen Kitchener
School Admin Officer	Mrs Vicky Rode
	Mrs Barbara Lawrie
	Mrs Sarah Williams
General Assistant	Mr Trevor Daykin



A very warm welcome back to our returning staff and new staff. I know the teachers are also excited to be back and are also looking forward to another 'action packed' year with your children.

Welcome back Mrs Tonkes and Mrs Butler and we welcome Miss Bec O'Malley who is new to our school but comes to us with a wide range of experience and expertise and I know she will be a 'great fit' for our school community.

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.

### Student Leadership Team 2017

Back row – Sarah H (prefect), Abbie C (prefect),  
Cooper G (vice captain), Shamaya VR (captain)  
Parisa G (prefect)

Front row – Zoe V (vice captain), Jasper M (captain),  
Isabella A (prefect), Imogen LW (prefect),  
Brooke Fury (prefect)



### 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 all the 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 **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February** and **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

This is a time for you to meet your child's teacher/s and understand their expectations. This evening is not an appropriate time to discuss your child's progress. If you have issues or concerns about your child's education an appointment can be made at a later date to discuss them in private with the teacher.

This evening is also not an evening to bring the children along with you, as there is no supervision available and we do not want accidents to occur if the children are unsupervised in the playground. It would be much safer for your children if you can arrange babysitting for the short period of time you will be here.

Procedures and class organisation will be explained during these sessions. The term letters will also be distributed during these sessions.

## MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

6:00pm Stage 1 (Yrs 1 and 2)

6:30pm Stage 3 (Yrs 5 and 6)

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

6:00pm Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

6:30pm Stage 2 (Yrs 3 and 4)

7:30pm P&C Meeting – all welcome



## 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/pick-ups. 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 during the Parent/Teacher Meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings please send your email details to your class teacher who will add them to the list.

## Homework 2016

Our 'streamlining' of homework still exists. Homework is not to be an onerous task. We ask that children enjoy the fresh air and family time after school and do not spend it with more school work.

Homework 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. For those children who really 'crave' homework there is always Mathletics and Reading Eggs. I am sure those children who love doing extra study will enjoy creating their own homework tasks.

With the added pressures of after school activities (sport, dance, music) and family commitments, homework is taking up more and more of precious family time. **Research and projects will be completed in class time.**

## Uniform

There has been some confusion as to the correct uniforms:

### Summer formal school uniform

#### Boys

Gold short sleeve shirt  
Grey shorts  
Grey socks  
Black shoes  
Grey/black school hat

#### Or optional uniform:

Purple polo shirt  
Black Shorts  
Grey socks  
Black shoes  
Grey/black school hat

#### Girls

Grey dobby check tunic with lemon trim  
Lemon/white socks  
Black shoes  
Hair accessories in gold or purple  
Grey/black school hat

Purple polo shirt  
Black Culottes/skort (**this is NOT the sport's skort**)  
Black shoes  
Hair accessories in gold or purple  
Grey/black school hat

## Sports Uniform

Polo shirt in appropriate house colour for both boys and girls  
Black shorts  
White socks  
Joggers or trackshoes  
(or the optional uniform may be worn with joggers)

Black skort or shorts  
White socks  
Joggers or trackshoes

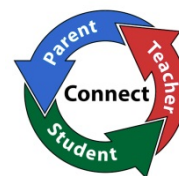
**All socks need to cover ankles – please no 'secret socks'!**

**Please note leggings/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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. There will be supervised 25 metre activities for weak swimmers. Work related to this day will be followed up in class afterwards.

A nomination form will be sent home with children 8yrs and over who are able to swim 50 metres or more. If your child is **not able to** swim 50 metres (above the water preferably) in the correct stroke, please do not send back this form.

#### **Congratulations:**

- Cayleigh H in Year 4C will be representing Hornsby Touch Association at the Junior State Cup in Port Macquarie in February. She has been training hard through the holidays and has two preliminary competitions in the lead up to the State cup. She will be completing in The Junior State Cup from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February at Port Macquarie. Good luck Cayleigh, congrats on your achievements; we are all very proud of you!



#### **Student Parliament**

Our first BPS Student Parliament was held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February and there were four motions raised by the students.

