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This is the last newsletter for the year. I would like to express my gratitude to all the school teaching and support staff together with the P&C of Berowra PS for the wonderful work they have done in 2018. They are truly remarkable groups and we are privileged to have such dedicated professionals and community members working on our behalf for our young people. Many exciting initiatives are ahead for the school in 2019 as well as the special features already present.

Student Progress Reports

Semester two student progress reports went home last week. I congratulate all children for challenging themselves to greater things with the learning opportunities this semester. We, as teachers, view it as a time to celebrate successes or challenge any weaknesses in their progress. At upcoming school development days the teaching staff will further analyse ways to meet individual learning needs using the progress report as one of the sample tools. The progress report is a point in time report measured from NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) guidelines. I encourage you to thoroughly read its first page for greater understanding of the marking system. The report reflects an ongoing assessment and evaluation of taught learning concepts for this semester only. The achievement and application marks have no direct relevance to the half yearly report. Our teachers have worked to appoint the most appropriate achievement and application mark for your child.

I thank my teaching colleagues for their professionalism, thorough thought and time placed in each report. I trust your response to your child's efforts will be positive and supportive. If you have any concerns about your child's progress beyond the report please contact their teacher.

It is quite fitting to acknowledge those students who display 'empathy, respect, resilience and safety', as well as those who support their class learning with extra challenges. Many students have been involved in the various performing arts, sport, debating, public speaking, ICAS assessments, chess, reading challenge, library, coding, Year 2 swim scheme and technology as well as student leadership opportunities. Thank you to school staff and the P&C for supporting our co curricula and extra curricula programs. We need to be mindful and recognise that every child achieves in life at different levels and at different rates. I am always proud of our students bettering themselves within the class-room and school.

Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 will also be the guests of honour at a special farewell assembly held at 3pm on Wednesday, 19th December. Following from this assembly they will be walking through an arch of honour to finish their primary schooling.

It must be acknowledged, Year 6 has displayed an extremely positive attitude to the school and we wish them every success in their secondary education and thereafter.

Farewell Families

Berowra PS community sadly farewells around 32 families who have a child in Year 6, 2018. Another couple of other families will be relocating. Many of these wonderful families have been active in P&C and other significant roles during their association with the school. We wish them all well and thank them for entrusting the school with their children's academic and social development.

Our best wishes to all students leaving this school at the end of the 2018. We thank and remind you that you are forever part of the Berowra 'family'.

Student Leadership

Last week the Student Leadership Team for 2019 was announced.

School Captains – Ava A and Jed W

School Vice Captains - Isabella C and Dean G

Prefects – Jackson C, Tyler G, Alexander McG, Alex J, Evangeline M and Tiana P.

Congratulations to our new leaders, I know you will do a magnificent job in leading the student body and in acting as role models for others to emulate.

Outstanding Invoices

As we have entered the final week of the 2018 school year I urge all parents to finalise outstanding payments for excursions, learning programs and other school events. Each year, as a school, we end up carrying bad debts and then we have difficulty trying to retrieve late payments as well as update teaching and learning resources. This really impacts on our capacity to assist new and needy families each year. Please help us end the year in the black!

Voluntary Contributions

Many thanks to all the families who contributed to the **voluntary** contributions in 2018. These funds have purchased (or will be purchased in early 2019):

- 32 chrome books (laptops)- for Yrs 3-6
- Ipads for Kindergarten
- 'Jelly Bean' tables for Kindergarten to Year 2 (used for reading activities)
- Group tables for our Learning and Support Classroom
- Paint Drying Racks

Also a special thank you to our School Support Group for paying for all the Presentation Day Prizes but also donating another \$4000.00 for an Interactive Touchscreen for our last demountable.

School Security

We thank members of the community for their ongoing commitment to keeping our school safe and secure. I encourage any community member who notices activity outside school hours that they believe is not normal for our school to contact School Security on 1300 880 021. If you believe the matter is urgent then please contact the Police on 000.

Farewell Mrs Butler

Mrs Butler will be finishing up this week. It is a very sad time for BPS but a happy one for Judy. She has been at BPS since 1998. She was here briefly before having her family. Judy has a special place in so many children's (and adult's now) hearts. She is an outstanding educator who has inspired and developed so many children.

Oh wait, I'm retired!!!

On behalf of all the staff, students and community I wish Judy every happiness for her retirement.

As Dr Seuss said, "Happy days are here to last. The days of nine to five are past. I've worked all my life and paid my dues. Now I'll just do what I choose!"

See you soon Ms Roberts

Wishing Ms Roberts all the best for her maternity leave and I know she will be back early next year to give us a cuddle of her new bundle of joy.

Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to all!

