

The Crest

Term 1 Week 10
31 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy and wet couple of weeks and the students and teachers are looking forward to a well-deserved break.

Happy Easter to those who celebrate the occasion and I wish all our families a wonderful break and hope you take time to relax and recharge.



Student Learning Harmony Day

Harmony Day was held on Tuesday 23rd March. Our students participated in buddy class activities and wore something orange to celebrate the special day.



Term 1 Dance Concert

It was wonderful to see our students perform in our Term 1 Dance Concert. The students danced with enthusiasm, demonstrating their increasing skills in dance and confidence in performing. Their dances were amazing!! It was also heart-warming to see so many of our parent on site enjoying the creative talents of our students. It was our first event in more than a year. Next term there will be a new group of students learning dance with Mrs Lukic.



NSW Primary Dance Workshop

Last week some of our students represented our school at the NSW Primary dance workshops organised by the Arts Unit. Congratulations to Zoe, Madeline and Amelia in Year 2, Evie in Year 3 and Harper and Zoe in Year 4. These students experienced many styles of dance including hip hop, jazz, musical theatre, African and contemporary dance. They were able to develop their skills and have a fun-filled day of dance.

Recorders and Strings Performance

During Week 9 on Friday 26th March at 12:45pm 1T hosted our K-2 Assembly where the recorder and string students had their first performance. We had many special visiting parents enjoying the occasion.

Stage 1 Gibberagong Excursion

Stage 1 students and teachers enjoyed their first excursion of the year to Gibberagong where they learnt about features of places in a fabulous outdoor learning environment.





Internet Safety

I have been made aware of a website Omegle - where people can have video chats with random people all over the world. This site has become popular at the moment especially with teenagers.

The following link provides additional information for parents on Omegle:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/omegle>

Concerns have been raised about the potential dangers these types of sites have for our young people. Although we address cyber safety at school it is a good idea for parents to be aware of potential harmful websites, continue to discuss cyber safety with their children and monitor the websites and apps that their children are using.

The safety commission has a useful website with many resources to help support parents and students: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators>

Teacher Learning

Our teachers had Wellbeing Week during Week 9 with some activities and treats to look after their own wellbeing. It was fantastic to see the teachers smiling and laughing in the staff room and enjoying some personalised colouring-in during recess and lunch. Thanks Mrs Mitchell for looking after us!



Congratulations to all our K-2 teachers, Mrs Kolarik, Mrs Lukic, Ms Roberts, Miss Carter, Mrs Boon and Ms Wallace for completing additional training in Sounds-Write. Check the website link for more information <https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/page-98-australia.aspx>



Farewell and Good Luck

This term we farewell Mrs Vicky Rode who is taking extended leave as she transitions into retirement. Vicky has been a valued member of BPS for the last 20 years and has enjoyed her time working in the school with the staff and students. Mrs Rode will be greatly missed.



Community

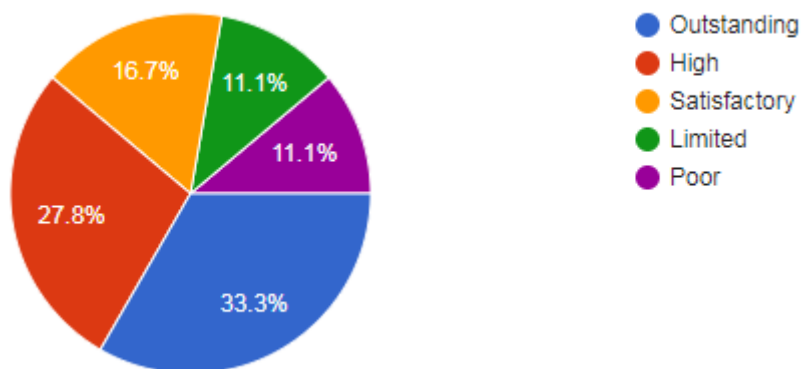
This term BPS held its very first Coffee and Catch Up. Although we didn't get as many parents attending as we had hoped, it was a great way to start the morning especially since it was such a wet, rainy day. We will keep you posted on the time and date of our next Coffee and Catch Up.



