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Term 2 Week 10
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Dear Parents and Carers

We thank you for your patience and support over a very different Term 2. We know many parents, students and teachers are looking forward to a well-deserved break after a term filled with many changes.

I am so proud of the resilience of our students, community and staff in dealing with the on-going changes and challenges which were thrown our way over the past term. We look forward to returning to resuming some more of our regular school activities next term.

Term 3 the following activities will resume:

- Contact sports at school such as soccer and basketball
- Band, Choir, Drama and Dance
- SRE
- Speech Therapists
- Preservice Teachers
- Music Tutors
- Chess Club
- Cash will be accepted at the canteen
- School Banking
- Uniform shop will continue its current procedures for operation – using online ordering and pick up of orders on Wednesday afternoons at 3:20 pm outside the office

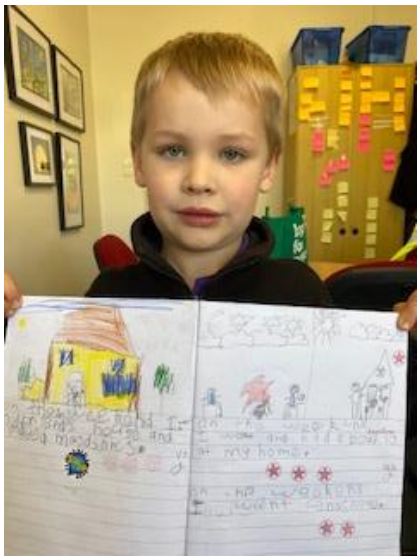
Events Cancelled in Term 3/Term 4
The school has carefully considered the DoE guidelines, cost, impact and importance of many extra-curricular events which were planned for the remainder of the year. Many of our Term 3 and Term 4 events have been cancelled or modified. As events resume we will inform parents/carers of the organisation.

All District and Zone sporting events have been cancelled for the year. PSSA for football and netball may be returning for a limited 5 round draw. This will be confirmed early in Term 3 at the PSSA meeting and we will update parents as soon as we find out.

Upcoming Events		
Week 1	**Monday 20 July**	School Development Day – no students
Week 1	**Tuesday 21 July**	Students return to school for Term 3
Week 1	**Friday 24 July**	School Cross Country held at school (No parents/carers)
Week 4	**Thursday 13 August**	Kindy Teddy Bear's Picnic Excursion
Week 5	**Wednesday 19 August**	Book Week Parade (Parent attendance under review based on DoE updates)
Week 10	**Friday 25 September**	School Athletics/Fun Day (Parent attendance under review based on DoE updates)
Term 4 Week 3	**Tuesday 27 October**	School Photos

Student Learning

Students from kindergarten were excited to share and read their recounts about the weekend. It is always the best part of my day when our students are sharing what they've learnt.



5/6M's Response to Google Classroom and Remote Learning

Lucy - *It can show the work really well. It can be confusing if you don't know how to use it.*
Kate - *It's helpful if you want to make slides, it saves automatically.*
Sam - *You can check to see if you have any assignments that are overdue.*
Aiden - *It's good for posting work but sometimes if you click submit by accident you have to request access.*
Skye - You can ask questions and get quick responses. The teacher can comment live on your work.
Gabe - *It should notify you if someone comments (like when the teacher responds to your questions)*
Charlie - *If powerpoint or word is your preference it's harder to use. I like how it's all organised.*
Hayden - *If you realised you've submitted it you can take it back and fix it.*
Raiph - *It's efficient because you can get live feedback and reflect on your work.*
Kobe - *The way home learning was set out it was easy to see if the person checked it or not.*
Alex - *It's easy to learn how to use it.*
Maddi - *If you don't like doing handwriting or you're not good at it you can type instead.*

Rock and Water

During Term 3 Miss Westwood will be conducting Rock and Water lessons as part of our whole school learning and support program. Lessons will be tailored to meet the social and emotional needs of identified students to help them build self-confidence, self-respect and self –reflection. A series of exercises and games are practised to develop a bank of strategies to use every day. The games are martial arts based, and students learn to block, hit strike shields, stand strong, negotiate using "rock" or "water" verbal approaches, walk away from a fight, consider alternatives to aggression, and develop understandings about who they are, their intuitive feelings and their personal direction.

If you would like to find out more information about the Rock and Water program visit the link below:
https://www.rockandwater.com.au/about-rock-and-water/

Teacher Learning

Teachers spent some time reviewing and sharing the Seesaw and Google Classroom platforms and activities. We are carefully considering how we can continue to use these to support and enhance student engagement and learning.

