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Term 4 Week 2
21 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 4!

Some exciting news....we finally have our new playground equipment, sand pit and shade sail being installed. With weather permitting it should be finished by the end of Week 3.



2021 Term date changes

The DoE has this week announced some changes to School Development Days in 2021.

Commencing at the start of 2021, the changes include:

- an increase from one to two SDDs at the commencement of Term 1
- a decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.

The School Development Days are scheduled for the following dates:

- **27 and 28 January, students return 29 January 2021.**

The two SDDs at the start of Term 1 are mandated and cannot be rescheduled. Principals may continue to vary SDDs that fall at the beginning of Terms 2 and 3, and at the end of Term 4.

There will be no changes to:

- the total number of SDDs – remaining at five days
- the length of the school year for staff or students (students will start and finish the school year one day later)
- SDDs occurring at the commencement of Terms 2 and 3.

Covid-19 Updates

Schools have received Term 4 updates and more changes are expected later in the Term 4.

At this stage site access is still restricted for parent, carrers and volunteers.

Kindergarten Orientation

This year as you are aware most school events look different. Kindy Orientation will start **Week 3 Friday 30 October at 10am -11am** with Zoom session for **parents**. We will welcome our new kindies who are visiting us for 3 morning sessions:

Week 4 - 6 November at 9:30am – 11am

Week 5 – 13 November at 9:30am – 11am

Week 6 - 20 November at 9:30am -11am

Presentation Day

This year BPS presentation day will look a little bit different. At this stage we will be having stage based presentations which will be for students and staff only. Our presentation day assemblies will be live streamed so that our parents and carers can be part of the day too. If your child is receiving a special award this year a letter will be sent home to you later in the term so that you are aware and can make arrangement to view the live stream. These arrangements will be reviewed in-line with any further updates received from the DoE.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will still go ahead and the Stage 3 teachers are working on arrangements for this to take place in our school hall rather than at an external venue. Information will be sent out to families once the organisation has been finalised.

School Cleaning

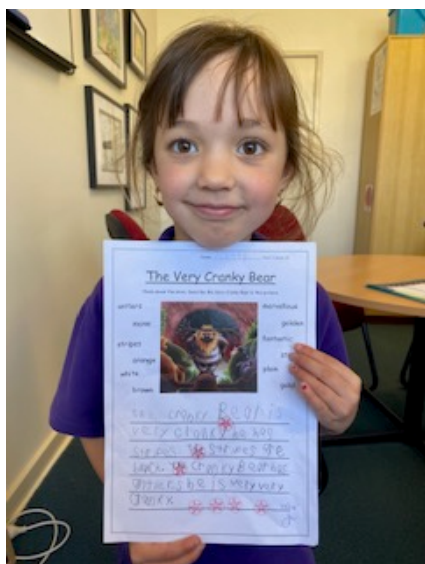
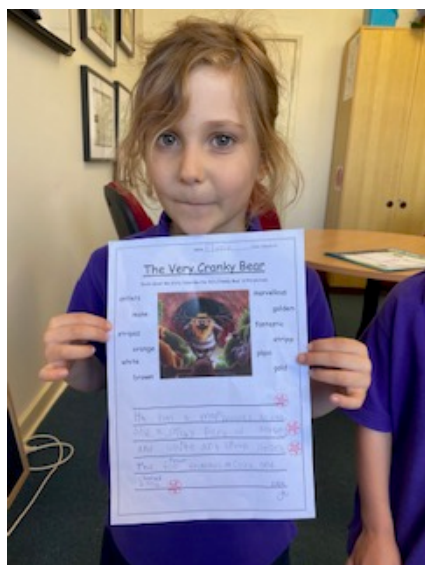
Enhanced cleaning will continue in our school for the remainder of the year. This includes cleaning frequently touched areas and bathrooms after recess, as well as replenishing supplies such as soap. High touch surfaces such as picnic tables and handrails in the playground and door handles are also wiped with disinfectant.

Enrolments for 2021

This is the time of the year when staff are planning ahead for next year. If your children are currently enrolled in K-5 and are not returning to BPS in 2021, please advise the school via email as changes to numbers will impact our class structures and planning for next year.

Student Learning

Students have been busy practising their writing skills. Students in Kindy have been writing descriptions while students in 3P have been writing procedures and creating craft to match their writing.