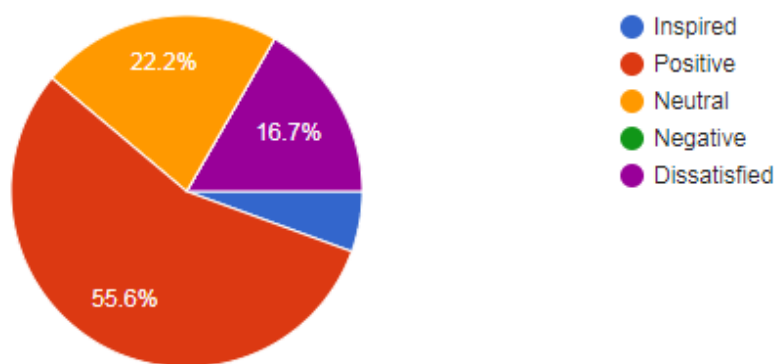
School Planning

Our new School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been submitted to the Director of Educational Leadership for approval. Once approved our SIP will be published on the school website. The teachers, our SIP team and executive team have worked extremely hard to ensure our SIP reflects our situational analysis and we are excited about the opportunities which are ahead of us in our improvement journey. We thank the parents/carers who took the time to provide us with feedback around our vision and the 3 strategic directions.

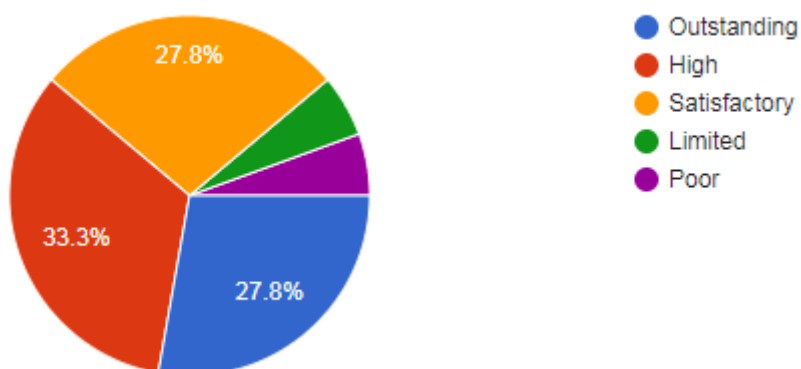
How do you rate our school vision?



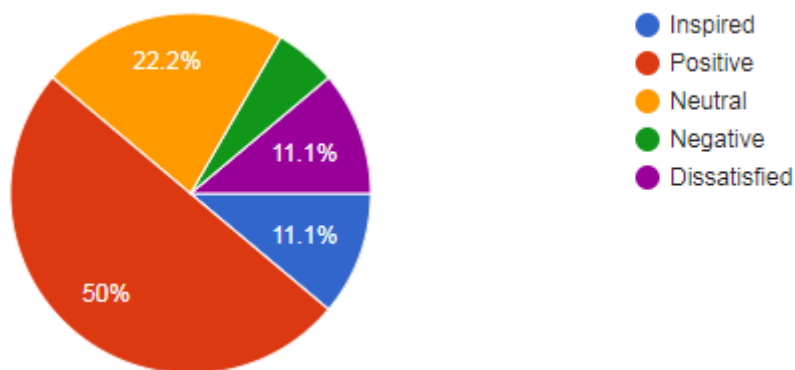
How do you feel about our school vision?



How do rate our strategic directions?



How do you feel about our strategic directions?



Parent Communication

We have updated our BPS Parent Communication Procedures and our BPS Visitor Procedures to include feedback from the P&C and community. These procedures are attached and our school procedures are also available on our school website.

School Bytes, our school email system is set up to send emails to the parent listed as the 1st contact on student enrolment forms. If you would like to add a second parent/carers contact to receive emails please email your request to the school email address.

Additionally if you change your email address or are not receiving emails please ensure you notify the school so we can check and update your details.

