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Term 4 Week 10
16 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow!!! What a year it has been.

Congratulations to all our award winners who were acknowledged during our presentation day assemblies and a huge congratulations to our 2021 school leaders who will do an amazing job next year.

Our playground was finally officially opened on Fun Day. We thank Mrs Clare Salke our P&C secretary who came to the opening ceremony to cut the ribbon. We also thank the School Support Group who organised the fantastic DJ, the Canteen who provided students with an ice-block and Mr Trevor Daykin our amazing GA who has worked extremely hard laying new turf around the playground equipment. A great day was had by all!



Student Learning

Year 6 have worked tirelessly to organise and prepare their stalls and activities for the Mini Fete and the students and teachers had such a great time. Well done on a great day Year 6 and the Stage 3 teachers.



Environmental Parliament Leaders

Rotary have kindly organised and donated 3 native bottlebrushes from the local community nursery in Hornsby. Our fabulous Environmental Parliament Leaders were there to accept the donation from Rotary. They are planting the bushes with Mr Daykin in the area near the Kindy classes. We look forward to watching them grow!!!



Teacher Learning



Mrs Jennifer Smith - 40 years of Service

Congratulations to Mrs Jennifer Smith who was recognised for her contribution to education in NSW. Mrs Smith received an award to acknowledge her amazing 40 years of service to educating students. Well done Mrs Smith you are amazing and the students and staff of BPS are so lucky to have you!

School Planning

The school has collated and analyses a range of data collected over the year to complete our Situational Analysis which will be used to develop our new School Improvement Plan 2021-2024.

A huge thanks to our parents and carers who helped their children with the Homework Task of surveying their parents. Our fabulous Stage 3 students and teachers have collated the results. Please see a snapshot of some of the results from the homework task.

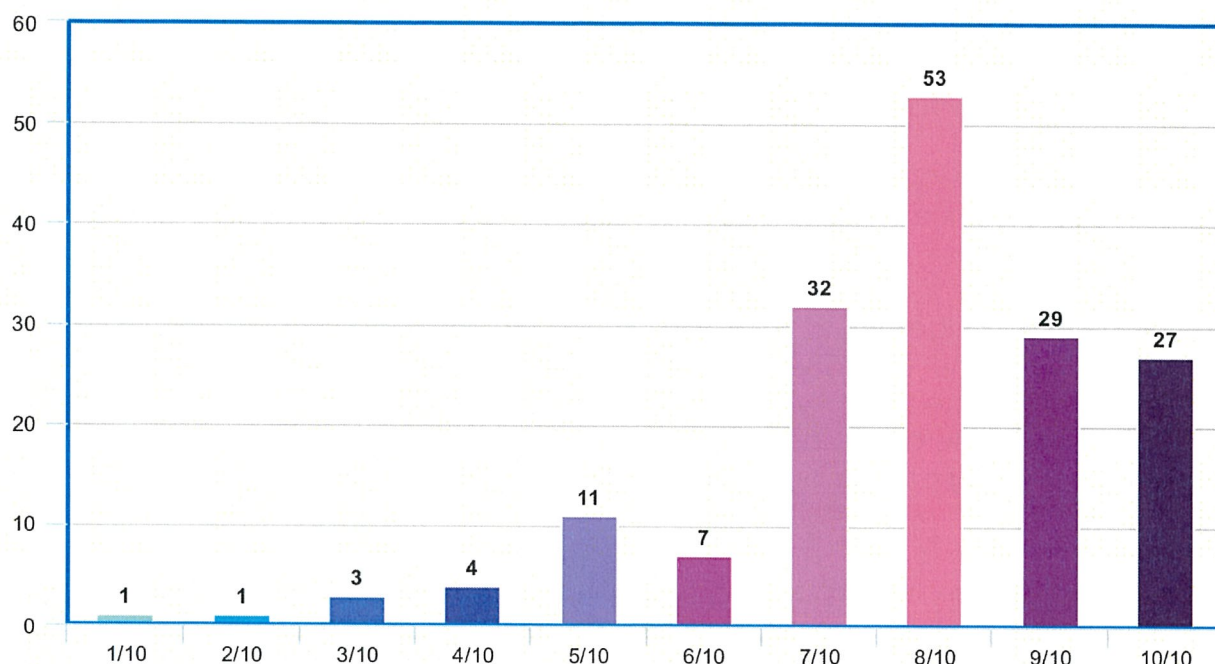
Question 1: What are 3 words to describe BPS?



Question 2: What are the 3 best things about BPS?

Teachers	123
School grounds	61
BOOSH	35
Community	26
Students	22
Friends	22
Extra - curricular activities	20
Learning	19
Locality	16
Sport	14
Atmosphere	12
Safe and supportive environment	12

Question 3: How would you rate the school overall in supporting my learning?



