

5th December 2018 Term 4 Week 8



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Community







Berowro Public School



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Presentation Day Wednesday 12th December

3-6 Assembly – 9:30am Morning Tea - 11:30am K-2 Assembly – 12:00pm

ALL WELCOME – please note letters will not be sent home inviting parents to these assemblies as all children are 'rewarded' on this day.

Classes for 2019

NSW Public Schools are provided with teachers and staff on an age-based differential formula. Once the principal enters anticipated numbers of students, DEC Staffing will allocate a set number of teachers, SLSOs, School Administrative Staff, Counsellor times etc.

Based on this formula – we will again have huge classes in the years 3-6 – over 35 in some classes. I have decided, again, to fund the extra class – this will keep our numbers around 30 or less.

It is then the principal's job, with many hours input by the teachers, to devise the best mix of classes to suit the available resources.

Please keep in mind that as professional educators, we place students in classes after carefully analysing a variety of academic and social criteria. This may mean that students are not with the same classmates as in the previous year, although we do try to ensure that they have a familiar face in their class. Classrooms are first and foremost about learning and getting along with the teacher and peers in their class and of course students can always meet up with all their friends in the playground (remembering that their longest break from all their friends is TWO hours). Being able to form a wide range of happy, productive and polite relationships, with a number of people of all ages, assists students as they become older to get along with the many different individuals and personalities they will come across in their life. Rarely do we get this placement wrong.

Parents deserve and will be provided with reasons for class placement of their child if requested, but there has been disappointing trend of late with parents demanding that their child is moved from their class placements. Rarely is it possible to move just one child from a class to another, or to 'swap mine with this kid'. The complexity of classroom personalities and the interconnectedness of classroom interactions rarely allows for such an easy 'swap'.

Whilst we will always listen to (and take into consideration) the concerns of parents, it is in the end, the decision of the principal and the school as to where the best learning setting is for each individual student.

Requests for a particular teacher cannot be accommodated. I also ask parents not to attempt to pick and choose who they would like their child to be or not be with next year. Genuine and special reasons should be directed by letter or interview to the principal. Class teachers or executive will not take requests for class placement next year. Naturally, parents will discuss their child's needs with the class teacher but promises of classes and teachers will not be made by the 2019 class teacher. In short, see me if you have any concerns, but please trust the teachers and me to place your child in a class where they will have friends and learn in an engaging friendly atmosphere.

We are carefully monitoring our anticipated enrolments for 2019. Thanks to those who have already returned an enrolment form. Please contact the school for an enrolment package if you have a sibling yet to enrol or you are aware you will not be returning to BPS in 2019 and have not yet notified us.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Please note all students with allergies, anaphylaxis, asthma or medical condition also need an ASCIA plan from their doctor.

Health Care Plans and ASCIA Plans need to be kept in the school office with their medication.

If we do not have a Health Care Plan or ASCIA Plan we are unable to administer Ventolin or any other asthma puffer; or any medication. Also, without these plans your child is not allowed off the school premises for excursions etc.

Outstanding Payments

As we work towards the end of the school term for 2018, unfortunately we have a significant number of outstanding invoices still to be paid. These are primarily for goods and services provided to students over the year – dance/drama participation, payment for resource books, overnight excursions, and elective sports.

We have sent home many reminders to families over the last couple of months but have not had a significant response. At present, the school has covered these costs from our global budget which is affecting our ability to organise other activities. We urgently need to be reimbursed for these amounts. Our budget is designed to be shared equally throughout the entire school population. If this has been an oversight on your part, could you please attend to payment of these invoices as soon as possible? Many thanks.

Thanks

Many thanks to Jeremy L's (1L) grandfather who made the 'noughts and crosses' for our new table in the library.

Congratulations

Charlie L (6G) - His photo chosen as the second favourite for the Student Division in the Beautiful Berowra Photo Competition – he won himself an iPod Touch plus \$250 for BPS. Wow! Outstanding Charlie – so proud of your achievement.