Di Bower

Principal

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP

2018 has been yet another wonderful year for the BPS School Support Group. Our awesome committee and volunteers have yet again contributed to our school in many ways such as running our Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Discos in Terms 1, 2, & 4, Tears and Tissues morning tea for our Kindy Parents, Teachers Appreciation High Tea and many cake stalls for the various school events.

Our profits from our events have contributed to various items throughout the school such as Bee Bots boards, trestle tables for the hall, teachers classroom resources, Presentation Day awards, interactive touch screen and just this week we donated another \$4,000 to the school!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped out at any of our events this year. SSG is not possible without you all and we really appreciate your help!

The SSG Committee wish all the teachers, office staff, students and their families a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year.

Cathy Lea Chairperson

P&C

Thank you to our enthusiastic army of parent volunteers and committee members for you continued support this year and for making it a successful one! Being park of the P&C Association is a most rewarding undertaking.

To the teachers—thank you!

We are so lucky to have such wonderful and dedicated teachers at Berowra Public School. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2019.

CANTEEN

The Canteen has had another great year which has enable it to donate \$13,000 back to the school. It is an amazing result which has contributed to the purchase towards robotic resource such as Bee Bots.

This year Healthy Schools Canteen in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education has started to implement a new strategy which all public school canteens need to transition to by 2019. Our canteen has already started to make changes with over 75% of the menu now being 'everyday' foods and with a healthy star rating of at least 3.5.

Our canteen is staffed by a group of wonderful volunteers but we are in need of more helpers for next year in order for our canteen to run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer please contact Teresa Wednesday - Friday at the canteen or leave a message at the office anytime on 9456 1319.

CANTEEN OPENING

The canteen will be open on the last day of term—Wednesday 19th December. We will only have Sushi, garlic bread and nuggets available for lunches—their will be **NO** Flexi school orders on this day.

Thank you for your support Terese McKenzie Canteen Supervisor

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop launched Shopify this year which has enable easy online ordering for parents. https://berowra-public-school-uniform-shop.myshopify.com/

Using shopify is easy. Once you've place your order it is filled by a volunteer and then items can be collected from the office, BOOSH or the shop. Or if you wish to purchase items in person our shop is run by our parent volunteers and is open fortnightly on a Thursday afternoon 3pm - 3.45pm.

The next opening date is Thursday 31st January 2019.

Should you have any queries please contact the Uniform Shop via our Facebook page—Berowra Public Uniform Shop.

Clare Salke BPS P&C





NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED					
Sent Out	Subject	Distribu- tion	Response before		
21/2	School Contribution	K-6	K-6 ASAP		
21/2	Classroom Resources	K-6	22/3 OVERDUE		
25/7	Term 3 Gymnastics	Year 1	9/8 OVERDUE		
19/9	PSSA Sport—League Tag, Cricket, Softball/T-ball	PSSA reps	27/9 OVERDUE		
26/9	Term 4 Gymnastics	Kindy	25/10 OVERDUE		
Most notes are on the BPS website under 'Our School' tab—'Missed a Note?'					
'Parent Online Payment' (POP) is the departments preferred payment method. Don't forget to send a permission form to the class teacher.					

1L Kai T, Riley U 18 Ethan K, Lian McI 1T Tacean P, Stephanie S **2B** Sierra B-C, James Y 2K Logan O, Kane R-E, Benjamin F 2P William M, Maddie B, Ayden P, Ella A, Atoosa A, Ella A, William S 3/4A Hayden F, Harrison B, Keirali H, Jade V, Katerina McG, Owen M, Liliana K, Lara S, Callum L, Finn M, Sam F, Skye T, Maddi H, Megan D, Jack W, Sam Y 3R Kenney T, Anouk D, Olivia F, Veronica R, Peter W, Aryou Z, Jonathan B 4/5K Naomi R, Molly N, Leon J 5P Sarah P, Jade W, Sofia G, Jack J

Upcoming Events					
Wed 19 December	Last day of the school year Year 6 clap out 3pm				
Thur 20 & Fri 21 December	Staff Development Days				
2019					
Tues 29 January	Staff return for Term 1 2019				
Wed 30 January	Years 1-6 return to school Kindy Best Start assessments begin				
Thurs 31 Jan—Mon 4 Feb	Kindy Best Start assessments continuing				
Tues 5th February	Kindy's first day—meet 10am in the hall				
Mon 4th March	BPS Swimming Carnival at Hornsby Aquatic Centre				
Fri 12th April	Last day of term 1				
Fri 19th April	Good Friday				
Mon 22nd April	Easter Monday				
Thurs 25th April	ANZAC Day				
Mon 29th April	Staff Development Day				
Tues 30th April	All students return to school for term 2				

New money collection procedures -



- BPS payment/permission envelopes with cash or cheque enclosed are not to go to the classroom teacher any longer.
- Gold coin donation for mufti days can still go to the classroom and will be collected by the organising group.
- All money envelopes and permission notes are to be 'posted' in the letterbox attached to the wall in the office foyer. This can be done by children or parents prior to school or during recess and lunch.
- Please DO NOT put canteen money in the box.
- Money collection days are still Tuesday and Thursday.
- The Department's preferred method of payment is Parent Online Payment (POP) accessed through the school website, by clicking on 'Make a Payment' tab.
- You can access POP any time, any day.