Risk Management Plans

If your child has sustained a serious injury and requires accommodations or adjustments to be put in place please phone the school office to make an appointment with me. We create Risk Management Plans to prevent any further injury and so that all staff are aware of any necessary changes that are put in place.

2022 Enrolments

A child is entitled to enrol at the local school that the student is eligible to attend if his or her home is within that school's intake area.

Currently our school has an enrolment of 373 students. We sit 49 above our enrolment cap of 324 students. An out of area application for BPS can still be made, however, it is submitted to a panel who following the criteria to decide whether the application is accepted.

BPS Enrolment Procedures and Protocols are located on our school website at <https://berowra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Please contact the office if you require any additional information.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me via the school email berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone the front office.

Vicky Wallace
Principal

Smiling Minds

This year Berowra Public School is implementing the Smiling Mind program. This is a mindfulness program that will support student wellbeing.

"Mindfulness is proven to lead to better attention, memory, regulation of emotions and self awareness. In turn, improvements in these areas can lead to reduced stress, anxiety and depression, better academic skills, social skills and self esteem."

Mindfulness will become part of our everyday school culture and both the students and teachers will be practising mindfulness meditation three times a week. Each fortnight there will be a new focus, starting with 'Awareness'.

We encourage parents and students to register on the Smiling Mind website or download the app to explore the Smiling Mind program. The mindfulness program, practices for the classroom and home, as well as more information about Smiling Mind can be found at www.smilingmind.com.au. You can also find more information specific to parents and carers through this link:

<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/parent-resource>.

Ms Elky Roberts
Smiling Minds Champion

A massive **thank you** to the Walsh
Family for the donation
of seeds for the school garden.

We will have lots of flowers and herbs to
plant now.

Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hat Parade - Thursday 1st April at 10:15am-11:45am

We look forward to seeing parents and visitors at our Hat Parade. There will be seating available on the picnic seats near BOOSH and on the BOOSH verandah. The band will be playing and morning tea will be available to purchase. Thank you to Mrs Lukic for all her organisation and the School Support Group for all the work they do for our Hat Parade. It wouldn't be the same without your support.

Program

10:15 - Bands play
10:30 - Parade begins - order (in classes) - Stage 3 - Stage 2 - Stage 1 - Kindergarten
11:00 - Raffle winners drawn
11:10 - Easter bunny arrives
11:15 - Students return to classroom
11:15-11:45 - Morning Tea - available to purchase from the canteen

Students are to wear school uniform (with school hat) and bring in their own hat creation from home for the parade. The students will be seated on the asphalt outside all the classrooms. Each class will be filmed using Seesaw.

Please arrive earlier to allow time to sign in. All parents must sign in using the QR code **AND** write their details on the DET register. There will be 3 gates open and set up for this. Our prefects will be available to assist.

The School Support Group has prepared morning tea which will be available for purchase at the canteen.

Attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe.
- they are currently unwell.
- In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.
- NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.
- Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

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 with the teacher's name in the subject bar and it will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member.



Road Safety



Hillcrest Road is very busy and there are a number of pedestrians crossing at Balaclava Road before and after school.

Please be mindful that U-turns are not safe around school zones.

Health and Safety is everyone's Responsibility

Our P&C has purchased accident insurance for students who are injured as a result

Accident & Health International
Underwriting Pty Limited



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.

BPS SCHOOL CALENDAR

*Please note dates are subject to change

*Not all events are on the calendar as dates are still being finalised

TERM 1

Week 10	Thursday 1 April	Hat Parade 10:15am
Week 10	Thursday 1 April	Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Monday 19 April	Term 2 resumes for staff only
Week 1	Tuesday 20 April	Term 2 resumes for students
Week 1	Wednesday 21 April	P&C Meeting
Week 1	Friday 23 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony
Week 3	Tuesday 4 May	Mother's Day Stall
Week 3	Friday 7 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Week 4	Monday 10 May	Interrelate 6:00pm-8:15pm
Week 4	Sunday 16 May	Working Bee
Week 5	Wednesday 19 May	P&C Meeting
Week 5	Thursday 20 May	Canteen Special Day: sausage sizzle
Week 6	Thursday 27 May	Kindy Excursion Special Local Places
Week 7	Thursday 3 June	Athletics Carnival
Week 9	Wednesday 16 June	P&C Meeting
Week 9	Thursday 17 June	Term 2 Dance Concert
Week 9	Friday 18 June	Semester 1 Student Reports
Week 9	Friday 18 June	School Support Group Disco
Week 10	Monday 21 June – Friday 25 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 10	Friday 25 June	Last day of Term 2

