

The Crest



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy couple of weeks celebrating Education Week and NAIDOC Day while also engaging in our regular classroom teaching and learning.

COVID-19 Key Changes / Announcements

NSW Health have established a [website](#) to inform the community of actions they should take if they have been in a location where there has been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within NSW. Staff and students must comply with public health advice which includes the requirement to self-isolate for the required period if they have been at any of the locations published on this website on the specified dates and times. Students will be supported to learn from home while they are self-isolating.

PSSA

Unfortunately the restart of the PSSA program scheduled for this **Friday 14 August** will **NOT** proceed as planned. We have received advice that all extracurricular activity, including inter-school sport competitions should be cancelled at this point in time. We feel it would be prudent to delay the restart until more information is provided to schools and guidelines are updated. All buses have been cancelled this week and have been rebooked for **Friday 21 August** (decision pending). As the current situation is constantly changing, any new information will be communicated as soon as it is possible to do so. Hopefully we receive more positive news next week!

Events Cancelled in Term 3/Term 4

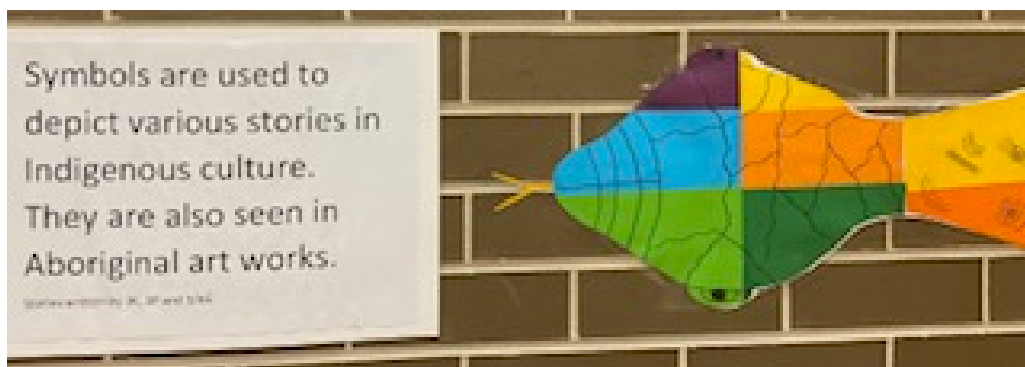
The school has carefully considered the DoE guidelines, cost, impact and importance of many extra-curricular events which were planned for the remainder of the year. Many of our Term 3 and Term 4 events have been cancelled or modified. As events resume we will inform parents/carers of the organisation.

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

Student Learning

BPS celebrated NAIDOC Day with the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be.'

Each class created some fabulous work to reflect their learning. Their work has created a colourful gallery displayed in the hall.





Year 2 learnt about bush tucker and made Dreamtime stories about hunting and gathering.



Students in KB followed procedures to create their Curious Creatures in preparation for Book Week next week. They look amazing!!





Students in 1B have been engaging in Literacy Groups. Some students completing independent activities on the computer and reading independently while other students work on learning their sounds with explicit teaching from Miss O'Malley



Students in 1T have been working in small groups and pairs to learn about money. They were purchasing items and working out the change.



Parent Teacher Interviews

The Wellbeing Framework for Schools identifies that parent/carer's active participation in the school helps students to develop positive connections, and supports and reinforces student learning so that students can connect, succeed and thrive.

This term BPS will be providing the opportunity for parents to discuss the progress of their child/ren with their classroom teacher during either Week 6 or Week 7.

Due to Covid-19 changes and to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and community we will be conducting the interviews via **Zoom**.

Information about how to book an interview time will be sent out this week and Zoom links and passwords will be sent out to parents/carers in Week 5.

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. Our fabulous Kindy teachers are currently organising a video for our new kindies which will replace our usual Transition Session in Term 3. We are preparing our Kindy Orientation Sessions for new kindies and parents in Term 4, however, are waiting for DoE updates regarding parent visitors on school site. Once we have more information we will update parents on our orientation program as we may need to make adjustments.