Teacher Learning

The Instructional Rounds team (Mr Cottrell, Miss Lloyd, Ms Cabral and Ms Wallace) participated in another 2 days of professional learning online. This time the host school was Oakhill Drive PS and their problem of practice was around rigor. This is a new concept to the Instructional Rounds team and generated great conversations and deep thinking.

Teachers participated in a Twilight session on Tuesday 20 October. Teachers shared their ongoing professional learning from their PODs group about either Number Talks, Visible Learning or Cultures of Thinking. Teachers also participated in some whole school evaluation which included the evaluation of 2020 staff professional learning and wellbeing and completing a *Tell Them Form Me* survey designed for staff.



We welcome two pre-service teachers this term. Miss Michalicka is on 1T. She is studying a Bachelor of Primary Education at the University of Notre Dame and is in her second year. She is very excited to be at our school! We also welcome Miss Kabalan who is also in her second year of study at the University of Notre Dame. She will be completing her practicum in 1B this term. She is very excited to be working at Berowra Public School and is looking forward to getting to know your children and supporting them with their learning.



BPS is excited to welcome Kath Boon to our teaching staff next year. She was successful in her expression of interest in applying for the position of Assistant Principal Instructional Leader K-6. Ms Boon is currently an Assistant Principal at Thornleigh West

Public School and brings with her a wealth of experience teaching K-6 and knowledge especially in the area of mathematics. We look forward to learning from and with her.

Mural Update

We thank the community for the feedback provided regarding the 125th anniversary mural. I am currently working on a plan with the artist to make adjustments to ensure that everyone is happy and the history of our great school is depicted and celebrated in a positive way. This may be a lengthy process and I appreciate your patience as we work to find a solution.

Community Feedback

Berowra Public School values feedback, ideas and opinions from our community and is taking part in the **Tell Them From Me** survey. The survey will help our school better understand parent perceptions of their children's experiences at home and school and will provide us with valuable feedback which will help us improve our current school practices.

The survey is anonymous and your participation in the parent survey will provide us with valuable data to guide decision making for school planning. Please complete the survey by using the following link.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/SURVEYberowraps>

The survey will close Friday 23 October.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Thank you for your assistance in helping improve our school by completing the parent survey.

This term we will also be holding Facebook polls and inviting parent feedback through student homework tasks. We would really love to hear from as many parents/carers as possible.

Kind regards

Vicky Wallace

Principal

Upcoming Events		
Week 3	Tuesday 27 October	School Photos
Week 3	Friday 30 October 10am -11am	Parent Zoom Session Kindy for Orientation 2021
Week 4	Friday 6 November 9:30am – 11am	Kindy Orientation 2021
Week 5	Friday 13 November 9:30am – 11am	Kindy Orientation 2021
Week 6	Friday 20 November 9:30am – 11am	Kindy Orientation 2021
Week 9	Wednesday 9 December	Presentation Day
Week 9	Friday 11 December	Semester 2 Student reports sent home
Week 10	Wednesday 16 December	Last day of school for students
Week 10	Thursday 17 December	Last day of school for teaching staff
Week 10	Friday 18 December	Last day of school for SASS staff

Library News

What a lovely surprise to arrive back at school and see the wonderful artificial turf installed outside the library over the holidays. The children were so excited to be able to use the outdoor chess set that had previously been covered in dust and dirt! Some years ago a very generous gentleman made two wooden games tables. Now at lunchtimes the tables are put on the grass for the children to play Noughts and Crosses with a complete set of wooden pieces so beautifully crafted by our talented gentleman. We will soon have the pieces for the Draughts table. The children are really enjoying having a quiet, shady place to play outdoor games at lunchtime and Stage 1 students are enjoying eating lunch in beautiful area.



Online Book Fair

This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are holding our annual Book Fair online. Redgum Books have set up our school website...

www.redgumbookclub.com.au/BookFair/R00152

Please log in and see the great range of interesting books for all ages. Remember our school receives 20% of all sales and this money is used to purchase books and resources to keep our library collection relevant and up to date for our children to borrow.

Books are great presents for birthdays and Christmas! Our generous school community has always supported the Book Fair, although we understand that these are difficult times, we would be extra appreciative of your support.

Thank you

Jennie Smith and Scott Griffin

Health and Safety is everyone's Responsibility

Our P&C has purchased accident insurance for students who are injured as a result of a serious incident at school. Information is available at the office.