Staffing News

We thank Miss Brooke Westwood who has contributed to Berowra Public School in so many different ways during her time here. She has been our Facebook and Technology Coordinator this year and has been a champion for community engagement. Miss Westwood has been successful in an expression of interest and will be working at Carlingford West Public School in 2021.

We farewell Mr Robert Cottrell who will be pursuing his leadership career as Relieving Assistant Principal at Thornleigh West Public School. We thank Mr Cottrell for his collaboration, sharing of knowledge and the wonderful work he has done at BPS.

We thank Miss Bec O'Malley who will be working at Carlingford West Public School in 2021. Miss O'Malley has been an outstanding staff member at BPS. During 2020 she has updated our school website, been a part of our Instructional Rounds Team and a part of the School Improvement Plan Team.

In 2021 we welcome Mrs Kathryn Boon as our Assistant Principal Instructional Leader K-6. She will be working very closely with the teachers and students to improve teaching and learning. We look forward to learning from her wealth of experience and expertise.

We also welcome back Mrs Tennille Kolarik who will be our Learning and Support Teacher for 2021. Mrs Kolarik is also currently extending her knowledge by continuing to study special education at university. Her skills and expertise will be a great asset to our Learning and Support Team and our students.

We also welcome Miss Marlie Cater to the teaching staff at BPS. Miss Cater will be taking the RFF and QTSS role in 2021. We look forward to her collaboration, enthusiasm and positivity.

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.

Transition

Current students in Kindy to Year 5 participated in a transition session on Tuesday 8 December where they moved classrooms for a session and worked with different teachers in preparation for 2021 class changes. Thanks Mr Griffin and Mrs Tonkes who organised the logistics of the transition sessions. Information from the transition will be used to inform and support students' successful transitions when we return to school in 2021.

Day 1 Organisation for returning students in 2021

Students returning in Years 1 to Year 6 will start back on Friday 29 January 2021. Students will be placed with their 2020 class group for the day. This will allow them the opportunity to reconnect with their peers and hopefully reduce some anxiety around moving to a new class with a new teacher.

This will also allow a little extra transition time for our students and time for staff to finalise enrolment numbers and class allocations.

Students will bring their bags and meet under the COLA after the 9:20am bell. All students will be walked to the gates by the teachers for collection/dismissal as we have done during 2020. Stage 1 Main Gate near BOOSH, Stage 2 Bottom gate near the car park & Stage 3 the Hall Gate.

Our Kindy 2021 students will be attending at their scheduled time on either Friday 29 January – Tuesday 2 February to complete their Best Start Assessment. All of our 2021 Kindy students start on Wednesday 3 February.

New Kindy Parents are to bring their children to the Hall COLA and we will have helpers to take them to their new classrooms, just like we did for Kindy Orientation Days.

Term 1 2021 DoE DRAFT planning guidelines

Please note the summary below:

Parents and carers can enter the school to:

- Drop off and pick up students
- Walk students to and from classes
- Purchase or pick up uniforms from the uniform shop
- Meet with school staff with an appointment
- Watch students participate in outdoor events and activities
- Attend school for orientation and educational meetings with school staff.

Gatherings are limited to 30 people indoors or 50 people outdoors and must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

P&C or other community outdoor social events, functions and fetes can proceed. These are limited to 50 people outdoors including students, staff and parents.

Principals may need to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if deemed to be contrary to the advice of the day.

Parents and carers are encouraged to download the NSW School Updates app to ensure that they are notified when schools are closed due to a crisis.

School Security

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 students, staff and visitors. If you notice or see any persons trespassing and acting suspiciously on the school grounds please contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or the Police Assistance Line on 131444.

The security fence will remain around the equipment after school hours and during the school holidays, however BOOSH will have access to the equipment during vacation care times.

BOOSH Vacation Care

BPS is extremely lucky to have our amazing BOOSH offering Vacation Care during the school holidays. Community access will be restricted to the school site during Vacation Care dates to ensure the safety of the children and staff attending BOOSH.



Apex Toy Drive

Thank you to the wonderful families who donated toys for the Apex Toy Drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make some boys and girls very happy when they receive a fabulous gift at Christmas.

Our BPS families are so giving and thoughtful!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our community for their ongoing support during 2020. For those who celebrate Christmas enjoy your celebrations with family.

We wishing all our families a wonderful holiday. Enjoy the well-deserved break and we will see you back when school commences for Years 1 to 6 on Friday 29 January 2021.

Kind regards

Vicky Wallace

Principal



Community Project

As part of a community project for Berowra Public School, the students and staff of the Burragaa Program at Girrakool ETU designed, painted and donated four totem poles to be placed out the front of our school. The designs incorporated Berowra Public School's expectations in English on one side and in the traditional language of the Gadigal peoples on the other.



