

February 15th 2017 Term 1 Week 4

The Crest

Respect Others

Community

Self







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A proud member of the: KEERAWALL COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS At Berowra PS our vision is to be a positive learning community that builds on quality relationships and developing inquiring minds. Learners will feel valued and safe to explore opportunities with confidence, and be passionate about their learning in readiness for the future challenges. Like all teachers though we are continually raising the bar and ensuring that children are motivated and challenged in their learning.

We can't settle for 'it's the best we can do'. Because, the fact is we can do better. Great practice, relentless focus on outcomes and high-quality explicit teaching achieves results.

As I said last year....

Every day parents drop off their most important asset into our care and their future depends on us. So as a grandparent and principal, I thought about what I wish for

- I wish for every student to be excited to get to school every morning.
- I wish for every teacher to be excited to get to school too!
- I wish for every teacher to get to know all their students really know them not just academically.
- I wish for the curriculum to be delivered in a challenging and relevant way.
- I wish that every student could have a teacher likeany of our teachers! Teachers who make a difference, love to teach, believe in each of their students, values all their contributions, inspires them to reach their full potential and who celebrates their differences.
- I wish that every student leaves BPS with a positive self-image and sense of well being.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten children have made it successfully through their first couple of weeks- I must admit they looked a tad tired on the first Friday afternoon. They are extremely settled and seem to be enjoying all the 'challenges' of 'big school'. Had a chat with KBlue this week about the best part of school and the majority of the children said it was the 'quipment'. One child in KRed told me that he didn't need to do work 'cause he knew it all! And in KYellow the water balloons were the best thing!

Food Wrapping/Containers

Please ensure that whatever you pack for morning tea, fruit break or lunch is easily accessible for your child/ren. Many children spend most of their eating time lining up to have their food opened!

Muesli Bars, chips, fruit strips, etc are all extremely hard for young fingers to open – please cut the top so they can be opened easily.

We ask that you don't put ring pull cans in the children's lunch boxes. The young children in K-2 find them hard to open and we have some children cut with the sharp lid.

It is really difficult for teachers while on duty to watch all the children and also personally open food containers and wrappers.

Emailing teachers

Thank you to all parents who are using emails to communicate with their child's teacher. Please remember 'email etiquette'. Teachers do not need to be 'bombarded' by emails connecting them to newspaper articles, pyramid selling or new building contractors. This is not the purpose of school emails or class email lists. The purpose of the emails is to keep in close contact with school and home and ensure the best positive communication, collaborative atmosphere and quality teaching for our students.

Thank you also to the parents who are emailing to say their child is away – unfortunately some parents are sending emails to teachers to ask them to give messages to their child about how to go home. Most teachers do not have time to access their emails during class time. This is mostly done after school or at night at home. Could we please ask that you allow at least a 24 hour 'turn around' with emails. If, in an emergency your child needs different instructions on how to go home please phone the office well before 3.20pm and they will pass on the message.

Staff Carpark

In the interest of our students we ask that you **do not** drive into/park in the staff carpark. This is a safety issue for our students. BOOSH students play around this area before school and after school so we ask that you do not enter this area at any time.

On Monday afternoon, someone has cut our chain to the padlock which locks the gate; damaging school property. This is very disappointing and also a worry as it puts our students at risk.

After contacting our legal department they have advised me to insist that parents are not permitted to drive motor vehicles into the school grounds and that any attempts to do so will amount to trespass.

Berowra Swimming Carnival

Berowra Swimming Carnival, is on **Thursday**, 23rd February, for students turning 8 years of age and older within 2017. This is always a wonderful day and an opportunity where we as a school community can display team spirit through participating in swimming events, cheering on competitors and having an enjoyable day.

All students are expected to attend the swimming carnival as it is a normal school day. There are shorter races and novelty events (time permitting) for those students who don't swim a complete lap. If you are not the competitive type it's great to cheer for your school, meet up with friends from other houses and just generally enjoy a day out. Part of participating in a carnival is also lending support to your team mates and encouraging your house members. Only attending for your event and then leaving is not displaying 'teamsmanship' so unless vitally necessary please don't take your child home after completing their event, allow them to stay and support those still swimming.

Parents if you are attending the carnival you might like to car pool or catch a train. Knox Grammar School cannot provide parking. Limited on street parking is available. Parking located at the Wahroonga village is within walking distance. Limited parking is also available on Pacific Highway. Both Wahroonga and Warrawee train stations are within walking distance. If no authorised parking ticket is visible, these cars may be stickered, clamped or fined.

