The Crest

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Community

Term 1 Week 6 4th March 2020



Berowra Public School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Matilda the Musical
- Zone Swimming Carnival
- Rainbow Mufti Day
- Photo Day

Dear Parents and Carers

Monday certainly brought on the heat for our swimming carnival. The children had a wonderful day participating in races and cheering on their friends. Well done to those students who didn't give up even though 50 metres is a long way and congratulations to those swimmers who have made it to the zone carnival which will be held on Tuesday 10 March. A huge thank you to our teachers for their organisation, our student runners who worked tirelessly, our amazing parent helpers who were so professional in their role as time keepers and our parent supporters who provided so much encouragement to our students. It is days like these where we can really acknowledge and celebrate the great community feeling of our school.

We have 6 amazing parent volunteers who will be working with Mrs Bec Walton our LaST to deliver the Mini Lit program. We thank you for your time, effort and commitment to helping our students. Another huge thank you to the thoughtful parent who was washing league tag shirts for PSSA and replaced the worn out sports bag. What a lovely gesture. We really appreciate it!

Shade Sail

You may have noticed the shade sail construction which was scheduled for last weekend was limited. This was a frustrating start to the week. I have been in contact with the company who has reassured me it will be completed before the community grant expires. They have also provide the date Saturday 14 March as the new date the poles will be installed. My apologies for the delay and fingers crossed there won't be anymore.

Community Feedback

Thank you to those who have already provided feedback on the draft BPS Parent Communication Procedures, BPS Visitor Procedures and BPS Behaviour Management Procedures. We value the perspectives, ideas, suggestions and feedback from our community so please take some time to read the draft procedures and access the survey link below to provide us with your feedback. https://forms.gle/KzDmZEdHZhZLKszYA

Student Learning

Helping our students understand themselves as a learner is important.

Some helpful questions and language that both teachers and parents can use to encourage students to develop self-regulation in learning are:

- 1. What are you learning? (What is your individual learning goal?)
- 2. Why is this learning important?
- 3. How are going with your learning? (What do you need to do to be successful? What do you need to do to achieve this goal? How do you know when you've achieved it?)
- 4. Where to next? (What do you need to learn next?)

Instructional Rounds

Our school staff are always learning and are highly dedicated to engaging in research and professional learning to improve their teaching practice and student outcomes. For 2 days during Week 5 our school's Instructional Rounds Team consisting of Mrs Pickering, Miss Lloyd, Mr Cottrell and myself attended professional learning at John Purchase Public School with 3 other schools in our Instructional Rounds Network. Instructional Rounds is a network approach to improving teaching and learning and our Instructional Rounds Team has embraced this long term commitment to whole school improvement

with great enthusiasm. Each Term our Instructional Rounds team will attend 2 days of professional learning which will then be shared with our staff at BPS. Please see the flyer which helps explain Instructional Rounds.









Principals' Induction Conference

Evidence around the world shows that investing in leadership at all phases of a school leader's career will make a substantial difference to the quality of teaching and therefore the quality of student learning in our school. From the 19-21 February I had the pleasure of attending the Principal Induction Conference in Sydney delivered by the Department of Education School Leadership Institute. This conference provided engaging, relevant and significant professional learning. This included leading high quality teaching and learning across the school, enhancing student wellbeing strategies, and ensuring that in our school community every child is known, valued and cared for.

I was reminded of the importance of modelling lifelong learning to my staff and students. Conferences of this nature enable me to focus on quality teaching and leadership practices that have the greatest impact on teacher learning and therefore the outcomes of our students.

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility

During the afternoons at BOOSH sessions, we have some children not attending BOOSH on the school grounds who are sometimes are riding their scooters or bikes. Unfortunately, they are not supervised and they engage with the BOOSH children which makes it difficult for quality supervision by the BOOSH staff. To ensure the safety, please ensure students who are on school site school hours are supervised by a parent or adult. BPS and BOOSH appreciate your help with this matter.

A huge thank you to the lovely mother who found some broken glass in the playground and took the time to pick it up. Thank you for ensuring our playground is safe for everyone!

Attendance

When your child is absent from school, don't forget to send in a note on their return to school to explain their absence.

This note should explain the reason for the child's absence, the date(s) of the absence and should be signed and dated by a parent or guardian.

Alternatively you can call the school office or send an email to the school's email address berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the teacher's name in the subject bar and it will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member.



Road Safety Education







When walking children under 10 to and from school always hold their hand when walking along footpaths and near roads. Be a great role model for safe road crossing by always using the crossing.