We are so grateful to the staff and students at Girrakool ETU and cannot wait for the poles to be installed, in the garden out the front of the office, in 2021 for all to admire.



Upcoming Events		
Week 10	Thursday 17 December	Last day of school for teaching staff
Week 10	Friday 18 December	Last day of school for SASS staff
Term 1 Week 1 2021	Wednesday 27 January 2021	School Development Day (Staff only)
Term 1 Week 1 2021	Thursday 28 January 2021	School Development Day (Staff only)
Term 1 Week 1 2021	Friday 29 January 2021	Students 1-6 return to school (Students will be in 2020 class groups for the day with additional transition activities/time) Kindy Best Start Assessment
Term 1 Week 2 2021	Monday 1 February 2021	Students 1-6 in new 2021 classes Kindy Best Start Assessment
Term 1 Week 2 2021	Tuesday 2 February 2021	Kindy Best Start Assessment
Term 1 Week 2 2021	Wednesday 3 February 2021	2021 Kindy Students start School

Dance Auditions for 2021

Auditions for the 2021 dance groups will be held in Week 2 next year. We have not yet decided which grades will be auditioning as we are waiting for the new decisions from the NSW Department of Education to ensure we comply with COVID-19 restrictions. The students will be informed when school returns. Hopefully we will be able to work towards performances at Sydney North Dance Festival in July 2021.

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Year 3 & 5 students above state in reading & numeracy based on Check-In Assessment Data 2020, Online learning

STUDENTS



Teacher PL - Instructional Rounds, Stage & Executive Planning Days, QTSS time, PODs, Simon Brooks, LISC, 4 Key Questions, Aspiring Leaders meetings, SIP Team

TEACHERS



Parents supported students with distance learning, 77 % of parents participated in Zoom parent teacher interviews, BOOSH had first vacation care

COMMUNITY



Rock & Water, BPS attendance is above state and SSSG attendance rates, staff Wellbeing Week

WELLBEING



2020 ACHIEVEMENTS



ENVIRONMENT

Playground equipment & sandpit, electronic screen, classrooms painted, external upgrade to BOOSH, synthetic turf, 2 office spaces updated



TECHNOLOGY

Wifi installed in the hall, Staff laptops, Google Classroom & Seesaw for distance learning, Zoom PL



PROCEDURES

Visitor, Communication, Staff Communication, Behaviour Management, Draft Anti Bullying, Draft Teacher Induction, Draft LaST procedure



COMMUNICATION

New Facebook Page, updated website, communications added to Sentral, Parent reports on learning from home



We made it! 2020 will certainly be one to remember (or forget)...

Whilst we could not hold our fete and lots of our usual school events; for those that we did – we could not have done it without the BPS community and especially our volunteers.

So, thank you, we truly appreciate it.

To the Year 6 children, families and those teachers leaving the school, we wish you every success as you embark on your next chapter – thank you for being apart of the BPS community.

From the P&C – we wish you all a wonderful festive season and a bright and prosperous 2021.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Canteen: resumes 29th January 2021

The Canteen will be available first day back in the new year but only for **sushi, snacks and drinks**.

The Canteen could always use your help! If you are interested in volunteering your time in the canteen – please contact the Canteen or sign up directly via <https://signup.com/go/wjCbjqT>

Volunteers must have a working with children's check and sign the visitor acknowledgement form located in the Office upon arrival.

Don't forget to order your Birthday Buckets early next year!

For your child's birthday, order a bucket of ice blocks.



These will be delivered to their classroom for the whole class to enjoy!


Order prior to the day via Flexischools.

Should you wish to contact us please do so by calling the school office on 9456 1319 or via email canteen@bps.org.au

Uniform Shop: resumes 3rd February 2021



The next orders will not be available for pickup until Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

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

Orders are processed weekly; you will receive an email when your order is ready for collection.

Collection will be on a Wednesday afternoon between 3.10pm to 3.30pm outside the Office.

Have questions or require further information – contact us via email uniform.shop@bps.org.au

Banking: resumes 2nd February 2021



Tuesday – 8.50am to 9.20am @ The Canteen

Ensure banking slips are filled out correctly with the Childs Name, Unique Student No, the date and \$ amount being deposited.

Two authorised parent volunteers will complete the banking. Parents can wait at the school gate to collect their child's banking deposit book at the completion of banking.

*This procedure will remain in place until further notice

BPS Music Program 2021

If you are interested in joining any of our groups in 2021,
please register at

www.music.bps.org.au

EXPLORER & CONCERT BANDS

The Explorer Band is aimed at students in Years 3&4 with no musical experience and is an ideal introduction to learning a musical instrument. After a year with Explorer Band, students will progress to the Concert Band.

