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Term 2 Week 4
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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an eventful start to the term with student learning, extra curricula events and community engagement. It's fantastic to be able to have parents back on site.

Student Learning

The Berowra RSL sub-Branch invited our school leaders to attend the ANZAC Day march and ceremony on the 25th April at the Berowra Community Hall. Our school leaders: Ivy, Jonathan, Katerina and Sam who attended did an outstanding job of representing our school. BPS takes great pride in representing our school in our community. We thank Tim McGilchrist who accompanied our leaders and Connie McGilchrist for organising the flowers laid by our leaders.

Our students were able to buy some amazing Mother's Day gifts from the Mother's Day stall which was organised by our School Support Group. A huge thanks to the School Support group for all their organisation and to all our wonderful volunteers....we would be at a loss without you!





Our students enjoy their healthy snacks during fruit break.

All Our classes K-2 have been working hard with our new Sounds Write program. Students are learning to say the sounds and read the words.

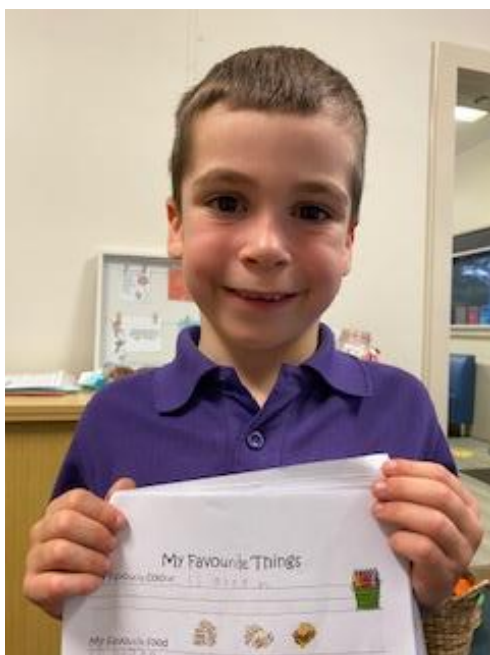
They are also learning to say the sounds as they write the matching letter/s





The lines on the whiteboard are a scaffold to help students know how many sounds are in each word. As they become more confident the scaffolds are no longer needed.

Students learnt that the same sound 'a' can be spelt in are 4 different ways 'ai', 'ay', 'ea' and 'a-e.'



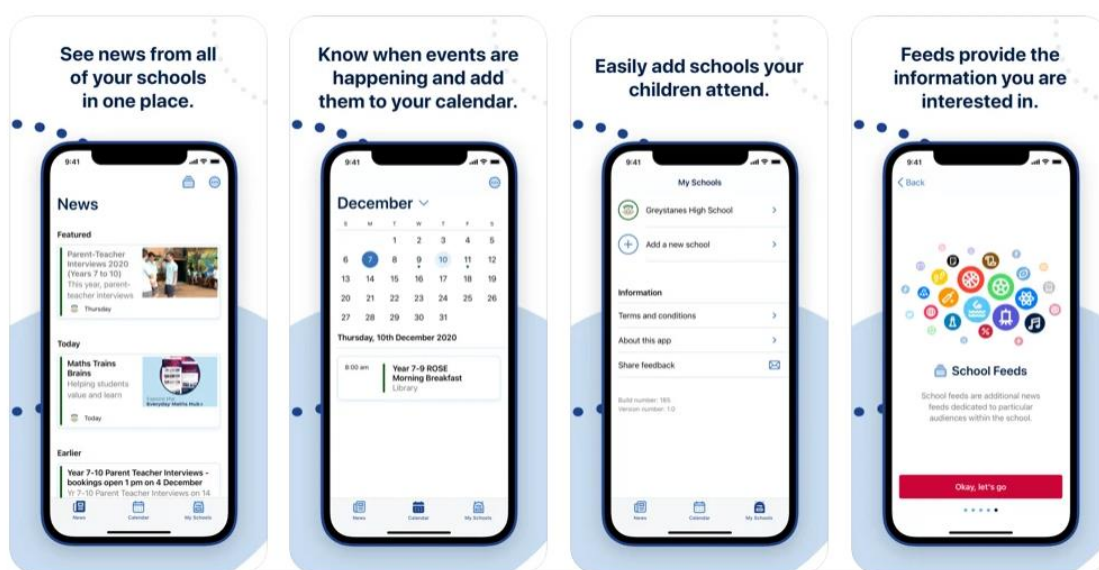
It makes my day when students share their learning with me and it's even more fantastic when they continue their learning journey at home!

Community

The department of Education has created a new app for parents which is linked to our website. The app will provide 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.

The WHS requirements for volunteers has been updated. Please note the following:

Parent volunteers are required to show photo identification and complete a Declaration for Volunteers and Non Child related Contractors.

Specified volunteers (Volunteers over the age of 18 who are not parents of close relatives of a child attending the school) must have a current working with children check (WWCC) paid or unpaid, must show photo identification and complete a Declaration for Child Related Work: Specified Volunteers and Contractors. These volunteers must be screened as a Volunteer/Contractor by the office **BEFORE** coming onsite. This process can often take longer than 24 hours.

