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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move towards the end of our second week of online education delivery, I want to recognise the enormous work undertaken by you at home and our staff to ensure continuity of education provision in this evolving period of schooling.

I know that parents are continuing to face the challenges of working, teaching their children at home and managing their families under very difficult circumstances, and I want to reassure you that you're doing a fantastic job!

We appreciate how parents have worked with teachers, our office staff and students to trouble shoot issues while remaining patient and practical. We also thank you for all the positive feedback and encouragement.

Our wonderful community showing our staff appreciation....

I just wanted to say thank you for your regular updates and for the contingency planning you and the staff are doing.

I just wanted to send a quick email today thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Your commitment to our kids is very evident in the work you do with them. you are so organised and in a time of uncertainty, that little bit of predictability helps. So thank you.

Thank you for everything you've been doing during this stressful time. I truly value the quality teaching you have provided despite the distractions and how you have continued to work really hard for this next season.

The online planning that the boys have had today is great by the way. Well done.

Thank you soo much.

I want to thank the school for such a positive experience during the new drop off at the gates this morning. It was really comforting for my kids (and me) to have my children's teachers waiting at the gates when they arrived.

Thank you to the teachers and staff who are continuing to support the education of our children at this challenging time.

First and foremost-want to say thank you to the School and staff for their ongoing support and dedication during this difficult time.

Thank you for all that you have done, are doing, and will do for the continuity of our children's education and for their safety.

Thank you for everything you are doing and thank you for keeping us up to date. Love your work!!!

Student Learning

I thought I would share some student comments about online learning so we can see a different perspective. Students were asked the question - What is good about this way of learning (online) and what is challenging about it?

it.was nice to be home with mum

i missed seeing my frenids a lot

it was challenging because there is so much distractions but i did all my schoolwork

Having to do work at home because i am not going to school is the best

it's really fun to use the computer because its a different way of learning and it was really cool. I didn't find any challenges except for when I was trying to find were to turn in my work but I found it, other than that I really liked it.

it's really fun to use a computer because like it was a different way of learning and it was really cool. I did find lots of things challenging and I feel like I was behind everyone. Also I have had a very confusing day so I think I'm going to have a better day tomorrow on the computer

This was so much fun working from home today it was a bit challenging at times and you did not have a teacher to help you with what you got stuck on. Everyone was trying to help each other with what they new.

hi miss Wallace it was really fun working from home it was a bit challenging cause we didn't have a teacher there but we could chat to class mates and figure it out.

Staff Learning

With limited student attendance at school our teachers have engaged in a mixture of supervising student online learning at school, engaging in online platforms with students at home and collaboratively planning online lessons. This week staff were given the opportunity to work from home on a rotating roster.... Although not all staff took the opportunity, it was an interesting and very different experience for those who did. These flexible arrangements will continue for the rest of the term while still ensuring an adequate number of teachers are on school site for those students in attendance.

Facebook

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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.

Remember to take a moment to relax and enjoy the opportunity of spending quality time at home with your families.

Vicky Wallace

Principal

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.

Please inform the school by phone or email if your child is unwell so that we can update our roll accordingly.

Road Safety



Buckle up every time you travel in a car.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 9 April	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