

# The Crest

Self

Respect  
Others

Community

Term 1 Week 8 19th March 2020



## Berowra Public School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very challenging week and due to the current circumstances with Coronavirus we have cancelled all non-essential activities in the school in-line with DoE and NSW Health advice. Please be reassured that learning remains a priority and the amazing learning in our classrooms is still occurring as normal.

### Student Learning

Helping our students understand themselves as a learner is important.

Some of our Year 1 students listened to a quality text called "This is Not My Hat." Students used the Think Pair Share strategy to answer the moral dilemma "Who was right and why?" Students used accountable talk (agree and disagree) to share their thoughts and supported their ideas with a reason or a "because." See some examples of their work below....we are so proud of their learning!



### Cultures of Thinking

During Week 7 Mrs Beckedahl, Mrs Withford, Mrs Layson and Mrs Walton attended a professional learning course by Simon Brooks on the Cultures of Thinking – (based on Harvard research).

Cultures of Thinking are places where a group's collective as well as individual thinking is valued, visible, and actively promoted as part of the regular, day-to-day experience of all group members. There are 8 cultural forces which define our classrooms. Please see the infographic for more information.



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BerowraPublicSchool>

Our new Facebook page has gone live!!! And the purpose of our page is to:

Showcase the learning at Berowra Public School

Celebrate our wonderful community

Communicate with the community about what is happening at our school.

Please ensure you are familiar with the terms of engagement located on the page, take the time to like our page and posts, comment positively on our learning and keep updated.

Remember if you have a question or a concern you would like to raise our Facebook page is not the place. Please contact the school office by either email or phone so that your questions or concern can be addressed by the appropriate staff member.

The old school Facebook Group will be closed down at the end of term.

### **Additional Internal Painting – School funded and managed project**

Internal painting of 1C and the bag rooms in that block has been completed.

### **Shade Sail**

Extensive delays due to manufacturing, wet weather and the impact of heavy trucks and machinery on the playground means that we are still waiting for our shade sail to be installed. I have been reassured that this will proceed as soon as possible so that we do not miss out on our community grant.

### Playground equipment

I have not received any further information regarding a timeline for replacing our play equipment. This is an AMU managed project and further delays are expected as we are still waiting for 3P and the RFF demountable to be repaired from the storm damage.

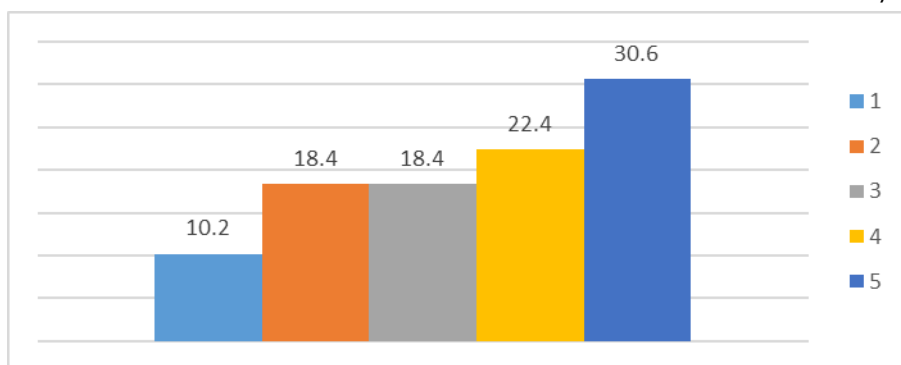
### Synthetic Turf

A project funded by BOOSH for the installation of 4 areas of synthetic turf has been approved by AMU. I had a meeting on Friday 13 March with the AMU project manager. He is liaising with contractors and will be in touch with a start date, which is hopefully sooner rather than later.

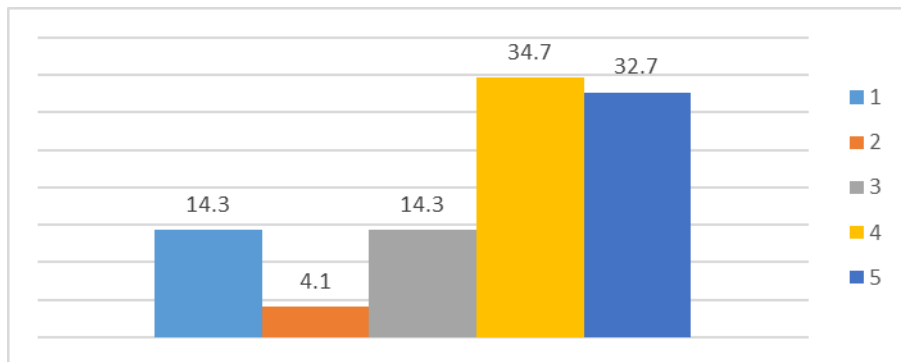
### Survey Results

Thank you to the parents who completed the Berowra Public School Community Survey - Draft Procedures 2020. We value the ideas, suggestions and thoughts of all members of our community. We received 49 responses and the feedback provided relevant suggestions we can take on board to create improvements. A teacher survey will be conducted at the end of the term to gain staff feedback before our final procedures are shared. The graphs below are a snap shot of the responses and some comments which will help us to make appropriate adjustments.

