

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our zone competitors and many thanks to Mrs Robinson for being our manager on the day. All our children were well behaved and enjoyed their successes on the day.

Congratulations to Jensen G, Alex H, Jake Da S, Lincoln V and Jakob R who will be competing at the Area Swimming Carnival on Thursday, 29th March.

Jensen also broke FIVE records at the carnival – Congratulations Jensen – you are a star!



Classroom Resources

The provision of quality education relies, not only on the quality of the teaching staff, but also on the quality of the resources, which we use to educate the children. We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic, talented and committed office and teaching staff at Berowra and, while they are keen to use the best resources available, they are well aware of the current economic climate and the hardships many families are experiencing.

To offset costs to families we have limited textbooks and are using duplicated copyright-free material, stencils, interactive whiteboard lessons and overheads prepared by the teachers instead. Added to the expense of the paper usage we must also carefully maintain the machines we use and buy the necessary inks and toners used in them. In addition to this we also ask for support in supplementing the schools budget to provide the upkeep and replacement of resources in the respective KLAs. Our classroom resources invoices were sent out earlier this term and we thank the parents who have already paid.

Religious Education Policy

There has been some confusion about our Special Religion Education (known as Scripture). Children are placed into these classes (Anglican, Catholic, Islam, Jewish, Non-scripture or Ethics) from their enrolment form. Children are not able to move from their selection without a letter from the parent. At all times, we are bound by how many 'volunteer' teachers we have for each denomination. Unfortunately, Ethics Teachers seem to be hard to find. If a child is in a Religious Group (Anglican, Catholic, etc) and they wish to move to Ethics – parents need to send a letter stating they want their child to be placed in a non-scripture group. From this group they may then request that their child move to Ethics – if there is a vacant spot. No child will be moved mid-term.

I have included part of the Special Education In Ethics Policy from the department.....

"Enrolment in special education in ethics Parents/caregivers **may only enrol their children in special education** in ethics if the child has been exempted from special religious education. Where a parent/caregiver requests special education in ethics and it is not currently available in the school, the school will provide the parent/ caregiver with the names and contact details of approved providers of special education in ethics. It is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to follow up with a provider. Students are to continue in the same arrangement each year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change."

Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

This Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. The 2018 Challenge kicks off **Monday 5 March** and closes **Friday 31 August** (midnight) for **students**.

Most teachers have sent information home to all parents on how to log on and join this fantastic reading adventure.

Mathletics...

As you know our students are encouraged to use Mathletics and Reading Eggs. 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 Page 1 to time our students are recorded in the Mathletics Hall of Fame.

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

Please remember – FOUR Mathletic certificates or a Gold Mathletic certificate equals a 'lucky dip' from my office. I have changed the number of certificates to be in line with our merit certificate process. 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:

- Katie L took part in the Community Cook4Good Program this is a 'kidsgivingback' initiative. Katie gave up her time to cook, package and deliver over 350 warm, nutritious meals to local shelters and individuals in need on Sunday, 4th March.
- Dorian T is participating in Book Bonus 2018 program to raise funds for Berowra Public School to receive new books for our school library. So far, Dorian has raised \$259 for BPS in new books! Dymocks Children's Charities will match the total raised by each student, plus a bonus 25% to go towards new books chosen by your school from an extensive list. So, for every \$1 raised that's \$1.25 worth of

new books for your school.

Dymocks Children's Charities will also award an additional 25% of the amount raised to schools in need in NSW so they can also select new books for their students. Berowra Public School have their own team page which more students from our school can join and then create their own Book Bonus campaign to collectively raise funds for our school.

Please see Dorian's campaign page https://donate.grassrootz.com/dymocks/book-bonus-2018/doriant

- Katrina D has been selected for the cast of the Hornsby Gang Show in 2018. Katrina is one of the youngest members to audition and make this year's cast of 130 Scouts aged 11-26. For 3.5 months, Katrina will be rehearsing intensively every weekend to be ready for opening night in July. Katrina is very excited to begin her HGS journey. She hopes that all of you at BPS will come and support her, and of course, have a fantastic time!! More information is added in this Crest.
- Alex H Selected into the Hornsby/Kuring-gai Cricket team to proceed to the Sydney North Cricket selections.
- Joshua W, Dean G, Alex H, Jackson C selected into the Hornsby Football Team to trial to the next level of Hornsby/Kuring-gai combined zone team.
- Jake Da S and Julian C selected into the Hornsby/Kuring-gai combined football (soccer) team to play in the Sydney North Gala Day and Selections.

