

# The Crest

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**Term 2 Week 8**  
**17 June 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your families enjoyed the long weekend. It was a nice opportunity for a short break especially for those who managed to get away.

Teachers have continued to work with their classes to re-establish routines and ensure the wellbeing of our students is a priority.

## **Student Learning**

Students in 5/6C have been completing research tasks as an activity during Literacy Groups. Caleb and Jonathon created an infographic using Google Slides. They organised information and graphics to tell a story using a limited number of words. They found this task challenging but enjoyed sharing their learning with their classmates.



## Teacher Learning

This term teachers have engaged in professional learning about learning intentions and success criteria. Stage teams have collaboratively developed LISC for writing programs. Please see the information below to help you understand what LISC is and why it is important.

# Learning intentions and success criteria

## WHAT IS IT?

**Learning Intentions** are descriptions of what learners should know, understand and be able to do by the end of a learning period or unit. Learning intentions are the basis for tracking student progress, providing feedback and assessing achievement. In addition to learning intentions, students may also have individual learning goals that they address in their learning.

**Success criteria** are the measures used to determine whether, and how well, learners have met the learning intentions.



## WHY LEARNING INTENTIONS AND SUCCESS CRITERIA?

- Ensure all students know what they are going to learn and where they are heading.
- Provide guidance to teachers on what their chosen teaching and learning activities are seeking to achieve.
- Provide the basis for feedback and reduce discrepancies between current student understanding and intended learning.
- Assist students and teachers in tracking and assessing student progress.
- Help teachers to understand the impact of their teaching and learning activities, and when they may need to adapt or change these.
- Help students understand what improved performance looks like.

## **Reporting**

Student reports will be coming home Term 2 Week 10.

Students will also be coming home this week with a report for parents to complete about their child's learning at home during remote learning. This report is optional and is a valuable way for teachers to gain an insight into and an understanding of student learning from the parent's perspective. It will also provide the school with valuable information on student learning and feedback. If you would like to report on your child's learning from home please fill in the report and return it to your child's class teacher by the end of Term 2 (PDF version has been added as an attachment). If you require an additional copy please call the office.

## **Parent/Carer Feedback**

2020 has been a challenging time for the whole community in regards to the changes implemented due to Covid-19.

Our parents and carers have played an absolutely vital role in maintaining learning for students during this time.

BPS values feedback from our community and we encourage our parents and cares to complete a feedback survey by accessing the following link:

<https://forms.gle/BZkWmqkTcFV8aTgx6>

Feedback from the survey will help the school with future planning and communication.

## **Hall Upgrade**

This week work in the hall continued with wireless internet being installed. The teachers and the students are excited to be able to finally use our new projector and screen!!!

Mrs Lukic is looking forward to students being able to access the internet on devices when they are working in the hall.

## **Playground Equipment Update**

The project for updating our playground equipment has been published by AMU and closes on 7 July. AMU will then decide which company is successful in the tender process and we will receive a timeline.

## **School Loan Devices**

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already returned the school's loan devices. If your child still has a school loan device at home can you please return it to the front office before the end of Term 2. These devices are required for use in classrooms.

## **Staffing Update**

Mrs Bec Walton has made the difficult decision to resign from the DoE. She has worked very closely with teachers, our school counsellor, students and families to support the learning of some of our most vulnerable students.

Bec will be missed greatly by everyone at BPS. We thank her for all her hard work and contributions and wish her all the best with her future.

Bec's last day will be Thursday 25th June, but I am sure she will be back for causal work.

From Term 3, Mr Scott Griffin will fill the LaST role on Wed-Friday for the rest of the year.

Miss Brooke Westwood will pick up 1/2 day LaST on Friday's for the rest of the year to work with groups to implement Rock and Water.

Congratulations to Mr Riley Chivers and Miss Brooke Westwood who have completed the accreditation process and been accredited as 'Proficient.'

Kind regards

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.

Please be aware that along with DoE and health guidelines students are continuing to regularly wash their hands at school.

The school is supplied with liquid soap for use by staff and students (available in the toilets and every classroom). We receive the liquid soap supplies in bulk. The soap in the toilets is checked and refilled twice a day and teachers refill pump bottles for the classroom as required.

## Attendance

All students are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.

If your child has a condition which means it is not safe for them to return to school, they will need to obtain a medical certificate.

This means students are either:

- at school;
- at home because they are currently unwell;
- at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.

Please note, students who are residing with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise. The parent or carer should provide written confirmation from the treating health professional that the student is unable to attend school.

If students are away from school because they are unwell, there is no expectation that they complete school work. It is important that unwell students rest.

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](mailto: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.



Recently we have had many students arriving to school early or after the 9:20 bell. Please be reminded that supervision onsite for students does not start until 8:50am and if your child arrives after the 9:20 bell they will need to attend the office for a late slip.

# Road Safety



Parking safely will help to keep young children safe - even if it means walking further to the school gate.

Please use the crossing to cross the road with your children.

Please avoid using driveways near the school as a turning point.

## Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2021?

You must apply online at:  
[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5)



### Key dates

Application website opens:  
**Tuesday 9 June 2020**

Application website closes:  
**5 pm, Friday 26 June 2020**  
You must apply before this deadline

'Test authority' letters sent to all applicants:  
**Wednesday 2 September 2020**

Opportunity Class Placement Test:  
**Wednesday 16 September 2020**

Placement outcome information sent overnight on:  
**Tuesday 1 December 2020**