TERM 3		
Week 1	Monday 12 July	Term 2 resumes for staff only
Week 1	Tuesday 13 July	Term 2 resumes for students
Week 2	Wednesday 21 July	P&C Meeting
Week 3	Wednesday 28 July	P&C Mufti Day
Week 3	Thursday 29 July	Open Day/NAIDOC Day
Week 4	Tuesday 3 August	Athletics Carnival (Back Up Date)
Week 5	Thursday 12 August	Canteen Special Day: Tacos
Week 6	Wednesday 18 August	P&C AGM
Week 6	Sunday 22 August	Working Bee
Week 7	Thursday 26 August	Book Parade
Week 8	Tuesday 31 August	Father's Day Stall
Week 8	Friday 3 September	Father's Day Breakfast
Week 8	Saturday 4 September	Election BBQ run by the P&C
Week 9	Thursday 9 September	Term 3 Dance Concert
Week 9	Friday 10 September	School Support Group Disco
Week 10	Wednesday 15 September	P&C Meeting
Week 10	Friday 17 September	Last day of Term 3

TERM 4		
Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Tuesday 5 October	Term 4 resumes for staff and students
Week 3	Wednesday 20 October	P&C Meeting
Week 4	Thursday 28 October	Grandparent's and Special Friend's Day
Week 5	Thursday 4 November	Canteen Special Day: TBA
Week 7	Wednesday 17 November	P&C Meeting
Week 7	Sunday 21 November	Working Bee
Week 8	Friday 26 November	School Support Group Disco
Week 9	Thursday 2 December	Term 4 Dance Concert
Week 9	Thursday 2 December	Year 5 High School Experience Day
Week 10	Wednesday 8 December	Presentation Day
Week 10	Friday 10 December	Semester 2 Student Reports
Week 10	Date TBA	Year 6 Farewell
Week 11	Tuesday 14 December	Talent Show
Week 11	Wednesday 15 December	P&C Meeting (if required)
Week 11	Thursday 16 December	Last day of school for students
Week 11	Friday 17 December	Last day of school for staff



Mufti Day:

Thank you to all those families who brought in a gold coin for our first mufti day of the year. Together we raised **\$438** which will go towards P&C initiatives. Our next mufti day will be in Term 3.

Fundraising:

Thank you to all the families who purchased wines through the Tamburlaine Wine Fundraiser. Over \$1,142 was raised for our school for the upgrade of the stage lighting in the hall.

Canteen:

The Canteen could always use your help!
If you are interested in volunteering your time in the canteen – please contact the Canteen or sign up directly via [2021 BPS Canteen Volunteers — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

Volunteers must have a working with children's check, sign the visitor sign in sheet and use QR code located in the Office upon arrival.



The Easter Hat Parade will be happening on Thursday 1st April. The Canteen will be selling morning tea items from 11.20am – 11.45am.

Don't forget to order your Birthday Buckets!

For your child's birthday, order a bucket of ice blocks.



These will be delivered to their classroom for the whole class to enjoy!
Order prior to the day via Flexischools.



Canteen Thursday pizza special

\$4 EACH

MARGARITA OR HAWAIIAN

SUPPLIED BY BAKERS DELIGHT BEROWRA

ORDER VIA FLEXISCHOOLS

School Support Group:



It's almost here again, that time of the year when all mums deserve a little something special on Mother's Day. Our Mother's Day Stall will be happening this year on **Tuesday 4th May**. This is a wonderful opportunity to help fundraise for our school. A range of gifts priced from \$2 to \$10 will be available. Children will be taken in their class group to the hall by their teacher during the day to choose a special gift. More information will be sent home closer to the date.