Accident & Health International
Underwriting Pty Limited



Covid-19 Update Berowra Public School is continuing to follow DoE and NSW Health advice to help manage the spread of viruses and we will continue to keep the community informed as we are provided updates.



1. **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneeze into your elbow** or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Stay home if you are unwell** and in schools, send home staff or students who show **signs** of being unwell through the day.

Please be aware that along with DoE and health guidelines students are continuing to regularly wash their hands at school.

The school is supplied with liquid soap for use by staff and students (available in the toilets and every classroom). We receive the liquid soap supplies in bulk. The soap in the toilets is checked and refilled twice a day and teachers refill pump bottles for the classroom as required.

Attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **not** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days before returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

Recording absences, medical certificates and case management

If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

Our primary concern is the wellbeing and safety of the students in our care.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

National Grandparents Day will be celebrated across Australia on Sunday 25th October. We didn't want to miss this lovely day so this year we have asked our students to create lovely video messages for their grandparents and special friends. These will be sent home with their students at the end of Week 3 in a card. You will be able to access their video message by opening the camera on any smartphone or computer and scanning the QR code inside the card. Each student has their own unique QR code. You may need to help the grandparents or special friends with this. You do not need a log in code or access to Seesaw. If you are lucky enough to see your grandparents you can help them in person. If your grandparents live interstate or overseas, you can post the card with the QR code to them for them to access or you may like to Skype, Zoom or video call them to show the video. The students enjoyed creating these special messages and we hope the grandparents and special friends get much joy from watching the videos.

Road Safety



Never call to your children from across a road – teach them to wait until you cross and come to them.



Parents please return borrowed clothing

From time to time students need to borrow clothing from the school office.

If your child has come home with some items of clothing, like shirts, shorts or pants that belong to the school, please wash and return them to the office as soon as possible as our supplies are running very low.

Thank you



Lost Property

Please make sure all item of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be returned if they are lost.

P&C News

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 21st October.

We are still looking for a President of the P&C. If you think this sounds like a job for you, please get in touch. For more information about the role please visit:

<https://www.pandc.org.au/forms/faqs/Quick%20member%20info%20-%20Role%20of%20the%20President.pdf>

Return and Earn

Thank you to all those people who have been donating to BPS!

We encourage anyone from our local community to begin collecting eligible containers and donating their returns directly into our fundraising account by selecting 'Berowra Public School'. All funds raised will go directly towards the upkeep of the school vegetable garden.

Canteen

A sausage sizzle day will be held on Thursday 26th November. They will be \$3.50 each and can be ordered over the counter or via flexischools. A note will come home with your child closer to the date.

We are still looking for regular volunteers in the canteen. Come spend the day or just during busy serving time. If you are interested in being part of your child's school in a fun and engaging way, please contact the canteen. You can also sign up directly by using this link <https://signup.com/go/wjCbjaT>

Parents and carers who need to be on site for canteen purposes, must sign the visitor acknowledgement form for each visit. These are available at the school office. A valid working with children check is also required by the P&C. Please provide these details to the P&C prior to volunteering.



Teresa, Canteen Manager

School Banking

School Banking has now resumed. As with everything, there are some changes in the way that we operate School Banking.

Parents are still not permitted in the school grounds therefore your child/children will have to do their school banking on their own. Please ensure your banking slips have been filled out correctly with your child's name, their unique student number, the date and the correct \$ amount of what they wish to deposit.

We will have two authorised parent volunteers assisting in the canteen and you are more than welcome to wait outside the school gates if you would like to take your child's banking book home with you.

Once your child has completed their banking there will be hand sanitizer provided.

Unless otherwise advised, School Banking will remain every Tuesday from 8.50am-9.20am in the canteen.

Fiona Garrity, School Banking Coordinator

Uniform Shop

Opening times

Due to current Covid 19 restrictions we are closed until further notice.

Contact us

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via email: uniform.shop@bps.org.au

How do I make a purchase?

The only way to purchase your school uniform needs is through Shopify:

<https://berowra-public-school-uniform-shop.myshopify.com/>

You will need to set up a Shopify account. It only takes 2 minutes.

How do I collect my Shopify purchase?

Every Wednesday afternoon from 3.10-3.30pm there will be a table set up outside the office manned by a volunteer. Either you or your child can collect it from this location.