Matt S (4C) – NSW Public Schools String Sinfonia – this is a state level ensemble Matt S (4C) – graduated Level 4 piano and cello

Max M (4C) – graduated level 2 recorder and level 1 violin

Junior Boy's Cricket – PSSA Premiers for 2018 Senior League Tag - PSSA Premiers for 2018

Di Bower

Principal

Canteen News

The canteen will be open on the last day of term—Wednesday 19 Dec. 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

Attendance

PARTIAL ATTENDANCE

I had a visit from the home school liaison officer last week and she picked up that a few students are arriving or leaving early from school regularly. Unfortunately this is not allowed.....

Should approval be given for students to attend lessons outside of school during school hours?

- 1.1. Involvement in private lessons, such as dance and music classes conducted outside the school during school hours may not be conducive to the effective operation of the school or to the education of the student concerned. Students' involvement in extra-curricular activities will usually be limited to outside school hours.
- 1.2. Where attendance at a private lesson during school hours is of exceptional importance such as sitting examinations, principals may use their discretion in justifying the absence. This provision must not be used on a regular basis.
- 1.3. If parents withdraw their children from school for private lessons an unjustified absence should be recorded and procedures for addressing attendance concerns followed.
- 1.4. See the Exemption from School Procedures for requirements when considering an application for a certificate of exemption for participation in the entertainment industry, elite sports or elite arts.

A reminder that it is vital that students arrive at school on time, ready to begin learning, each day. There have been an increasing number of students arriving at school after the bell without valid reasons for being late. Where possible an adult needs to accompany the student to the office and fill in a late notice.

It is important that all students who are walking or riding bikes go directly to school in the morning and home in the afternoon without diverting. Younger students should be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Visitors to our school

All visitors and volunteers to our school are required to sign in at the office when they arrive at the school prior to going to classrooms and sign out when they depart. Each time you volunteer you will be provided with a visitor's badge to wear to ensure students, staff and other visitors can easily identify everyone on the school site. When volunteering for the first time you will be taken through a safety briefing. In the event of an emergency please follow instructions from school staff.

Road Safety Education







Parking safely will help to keep young children safe - even if it means walking further to the school gate.

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?

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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/





BPS Twilight Fair

On Saturday 8th December from 2pm - 8pm we will be holding a Twilight Fair.

★ For those who have already purchased ride bands for the Country Fair in October, you will ★ be able to use these on the day between 3pm and 7pm. If you missed out on buying ride ★ bands the first time around you can still purchase them online at www.trybooking.com.

There will be rides, kindy farm and the mechanical bull to keep the kids entertained as well

as food and market stalls, silent auction and the chocolate wheel.

We hope to see you on the day for a fun filled evening!

Assemb_{ly} Awards







DRAMA NEWS

The Senior drama have been practising their play to present for their end of year performance. We are hoping to perform for the school in the afternoon of Wednesday 12th December.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS.

Stocktake begins this week and all resources need to be returned to the library ASAP. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their books.

Thank you to all our parents who have supported the book club this year. It has really helped the library to keep our books and resources relevant and current. Of course a HUGE thank you to Mrs Tammy Allen for her tireless efforts running the Book Club for our school. The students and staff are so appreciative of your time, expertise and generosity.

Thank you also to Mrs Magnusson for her time and generosity in covering so many of our library books. It is important to have our library books covered and protected and Mrs Magnusson does such an expert job. We are so lucky to have such wonderful parents in our school community.

Our thanks to Jeremy L's grandfather for his kindness and generosity in making such magnificent wooden 'naughts and crosses' pieces for our play table. The pieces are beautifully made and will be enjoyed by the children for years to come. The play table was kindly donated to the library by the School Support Group after the fete.

Thank you so much from all the children at Berowra Public School.

We are so grateful to Dorian T (4C) and his mother for their wonderful generosity in donating hundreds of dollars worth of books to our school library. Dorian won a competition run by Dymocks book store. He received a selection of books for himself and the rest of the prize his family kindly donated to the library. As a result we were able to select so many new

books to interest and entertain all levels of student reading ability. Thank you Dorian and his family from all the students and staff.

Mrs Wilkinson's 2P and KB technology classes in the library enjoying building houses using MAB blocks. The children enjoyed coding pathways for the Bee Bots to go in and out of their houses.













