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Term 2 Week 10 23 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Our students and teachers are definitely ready for a well-deserved break after a term of hard work and challenging learning.

It has been wonderful to hear about the positive conversations around student learning that has been happening during parent teacher interviews. A huge thanks to Kindy Red, 2A, 3/4K and 5/6C who were our trial classes for Learning Conversations. The feedback we have received so far from parents who participated in Learning Conversations has been extremely positive. We will share the feedback next term when it has been collated.

Congratulations to Mrs Barbara Lawrie who has been successful in a temporary promotion to School Administrative Manager (SAM) at Brooklyn for Term 3. We know she will do an amazing job and it will be a wonderful learning opportunity for her. Good luck Mrs Lawrie!

A massive thank you to our very generous families who have contributed to the St Mark's Anglicare Winter Food Drive. Our community do an outstanding job to support those in need.

Upgrades

Our new Library roof and sky lights have been installed. Some new Library furniture has arrived and will be unpacked ready for a fresh start to Term 3. Mrs Lukic and Mrs Smith have been busy culling old resources in preparation for our internal library make over with new internal painted and new carpet expected in the new financial year.

Installation of our external fence is well underway. The workmen have been very efficient and have done an amazing job at minimising the disruption to accessing the school. It is expected the fence will be completed by the 30 June. It will be great to have the additional security for the school holidays which will hopefully reduce the vandalism and property damage.



Student Learning

Students in the North Sydney Dance group have had a busy week with the filming of their dances and performance for the school and community on Monday.

I was lucky enough to be able to attend the filming with Mrs Lukic and both dance groups. They were amazing and did us proud with both their outstanding performances and their behaviour. A huge thanks to Mrs Paspane for the amazing costumes, to our fabulous families for supporting their children in dance and to the wonderful Mrs Lukic for all her hard work, dedication and creativity.

Teacher Learning

Berowra Public School proudly hosted our Instructional Rounds Network on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 9. Mrs Boon, Mrs Mitchell, Ms Cabral, Mrs Beckedahl and Ms Wallace who make up our Instructional Rounds Team participated in professional learning over the 2 days with teachers and principals from Oakhill Drive Public School, John Purchase Public School and Thornleigh West Public School. Our brave teachers invited the instructional round network into their rooms to conduct observations. The information gathered from the rounds was used to make recommendations for whole school future improvements in teaching and learning.

We are extremely proud of our teachers who are motivated to continually learn and implement changes to improve their practice. We are also very proud of all of our students who demonstrated their learning and displayed impeccable manners and behaviour.

Currently our whole school focus is on writing. Check out our problem of practice below:

Are our writing lessons worthwhile?

- How well does the lesson meet students' identified needs by presenting an appropriately increased level of challenge?
- How are reading & viewing and talking & listening used to facilitate quality writing?
- How are modelling and joint construction used to challenge & support students' understanding?
- Are there avenues for students to self-regulate their learning?





External Validation

BPS is currently engaged in the External Validation (EV) process which occurs in schools every 5 years. Teachers have worked hard to collect, annotate and analyse evidence to reflect areas of the School Excellence Framework (SEF). We have collaboratively rated our performance against each of the themes in the SEF and have decided on the where to next to drive our school planning. Our evidence was shared at the last P&C meeting and has been submitted for review by a panel. During Week 1 of Term 3 members of our Executive Team and our School Improvement Plan (SIP) Team will meet with the panel to discuss our evidence sets and ratings. Well done to our teachers who have worked hard on EV and especially to Mr Parkinson, Miss Simmons, Ms Cabral, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Layson, Mr Pritchard, Mrs Beckedahl and Mrs Boon who collaboratively created a very comprehensive document which clearly tells our whole school's learning journey.

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. This process can often take 24 hours.

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 and is currently longer than 2 weeks.

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 – Please enrol your child now for 2022 using online 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.

Our Out of Area Enrolment Panel is scheduled to meet Term 3 Week 2 Monday 19 July 2021.

Vicky Wallace
Principal

Creative Arts Opportunities

Earlier this term Holly R and Tasha V attended the NSW Public Schools Junior Dance workshops. They represented our school and explored many styles of dance such as contemporary, jazz, musical theatre and more. Next term Lauren B and Emma W will be attending these workshops.

This week Trent H will be attending the Arts Alive Stage 3 Visual Arts workshop for talented artists. We know he will enjoy this experience and will learn new techniques to further develop his talent.

Term 2 Events

NAIDOC Day - Wednesday 14th July - The students will be involved in class/buddy class activities.

Open Day - Thursday 29th July - Parents, families and our community are welcome to attend.