Student Emails

If students wish to access their emails from home they need to either search for 'student portal' or go to: <u>https://student.det.nsw.edu.au</u> and follow the links from there.

Birthday Treats

Wondering what to send in for your child's birthday treat to share with their class? I have noticed many sensible patty cakes with limited icing coming in.

I have been asked to address the issue of healthy alternatives. When searching through the DoE policies and our syllabus. I found that …"Any activities and programs within the school setting relating to or involving food and drink should promote healthy eating and good nutrition to students." Within the PD/ Health/PE syllabus we teach healthy choices. Children need to be educated on healthy living and lifestyles; they need to recognise every day food and foods that we infrequently eat – such as treats! With this in mind I would ask that you consider what you send to school to share with the students in your child's class and as parents I ask that you talk to your children as to what you wish for them to eat/accept. If you do not wish your child to have 'birthday treats' please let the class teacher know. Acceptable birthday treats -

- Small patty cakes with limited icing
- One chocolate/ lolly (no Chuppa Chups)
- Homemade cookies/biscuits
- Cut up fruit
- Low fat/ air popped popcorn
- Fruit kababs
- Novelties eg pencils etc

There are many recipes on the Department of Communities website to help you. <u>http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes/cakes-biscuits-and-treats</u>

Students and the Social Media

Many of our community know of or are an active member of social media sites such as: Facebook, Skype, Meebo, Twitter, Kick.. and the list goes on! Therefore, many of our children are members of many of these sites as well. Social media is a relatively new phenomenon that I am sure is here to stay.

We as adults and parents in this relationship must endeavour to ensure that the children are fully aware of their responsibilities when on the net and the ramifications that follow from irresponsible use of social media.

Over the last two years I have had cause to intervene and discuss with parents inappropriate behaviours and fractured friendships after a weekend or a night of social net interaction. It is much easier to say hurtful things to or about someone when you are looking at a keyboard rather than a human face. What is typed and posted cannot be withdrawn.

I urge all parents to reinforce my message to our older students to be net aware and net polite. It is never too early to start! Technology and access is changing so quickly that our children need safe and sure support.

Trophies

Any students, who won perpetual awards (including sport awards) at Presentation Day last year and took them home for a family photo, please return them to school so they can take pride of place in the trophy cabinet or the wall of the office. If you know of anyone who has left the school could you please remind them to do the same please.

Di Bower

Principal



We would like to warmly welcome Ms Louisa Kutschbach to Berowra Public School. Ms Kutschbach joins us from Osnabrueck, Germany. Ms Kutschbach is studying to be a teacher in Germany and as part of their training they spend 3 months in an English speaking country to help consolidate their understanding of the English language as well as experience what teaching is like in another country. She will be with 3A for the rest of this term but will also have opportunities to work with other classes.

We look forward to learning about Germany from Ms Kutschbach and wish her all the best during her time at Berowra Public.



LIBRARY NEWS - Welcome back to an exciting year in the library! Welcome to all our new parents too. In early March we will have a new operating system in the library called "Oliver". It will replace our old "Oasis " system and it will give the children a new engaging interface to search for their books. We also have some wonderful new circular tables thanks to Mrs. Bower's eagle eye for spotting giveaway bargains! The children will begin borrowing this week and we encourage all parents to ensure that their children have their LIBRARY BAG on their class library day. The borrowing period is 2 weeks but can be extended by returning their books to be scanned out again for another 2 weeks if necessary. Library lessons are 45mins to 1hour for all classes. A big welcome to Mrs. Amanda Wilkinson who has joined Mrs. Kelly Lukic and I in the library this year.

Mrs Wilkinson will take **Monday** classes **4C**, **5/6E**, **4P 5/6B** I will take **Tuesday** classes **2C**, **3/4P**, **KB**, **1T**, **1D Wednesday** classes **3A**, **1S**, **2P**

Mrs Lukic will take Thursday classes 3R, 5/6K, KY, KR, 5/6S

Lessons teach Enquiry Skills, Research Skills, Reading, Writing, Literature, often aligned with classroom topics and use a variety of mediums including computers, ipads, books including some e-books, magazines, drama and craft to enhance lessons. We also subscribe to World Book Online (for home use as well) and operate a very successful Book Club, generously run this year by Mrs Tammy Allen.

We hope your children will have a happy, inspiring and exciting literary year in the library. Parents are always welcome to visit the library and see some of the amazing work the children produce.