BOOSH: If you have a child that attends BOOSH and would like your order sent there, please speak to a member of BOOSH staff to arrange to have it sent there.

Having trouble getting there? Drop us an email and we will be able to make arrangements to get your order to you or your child.

How long does it take to get my order?

Orders are processed weekly. Once your order has been completed, you should receive an email letting you know that your order will be ready for collection on the Wednesday.

Returns

If you need to return an item or swap a size, no problem! Just send an email with what you want to return and or exchange then simply put your items in a bag clearly marked with your name to the office and we will swap them over for you.

Note: Only unworn or faulty items can be returned.

Fiona Garrity, Uniform Shop Coordinator

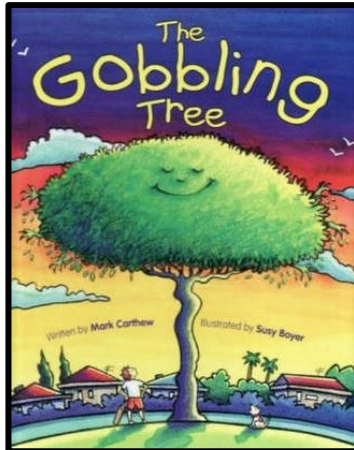
Contact Us

If you would like to get in touch please send an email through to BPSPandC2080@gmail.com or contact Clare on 0417 235 611



Book Fair Pick of the Day

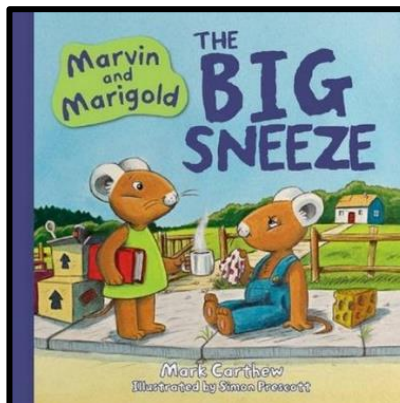
"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child. – Dr Seuss



The Gobbling Tree

In this rhyming book read all about the ideas Zac's friends come up with to solve the problem of how to get his red ball down out of the Gobbling Tree.

Order from your fair today for \$7.00



The Big Sneeze

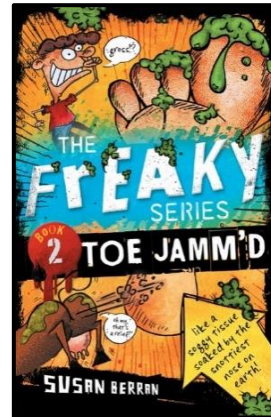
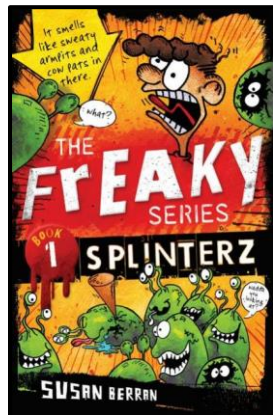
Marigold's house was starting to crumble for Marvin next door was making a rumble. Can Marigold cure Marvin's cold before her house falls down?

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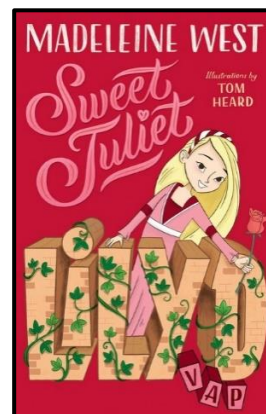
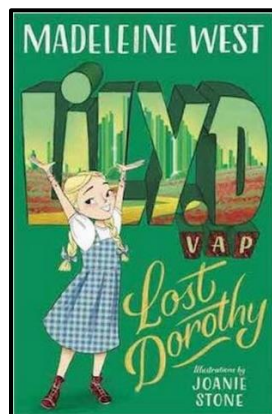
"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." — J K Rowling



The Freaky Series

Sam's world fell apart with the arrival of his baby sister then they moved to the country but that's where Sam met Jared and discovered some scary old underground tunnels.

Order them all from our fair today for \$13.00 each



Lily.D VAP (A Very Amazing Performer)

Lily likes getting a feel for the character she is playing by pretending to be them. This means plenty of fun and often creates havoc for those around her but always ends with Lily learning something from the experiences.

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