- 9:45 am Assembly with performances from every student
- 11:00 am Open classrooms
- 11:30 am Morning Tea

Dance News

Last week 1M, 1T, 2A and 2S performed some of the dances they have been learning with Mrs Lukic this term. It was wonderful to see so many parents come along to watch the show. The students were very excited to perform and danced with so much enthusiasm. Next term Stage 3 will have dance lessons with Mrs Lukic.



This week both our dance groups performed at the Sydney North Dance Festival at Glen St Theatre. Their dancing was exceptional. These groups also performed in our school hall for our K-6 students and parents to watch. They looked amazing and it was great inspiration for all of our students. A HUGE thank you to Kaela Paspasne who designed and made all of the costumes for these groups. I think you will all agree that they look absolutely amazing! We all appreciate Kaela for generously giving her time to sew these fabulous costumes.



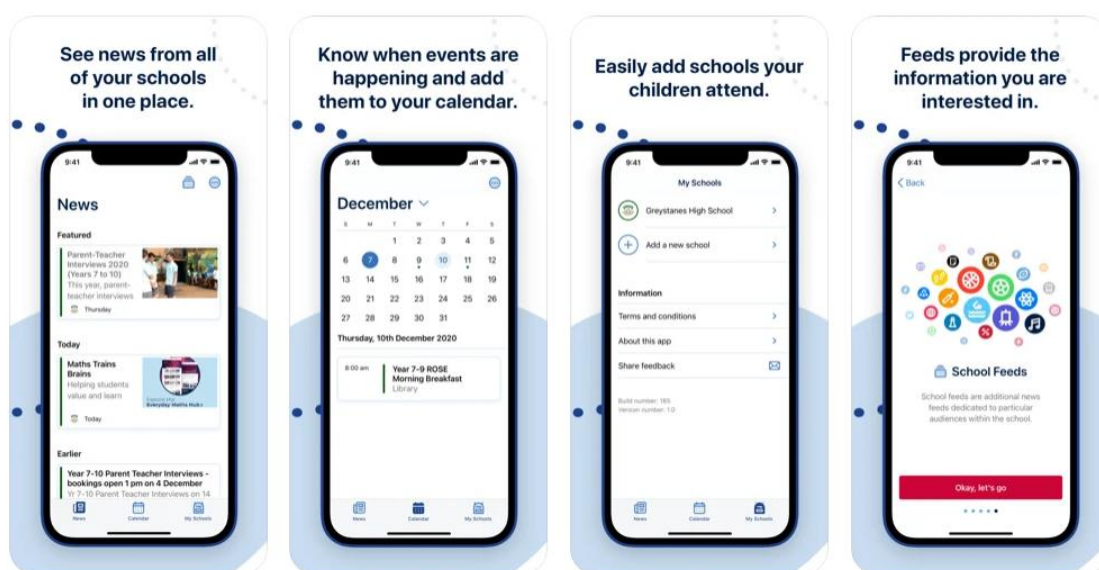


Community

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.

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

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.

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 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

BPS SCHOOL CALENDAR

*Please note dates are subject to change

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

TERM 3		
Week 1	Monday 12 July	Term 2 resumes for staff only
Week 1	Tuesday 13 July	Term 2 resumes for students
Week 1	Wednesday 14 July	NAIDOC Day
Week 2	Monday 19 July	Florimo Cup
Week 2	Monday 19 July	Out of Area Enrolment Panel
Week 2	Wednesday 21 July	Drama Festival
Week 2	Wednesday 21 July	P&C Meeting
Week 2	Friday 23 July	K-2 Athletics Carnival @ 1pm
Week 3	Wednesday 28 July	P&C Mufti Day
Week 3	Thursday 29 July	Open 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 19 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	Wednesday 1 September	Pirate Day Fund Raiser
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	Mufti Day – Stewart House Fund Raiser – organised by Student Parliament
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



Building fund:

Need to increase your tax-deductible donations for FY2021, don't forget The Berowra Public School Building Fund. Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible and will go towards the construction and improvement of educational facilities around the school.

More information on the School Building Fund project will be communicated in due course.



Fundraising meeting:

The Fundraising Committee was formed earlier this year. The main goal is to come up with new and fun ideas to raise money for our wonderful school. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd June at 7pm at the Berowra Tavern. Please come along to share your ideas and to help plan the next big thing at BPS!



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.



Price increase

Please note there will be a slight price increase on some menu items starting from 1 July.



Canteen Thursday pizza special

\$4 EACH
MARGARITA OR HAWAIIAN
SUPPLIED BY BAKERS DELIGHT BEROWRA
ORDER VIA FLEXISCHOOLS



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.

Thank you to **Melissa Kuilder**
and all the canteen volunteers
this term – we couldn't do it
without your help!