See **www.music.bps.org.au** for all information and fees.

RECORDER ENSEMBLES

The BPS Recorder program offers 2 ensembles, the Bellbirds Ensemble for junior musicians in K-2 (including beginners) and the Festival Ensemble for experienced players in years 3-6. Contact sue.thorv@gmail.com with any questions.

See **www.music.bps.org.au** for all information and fees.

STRING ENSEMBLE

The BPS String Ensemble is a group of enthusiastic young musicians who love playing and sharing music together. Students from K-6 who are learning or would like to learn violin, viola, cello or double bass are encouraged to join us. Contact sue.thorv@gmail.com with any questions.

See **www.music.bps.org.au** for all information and fees.

Email music@bps.org.au with any questions

School Support:

School Support purchased gifts for our wonderful Religion and Ethics Teacher Volunteers as a thank you for their time and dedication this past year. We appreciate all that you do and hope to see you all again in the new year!

School Support have also agreed to fund a project in the library; new pinboards will be purchased to display children's work. We look forward to these being installed in Term 1 next year.



Support BPS by:



BPS is a donation partner on the machine located in Berowra Heights

Collect eligible containers and donate your returns by selecting

'Berowra Public School'

All funds raised go towards the upkeep of the school vegie garden



Every time you buy a pair of shoes from Hornsby Athlete's Foot store - \$5 will be donated back to BPS

This applies to the whole family across a fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes



The Athlete's Foot Hornsby

Shop 1082, 236 Pacific Highway
Hornsby, NSW, 2077



A school parents dream!
Selling personalized labels, clothing and lunch boxes; giving a percentage of sales back to the school to help purchase additional resources
www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/BPSS

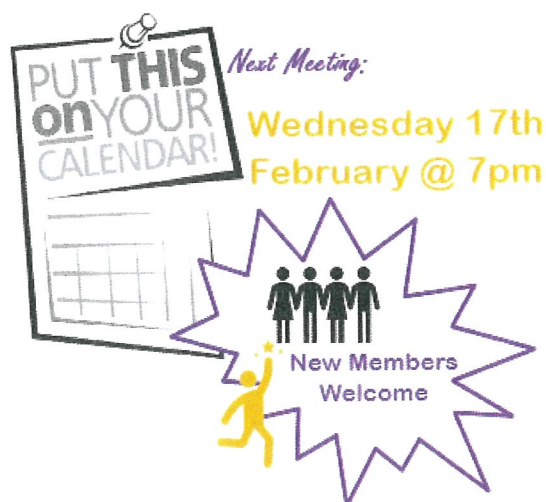
Make sure when checking out that BPSS is in the Crew/Fundraising code box
Your Purchase Supports

Berowra Public School Support

Please see over the page for an initiative with **Berowra & District Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank** and how you can support BPS.

About BPS P&C:

BPS P&C is made up of busy and committed parents who work with the school to provide opportunities to advance student's wellbeing and education. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. All welcome!





COMMUNITY CASH

Earn Community Cash for your school by choosing to bank with the
Berowra & District **Community Bank®** Branch of Bendigo Bank.

By banking with your Community Bank at Berowra the benefits of your banking go directly to your school – that's what Community Banking is all about.

You only need to get a quote on Insurance, personal loan or property loan to help your school, and you could help yourself save hundreds or thousands by getting a better deal.

Earn \$5 to \$500 for your school by just doing your banking with your Community Bank.

Contact the **Berowra & District Community Bank® Branch** at Shop 9, 1C Turner Rd, Berowra Heights, or call **9456 2265** for details.

Community Cash – Bank and Earn by:

\$5	Insurance Quote	Get a quote for your Car, Home, Business or Travel Insurance and earn your community \$5
	New Savings Account	Open a new savings account and earn your community \$5
	New Piggy Saver Account	Open a new Piggy Saver Account as part of your schools Piggy Saver program and earn your school \$5
	Weekly Piggy Saver Deposit	Deposit your schools Piggy Saver's each week and earn your school \$5
\$10	Personal Loan Quote	Get a quote for a secured or unsecured personal loan of at least \$10,000 and earn your community \$10
	New Credit Card	Switch to or get a new credit card through Bendigo Bank and earn your community \$10
	New Term Deposit	Take out a Term Deposit of 1 month or more and at least \$10,000 and earn your community \$10
\$25	Property Loan Quote	Get a quote for a Home or Investment loan of at least \$250,000 and earn your community \$25
	New Term Deposit (100k+)	Take out a Term Deposit of 1 month or more and at least \$100,000 and earn your community \$25
\$150	Personal Loan	Settle on a secured or unsecured personal loan of at least \$10,000 and earn your community \$150
\$500	Property Loan	Settle on a Home or Investment loan of at least \$250,000 and earn your community \$500

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