Jennie Smith Librarian **DRAMA NEWS** - On Tuesday we held auditions for the Junior and Senior Drama groups for 2017. What a wonderful group of budding thespians we had! They all performed so well making it so hard to choose the final, successful applicants. Mrs. Brittani Lloyd will take the Junior Drama group this year and I will take the Senior Drama group. Classes will begin next week.

Congratulations to everyone who auditioned. You were all wonderful!

Dramatically Yours Jennie Smith

DANCE NEWS - For the last five years ALL of the students at BPS have been learning dance with their classes taught by Mrs Lukic. This will continue for 2017 with 5/6B, 5/6E, 3R and 1S taking weekly lessons in Term 1. Students learn a variety of dances each term. They also work in groups to explore movement and create their own compositions. These classes will present a short performance in the last week of term.

We have many talented dancers at BPS. Late last year we had 120 students audition for the boys and girls dance groups. I would love to accept all students but unfortunately we can only take limited numbers for each group. Congratulations to students who are part of the 2017 dance groups. Their major performance for the year will be at Glen St Theatre for the Sydney North Dance Festival.



Don't forget The Crest is also available on the school website: www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Click on the Newsletter tab.

Parent Online Payments can also be made from the BPS website using the 'Make a payment' tab.

What's New in Stage 2

Our integrated unit for science and geography is the *Earth's Environment*. The students have been investigating features and characteristics of places and environments and the ways people, places and environments interact. Students have studied various maps and communicated geographical information using geographical tools for inquiry, learning about the ways people value environments, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Investigating how people interact within built environments and the factors considered in their design and construction. They identify relationships between living things by studying places in the local area and other parts of Australia.

The Stage 2 team look forward to seeing you at *Meet the Teacher* this Wednesday 15th February 2017. We will commence at 6:30pm in 5/6 B and 5/6K open classrooms and then go to the specific classrooms to meet the teacher.

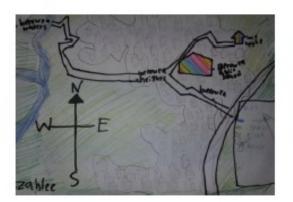
Some maps by 3/4P.

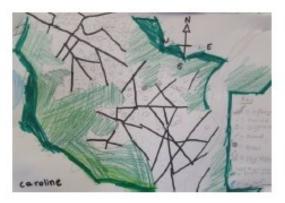












Upcoming Events		
FEBRUARY		
Thurs 23	Swimming Carnival at Knox Grammar	
MARCH		
Fri 3	Stewart House bags—last day	
Mon 6	Zone Swimming Carnival at Hornsby	
Tues 7	AGHS & ABHS Open Night	
Thurs 9	Selective High School testing	
Fri 10	Last day for PSSA summer comp till term 4	
Sat 11	AGHS & ABHS Enrichment Class testing	
Wed 15	P&C meeting 7.30pm in staffroom	
Mon 20	Area Swimming Carnival	
Thurs 30	BPS School Photo day	
Fri 31	PSSA winter comp commences	
APRIL		
Fri 7	Last day of term 1	
Fri 14	Good Friday	
Mon 17	Easter Monday	
Mon 24	SDD—staff return to school	
Tues 25	ANZAC Day public holiday	
Wed 26	All students return for term 2	
MAY		
Tues 2	Mothers Day stall	
Thurs 4	BPS Cross Country Carnival	
Mon 8	Kindy 2018 Information session 7pm	
9-11	NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 & 5	
Wed 17	P&C meeting 7.30pm in staffroom	

Kindy 2018 Information session 10am

UNSW Digital Technology competition

Zone Cross Country

Area Cross Country

UNSW Science competition

Queen's Birthday public holiday

UNSW Writing competition

UNSW Spelling competition

BPS Athletics Carnival

Thurs 18

Tues 23

Mon 29

Tues 30

JUNE Fri 9

Mon 12

Tues 13

Wed 14

Thurs 15

**	Class Awards 1 Feb - 14 Feb
***** 1S	**************************************
1 T	Poppy C, Kai G
2C	Kate F, Peter W
3A	Max T, jade V, Tanya P
5/6B	Kian S, Zoe V
5/6S	Corey S, Mac T, Brooke F

Stewart House Clothing Appeal



It's time for a clean out of those cupboards over the next few weeks! Stewart House are again asking for donations of clean clothing.

Please return your Stewart House bag to the **staffroom foyer** by **Friday 3rd March**.

The pick up truck is coming early the next week so no more bags after this date please.