Facts about tutors

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors

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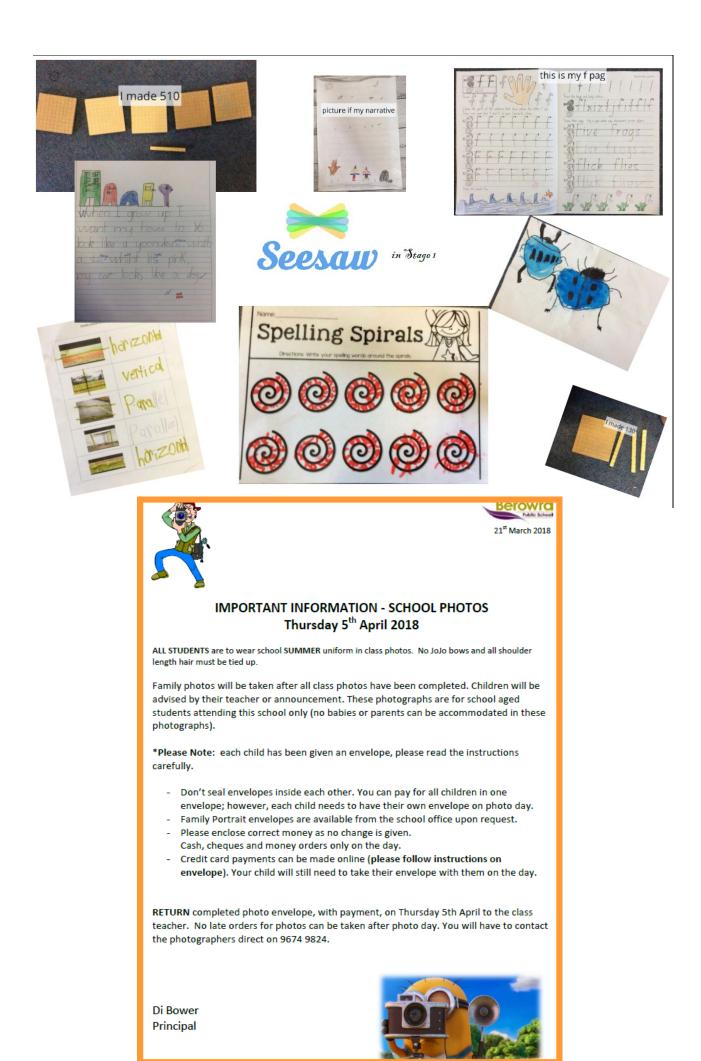












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Assemblies















NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED				
Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response before	
21/2	School Contribution	K-6	ASAP	
21/2	Classroom Resources	K-6	22/3	
22/2	Permission to Publish	K-6	18/2 OVERDUE	
28/2	General Permission	K-6	15/2 OVERDUE	
14/2	Dance important info	Dance groups	ASAP	
9/3	Arts Alive Choral Concert	Opera House Choir	10/5	
14/3	Reptile Spectacular Show	K-2	28/3	
14/3	Admin Update Term 1	K-6	-	
15/3	Dance Group Fees	Dance groups	3/5	
21/3	School Photos	K-6	5/4	
21/3	Term 2 Gymnastics	Year 2	24/5	
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.				

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL



Parents and students are reminded that mobile phones are not to be brought to school except in exceptional circumstances.

Then the mobile phone <u>must be</u> <u>left at the school office</u> before school and collected at the end of the school day.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2018



Envelopes have gone home. Enter and you have a chance to win a \$4,000 holiday destination of your choice.

Your \$2 donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please **place a \$2 coin** or equivalent in the envelope, complete entry details on the back and **return to school by Friday 11th May** (Week 2 Term 2) to be eligible for the draw.



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KR	Coco C, Dilan H	
KY	Paddy F, Aryo N, Noah U, Anahita A	
1L	Nikolai McG, Luca R	
1S	Ethan K, Dana D-R, Sophie Y, Dillon K	
1T	Jack S-C, Mia L, Ruby McI, Tacean P	
2B	Jessica C, William H	
2K	Billy Y, Kai G, Poppy C, Ruby B, Ashleigh J, Kaelan J, April A	
3R	Harry C, Trent H, Kobe R	
3/4A	Owen M, Charlotte G, Katerina McG, Sam F, Hayden F, Edward G, Eloise S, Rubin L, Preston B	
4C	Timeka C, Matthew A, Marcus Z	
4/5K	Ryan T, Dylan D, Chloe L, Nancy P-M Archie R, Joshua W,	
5B	Jackson C, Alex J, Isabella C, Eric H, Zoe D, Isabel A, Tyler G, Tiana P, Elias C, Emily C, Nicole J, Jasmine B, Samuel F	
5P	India N, Liam J-B, Katrina D, Jacob B, Indigo R, Jack J	
6G	Samuel S, Luke M, Jake D S, Rachel D, Charlie L, Evie P	

Messages to students

Please only call the office in the case of an emergency as the office can only disturb and disrupt class lessons and teachers to forward urgent messages or messages that would effect your child's safety.