All stages have participated in Stage Planning Days to collaboratively develop lessons for Term 3. This is also a valuable time where teachers engage in looking at student work samples to ensure consistent teacher judgement.

I recently attended a Principal Think Tank Network Meeting at Thornleigh West Public School. This network consists of 5 principals from Northern Sydney and South Western Sydney and is facilitated by an academic partner who is a previous principal. We engaged in current research from "Advancing Formative Assessment in Every Classroom," looked at the strategies each school used to communicate and engage with families during remote learning and each principal developed mini action plans to follow up on our learning. This network is a great opportunity to engage in professional conversation and gain ideas and strategies to help support whole school improvement.

Student Reports

Modified student reports for Semester 1 2020 went home today. Parents will be provided the opportunity for formal parent /teacher meetings to discuss student learning at the end of Term 3. How these will look (face to face/zoom/telephone) is still to be finalised and will be based on DoE updates.

Reporting & Parent/Carer Feedback

Thanks to all those who took the time and completed the student reports and/or the parent/carer survey on remote learning. It is valuable to see learning from the parents' perspectives.

This information will be looked at more closely by the school's executive team and the staff to help inform our future planning.

Kindergarten 2021

The school is collecting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. If you have a student starting Kindy in 2021 please call our school office so that we can register your details and send you enrolment forms. We usually hold a Kindergarten Transition Session for parents in Term 3 and Kindy Orientation Sessions for new kindies and parents in Term 4. We are currently waiting for DoE updates regarding parent visitors on school site and will make adjustments to these programs according to DoE guidelines. Once we have more information we will update parents on our Transition and Orientation programs.

Playground Equipment

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.

Shade Sail Update

As you may have noticed we finally have a shade sail. Much to our disappointment and after a very long wait….the project has not been signed off. I am currently working with AMU to ensure the work is completed to the required standard.

BOOSH Upgrade

As part of our annual planned works, BOOSH is receiving and up-grade to the outside cladding. See the progress photos below. It is going to look great when it is finished!!!

Enjoy the holidays and keep warm and safe!

Kind regards

Vicky Wallace

Principal

Dance News
I am very excited to announce that dance group rehearsals will be back on next term. Boys will rehearse at 8:15am on Tuesday mornings and the girls will rehearse at 8:15am on Thursday mornings. They will be working on new routines which they will hopefully be able to perform later in the year. Please let Mrs Lukic know if you are unable to continue with dance group for any reason. Thank you

Kelly Lukic - Dance Coordinator

Health and Safety is everyone's Responsibility

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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.

BPS held an Emergency Evacuation Drill during Week 8 to ensure all students and staff are familiar with the procedures in case of an emergency. It's a great idea to ask your child/ren about the evacuation procedures at school and discuss a plan for dealing with emergencies at home.

Attendance

Attendance at School

If a child misses an average of nine days per term, (that's less than one day a week) during their primary school years, they would have missed a whole year of learning by the time they reach Year 7. To give your child the best chance for success at school you need to send them *every day!*

It's Cool to be in School

Road Safety

Buckle up every time you travel in a car.

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

P&C news

AGM
The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Berowra Public School Parents and Citizens' Association will be held on Wednesday, 19th August 2020 at 7pm hopefully in person on school grounds. All current P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions. The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions. We are in desperate need of a treasurer for the Canteen!
At the completion of the AGM the August general meeting will be held.

Hall upgrade
We are pleased to see the hall upgrade to install a projector, screen, additional outdoor speakers and new wireless microphones, is now complete. The P&C allocated $20,000 towards this project and we are looking forward to the teachers and kids being able to use our fancy new equipment!

Student Injury Insurance
Berowra Public School P&C Association has a Student Injury Insurance Policy for all of our students as the NSW Department of Education does not provide accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. The cost of this policy is covered by the P&C.