School Discos are back finally. Our first disco in over a year will be held on **Friday 18th June**. More details will be communicated closer to the date.



The School Support Group (SSG) hold meetings once a month during school terms. Meeting details are communicated via the Facebook page. If you would like to get involved or help with any events run by SSG please join their page 'BPS School Support Group' on Facebook.

Note: If you would like to help at any SSG event, you must hold a valid WWCC and visit the BPS office team to complete the appropriate documentation, as well as have your ID sighted.

Uniform Shop:

Order here: <https://berowra-public-school-uniform-shop.myshopify.com/>



New Uniform Shop Procedure

Please see below for the slight change in the Uniform Shop procedure:

- There will no longer be a designated day of collection. This day was formerly Wednesday.
- What this means is that after you place your order on Shopify, it will be filled within 7 days. Once you have received your confirmation email that your order has been completed you are able to collect it any day from your designated collection point, either the Office from 8.30am-3.30pm Monday-Friday or from BOOSH on the day that your child attends BOOSH.
- This gives greater flexibility for our volunteers and for parents or children collecting orders. Please ensure you advise the office staff that you are there to collect a Uniform Shop order and sign the form to say you have collected your order.
- As always if you are unable to pick up your order please send an email to uniform.shop@bps.org.au and we will make arrangements to get it to you.
- Returns and exchanges remain the same, send an email stating what you would like and then leave your parcel clearly labelled with either BOOSH or The Office.

Banking

Tuesday – 8.50am to 9.20am @ The Canteen

Parents are now allowed on site to assist their child with banking if needed. Please ensure banking slips are filled out correctly with the child's name, unique student no, the date and \$ amount being deposited. Two authorised parent volunteers will complete the banking.



Band Raffle:

THE BUNNY IS COMING...



We need you! Donations of **EASTER TREATS** (small bags of mini eggs, other easter treats individually wrapped to be Covid safe please) to be delivered to the office by **Friday 19th March**

BPS EASTER RAFFLE

BPS Music Committee 

TICKETS \$1 EACH

Tickets on sale before and after school (plus on Flexischools)
Monday 22nd March to 1st April
Prizes drawn and awarded at the Easter Hat Parade on 1st April!

HAMPER PRIZES PLUS
'GUESS HOW MANY EASTER EGGS' COMPETITION



Thank you to everyone who has contributed Easter goodies or purchased tickets.

Garden Club:

Can you help?

We would love to get irrigation setup in the school vegetable garden.
If you are handy or know anyone handy that could help us with this job please get in touch!



Also, if you have any empty/used plastic ice cream containers at home, we would love these to start collecting compost from the classrooms. Please drop your empty/used plastic containers at the office.



Support BPS by:



BPS is a donation partner on the machine located in Berowra Heights

Collect eligible containers and donate your returns by selecting 'Berowra Public School'

All funds raised go towards the upkeep of the school vegie garden



The Athlete's Foot

Every time you buy a pair of shoes from Hornsby Athlete's Foot store - **\$5** will be donated back to **BPS**

This applies to the whole family across a fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes



School Rewards

The Athlete's Foot Hornsby

Shop 1082, 236 Pacific Highway
Hornsby, NSW, 2077



A school parents dream! Selling personalized labels, clothing and lunch boxes; giving a percentage of sales back to the school to help purchase additional resources
www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/BPSS

Make sure when checking out that **BPSS** is in the Crew/Fundraising code box
Your Purchase Supports

Berowra Public School Support

About BPS P&C:

BPS P&C is made up of busy and committed parents who work with the school to provide opportunities to advance student's wellbeing and education. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. All welcome!

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 21st April @ 7pm

New Members Welcome

Get in Touch

Send an email to:
BPSPandC2080@gmail.com

Or grab one of our Committee Members @ school.

Office Bearers:

President: Simon Spencer
Vice Presidents: Dominic O'Brien & Erin Sutton
Treasurer: Deb Cook
Secretary: Clare Salke