Please do not call the office to forward messages to your children unless it is urgent.

MindQuest 2018

Glenwood High School Cnr Forman Ave & Glenwood Park Dr Glenwood 2768

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June 2018 9.30am-3.30pm

For Gifted & Talented Primary Students Years 1-6

Students can participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program, including chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. The cost of the weekend is \$195 (including GST).

It is anticipated that many of the courses will be full before the closing date so send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

Entry forms and information available at BPS school office Closing Date Friday 4th May 2018 (week 1 term 2)

Courses fill fast so get in early.

Upcoming Events			
Sat 24 March	BOOSH Book Fair 9am –4pm		
Thurs 29 March	BPS Hat Parade 10am Area Swimming Carnival		
Fri 30 March	Good Friday		
Sun 1 April	Daylight saving ends - clocks back one hour		
Mon 2 April	Easter Monday		
Tues 3 April	BPS Fair mufti day		
Wed 4 April	Reptile Park Spectacular for Kindy to Year 2		
Thurs 5 April	Photo Day—you have received your envelopes		
Fri 6 April	BPS term 1 Disco		
Tues 10 April	End of term dance performance—1S, 2B, 2K & 4/5K		
Wed 11 April	ANZAC Day assembly		
Fri 13 April	Last day of Term 1		
Wed 25 April	ANZAC Day		
Mon 30 April	Staff return to school		
Tues 1 May	All students return for Term 2		
Wed 2 May	Glen St Theatre performance for Kindy to Year 2		
Tues 8 May	Mothers Day stall Digital Technology competition 7.50am		
Thurs 10 May	BPS Cross Country Carnival		
Fri 11 May	Mothers Day breakfast		
Tues15-Thur 17 May	NAPLAN Assessment for years 3 and 5		
Mon 21 May	Kindy 2019 Information Evening 7.00pm		
Tues 29 May	Science competition 7.50am		
Thurs 31 May	Kindy 2019 Information Session and Tour 10am		
Tues 5 June	Student Parliament mufti day		
Mon 11 June	Queens Birthday public holiday		
Tues 13 June	Spelling competition 7.50am		
Wed 14 June	Writing competition 7.50am		
Thurs 21 June	Opera House Choir rehearsal at Kuring-gai HS		
Fri 22 June	Area Cross Country		
Thurs 28 June	BPS Athletics Carnival		
Fri 6 July	Last day of Term 2		
Mon 23 July	Staff return to school		
Tues 24 July	All students return for Term 3		
Tues 31 July	English competition 7.50am		
Tues 7 August	Open Day and Book Fair		
Tues 14 August	Maths competition 7.50am		
Tues 21 August	Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic excursion		

A fundraiser for BOOSH Cottage

Saturday 24th March 9am to 4pm

Sale of 2nd hand adult, children, fiction and non-fiction books

There will also be cake and food stalls

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019

If your child or you know of a child ready to start school next year make sure they are enrolled so we can include them in our plans for next year.

Kindergarten Information Sessions are on Monday 21st May 10am or Thursday 31st May at 7pm. Come along to the Kindergarten rooms behind the office.



St Ives High School

2019 ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL GIFTED AND TALENTED CLASS

St Ives High selective program enriches the education of gifted and talented students

Entrance Test Date: MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018 Applications close: 26 March 2018

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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY



HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Hornsby Library Thursday 19 April

10am Pennant Hills Library

Evening Storytime Thursday 19 April 6.30pm

Berowra Library Friday 20 April 10.30am

Join us for stories, songs, craft and refreshments. All ages welcome. Cost: \$2.00 per child for children 18 months and over.

No bookings required.

Payment at door.

JAY SCOTT BERRY-ART OF WONDER MAGIC SHOW

Join grandmaster magician, Jay Scott Berry, on a wondrous journey into pure imagination. This modern day Merlin presents mind boggling mysteries with a playful, whimsical style that is often called, "The closest thing to real magic you will ever see!" \$10.00 per child. Ages 5+ years.