You're invited to:

'Countdown to Christmas'

Berowra Public School's

K-2 Concert



When: 10am, Tuesday 11th December, 2018
Where: Berowra Public School Hall

Hope you can make it

Week 6 and 7

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KB	Jasmine A, Jesse W, Charlie E
18	Zoe P, Darwyn F
1T	Lucy H, Thomas D
2K	April A, Beau R, Annika S, Billy Y, Darcy F
2P	Xavier A, Ellie L, Emily F, Eric M, Nate C, Jack E, Ethan J, Luke V, Eric M, Atoosa A, William S, Ruby P, William M, Bethany W, Sienna T, Ellie L, Adrian U, Summer W, Sienna T
3R	William N, Grace M, Isobel F, Freya C, Trent H, Ben D
3/4A	Liliana K, Rubin L, Harrison B
4C	Jonathan C, Tanya P, Timeka C
4/5K	Ethan P, Gabe H, Annabelle H
5B	Jasmine B, Jackson C, Tyler G, Zoe D, Cayleigh H, Pranay G, Cayleigh H, Emily C, Kate W, Chloe C, Gabriel F, Isabella C
5P	Pernille B, Julian C, Aidan C

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribu- tion	Response before
21/2	School Contribution	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.

Uniform Shop Update

Please note that the Uniform Shop stock take is happening on the 17th December.

Shopify orders received after 10am on the 17th will not be processed until 2019 when the school is open again.

Important Dates

<u>13th Dec</u> - Uniform shop open (3-3.45pm) <u>17th Dec</u> - last day for shopify orders (place orders before 10am)

cheers Steph

U	pcoming Events
Saturday 8th December	BPS Twilight Fair 2-8pm - rides, stalls, kindy farm
Tues 11 December	K-2 Christmas Concert
Wed 12 December	Presentation Day 3-6 at 9.30 and K-2 at 12noon
Fri 14 December	P&C Christmas Carols
Tues 18 December	BPS Talent Quest Year 6 Farewell—Asquith Golf Club from 6pm
Wed 19 December	BPS Wet 'n' Wild Day 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

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.

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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).

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.

BAKERS DELIGHT CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Bakers Delight Berowra are once again supporting our school by offering \$2.00 back to the school from each 6-pack of lemon or fruit mince tarts sold!

Order form envelopes can be picked up from the canteen or the school office or use the form below. Orders and payment must be returned to the canteen or office by Friday 14th December.

Pick up of your delicious tarts will be from the canteen on Wednesday 19th December by 3.20pm.

Enjoy and thank you.



Name:	
School / Class:	
\$10.00 per 6-pack of Tarts	оту
Lemon Tarts 6-pack	
Fruit Mince Tarts 6-pack	

Total Cost: \$____



\$2.00 from every 6-pack of Tarts will be donated back to your school!

NSW SOURMERT A 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

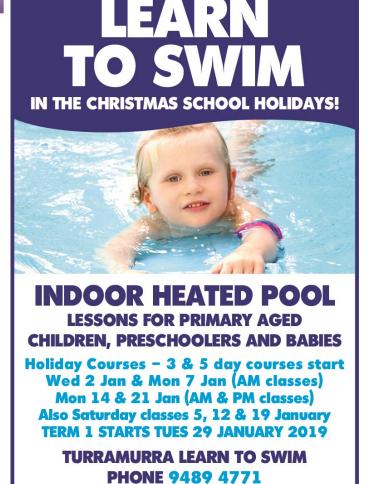












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School Holi	day Surf Lessons	School Holidays Kids Surf Camp		
Days & Times:	Includes:	Days & Times	Includes:	
Lessons are run daily from Thursday 3 rd January to Monday 28 th January. For exact times go to our website.	 ✓ 90min lessons ✓ Soft surfboards ✓ 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 14 th Tue 15 th Wed 16 th Mon 21 st Tue 22 nd Wed 23 rd	 ✓ 1 x Smoothstar training session ✓ 2 x Surfing lessons ✓ Softboard, wetsuit & rash shirt ✓ Zinc & sunscreen ✓ Beach sports ✓ Surf education 	
PRICES 1 lesson \$40 3 lessons \$100 5 lessons \$130	✓ Surf education	*PRICES* 1 Day = \$100 3 Day = \$270	✓ Healthy morning tea✓ Lunch at Umina BeachCafe	







Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students!

