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Term 2 Week 2 28 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 2!

We are looking forward to a jammed packed term of learning and extra-curricular events which are planned for the term ahead.

Our students have started the term of practising for the up-coming school cross country.

Student Learning

During STEM or QTSS time, students in Year 1 have been learning about the weather. They were excited to share and explain how they created sun dials with paper plates, plasticine and skewers and used shadows to help tell the time. *"When the sun is above us our shadows are short and when the sun is setting our shadows are longer,"* explained one of the students.



Students in Year 1 have also been working in writing groups with the teacher to create individual writing goals while other students worked independently on writing activities and learning about 2D shapes and patterns with maths blocks.



On Friday 23 April the school held our ANZAC Day Ceremony. It was a special occasion for us to learn about the traditions of ANZAC Day and to commemorate this special day. After the ceremony students laid flowers underneath our flag pole as a sign of remembrance



Teacher Learning

The teachers had a productive School Development Day learning about Wellbeing, evaluating Smiling Minds and delving into the initiatives of our New School Improvement plan.



Stage 1 teachers have also worked



closely this week with our Instructional Leader Mrs Kath Boon to collaboratively plan an English unit of work based on the solar system and using quality texts.

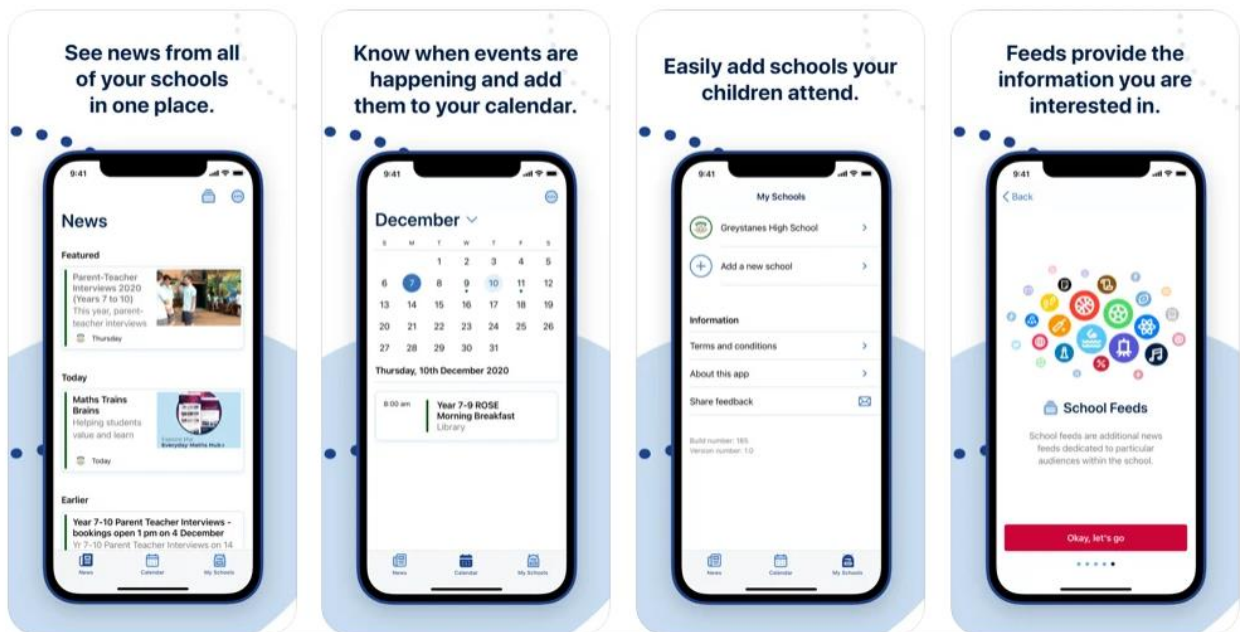
Community

The P&C has provided feedback to the school regarding requests for improvements in school communication in the event of emergencies. We are currently looking into a sms messaging system through Sentral. We are also looking into a system through School Bytes where permission notes can be signed online which will streamline the note system for parents.

The department of Education has created a new app for parents which is linked to our website. The app will provided a school calendar and parents will have the ability to receive emergency alerts from the school. We strongly encourage all parent and carers to download the app so that we keep in touch. Please be mindful that we are still working on adding the calendar events.



iPhone Screenshots



Introducing the NSW Education Parent App

We have the pleasure in introducing you to the NSW Education Parent app.