Kind regards

Vicky Wallace Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

The children have all settled in well to their library days and routines. How special to see our new Kindergarten children all eager to borrow a book with their new library bags and smiling faces! Just a reminder to all classes to bring their library bags on their library days. We have so many wonderful new and much loved "old" books in the library. Please encourage your children to borrow each week and watch their reading ability and enjoyment grow!

Library days:

Monday 5/6B, 5/6C, 5/6M, 5/6P Tuesday 4R, 3P, 4B, 3/4G, 3K

Wednesday KY, KB, 2T Thursday 1B, 1T, 1C, 2A

Children can borrow their books for 2 weeks but can renew them for another 2 weeks if needed.

<u>Library "e books"</u>

Our library has a years subscription to World Book Online "e books". There are more than 650 non fiction titles of various reading levels. Children can access the books through the Berowra School Library page using their school login and password. The children's library home page is called "Orbit" and they can access the "e books" from there. They can also find and read the "e books" at home using the Berowra password.

There are a great many fascinating "e books" to explore covering so many high interest topics such as animals, ancient civilizations, aircraft, ships, cars, countries, space, biographies, famous sports people and so much more. A wonderful reading resource to explore at home or at school!

Book Club

Our Book Club is run twice a term by a parent Mrs Tammy Allen. The Book Club is a wonderful way to support our school and your children's reading. The school receives Bonus Points for every book you purchase from the Book Club catalogue. These Bonus Points are then used to "buy" new resources for the library and the classrooms. There is a box in the library labelled "Book Club" if the children want to leave their bags there for Book Club collection. Thank you Mrs Allen, for your generosity in running the Book Club again this year.

Jennie Smith Scott Griffin





SENIOR DRAMA NEWS

This year it was again so difficult to choose the students for the senior drama group. Mrs Lukic and I couldn't believe the talent that the children displayed reciting their poems with so much animation and expression! Each year we have disappointed children who try so hard but still do not get into the group. It is just a matter of numbers and we try and give as many children a chance as we can. Thank you to all those who tried out and we hope that those who missed out this year will try again next year. The senior drama group meet in the hall each Wednesday at lunchtime if weather permits. An exciting dramatic year coming up!

Jennie Smith

BPS MUSIC COMMITTEE

Is your child in band, recorder or strings? Please consider joining our BPS Music Committee for 2020. We are also in need of a new chairperson for our committee. If you are interested in being the chairperson please email the school email address or pop in and see Mrs Withford (2A) or Mrs Lewandoski (our band conductor).

The music committee will be meeting on Wednesday 11th March at 7pm in the school staffroom. All band, recorder or strings parents are welcome. Please come along and help our music programs continue to grow at BPS.

Alison Withford Music Committee staff member

CANTEEN NEWS

<u>Flexischools orders</u> cut off time is 9.30am. Please have your order in by this time to ensure your child receives their lunch.

<u>Volunteer roster is now online</u>. We are in need of some amazing volunteers in the canteen on a regular basis. Two shifts are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Please follow the link below to see what shifts are available.

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Hope to see you in the Canteen soon! Teresa

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WHAT ARE INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS?

- a group of leaders and/or keachers visiting multiple classrooms at their own or another school
 - focused on instructional practices linked to school/region/ state-wide improvement strategies
 - aims to share practice and support scaling systemic improvements of teaching andlearning

WHAT ACTIONS ARE INVOLVED?

PHASE 1



School identifies a 'problem of practice' often presented as a question as the focus for the observations

to frame datagathering

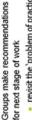




- school leader
- to locate evidence (15-20 minutes per classroom) visit a range of dassrooms
 - observers makedetailed, non-judgemental notes



not just of individual classrooms build a picture of teaching and leaming throughout the school,



- revisit the 'problem of practice' in light of patterns observed
- the 'problem of practice' based on the make recommendations to address evidence gathered
- be specific make recommendations for the their next action (which will later be reported next week, next month, even the next year – phrase as options for the school to decide back to the group)

WHY INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS?

- focus on school-wide rather than individual improvement
 - supports scaling of interventions to address an identified problem of practice,
 - help separate the practice from the person



WHAT DO I NEED TOCONSIDER?

WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS?

alignment with school-wide improvement focus shared understanding of purpose and process

groups are unobtrusive observers in the

dassrooms visited

- in a diverse group of observers there may not be a shared, common understanding of effective practices
- > allow time for this to occur/be established prior to observing classes
- external visitors can be perceived as evaluative > ensure that the purpose of the visit is clear and maintain the school-wide improvement focus

not judgements of practice or general ideas and notes taken focus on specific actions observed,

information

debriefs are discussions of practice, not of the observed teachers' practice

> communicate with staff prior to observation whether individuals will receive feedback and observed teachers may not receive individual provide opportunities for staff to debrief feedback for improvement

feedback is not provided to individual teachers

recommendations across the school groups identify patterns, wonderings Groups debrief after observations using

agreed protocols

PHASE 3

related to the 'problem of practice'

unless specifically requested



Where can I find out more?

approach to improving teaching and learning Instructional rounds in education: Anetwork Making the Most of Instructional Rounds (City, Elmore, Ejarman & Teitel, 2009) (Marzano, 2011)













FAIR MUFTI DAY Thursday 12th March

Theme: rainbow Gold coin donation

* Please note that all students must have their shoulders covered as well as their midriff, enclosed shoes must be worn and hair tied up.