Get an interactive presentation on the new \$50 banknote and discover banknote security features.

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



Cost: FREE (bookings essential) Email: museum@rba.gov.au 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



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, lollies, 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

Saturday 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.

Now that Santa has a magic cape he can make all of the toys by himself. Poor old Rudolf and the elves 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, Jack in the Box, Harlequin, and many more surprises.

Hornsby Library Tuesday 18 December, 11.30am

Pennant Hills Community Centre Thursday 20 December,

Berowra Community Centre Friday 21 December, 10.30am

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 per child

FEATURE CREATURES -

REPTILE SHOWS

Be fascinated 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

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

Ages: 5-12 year olds Cost: \$10.00 per child Berowra Community Centre Thursday 17 January, 10.30am-11.30am





Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association

Your local not for profit community sports provider



December 21 & 22 Camps for Boys & Girls in school years 1-2 and 3-4



Monday 21st to Thursday 24th

Boys & Girls school years 3 to 9

Girls Only Camp (school years 3 to 9)



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



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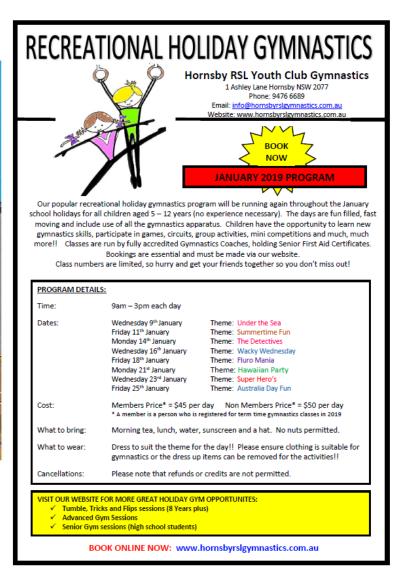
New competitions for 2019

Starting January

Boys & Girls school years 1-2: Mondays
Girls school years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Tuesdays
Boys school years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Wednesdays
Games are played from 5.00pm at the Brickpit
stadium and also school yenues



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





Office Use Only

Date Received

Instrument Allocated

Instrument Number

BAND PROGRAM ENROLMENT 2019

Please Enrol by Dec 3rd 2018

STUDENT'S LAST NAME		CLASS	
STUDENT'S FIRST NAME		Date of Birth _	
Parent /Caregiver Contact Nan	ne		
Mailing Address:			
Home No:	Mobile No:		
Email:			
INSTRUMENT CHOICE:	1 ST CHOICE		
	2 ND CHOICE		
	3 RD CHOICE		
DO YOU WISH TO HIRE AN IN	STRUMENT?		YES / NO
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS			
I have made a PAYMENT OF \$ Account Name – BPS Band Acc BSB: 633000 Account No: 137234522	count		
Please pay via direct deposit bpsband@hotmail.com to let us	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	,	Band and email
I would like further information	n before committing to the	Band Program	YES/NO
Parent Signature			

PARENT SUPPORT

The Band Program is an extra-curricular activity run by volunteer parents. Our Band Program relies on the support of parents to help it run efficiently. Your help will be greatly appreciated and it's a fun way to meet others!

Parental assistance is needed to assist with rehearsal supervision, transporting equipment to performances, fund-raising, instrumental hire co-ordination, treasury, uniform co-ordination.

Fund-raising is an integral part of the program and raises much-needed funds for the purchase of new instruments, etc.

Some ways in which you can help the Band Program are by attending committee meetings, supporting fund-raising initiatives, assisting with rehearsal, transporting equipment etc.

Please fill in and sign the form below to indicate or suggest where you may be able to assist. Thank You
Child's Name:
Parents' Name/s:
Email:
Ways I can best assist: (please circle)
 Committee member Rehearsal supervision Fund-raising Other(please specify)
Signed: Date: