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Term 4 Week 4 4 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 4!

Some exciting updates Our equipment is well underway, however due to the rain there has been some further delays.



School Fence Update

As you are aware vandalism has been an ongoing issue at our school site this year especially over the weekends. This is causing damage to our school property and is also a health and safety concern for our student, staff and visitors to the school site. If you notice or see any persons trespassing and acting suspiciously on the school grounds please contact the Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or the Police Assistance Line on 131444.

The school has been working on getting a security fence installed on Hillcrest Road. A risk assessment and a Risk Management Advice Report has been conducted earlier in the year by the School Security Unit. This information along with all the vandalism incidents which have been reported has been passed onto the Asset Management Unit. Security fencing has also been raised within the department by our Director School Leadership and AMU have measured the fence-line to gain a quote for fencing. Currently there is no funding available from AMU to pay for the fence which is expected to cost around \$90 000. New budgets will be allocated for 2021 so hopefully we will receive confirmation of funding for the fence.

2021 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.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our very first Kindy Orientation Parent Zoom session was held on Friday 30 October at 10am -11am. The session was very positive with 46 parents zooming in and asking some great clarifying questions.

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.

Kind regards

Vicky Wallace

Principal

Upcoming Events		
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

Congratulations to the following students who received an Honour Certificate this year

Arya D	1B
Oscar H	1B
Sophia H	1B
Charlotte B	1C
Coby L	1C
Lilijana M	1C
Phoebe M	1C
Tia V	1C
Duke H	1T
Hudson W	1T
Liam R	1T
Luella T	1T
Luke W	1T
Niamh G	1T
Rafi M	1T
Anahita A	2A
Evie M	2A
Kian G	2A
Micah C	2A
Olivia E	2A
Ruben S	2A
Audrey R	2T
Brody J	2T
Charlie S	2T
Lucy C	2T
Madelyn K	2T
Yusuf Y	2T
Lachlan L	3K
Lachlan M	3K
Oliver B	3K
Gabriella B	3P
Harrison C	3P

Mia L	3P
Sienna R	3P
Sophie D	3P
Dillon K	3/4G
Poppy C	3/4G
Sam L	3/4G
Ashleigh J	4B
Benjamin F	4B
Emily F	4B
Emmett S	4B
Eric M	4B
Lauren B	4B
Nate C	4B
Atoosa A	4R
Ella A	4R
Kai G	4R
Noah F	4R
Rachael H	4R
William M	4R
Ben D	5/6C
Caleb F	5/6C
Ethan P	5/6C
Harry C	5/6C
Max T	5/6C
Hayden F	5/6M
Ivy U	5/6M
Marcus Z	5/6M
Sam F	5/6M
Skye T	5/6M
Taye C	5/6M
Grace M	5/6P
Harper S	5/6P

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.

Road Safety



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

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.

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 meeting

At our October meeting we appointed Simon Spencer as President. The position of Vice President is now vacant.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th November. Venue to be determined. If you do intend on attending this meeting please let Clare know prior.

Nitsua

We are very excited to announce we have engaged Austin from Nitsua to complete a mural here at BPS in the coming months. The wall which will be getting the makeover will be Berowra Waters Road side of the library. Stay tuned for more details...

If you would like to check out his work please head over to his website:

<https://www.nitsua.com.au/>

Community Crime Prevention Forum

On the 3rd November members of the P&C, along with Principal Vicky Wallace and Karen Kitchener attended the Crime Prevention Forum for the Berowra District. The good news... Berowra/Berowra Heights is a beautiful and safe place to live. Of 408 incidents reported across the Ku-Ring-Gai LAC for the period July to October 2020, approximately 14 weeks, 34 incidents (malicious damage and break and enter of a dwelling) were reported in Berowra/Berowra Heights – representing **0.08%** of crime in the area.

Of concern for the P&C is the ongoing vandalism at the school, occurring over the weekend, during school holidays and in some instances, in broad daylight. Whilst the school and the P&C research additional security measures, it is important to know how you can help.

If you see a crime taking place at our school i.e. someone defacing or damaging school property, you can:

1

Call the Police Assistant Line

2

Report the crime and receive an **EVENT NUMBER**

3

Advise the School of the Event Number; they will need this for the DoE and any insurance claims

Police Assistance Line
131 444
For non emergencies

**For emergencies or life-threatening situations, call Triple Zero (000)*

Interestingly, whilst malicious damage to public or private property is undertaken by youths 15 to 17 years, it was noted that there is an increased number of younger youths aged between 10 to 12 years actively engaging in criminal activity. So, *what can you do, if you think your "good" kid is hanging with the wrong crowd?* It was recommended that parents call the Youth Officer at Hornsby Police Station (02 9476 9799). The Youth Officer has many resources to assist parents and youths to help steer them from an otherwise undesirable path.