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 <u>as soon as possible</u> as our supplies are running very low.

Thank you



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 6/3/20

Games start by 9.30am

PSSA Cricket and Softball

Friday 13/3/20

v Mt Colah at Berry Park Parklands Oval

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Cricket Softball

v Turramurra at Montview Oval Rofe Park

PSSA League Tag

Junior 1 v Warrawee Junior 2 v Waitara 2

always at Foxglove Oval Senior 1 v Warrawee 2 Senior 2 v Waitara 2

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Tuesday 10 Mar	'Matilda the Musical' at Pennant Hills HS Zone Swimming Carnival
Thurs 12 Mar	Rainbow Mufti Day—gold coin donation Uniform Shop open 3.00-3.45pm
Wed 18 Mar	Aboriginal Art workshop for K-2
Thurs 19 Mar	School Photo Day
Tues 24 Mar	Harmony Day
Thurs 26 Mar	Uniform Shop open 3.00-3.45pm
Thurs 2 April	Term 1 Dance Concert 2.50pm
Tues 7 April	Hat Parade from 10-11.45am
Thurs 9 April	ANZAC Day Assembly Uniform Shop open 3.00-3.45pm Last day of Term 1
Fri 10 April	Good Friday
Mon 13 April	Easter Monday
Sat 25 April	ANZAC Day
Mon 27 April	Staff Development Day
Tues 28 April	Students return for Term 2
Thurs 30 April	Uniform Shop open 3.00-3.45pm
Tues 5 May	Mothers Day stall
Fri 8 May	Mothers Day breakfast
Sun 10 May	Mothers Day
20-26 May	Life Education
Wed 21 May	Pirate Mufti Day—gold coin for brain cancer
Mon 1 June	2021 Kindy Information Session 7pm
Mon 8 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Thurs 11 June	2021 Kindy Information Session & Tour 10am
Thurs 18	Term 2 dance concert 2.50pm
Thurs 25 June	BPS Athletics Carnival
Fri 3 July	Last day of Term 2
Mon 20 July	Staff Development Day
Tues 21 July	Students return for Term 3
Tues 4 Aug	Open Day w

LIDCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE BPS FAIR, SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2020



Berowra Public School

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.



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Dance classes for all ages and abilities Come and Join our dance community Enquiries PH: 0456 706 515 E: admin@actiondance.com.au

Pre-School classes also available



Mobile Blood Service is visiting:

Berowra Community Centre The Gully Road, Berowra



Monday 27 April 1.30pm - 6.30pm Tuesday 28 April 1.30pm - 6.30pm Wednesday 29 April 1.30pm - 6.30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch Please bring photo ID with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

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IN THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!



LESSONS FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN, PRESCHOOLERS AND BABIES

4 day holiday course starts Tue 14 April 5 day holiday course starts Mon 20 April

TERM 2 STARTS MON 27 APRIL 2020

TURRAMURRA LEARN TO SWIM PHONE 9489 4771

48 TENNYSON AVE, TURRAMURRA turramurralearntoswim.com.au

BOOK NOW FOR HOLIDAYS and TERM 2



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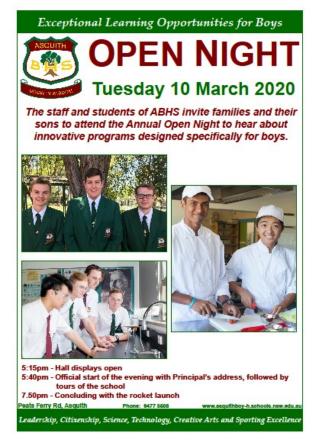
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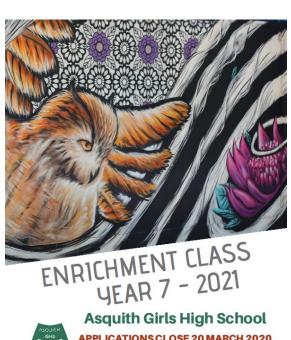












APPLICATIONS CLOSE 20 MARCH 2020

TEST DATE: 26 MARCH 2020 9.00AM - 11.30AM

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW FROM WWW.ASQUITHGIRL-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU

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