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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 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 foot-paths 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.

Library "e books"

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

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

Volunteer roster is now online. 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.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/3173127/false#/invitation>

Hope to see you in the Canteen soon!

Teresa



'How-to' Guide

INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS

Developing common understandings of effective and teaching and learning

WHAT ARE INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS?

- a group of leaders and/or teachers 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 and learning

WHAT ACTIONS ARE INVOLVED?

PHASE 1

- School identifies a 'problem of practice' as the focus for the observations
- often presented as a question to frame data gathering



PHASE 2

Observation groups collect data related to the identified 'problem of practice'

- groups of 3-5 teachers
- typically facilitated by a school leader
- visit a range of classrooms to locate evidence (15-20 minutes per classroom)
- observers make detailed, **non-judgemental** notes



PHASE 3

Groups debrief after observations using agreed protocols



- groups identify patterns, wonderings, recommendations across the school related to the 'problem of practice'
- build a picture of teaching and learning throughout the school, not just of individual classrooms

PHASE 4

Groups make recommendations for next stage of work

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

- shared understanding of purpose and process
- alignment with school-wide improvement focus
- groups are unobtrusive observers in the classrooms visited
- notes taken focus on specific actions observed, not judgements of practice or general ideas and information
- debriefs are discussions of practice, not evaluations of the observed teachers' practice
- feedback is not provided to individual teachers unless specifically requested



WHAT DO I NEED TO CONSIDER?

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



Where can I find out more?

Instructional rounds in education: A network approach to improving teaching and learning (City, Elmore, **Fiarman** & **Teddl**, 2009)
Making the Most of Instructional Rounds (**Marzano**, 2011)

Print
ON A3



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 **as soon as possible** as our supplies are running very low.

Thank you



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 6/3/20

Games start by 9.30am

Friday 13/3/20

PSSA Cricket and Softball

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

**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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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

WE'RE IN TOWN

Donate blood and save three lives.



Australian Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE

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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APRIL 16th 2020
8:30am - 3:00pm

BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL
Millcrest Rd, Berowra, 2081, NSW

Blow-up field, Bubble Soccer, multi-sports activities, games and challenges!

Expert coaching by top-grade players and primary teachers

All-inclusive activities for boys and girls aged 6 - 12 years!

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\$50 PER CHILD (with pizza lunch included!)

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Community Events

Sydney Edible Garden Trail

Tickets are limited - **BUY NOW** before they **SELL OUT!**

OPEN 21-22 March 2020

With over **50** edible gardens to visit, join us on the not-for-profit trail. Share our knowledge and passion on how to grow food in the urban environment.

All profits go to supporting local community and school edible gardens.

For tickets and more information go to **www.sydneyediblegardentrail.com**

Follow us on SydneyEdibleGardenTrail

Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys

ASQUITH BHS

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 10 March 2020

The staff and students of ABHS invite families and their sons to attend the Annual Open Night to hear about innovative programs designed specifically for boys.





5:15pm - Hall displays open
5:40pm - Official start of the evening with Principal's address, followed by tours of the school
7:50pm - Concluding with the rocket launch

Peats Ferry Rd, Asquith Phone: 9477 9508 www.asquithboys.h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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ENRICHMENT CLASS
YEAR 7 - 2021

Asquith Girls High School
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 20 MARCH 2020

TEST DATE: 26 MARCH 2020
9.00AM - 11.30AM

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

See your future - see yourself at Asquith Girls High School

CALLING ALL ROCK STARS!!



The BPS Rock Band
are looking for
***Singers, Guitarists,
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to join in 2020
Call Mike on 0413034080
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INVITATION

WED 11 MAR 2020

**INTERNATIONAL
WOMENS DAY
BREAKFAST**

**6.45AM FOR
7.00AM - 8.30AM**

#EachforEqual

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HALL \$25.00 PER HEAD

Enter this link into your browser to register and make your secure payment
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STOKES AVENUE - ASQUITH