Are your details up to date?

Have you moved or changed phone numbers?

Please inform the school office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

We particularly need to keep phone numbers and email addresses up to date for emergencies.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



FOOD DRIVE

Berowra Public School P&C would like to assist our wider community this Christmas and we would love your support in doing so. We know that Christmas is a busy time of year but we are hoping together we can help. The Hornsby Kuring-gai Women's Shelter offers crisis accommodation to women who are escaping domestic violence and/or homelessness. They offer a valuable service to our local community and are in need of support this holiday season.

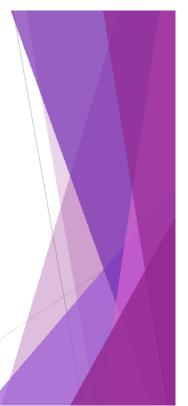
How you can help?

Food items needed: tea, coffee, rice, long life milk and tissues A box will be located in the school office until the end of term for any items you wish to donate.

For more information about this charity please go to hkws.org.au/







NSW SOURCE AND Transport

School Opal card applications for 2019 are now open

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to re-apply if they:

- · are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to : https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

For further information visit https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

Regards,

Transport for NSW



Strings and Recorder Ensembles 2019

There are still places available in the beginner recorder class and the string ensemble for 2019.

Sign up now to reserve a place for your child.

For more details please contact me at sue.thorv@gmail.com .

Please register as soon as possible by filling out a band registration form, available at the back of The Crest and returning it to the school office.

Sue Thorvaldson (Recorder & String Ensemble Director).









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School Holi	School Holidays Kids Surf Camp				
Days & Times:	Includes:	Days & Times		Includes:	
Lessons are run daily from Thursday 3 rd January to Monday 28 th January. For exact times go to our website.	 ✓ 90min lessons ✓ Soft surfboards ✓ Wetsuits & Rash shirts ✓ Sunscreen & zinc ✓ Small groups ✓ Experienced coaches with low coach to student ratio 	Mon 7 th Tue 8 th Wed 9 th Mon 21 st Tue 22 nd Wed 23 rd	Mon 14 th Tue 15 th Wed 16 th	 ✓ 1 x Smoothstar training session ✓ 2 x Surfing lessons ✓ Softboard, wetsuit & rash shirt ✓ Zinc & sunscreen ✓ Beach sports ✓ Surf education 	
PRICES 1 lesson \$40	✓ Surf education	8am – 3pm *PRICES*		 ✓ Healthy morning tea ✓ Lunch at Umina Beach Cafe 	
3 lessons \$100 5 lessons \$130		1 Day = \$100 3 Day = \$270			

HOLIDAY MUSIC THEATRE WORKSHOP

With Sophie Wright

Join me for a music theatre workshop in the new year! The workshop will include acting exercises/games, learning some music theatre repertoire and choreography from a show. Plus tips on auditioning and how to deal with nerves when performing!

Visit my Facebook page facebook.com/sophiewrightworkshops for more info about me and the course.





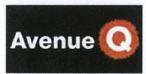
3 Separate Groups Primary: 8-12 years

(If interested I might add a 5-7 years please email your interest) High School: 13-17 Years

Adults: 18 and up!

WHEN?

Sophie's professional credits include...





Saturday 19th January 2019 High School: 2pm-6pm

Sunday 20th January 2019 Primary School: 9am-1pm Adults: 2pm-6pm (Berowra District Hall)

\$80 p/p

Siblings discount inquire within

To reserve spot email; sophiewrightcoaching@gmail.com
for \$20 deposit by 10th January 2019







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CHILDREN'S TERM 1, 2019 SCIENCE PROGRAMS

A series of interactive science programs presented by the Children's Discovery Museu

Children will develop ideas and skills that will inspire further scientific exploration, discovery and learning,

THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

A four week program aimed for 6 to 8 years young scientists presented by the Children's Discovery Museum.

Participants will be able to learn and explore themes from different branches of science through numerous

SESSION 1: Animal Superheroes Monday 18 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

SESSION 2: Changing States Monday 25 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

SESSION 3: Six Bricks

Monday 1 April, 4.30pm-5.30pm

SESSION 4: Stop-motion Animation Monday 8 April, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Location: Hornsby Library 28-44 George Street, Hornsby

00000 hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Strictly 6-8 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$60 for the 4 week program.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/libfary or at any Hornsby Shire Library branch.





SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Followed by *The Gigalees* and their Crazy Comedy Show!

Give your children incentive to read over the holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing them up for the Summer Reading Club. A child's library card is essential to join the Club and attend

Club Registration with child's library card will open from 4:30pm.

Come early so you don't miss our great show

Thursday 6 December, Ages: 0-14 year olds Registration: 4.30pm

Show: 5.30pm

Cost: Free for all Summer Reading Club members. No bookings required.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the whole family and be guided in making a wonderful Gingerbread House for the Christmas table. The cost includes all the materials needed such as house, icing, Ioillies, silver foil, board and cellophane for wrapping, Great Christmas fun for the whole family.

Hornsby Library Wednesday 5 December, 6.30pm-8pm

Pennant Hills Community Centre aturday 8 December, 2.30pm-4pm

Cost: \$35.00 per family.

Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

SANTA CLAUS SUPERSTAR CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Santa Claus Superstar is a delightful comedy which will thrill its young audiences.

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Now that Santa has a magic cape he can make all of the toys by himself. Poor old Rudolf and the ohes have their world turned upside down – they're out of a job! The scheming Daredevil Dan and Grumpy Gran plot to steal the cape, and its high adventure with the children involved every step of the way Featuring the gorgeous Music Box Dancer, the Jolly Green Christmas Tree, Drummer Boy, Jake in the Box, Harlequin, and many more surprises.

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Hornsby Library Tuesday 18 December, 11.30am

Pennant Hills Community Centre
Thursday 20 December,
10.30am

Rerowra Community Centre Friday 21 December 10.30a

Ages: 2-7 year olds. Parents and children under 2 years accompanying a paying sibling do not require payment. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$8.00 ner child

FEATURE CREATURES

REPTILE SHOWS

Be fascinated by this interactive and educational Be tascinated by this interactive and educational wildlife event where you will be able to get close to frogs, snakes and crocodiles.

Hornsby Library
Tuesday 15 January,
10.30am-11.30am
Thursday 17 Jan

Pennant Hills Learning & Leisure Centre Wednesday 16 January, 10.30am-11.30am

Community Centre Thursday 17 January, 10.30am-11.30am

Ages: 5-12 year olds Cost: \$10.00 per child





Y1-Y7 STUDENTS, Hornsby Library

LEARN TO CODE AND BUILD YOUR **OWN ONLINE** PROJECTS WITH CODE4FUN

Year 1 to Year 7 students are welcome to join. STEM focused programs – students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.

- Hornsby Library
- Every Tuesday, 5 Feb 9 Apr (10 weeks) New Beginners Course
 - Y1- Y6 Beginners students 4:00 pm 5:00 pm
- Every Tuesday, 5 Feb 9 Apr (10 weeks) Advanced Course: Introduction to Java Y3 - Y7 Continuing students 5:10 pm - 6:10 pm
- Laptops are provided
- \$220 per student per term

ENROL NOW: WWW.CODE4FUN.COM.AU/HORNSBY

If you have any questions email us at Info@code4fun.com.au or call 0452 525 453.

Check out our website at www.code4fun.com.au for more details about our school









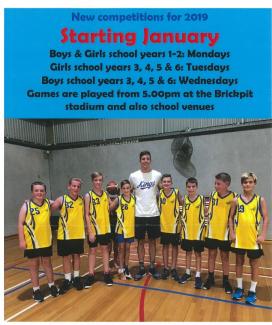
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See our website for more information and to register www.hornsbyspiders.com.au

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Explore the Museum with a treasure map and learn about the history of Australia.

Summer Session Times

Wednesday, 9 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Friday, 11 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Wednesday, 16 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Friday, 18 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Wednesday, 23 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Friday, 25 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

Phone: (02) 9551 9743

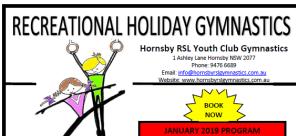
Reserve Bank of Australia Museum Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place Sydney NSW 2000

To find out more, visit: www.museum.rba.gov.au/events

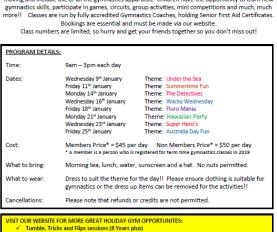








Our popular recreational holiday gymnastics program will be running again throughout the January school holidays for all children aged 5 – 12 years (no experience necessary). The days are fun filled, fast moving and include use of all the gymnastics apparatus. Children have the opportunity to learn new



Senior Gym sessions (high school students)

BOOK ONLINE NOW: www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au