Please ensure you see the office for any assistance with this process.

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

Library News

Children have settled in well to the new term. So much exploring to do in the Library! The junior classes have been using non-fiction books to search for facts and have recorded their findings on See Saw. Kindergarten heard the story on ANZAC Ted for ANZAC Day and were engaged in the story and making their own ANZAC Ted with real bandaids!

The senior classes have been busy making QR codes for many junior stories and novels. They are enthusiastically borrowing and working towards completing their Premier's Reading Challenge. It is so good to see so much interest in reading this year across all grades.

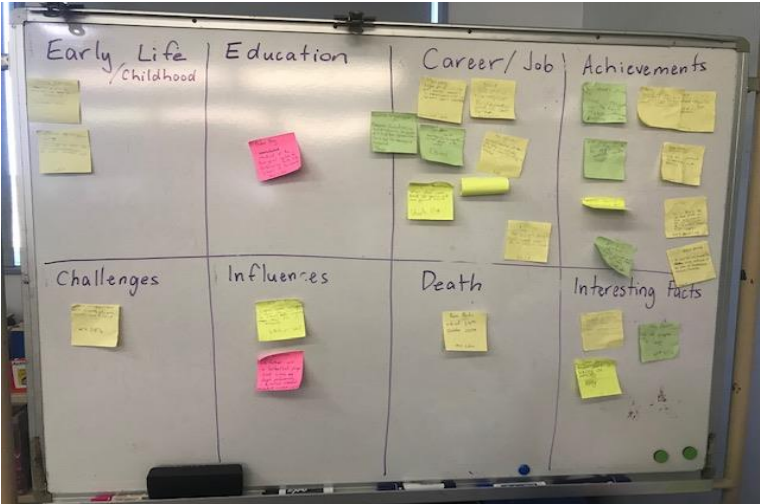
The Premier's Reading challenge is well under way. K-2 children are having PRC stories read to them at school but parents are also encouraged to go to the PRC website and record any books the children may have read or have read to them, at home. Senior classes can record five personal choice books that are not on the PRC lists. Just remember to record these on their online PRC student record.

Thank you parents for encouraging your children to complete their PRC readings by August.

The students in Years 3-6 have been using their Student Portal to access all of their library needs. This includes using Orbit to search, locate and reserve books in our library. Through their Student Portal they can also access the Premier's Reading Challenge to add the books they have been reading at home and at school. We already have a number of students who have completed their challenge! Congratulations on your dedication to reading. Finally, all students can access a wide range of eBooks on their Student Portal. These books are part of our World Book online collection and are mostly non-fiction, this includes some audio books.

Last term many of our Stage 2 and 3 students recorded a Book Review of their favourite book. These have been published as a QR code which can be accessed by other students curious to find out whether this is a 'good fit' book to read. Stage 3 are now learning about biographies. This week, they learnt about the important features of a biography.

Another busy, productive, enhanced learning term on the way.





The artificial grass areas outside the library continue to be enjoyed by the students, with somewhere to sit, eat and talk together.



Sports Update

It has been a busy time for sport at BPS. Leanne C, Racheal H, Ivy U, Maddie B and Brady M all tried out for zone teams in netball, soccer and League. Congratulations to Maddie who went onto a combined trial and Brady who will now represent the region in Tamworth. Well done Brady!

Congratulations to all of our cross country runners who had a great day on Wednesday participating in BPS Cross Country. We were lucky to have ideal running weather and that the heavy down pour held off until Thursday. Thanks to all our teacher and parent volunteers who helped out on the track along the way. It was also wonderful to have our students and visiting parents cheering along our runners.

Zone cross country is on 17th May at Rofe Park. Good luck to all our competitors. Unfortunately, winter PSSA had a delayed start due to weather but good luck to the soccer, netball and AFL teams for the season.



Mother's Day Breakfast

Thanks to Clare Salke, our fabulous P&C and all our volunteers who helped out at the Mother's Day Breakfast. What a positive, relaxed and enjoyable event. Such a great way to start the day and to celebrate all our very special mothers. Happy Mother's Day





Road Safety



Driver Safety Message



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

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.



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
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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		
Week	Date	Event
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		
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		
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:

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Mother's Day breakfast last Friday. It was our biggest turn out yet!

Big shout out to the dads who cooked up a storm on the BBQ and the year 6 leadership team for their help serving as well.



Working Bee:

Our next working bee was scheduled for this **Saturday 15th May from 2-4pm**. There is plenty to do so please come along with the kids and help make our school beautiful.

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.



Canteen Thursday pizza special

\$4 EACH

MARGARITA OR HAWAIIAN

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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.

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:



Our Mother's Day stall was held last Tuesday and was again a great success. The kids had lots of fun choosing the perfect gift for their mum. Almost \$1,700 was raised from the stall. Thank you to all the families that supported this fundraising initiative.



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.**

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!