Play Equipment Update

The replacement of our playground equipment has been a long and arduous process, however, I finally have some exciting news to share. The playground equipment project has been approved by AMU and a company has been allocated the job. A start-up meeting was conducted this week and work is set to finally start this term.

Please see the design of our playground equipment below.





Kind regards
Vicky Wallace
Principal

Book Week

Book Week is coming up in August! This is an annual event celebrating our wonderful Australian authors and illustrators. This year's theme is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds." The library has purchased copies of many of the short listed books and over the next few weeks the children will be engaged in learning activities related to these. Our Book Week celebrations will be more subdued this year, however, we aim to still have our Book Character Parade and Literary Trivia on Wednesday 19th August. Unfortunately at this stage parents will not be able to attend due to COVID-19 restrictions. More information will follow closer to the date.

So many changes but be assured that the safety and wellbeing of your children is paramount.

There have been a few questions about the Book Fair. This year we scheduled the Book Fair to be open during Grandparent's Day during Term 4. At this stage we are unable to confirm whether community events will proceed in Term 4. If Grandparent's Day is cancelled the Book Fair will be conducted using an online ordering system. We will keep you updated once decisions have been finalised.

Upcoming Events		
Week 4	Thursday 13 August	Kindy Teddy Bear's Picnic Excursion
Week 5	Wednesday 19 August	Book Week Parade (No parent attendance)
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

Health and Safety is everyone's Responsibility

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.

Accident & Health International
Underwriting Pty Limited



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

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If a student is to be absent, it is best for the parents to notify the school. When your child is absent from school, don't forget to send in a note on their return to school.

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.



Road Safety



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



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



Lost Property

Please make sure all item of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be returned if they are lost.

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 via zoom. 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. Information regarding the AGM was circulated to parents on the 6th August. At the completion of the AGM the August general meeting will be held.



Return and Earn

BPS has been successful in becoming a donation partner on our local return and earn machine. BPS will feature from the 24th August on the machine located in Berowra Heights. We encourage anyone from our local community to begin collecting eligible containers and donating their returns directly into our fundraising account by selecting 'BPS'. All funds raised will go directly towards the upkeep of the school vegetable garden.



Band

The BPS School Bands are enjoying being able to rehearse together again each week. This week the *Explorer Band*, which consists of our young beginner students started to work on a favourite piece called *We Will Rock You*. This young band of musicians has been practising each week at home and having lessons with their music tutors and are already sounding wonderful. They are working from a Band Method book and are learning to read music notes, rhythms and musical terms.

We rehearse each Friday morning at 7:50am-8:00am in the school hall. Naomi Lewandoski our band conductor has been inviting some of the more experienced students from our Concert Band to come along to the Explorer Band rehearsals to help out the younger players and be mentors for them as they begin their musical journey. As

an introductory beginner band for students in their first year of playing an instrument, the Explorer Band is predominantly for Year 3 students; however, it is open to students from Years 3 to 6 who have no or minimal prior experience.

The *Concert Band* were rocking the hall this week being superheroes whilst playing *The Avengers Theme* from the Marvel movies and kept up the jolly movie theme playing *Happy* from The Minions Movie. Concert Band comprises students from Year 4 to Year 6 who have completed their first year of playing in the Explorer Band and have progressed in skill and developed an understanding of rhythms, note reading and holding a part within the group. Music for the Concert Band is chosen from contemporary, jazz and classical genres offering students a wide variety of music to broaden their musical experience. Currently our Year 6 students are showing some great skills and are leading the band helping younger students with rhythms and fingerings and setting a good example for others in rehearsals. Concert Band rehearsals are held in the school hall on Wednesdays 7:50am-9:00am.



The BPS School Band Program is an extra-curricular activity supported by the P&C.

We are currently looking for parents to join our team for mid-year 2020-2021 in the following roles. If you think this could be you, please contact us at bpsband@hotmail.com

Music Committee

Liaising with Berowra Public School (BPS), the Music Committee (a subcommittee of Berowra Public School P&C Association) is responsible for organising and running the BPS Music Program, including the Band Program and the Recorder and String Ensembles. The Music Committee, made-up of parent volunteers, meets once every school term.