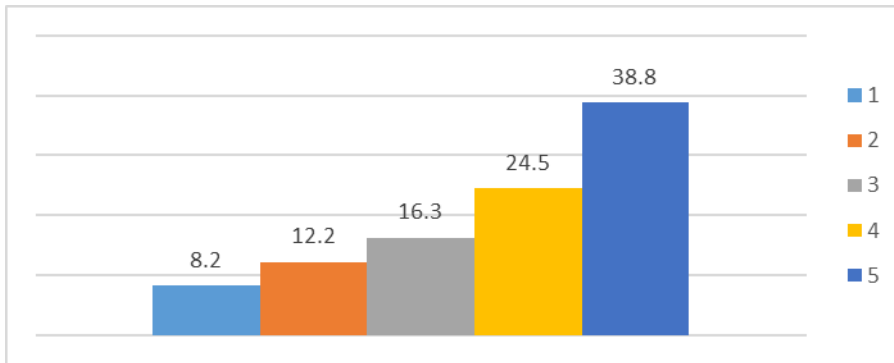
Are the BPS Parent Communication Procedures clear and easy to understand?



How fair and equitable are the BPS Visitor Procedures?



How clear are the aims of the BPS Behaviour Management Procedures?



### **BPS Parent Communication Procedures – Survey Comments**

Delayed response and communicating with the teachers

Privacy is a concern

Difficult for parents who work

Good to get a read receipt from the office to acknowledge the email has been received and forwarded to the appropriate person

What to do if your child is sick

It's clear and concise no grey areas

I understand some parents was direct email to teachers but sometimes there needs to be that buffer and teachers can become inundated with unnecessary emails

I see that the new procedures allow teachers to keep a correct record of all communication which is good

### **BPS Visitor Procedures - Survey Comments**

Parents wandering around the playground to collected children from class for early pick up

Adjust access to school grounds drop off and pick up times

Tone of the policy makes visitors/parents feel unwelcome

Safety for our kids

Where do visitor use the bathroom?

Safety of the children is paramount and this procedure clearly seeks to provide guidance to visitors of the school and how they are to engage

### **BPS Behaviour Management Procedures - Survey Comments**

Consistency in implementation is needed

May need to provide some clarification around the Reflection Room – what it is, where it is, what students do there and who supervises it

Ensure casual teachers are aware of the procedures like the whole school approach

Management of behaviour has a clear process and children and staff are all on the same page

## Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility



### Accident & Health International Underwriting Pty Limited

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.

#### 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.

## Attendance

In all circumstances where a student is willing to attend school but is prevented by adverse circumstances and/or Government directive to remain at home the student will be marked as Flexible absence. This code will not negatively affect attendance records.

## Road Safety Education



Parking safely will help to keep young children safe - even if it means walking further to the school gate. If your child walks to school and/or home from school please talk to them about safety in regard to throwing objects (eg. sticks or rocks) over fences and approaching dogs that they are not familiar with. Some concerned community members have contacted the school expressing concern over the safety of our students in regard to this.

Kind regards

Vicky Wallace  
Principal



### ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our zone swimmers who competed at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, where the standard of swimming was extremely high. Special thanks to Ashlie Robinson, the team manager, who ensured the children were in the right place at the right time. We really could not have managed without her help and the help of all the parents who attended. So thank you.

The children performed amazingly well and Callum L made it to the Area Carnival which is a tremendous achievement. Well done Callum!

Dom Parkinson

### **Stewart House Donation Drive 2020**

Your donation supports the 1,700 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Win a \$4,000 holiday to destination of your choice

- Place a \$2 coin or equivalent in the envelope sent home this week
- Don't forget to complete entry details on the back
- Return it to the school office to be eligible for the draw



### **Harmony Day 2020**

This year our school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Students may wear something orange with their school uniform to acknowledge harmony day. Orange bows, hair ribbons, bracelets or socks are some ideas to inspire you.

The theme for this year is **Everyone Belongs** and to celebrate this idea, students will be involved in classroom activities to celebrate harmony in our school and community.

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. In our school we foster a sense of belonging for everyone in our school community.

## **FAIR UPDATE**

As everyone can appreciate there is a lot of uncertainty with the evolving COVID-19 pandemic currently affecting Australia and with what events can or cannot go ahead in the next 6 months. We have decided not to continue any further work on the Fair until we reconvene at our next meeting on the 8th April. We had hoped to distribute material this week but have decided to hold off until we have more information and insight into how long this will go on for. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on [bpsfairteam@gmail.com](mailto:bpsfairteam@gmail.com)

Fiona Garrity & Clare Salke  
Fair Coordinators

**SAVE THE DATE  
BPS FAIR,  
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST  
2020**



**Berowra**  
Public School

## **MindQuest 2020**



**Glenwood High School**  
Cnr Forman Ave & Glenwood Park Dr  
Glenwood 2768

**Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May 2020 9.30am-3.30pm**

The 95th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from years 1-6 including gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest.

