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Term 2 Week 8 9 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a productive couple of weeks for our students, teachers and families. Notes have been sent home to parents with details on how to book in a time for parent teacher interviews, which will be starting next week (Week 9). Please make sure you book in a time before the bookings close on Friday.

We have 4 classes (**Kindy Red, 2A, 3/4K and 5/6C**) trialling Learning Conversations instead of parent/teacher interviews. The children in these classes will be responsible (with teacher support) for talking about their learning and sharing their learning goals with their parents.

Why?

- Strengthen the connection between home and school.
- Develop a common understanding of your child's learning journey and what they need to learn next.
- Build collective responsibility for student learning and success, which is shared by parents and students.
- Effective partnerships in learning with parents and students mean students are motivated to deliver their best and continually improve.

Students will be working with their teachers and peers to help them prepare for Learning Conversations.

Upgrades

Our new Library roof is underway. Completion has been delayed due to the sky lights needing replacement. Work is expected to be completed by next week.



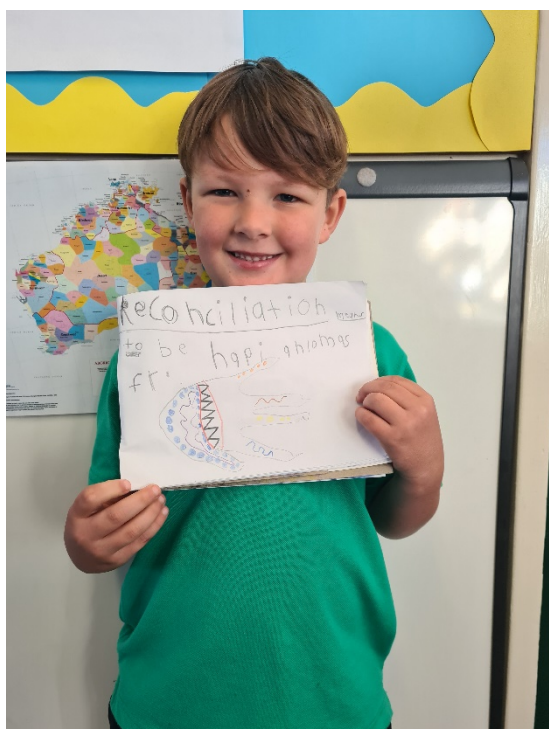


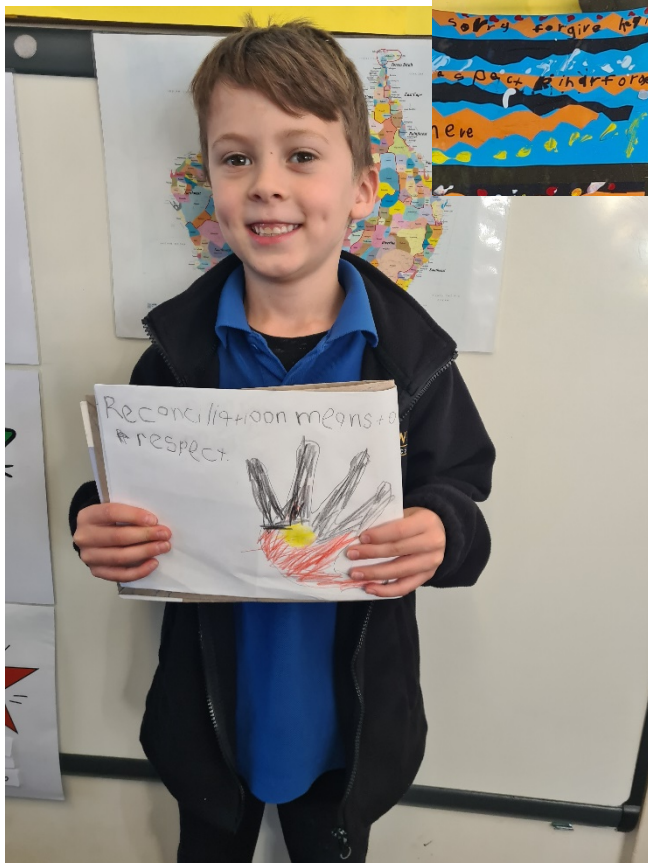
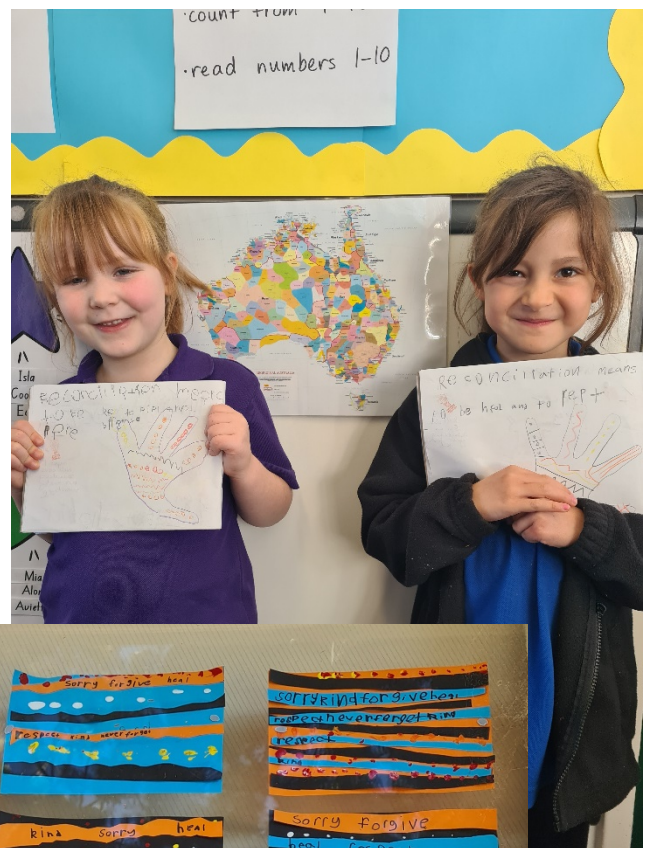
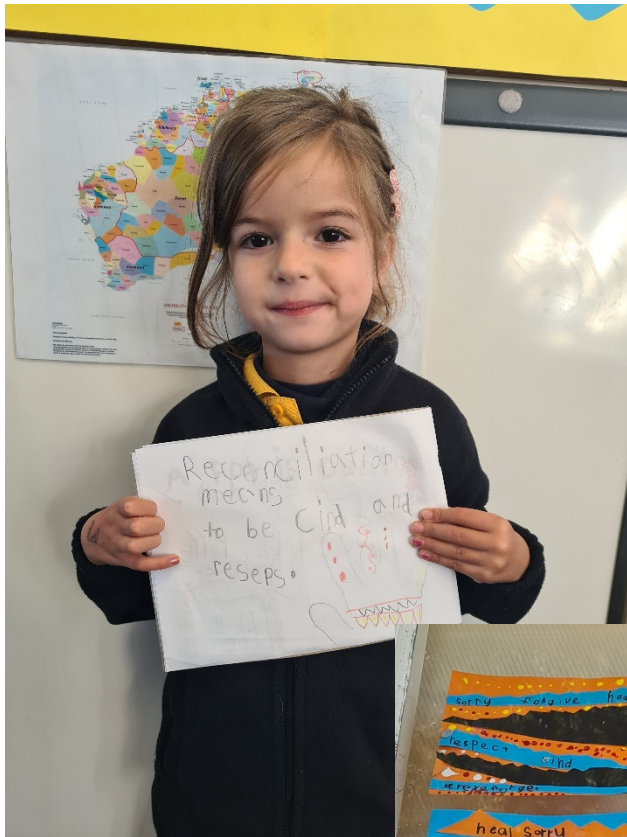
An external security fence running the length of Hillcrest Road has been approved and will be funded by AMU. This is welcomed news considering the large amount of ongoing vandalism and damage to school property experienced over the weekends. Work is expected to begin in Week 9 Tuesday 15 June and be completed by 30 June. The work will be carried out in sections which means that at times some of the entry/exit gates along Hillcrest Road will not be accessible. The gates located near BOOSH will be the school's main access point. We will keep the community informed of any changes to pick up/drop off locations and access when work begins.

Student Learning

National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

Students at BPS recognised National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. They learnt about the history of Aboriginal Peoples, recognising the impact that some past practices have had on our First Nations families. Students learnt that we can all contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia by acknowledging mistakes we have made and the lessons we have learnt.