Music Committee Roles

The main Music Committee roles are Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

Music Committee Chairperson - Filled

The Chairperson reports to BPS P&C Association on behalf of the Music Committee and oversees the actions of the Music Committee which is responsible for the management of the administrative aspects of the BPS Music Program. In consultation with the Secretary and the School, the Chairperson also oversees the hiring of professional musicians and conductors to manage the musical aspect of the BPS Music Program.

Music Committee Treasurer

The Treasurer reports financial information to the Chairperson and the BPS P&C Association as requested. This role oversees the management and control of the financial aspects of the Music Committee.

Music Committee Secretary

The Secretary assists the Chairperson and acts as a conduit between the School, all members of the Music Committee and the Conductor. The secretary's role involves managing administrative and marketing aspects of the Music Committee (for example, band enrolments and writing a blurb for the Crest).

Band Event/Performance Coordinator

The Band Event/Performance Coordinator liaises with all Music Committee members and the Conductor to finalise the calendar of events/performances for BPS Bands. This role plans, organises and communicates all aspects of band events and performances.

Band Coordinator — Explorer Band

The Band Coordinator communicates information between Band Parents, the Conductor and other members of the Music Committee on a regular basis. For example, sending event information provided by the Event/Performance Coordinator to the Conductor, band members and their parents.

Band Coordinator — Concert Band

The Band Coordinator communicates information between Band Parents, the Conductor and other members of the Music Committee on a regular basis. For example, sending weekly practice reminders as requested by the Conductor.

Band Instrument Coordinator

The Band Instrument Coordinator manages the hire and maintenance of BPS instruments to BPS band members and mainly liaises with their parents, the Conductor and Band Coordinators.

Student Injury Insurance

Berowra Public School P&C Association has a Student Injury Insurance Policy for all 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 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](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 you are required to have a current "Working with Children" check completed. Once your application has been processed please provide the office 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>

A Declaration for Volunteers and Non-child Related Contractors 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 any volunteer activity with the school.

<https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/non-child-related-declaration-wwcc.pdf>

Canteen

The Canteen is now taking over the counter cash sales and as well as orders via FlexiSchools.

There are lots of opportunities in the Canteen for volunteers – if you can spare one day a week, fortnight or month, we would 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/wjCbjaI>

Parents and carers who need to be on site for canteen purposes, must sign the visitor acknowledgement form for each visit. These are available at the school office.

The Canteen is also encouraging the kids to recycle their Chill J bottles into the yellow recycling tub located outside the Canteen. These bottles will be returned to the Return a and Earn machine and the funds donated directly back to the school.

Teresa, Canteen Manager



Uniform Shop

To purchase your school uniforms you need to do this 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, and ask them to collect your order.

Fiona Garrity, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator



School Banking

School Banking has now resumed. As with everything, there are some changes in the way that we operate School Banking.

Parents are not permitted in the school grounds therefore your child/children will have to do their school banking on their own. Please ensure your banking slips have been filled out correctly with your child's name, their unique student number, the date and the correct \$ amount of what they wish to deposit.

We will have two authorised parent volunteers assisting in the canteen and you are more than welcome to wait outside the school gates if you would like to take your child's banking book home with you.

Once your child has completed their banking there will be hand sanitizer provided.

Unless otherwise advised, School Banking will remain every Tuesday from 8.50am-9.20am in the canteen.

Fiona Garrity, School Banking Coordinator

Bendigo Bank

Bendigo Bank supports our school by allowing us to raise additional funds for the school through their Community Cash Program.

If you are looking for a home or investment property, or just want to check your current rate then let them know and help our school at the same time.

It costs nothing to get a quote and members will earn our school \$25 in Community Cash and if they like what they see they can earn another \$500 in Community Cash for settling a loan of \$250,000 or more.

To date we have raised **\$880** for our school.



Athlete's Foot

Thank you to Athlete's Foot for their contribution of **\$775** through the school rewards program to BPS.

Contact Us

If you would like to get in touch please send an email through to BPSPandC2080@gmail.com or grab one of our Committee Members at school for a chat!