- All students should be allowed to wear the new optional uniform because most of the girls don't want to wear the dress and the new optional uniform is comfortable. **Passed Unanimously**
- We should get better cricket kits with good wooden bats for the PSSA teams. **Not Carried**
- We should be allowed in the RFF room at recess and lunch time to do activities when the library isn't open. **Passed by majority**
- We should have a Gold Coin Mufti Day to raise money for the NAIDOC Garden because it's overgrown, some of the plants have died and the timber surrounds need replacing. **Passed Unanimously.**  
Mufti Day will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017.



Lucy B –  
Parliamentary Secretary

#### **P & C AGM**

The **P & C Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, 15th March** at 7:30pm in the Teacher's Staffroom. Nominations are open for President, Vice President (2), Treasurer, Maintenance Officer, and Publicity Officer. All sub-committees will also be re-electing their members.

Any enquiries can be sent to [bpspandc2080@gmail.com](mailto:bpspandc2080@gmail.com) or people can contact Justin Ware, President, on 0488 422 108.



**WELCOME  
KINDERGARTEN  
2017**

# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

## RESPECT

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### *What is PBL?*

PBL (formerly known as PBEL) stands for 'Positive Behaviour for Learning'. It is an evidence-based whole school approach to students' well-being and behaviour. This includes teaching students the school expectations and promoting positive behaviour across all school settings.

### *'What did you learn today?'*

In our first few days back, all classes will be learning about 'respect' and what that looks, like, sounds like and feels like in different situations. Some of the lessons will include (but are not limited to):

- Acting fairly, honestly and responsibly
- Being responsible
- Kindness and supporting others
- Self-respect
- Its Ok to be different
- Friendliness and inclusion
- Being tactful (THINK before you speak)

### *What if a student doesn't follow the expectations?*

Teachers may use a variety of strategies such as: reminding students of the rule, re-teaching what is expected, praising the students who are following expectations etc.

In the playground, teachers may write down what happened on a playground slip. Most of the time teachers will do this in the presence of the students that were involved to ensure information is recorded accurately.

**Playground slips are NOT a punishment for students. They are used for sharing/recording information about incidents.**

If you have any questions, please see you child's class teacher.

## THINK

### *before you speak*

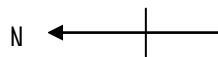
**T** Is it **true**?  
**H** Is it **helpful**?  
**I** Is it **inspiring**?  
**N** Is it **necessary**?  
**K** Is it **kind**?