PBL

Respect Self- Others- Community

'What did you learn today?'

For the first half of Term 1, students are learning skills and attitudes to help them:

- Make and keep friends
- · Get along well with others
- Develop skills for managing disagreements

Please reinforce RESPECT at home and in the community with your children.

How can I support my child at home?

You can help at home by reminding your child that:

- It's alright to have more than one friend
- Friends don't have to like and do all the same things
- Having a disagreement every now and then is normal (as long as you don't hurt the other person) because it helps sort things out and helps to develop a better relationship.

(See table- adapted from 'Bounce Back!)

'In order to have friends, you must first be one'. (Elbert Hubbard)

'Alone we can do so little.

Together we can do so much'. (Helen Keller)

Use a lot

 Listening, discussing and negotiating solution to a problem

Use Sometimes

- Saying, 'Alright, let's do it your way'
- Saying sorry
- Speaking up firmly
- Asking someone to help you out

Use Hardly Ever

- Forcing
- Pretending there is no disagreement or doing nothing about it

What awards are there at Berowra Public School?

Awards are given to students throughout the year for displaying the Berowra Public School expectations of RESPECT for self, others and community.

Gotchas' are given throughout the day as determined by teachers on duty. Please note, a student will not receive an award <u>every</u> time they follow the school expectations.

Each class teacher will give out 2- 3 merit awards at school assemblies. Please remember there are 20-30 students in each class and assemblies are not weekly.

To support our school focus on respect for self, please encourage your child to show pride in the awards they receive. Additionally, please encourage and model respect for others, by supporting the celebrating the achievements of other students as well.

If you have any questions about student awards, please see your child's class teacher.





Casual Work

School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community 3 x Casual position – Hornsby / Ku-Ring-Gai Local Government Area (00005212)

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30 to 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. The base rate is \$21.91 - \$26.29 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work — but not full-time.

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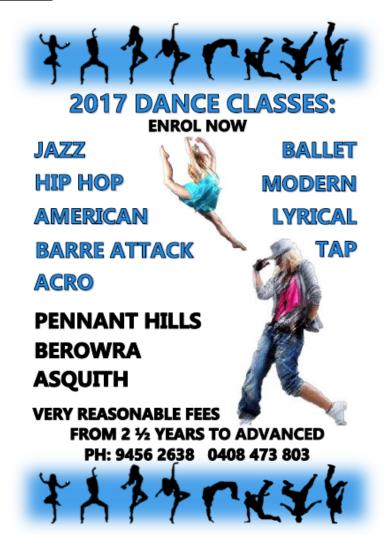
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- Noodles, pasta, stir fry or fried rice.
- Homemade pizza.
- Cottage pie or spaghetti bolognaise (added to a bread roll).
- Frittata or vegie slice.
- Baked veg (roast pumpkin or sweet potato on wraps and sandwiches), corn on the cob.
- Homemade potato salad or coleslaw (on a sandwich with home-cooked meat, chicken or tinned tuna).

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KISS AND RIDE ZONES

<u>Kiss and Ride Zones</u> are for your child's safety, your convenience and to reduce congestion and confusion

Kiss and Ride rules

- Kiss and Ride zones and "No Parking" operate under the same conditions
- Drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes
- Drivers must remain in or within 3 metres of their vehicle

 Zone applies only during hours of operation
MINIMUM PENALTY \$177 & 2 DEMERIT POINTS





Remember:

Do not leave your vehicle

To assist with traffic flow, drivers should remain in the car whilst children get in and out. Children should travel with bags in the car and not the boot

Child Safety

Ensure children get in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. The back seat is the safest seat for children to travel in, regardless of the make of your vehicle. Ensure children have their restraints securely fastened before driving off

No U-Turns

Do not do U-Turns in busy and congested school zones. It's dangerous and places young children at serious risk

Don't cut the queue

Don't push in the queue. Drop off or pick up your child close to the top of the zones allowing vehicles following you to enter the zone in an orderly manner

Kiss and Ride Zones need cooperation to remain effective and safe. Please drive carefully around our schools and protect all children.



Children must exit the car from the safety door - the rear footpath-side door. It is unsafe to allow children to jump out of the car into the path of oncoming traffic.



<u>SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES</u>

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2016



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

BUS

ZONE

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus. + 2 Demerit Points Penalty

Maximum Penalty

\$180 + 2 Demerit Points

Penalty \$325 + 2 Demerit Points

DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb. Penalty \$325 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$325 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$433 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$180 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$541

<u>Please Note</u>: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2017. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.