Hornsby Library

Monday 23 April 10.30am-11.30am

Pennant Hills Library Tuesday 24 April 10.30am-11.30am

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/libr Children 7 and under m be accompanied by an adult.

TICKETED EVENTS

Berowra Library Thursday 26 April 10.30am-11.30am - BRICKS4KIDZ -

Join us in this educational and fun experience using LEGO® bricks.

ADVENTURES IN SPACE

Inspired by NASATM, our Adventures in Space workshop is packed full of models that will make imaginations blast off! Children will learn about real-life astronauts, planets and build models related to the NASA space program.

Hornsby Library

Monday 16 April 10.30am-12.00pm Cost: \$15.00 per child. Ages 5-12 years

PIRATES

Children will be given the opportunity to build unique creations, developed to trigger their imagination and build their self-confidence.

Berowra Community Centre

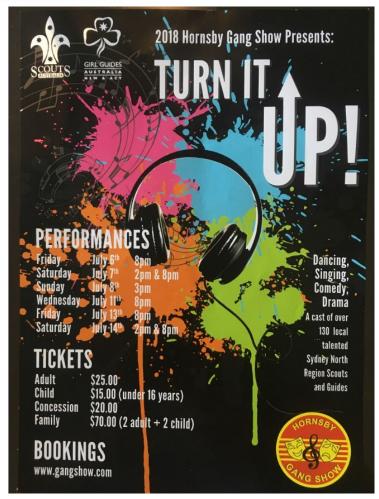
Tuesday 17 April 10.30am-12.00pm Cost: \$15.00 per child. Ages 5-12 years

AMAZING ANIMALS

This is a workshop sure to delight kids who love animals. We will discuss fascinating facts about the animals we build, from the chameleon that changes colours to the seal model that waddles across the table. Children will love these moving models that celebrate the wonders of the animal kingdom!

Pennant Hills Community Centre

Tuesday 17 April 2.30pm-4.00pm Cost: \$15.00 per child. Ages 5-12 years

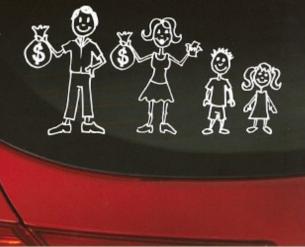


Cash back on the school run





School Drive Subsidy



If you ive a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.





LEARN TO SWM IN THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!



INDOOR HEATED POOL LESSONS FOR PRIMARY AGED

CHILDREN, PRESCHOOLERS AND BABIES

Holiday Courses – 5 & 4 day courses start Mon 16 & 23 April TERM 2 STARTS MON 30 APRIL 2018

TURRAMURRA LEARN TO SWIM PHONE 9489 4771 48 TENNYSON AVE, TURRAMURRA turramurralearntoswim.com.au

BOOK NOW FOR HOLIDAYS and TERM 2

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.

Looking for lost notes? Click 'Our School' tab then 'Missed a Note?'

Upcoming events are under the 'Calendar'.

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CODING 8 \mathbf{O} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{O}

April School Holiday Program

Learn to design & build computer games, robots and other exciting digital creations. The school holiday activity for kids who love computers and technology.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Junior Engineers

WE PROVIDE ☑ Workshops for all ages Exciting programs with mini challenges

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PLACES ARE LIMITED.

LOCATION Hornsby North Public School - 52 Ida St, Hornsby, NSW

The #1 tech program teaching 1000s of students at over 60+ Australian schools since 2013

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play Minecraft with like-minded students and experience the joy in controlling and enhancing their favourite game. They will also learn to code using Python to enhance the game Minecraft.

Investment: \$180 **Robotics Workshop**

Coding Workshop

their family and friends.

Investment: \$180

Create a Robotic Vehicle with Artificial Intelligence

April School Holiday Program

two and above, across multiple days and sessions.

Design and Build Exciting Video Games with Scratch

Students will build a car and use code to program it with artificial intelligence to autonomously navigate an obstacle course, creating a robotic vehicle with artificial intelligence. Investment: \$280 Includes \$60.00 Arduino kit.

We have three great programs available for students in grade

Students will learn how to design and develop exciting games using cutting-edge coding software, Scratch. At the end of the program, students will be able to share their games and creations with

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE





THE ATHLETE'S FOOT HORNSBY **REWARDS PROGRAM IS A PROUD** SUPPORTER OF BEROWRA PS

The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school. This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes. Ask one of our friendly staff in store for more details.





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