The app is a companion to your SWS school website. It shows the news, events and school information you publish to your school website. For parents it provides:

- the ability to add more than one school
- the latest news from all of their children's schools in one place.
- personalised school feeds to display information for selected year levels.
- details of school events and the ability to add them to a calendar, and
- links to contact schools directly from their mobile.

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 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 374 students. We sit 50 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.

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



BPS Music Committee

The 2021 BPS Easter Raffle was a huge success this year, with parents being allowed into the school to watch performances by the Explorer and Concert Bands and the Easter Hat Parade. We had over 20 raffle hamper prizes to give away on the day which were put together with donations from parents and other community groups, thank you everyone who contributed! The Easter Egg guessing competition was also a huge success with one lucky family from 1T guessing the correct amount. The committee also donated one of the hampers to Mission Australia which was given to a local family in need.

The Easter Raffle and Tamburlaine Wine fundraiser raised over \$2500 for the Music Committee which will go towards new lighting for the school hall and other essential equipment.



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 2 | | |
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| Week | Date | Event |
| Week 3 | Tuesday 4 May | Mother's Day Stall |
| Week 3 | Wednesday 5 May | School Cross Country |
| Week 3 | Friday 7 May | Mother's Day Breakfast |
| Week 4 | Monday 10 May | Interrelate 6:00pm-8:15pm |
| Week 4 | Saturday 15 May | Working Bee 2pm-4pm |
| Week 5 | Monday 17 May | Zone Cross Country |
| Week 5 | Wednesday 19 May | P&C Meeting |
| Week 5 | Thursday 20 May | AECG Meeting Asquith Public School 4pm-5:30pm |
| 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 7 | Friday 4 June | Coffee and Catch Up 8:50am - 9:20am |
| Week 8 | Wednesday 9 June | Kindy 2022 Parent Information Session and Tours 2:30pm-3pm |
| Week 8 | Thursday 10 June | Florimo Cup Gala Day Stage 2 & 3 |
| Week 8 | Thursday 10 June | Kindy 2022 Parent Information Session and Tours 2:30pm-3pm |
| Week 8 | Friday 11 June | Kindy 2022 Parent Information Session and Tours 2:30pm-3pm |
| 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 | | |
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| 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 | Thursday 18 August | Teddy Bear's Picnic Kindy Excursion |
| Week 6 | Sunday 22 August | Working Bee |
| Week 7 | Monday 23 August | Year 2 Sydney Zoo Excursion |
| 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 9 | Monday 13 September – Wednesday 15 September | Stage 3 Camp |
| Week 10 | Wednesday 15 September | P&C Meeting |
| Week 10 | Friday 17 September | Last day of Term 3 |

| TERM 4 | | |
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| 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 |



Mother's Day Breakfast:

Our Mother's Day breakfast is coming up on **Friday 7th May from 7.30am to 9.30am** under the hall cola. Bacon and egg rolls will be on offer which will be cooked by some very talented dads! Notes will be sent home to rsvp for the event so please ensure you return these to the P&C pigeonhole in the school office prior to the 5th May. If you are a dad and are keen to help on the BBQ please get in touch with Clare.

Working Bee:

Our next working bee was scheduled for Sunday 16th May but it has now been moved to **Saturday 15th May**. Please keep an eye out for further information in the coming weeks.



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.

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

Should you wish to contact us please do so by calling the school office on 9456 1319 or via email canteen@bps.org.au

Uniform Shop:

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



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.

School Support Group:



It is 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**.



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.**

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.



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!



Mother's Day

Stall

TUESDAY 4TH MAY

It's here again, that time of the year when all mums deserve a little something special on Mother's Day.

The School Support Group will be running their stall again. This is a wonderful opportunity to help fundraise for our school.

A range of gifts priced from \$2 to \$10 will be available. Please send money with your child on the day to allow them to purchase a gift.

Children will be taken in their class group to the hall by their teacher during the day to choose a special gift.

Please also remember to give your child a bag to put their gifts in.



Mother's Day

BREAKFAST

7th May 7.30-9.20am

Under the hall cola

It's time to celebrate all our wonderful Mums (and other special women in the lives of our children).

Bacon and egg rolls will be on offer and there will be a coffee van on site for you to purchase and fulfil your caffeine needs!

We look forward to seeing many mums there to enjoy the morning!

For catering purposes, notes will come home with your child to RSVP for the event.

Please return these to the school office by the 5th of May.