Another key topic discussed at the Forum was Graffiti. Hornsby Council is committed to removing graffiti from its assets/properties within 48 hours of being notified. Not only that, they will ensure that if you report graffiti on any public infrastructure that is not owned by Council, they will endeavour to make sure the relevant authority is notified i.e. Ausgrid, Aus Post etc.

Did you know that you can report graffiti in our community:



Council's Graffiti Hotline
1800 199 282

The best recourse for graffiti is to act quickly, remove and don't publicise.

More information can be found on Hornsby Council's website (<https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/>), under Community / [Report a Hazard or Nuisance](#)

Erin Sutton, P&C

Uniform Shop

To purchase your school uniforms, you need to do this is through Shopify:

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

Orders can only be collected on a Wednesday afternoon outside the school office. If you require your order to be sent to BOOSH you will need to speak to a staff member there to collect your order.

Fiona Garrity, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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

Canteen Update

Volunteer opportunities

We are always looking for new volunteers and as an incentive and a gesture of our appreciation for your time from now until the end of the year we will be offering \$10 for a full day and \$5 for half day to spend on the day towards our child's lunch. And as an added bonus, morning tea and lunch will be provided for you also. If this sounds good to you then please click on the link below to sign up: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/538584438012/false#/invitation>

Prior to volunteering you will need your paperwork completed with the school office and also a free check with the RMS. This can be done via the link below: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Flexischools

As you are aware, during covid the P&C were covering the additional fee of 29cents per order when ordering via Flexischools. Now that over the counter orders are available again this fee will no longer be covered by the P&C.

Special day

We have a sausage sizzle special day coming up on Thursday 26th November. Sandwiches will be \$3.00 and can be ordered via Flexischools or over the counter. A note will come home with students the week prior.

Please ensure orders are placed prior to the day and note that no other menu items will be available on the day.

Menu

Should you wish to view a copy of the latest menu please see attached.



Contact Us

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Canteen Sausage Sizzle

Save the date!

When:

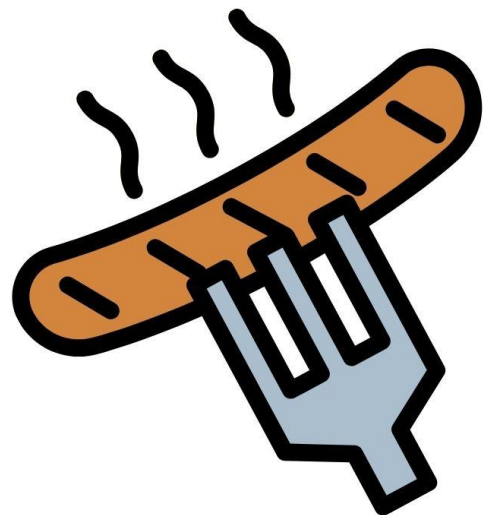
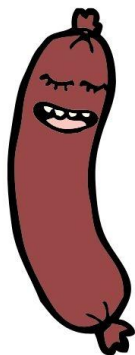
Thursday 26th November

Cost:

\$3 for one or 2 for \$5

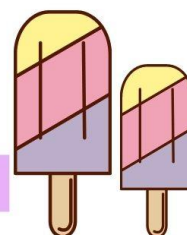
How to order:

via Flexischools or over the counter. Sales will open one week prior to the date.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Introducing.. Birthday Buckets!



The Canteen are introducing...Birthday Buckets!

For your child's birthday you will have the opportunity to order a bucket of ice blocks.

These will be delivered to their classroom which the whole class can enjoy!
Just order prior to the day through Flexischools.



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BPS Music
music.bps.org.au



EXPLORER BAND 2021

Try out session

Current Year 2 and Year 3 children will have the opportunity to watch a presentation during school hours by members of the School Bands on

Wednesday 4th November 2020

This is an opportunity for students to see what the School Bands are all about and decide if they are interested in joining the Explorer Band for 2021.

See

www.music.bps.org.au
for all information associated
with the School Bands

Please complete the
**Registration by Friday 27th
November** if you are interested

Email music@bps.org.au for any
questions



SCAN ME

Our Bands are an integral part of the school community and play at many school events such as MADD Night, Presentation Day, Easter Hat Parade and Open Day. The Bands are also involved in the community performing at local school fairs, festivals and the ever-growing Berowra MusicFest.

There are many benefits for children who learn a musical instrument and play in an ensemble. Studies show that learning an instrument engages our brains in many functions including listening, counting, reading and fine and gross motor skills, all of which fire up the myriad of neurons and systems of brain function!