Students have the opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program, including forensic science, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more.

The cost of the weekend is \$210 (including GST).

It is anticipated that many of the courses will be full before the closing date so send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

Entry forms and information available at BPS school office  
**Closing Date Friday 1st May 2020** (week 1 term 2)

Courses fill fast so get in early.



## 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, skirt 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 20/3/20**

Games start by 9.30am

**Friday 27/3/20**

### **PSSA Cricket and Softball**

**v CANCELLED**  
**at**  
**CANCELLED**  
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**Cricket**  
**Softball**

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### **PSSA League Tag**

**Junior 1 v CANCELLED**  
**Junior 2 v CANCELLED**

**always at**  
**Foxglove Oval**

**Senior 1 v CANCELLED**  
**Senior 2 v CANCELLED**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wed 18 Mar</b>	Aboriginal Art workshop for K-2	RESCHEDULED IF POSSIBLE
<b>Thurs 19 Mar</b>	School Photo Day	RESCHEDULED IF POSSIBLE
<b>Tues 24 Mar</b>	Harmony Day—wear something orange Stage 3 Leadership Day	RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES RESCHEDULED IF POSSIBLE
<b>Thurs 26 Mar</b>	Uniform Shop open 3.00-3.45pm	
<b>Fri 27 Mar</b>	BPS Disco	CANCELLED
<b>Thurs 2 April</b>	Term 1 Dance Concert 2.50pm	RESCHEDULED IF POSSIBLE
<b>Tues 7 April</b>	Hat Parade from 10-11.45am	CANCELLED
<b>Thurs 9 April</b>	ANZAC Day Assembly Uniform Shop open 3.00-3.45pm Last day of Term 1	CANCELLED
<b>Fri 10 April</b>	Good Friday	
<b>Mon 13 April</b>	Easter Monday	
<b>Sat 25 April</b>	ANZAC Day	
<b>Mon 27 April</b>	Staff Development Day	
<b>Tues 28 April</b>	Students return for Term 2	
<b>Thurs 30 April</b>	Uniform Shop open 3.00-3.45pm	
<b>Tues 5 May</b>	Mothers Day stall	
<b>Fri 8 May</b>	Mothers Day breakfast	
<b>Sun 10 May</b>	Mothers Day	
<b>20-26 May</b>	Life Education	
<b>Wed 21 May</b>	Pirate Mufti Day—gold coin for brain cancer	
<b>Mon 1 June</b>	2021 Kindy Information Session 7pm	
<b>Mon 8 June</b>	Queen's Birthday public holiday	
<b>Thurs 11 June</b>	2021 Kindy Information Session & Tour 10am	
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Term 2 dance concert 2.50pm	
<b>Thurs 25 June</b>	BPS Athletics Carnival	
<b>Fri 3 July</b>	Last day of Term 2	
<b>Mon 20 July</b>	Staff Development Day	
<b>Tues 21 July</b>	Students return for Term 3	
<b>Tues 4 Aug</b>	Open Day with NAIDOC assembly 9.45-11.45am	
<b>Tues 18 Aug</b>	Book Parade 9.45-10.30 and Book Trivia	

**Don't forget The Crest is also available on the school website:**

**[www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://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.**



**Pre-School classes also available**



# LEARN TO SWIM

**IN THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**



**BOOK NOW FOR HOLIDAYS and TERM 2**





# Community Events



ENRICHMENT CLASS YEAR 7 - 2021



**Asquith Girls High School**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE**

**20 MARCH 2020**

Following advice from NSW Health and NSW Department of Education regarding the developing situation with COVID-19, we will be rescheduling the Enrichment Class test to a later date. We will ensure our website will have the revised information as soon as possible.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW FROM [WWW.ASQUITHGIR-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU](http://WWW.ASQUITHGIR-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU)

See your future - see yourself at Asquith Girls High School

## Mobile Blood Service is visiting:

Berowra Community Centre  
The Gully Road, Berowra

<b>Monday 27 April</b>	<b>1.30pm - 6.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 28 April</b>	<b>1.30pm - 6.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 29 April</b>	<b>1.30pm - 6.30pm</b>

**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](http://donateblood.com.au)**

**WE'RE IN TOWN**

Donate blood and save three lives.



**Asquith Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE**



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

... to wash away germs.

Washing hands before eating is important.



1. Wet hands with warm water
2. Apply soap
3. Lather & Scrub for 20 seconds
4. Rinse hands with warm water for 20 seconds
5. Turn off tap
6. Dry hands thoroughly

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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