Under the policy, students are covered whilst they are at school and also when they are outside the school grounds on organised school excursions, sporting events etc. The policy covers a wide range of injuries and the permanent total loss of the use or functioning of certain body parts, as well as certain dental and non-Medicare medical expenses. Whilst we hope that you never have to use this, accidents can happen, having this insurance may help to ease the unexpected financial burden from those extra medical expenses that may occur whilst your child is at school. Although the policy is taken out by the P&C, any claims under the policy are required to be made by the students' parent or guardian directly with the insurer and the P&C is not responsible for the insurer's decisions on your claims. The P & C Association does not need to be notified in the event of an accident, even though the school takes out the insurance on behalf of their students, it is ultimately up to the parents/ caregivers to fill out and file the claim themselves. Further information can be found below:

Policy:
https://www.pandc.org.au/forms/Insurance19-20/AHI%20Vol%20Workers%20&%20Student%20Personal%20Acc%20Federation%20of%20P&C%2019032019.pdf

Information sheet for parents:
https://www.pandc.org.au/forms/guides/Medicare%20-%20Notice%20to%20Claimants%20Federation%20of%20P%20%20C%20Association%20of%20NSW.pdf

Student injury insurance claim form:
https://pandc.org.au/forms/2014-2015%20Student%20Injury%20Claim%20Form%20(1).pdf

Volunteering with the P&C

Should you wish to volunteer your time our volunteers are required to have a current "Working with Children" check completed. Once your application has been processed please provide the Secretary with your WWCC number and your DOB so you can be verified.

https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check

An Appendix 5 form is also required by the Department of Education for any volunteer. This form needs to be completed and 100 points of ID presented at the school office prior to engaging in a volunteer activity within the school.

https://www.deinternational.nsw.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/16838/WWCC-Appendix-5-Declaration-for-volunteers-and-non-child-related-contractors_FINAL.pdf

Canteen

The Canteen is still currently only taking orders via Flexischools until the school advises that cash can be accepted. We hope in Term 3 we will be able to take over the counter orders.
During COVID restrictions where the canteen has only been able to accept orders through Flexischools, the P&C has covered the Flexischools order fee of 29c per order. Once orders are able to be made over the counter and in cash, we will go back to having parents cover this fee.

There are lots of opportunities in the Canteen for volunteers – if you can spare one day a week, fortnight or month, we'd love to have your help! Kids love seeing their parents in the canteen!!!

Come spend the day or just during busy serving time. If you are interested in being part of your child's school in a fun and engaging way, please contact the canteen. You can also sign up directly by using this link https://signup.com/go/wjCbjqT

Teresa, Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

To purchase your school uniforms you need to do this is through Shopify:

https://berowra-public-school-uniform-shop.myshopify.com/

Orders can only be collected on a Wednesday afternoon outside the school office. If you require your order to be sent to BOOSH you will need to speak to a staff member there to collect your order.

Fiona Garrity, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

School Support Group

The School Support Group have just donated $2,267 towards the purchase of home readers and other learning support resources.

Unfortunately the Father's Day stall will not be going ahead as planned in Term 3 due to the uncertainty around Covid19 restrictions and stock availability.

School Support Group will be holding a meeting early in Term 3 via zoom if restrictions are still in place. For any updates please join the 'BPS School Support Group' page on Facebook.