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/>

Should you wish to contact us please do so via email uniform.shop@bps.org.au



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:



Thank you to everyone who came along to the disco on Friday night. It was our biggest disco **EVER** with **267** students attending. A great time was had by all!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who braved the wet and cold to supervise.



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.**

Band

The P&C have been busy improving the music facilities at it school. We have purchased 24 music stands as well as a storage cart, which will be used by all our bands for years to come.

We have also upgraded 2 of our hire clarinets, the drum kit, purchased a tenor saxophone and a new flute. This is the results of many years of fundraising by many parents; or thanks to all who have helped over the years.



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!

Next meeting: 21st July



Canteen Winter Menu 2021

Available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Order online at:
www.flexischools.com.au
or at the canteen



MORNING TEA

Breadstick	0.10
Homemade Baked treat	0.80
Pizza Muffin (V)	1.00
Garlic bread	1.50
Hot chocolate	1.50

CHIPS

Koala popcorn - plain	1.00
Grain waves - sour cream & chives	1.50
Red rock deli - plain	1.50

SALAD

Rainbow salad bowl	2.50
Lettuce, cucumber, tomato, carrot	
- add pineapple or corn	0.50
- add ham, chicken or cheese	1.00
Crunchy veg sticks - cucumber and carrot	0.50

FROZEN

Frozen seasonal fruit	0.50
Berri quelch fruit stick	0.50
INI/ice mony	1.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt - chocolate/vanilla or watermelon/mango	2.20

TOASTED SANDWICHES

• ALL TOASTIES MADE ON WHOLEMEAL BREAD

Cheese	3.00
Cheese & ham	3.50
Cheese & pineapple	3.50
Cheese & baked beans	3.50
Cheese & spaghetti	3.50
Cheese & tuna	4.00
Tuna	3.50
Ham, cheese & pineapple	4.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	4.00
Gluten free bread	1.00

SANDWICHES - WHOLEMEAL BREAD

Vegemite	2.00
Cheese	2.00
Ham	3.00
Chicken	3.00
Tuna	3.00
Salad	3.00
Egg	3.00
Egg, lettuce & mayo	3.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	3.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	3.50

Extras - lettuce, cheese, tomato, grated carrot, beetroot or mayo 0.50

Gluten free bread 1.00

DRINKS

Juice - apple, orange or apple & blackcurrant	1.50
Water	1.00
Oak flavoured milk - strawberry or chocolate	2.00
Chill J - raspberry, grape or blackcurrant	2.00



SPECIALS

Sushi \$3.50

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

tuna, avocado, chicken teriyaki, salmon
avocado, cucumber or tuna avocado

Bakers Delight Pizza \$4.00

Thursday Only

Margherita or hawaiian

Macaroni & Cheese \$3.50

Friday Only

HOT FOOD

Garlic bread 1.50
Corn cobette (large) 2.00
Nuggets (4) *gluten free available 3.50
Snack pie 2.50

Homemade pumpkin soup w roll 3.50
Homemade pasta bolognaise 3.50
Sausage rolls 3.50
Spinach & ricotta roll 3.00
Travellers pie 4.00

Fish wrap with lettuce & tartare sauce 4.00

Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo 4.00
with the lot 5.00

Beef burger with cheese & tomato sauce 4.00
with the lot 5.00

Chicken snack wrap – chicken patty with lettuce & mayo 4.00
on a tortilla

*Sauce – tomato or BBQ 0.30

CANTEEN INFORMATION

ABOUT US

Our canteen is operated by our Manager and is assisted by our volunteer parents and grandparents as part of Berowra Public School's active P&C.

VOLUNTEERING WITH US

Our canteen is staffed by a group of wonderful volunteers who help us prepare healthy food and assist with serving at the canteen. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us.

Most volunteers help once a month from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

OPENING HOURS

We are open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for recess, lunch, and over-the-counter sales.

EVERYDAY & OCCASIONAL FOOD OPTIONS

We are working towards the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy to provide a menu that's at least 3/4 everyday healthy options, and no more than 1/4 occasional food.

Go to www.healthyschoolcanteen.nsw.gov.au to find out more about these requirements. Please note prices and menu items may vary from time to time.

ORDERING

Paper Bag: orders must be in by 9.15 am. The bag must include the child's name, class, items ordered, and the price. Online: online ordering closes at 9.30 am. We use a system called Flexi so you can order from home at your convenience. To set up your account go to www.flexischools.com.au

FORGOTTEN LUNCH

If your child is without their lunch the office will call the parent and a forgot lunch note will be completed. The invoice will be sent home with the child. Please pay within 7 days.

CONTACT US

Manager – Teresa

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