### *How can I support my child at home?*

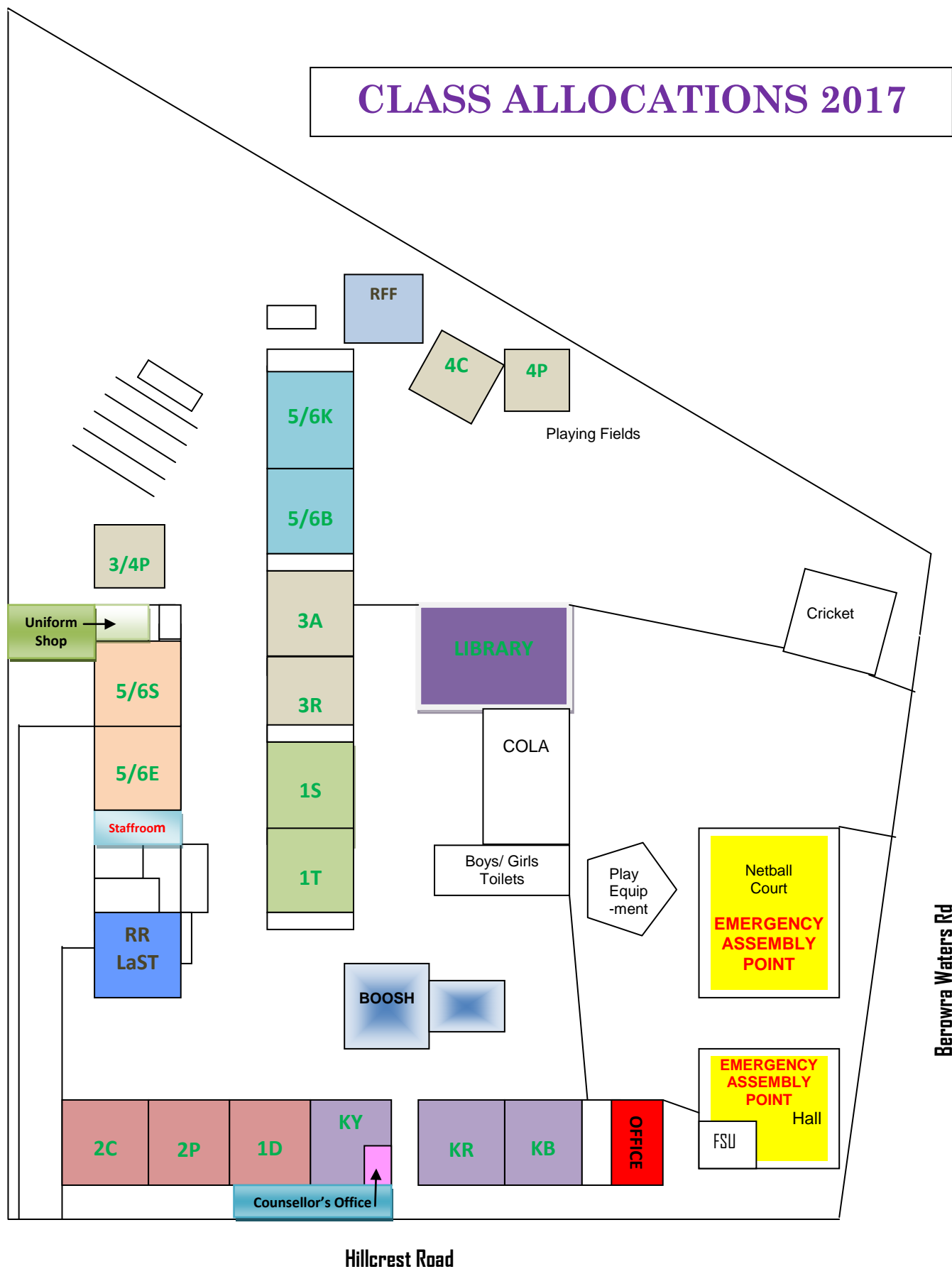
- Talk about/model/role-play respect at home.
- Read stories with children that highlight the importance of respect.
- Help students to be prepared and pack their own belongings for school (helps to encourage respect for self- students taking care of their own belongings)
- If you are unsure about school expectations or class routines, please contact your child's class teacher.
- See your child's class teacher if you have any questions or comments. (This is also an opportunity to model respect for others).

More information will be provided at the 'Meet the Teacher Night' and in upcoming newsletters.

# Berowra Public School



## CLASS ALLOCATIONS 2017





2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017

Dear Parents,

**BEROWRA SWIMMING CARNIVAL-2017**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February** is our School Swimming Carnival to be held at **Knox Grammar Aquatic Centre**.

There will be finals for **50m Freestyle Events** only; **all** other stroke events will be **timed-finals**. The two fastest times in all events will go on to the Zone Carnival.

The note below needs to be filled in and returned to the **office** by **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**,

Children involved in this carnival need to be **8 years or older**. They also need to be able to swim 50m in their chosen event **competently and competitively**.

**Please note age groups:** 8years born in 2009, 9 years born in 2008, 10 years born in 2007, 11 years born in 2006 and 12 years born in 2005.

Also, only freestyle is in age groups (8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13 years) all other styles are in Junior (8, 9, 10 years), 11 years and 12/13 years.

**Please also note.....This is not a permission note for the carnival.**

Yours sincerely,

Dianne Bower  
Principal



**2017 SWIMMING CARNIVAL NOMINATION**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017**



My child ..... Class ..... House.....

Aged ..... **in 2017**, D.O.B. .... wishes to nominate for:

4x50m Medley ..... 50m Freestyle .....

50m Breaststroke ..... 50m Backstroke .....

50m Butterfly ..... 100m Freestyle (open) .....

I acknowledge that my child is able to swim, **competently**, the required 50m/100m for the above nominated events.

Signed .....  
Parent/Guardian

Date .....

I am available to help on the day with timekeeping .....Yes/No