Cathy Lea, School Support Chairperson

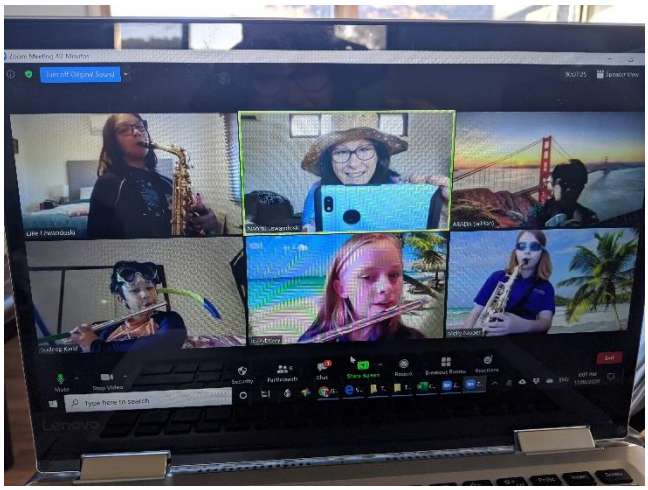
Band

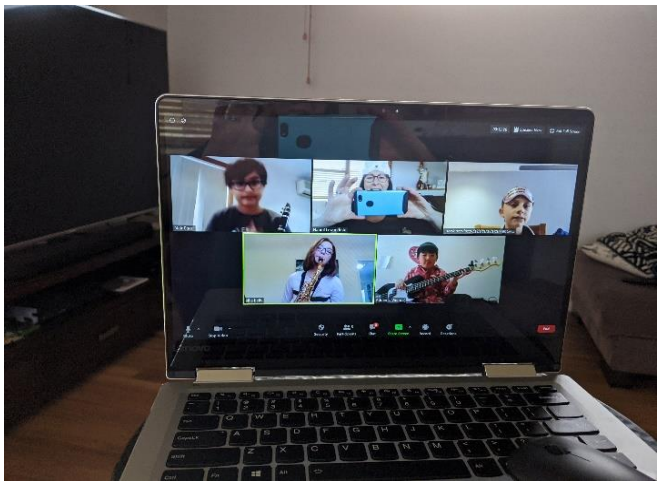
During the Covid19 learning from home period, the school bands have continued to learn music together via Zoom online rehearsals. Working as a group on Zoom has been an very different experience for students and conductor alike, but all have approached the change with positivity and a sense of fun. Some funny moments during the online learning were that the sound delay was quite different for everyone so often we really sounded like browns cows all playing the same music but at different times. To combat this sound delay I introduced solo sessions. Students played for each other and worked towards an online performance.

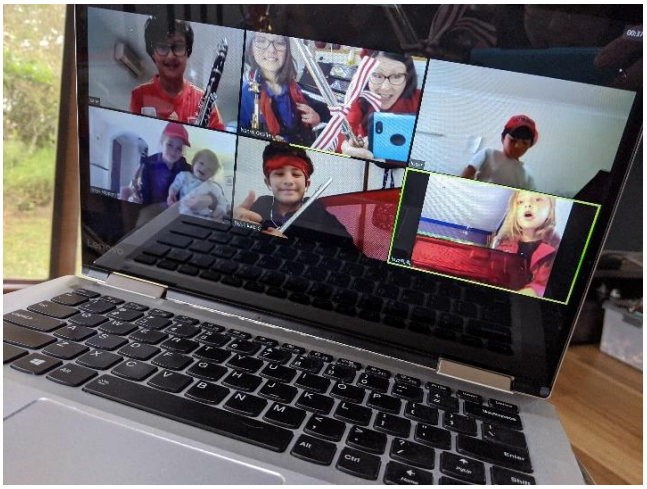
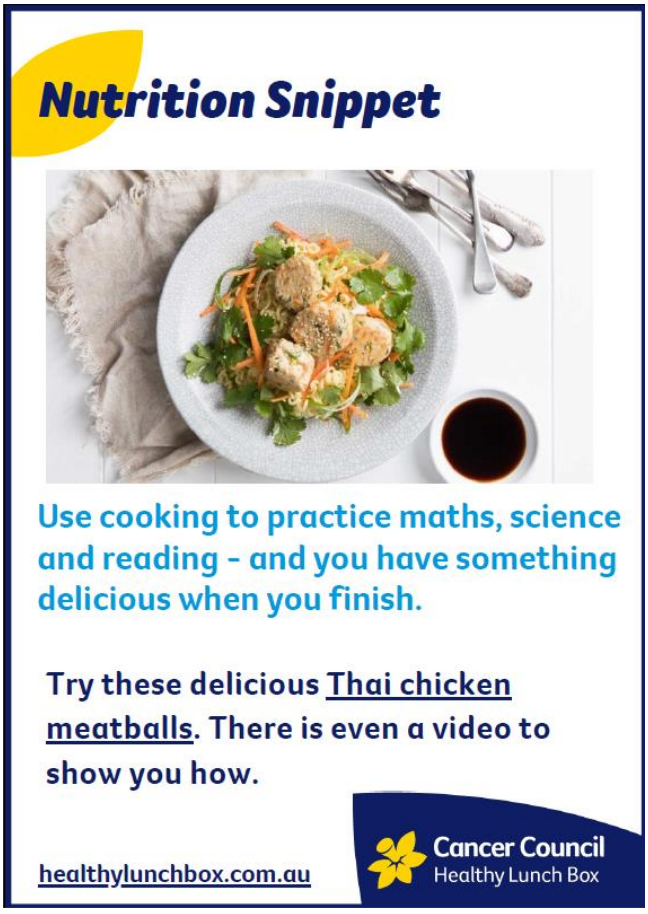
We also enjoyed a dress up theme each week, from Scarves & Beanies, Red and Purple Days, Beach Theme and our final week being Party Theme. I loved the way the children were inventive with their dress ups some wearing full scuba masks and goggles and still playing their instruments.

I am really proud of how our students worked in this new environment and worked hard to learn music each week. I can't wait to hear how they sound when we come together in Term 3. I'm am excited to hear the band play together and in time with each other without any delay! I hope we'll be able to entertain the school community soon.

Naomi Lewandoski, Band Conductor



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