Students in Kindy Red watched "Walking together" on ABC for kids and listened to the story "Say yes: A story of friendship, fairness and a vote for hope" by Jennifer Castles. Students wrote about what Reconciliation means

Lottie: Reconciliation means to be kind to people that are different.

Isla: Reconciliation means to be helpful and to respect.

Kaisen: Reconciliation means to be happy and make friends.

Oliver: Reconciliation means to respect.

Summer: Reconciliation means to be kind and respect.

Athletics Carnival

Students in 3-6 and 8 year old Year 2 students last week enjoyed a day outside for our athletics carnival. The day ran smoothly thanks to the organisation of Mr Parkinson, our amazing teachers and our fabulous parent volunteers. A very special thanks to Wayne Bingham who did an amazing job organising and setting up the timing of races. It was great to see our parent supporters who braved the cold and wet to cheer on our competitors. Also a huge thanks to the P & C who organised the coffee van for parents and our fabulous canteen who ran the canteen at the carnival and also at school for the K-2 students. Well done to all our students who competed on the day and cheered on their friends. **A special congratulations to our record breakers, Evie who broke the record in 8 Year 100m girls and Maddie who broke the junior 800m girls record.** Our youngest athletes were disappointed as they were unable to attend the day, however, an athletics carnival for K-2 will be scheduled in the future so have the opportunity to race.







We also had 3 runners who attended Area Cross Country in Gosford last Friday. Evie is on standby for State, having finished in 8th position. Xavier and Maddie performed well in a very strong field.



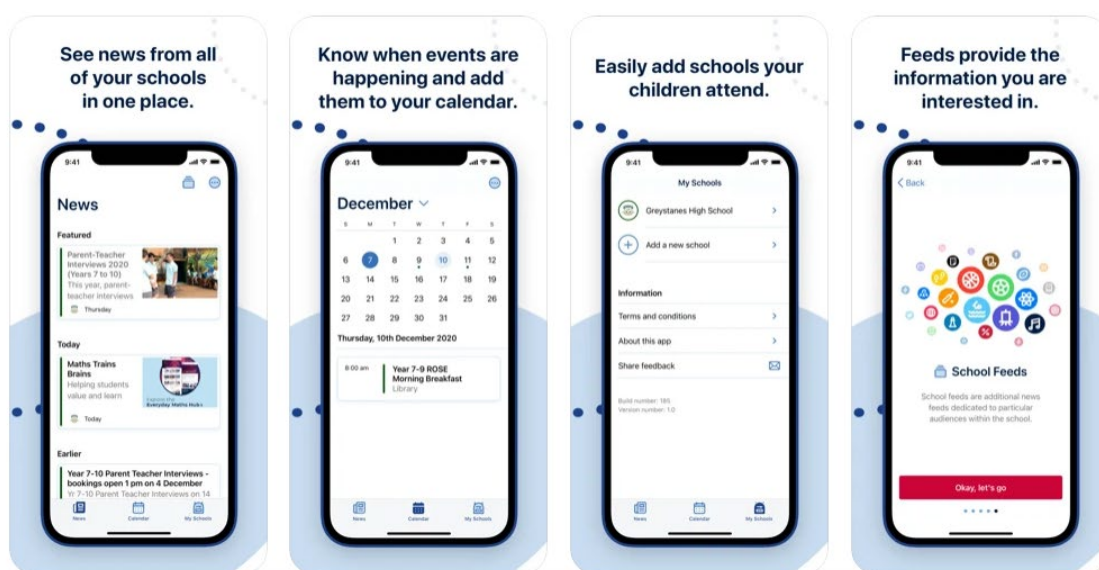
Some of our younger students enjoying our outdoor learning spaces for MiniLit groups and some of our Stage 3 students taking advantage of the beautiful weather and reading outside.

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 – 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.

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

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 2		
Week	Date	Event
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	Food Drive Beanie and Scarf Drive
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 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	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

KINDERGARTEN 2022 INFORMATION SESSIONS

WHY: To build community connections for a smooth transition to "Big School"

HOW:

- * Welcome and introduction to the school
- * Meet and greet teachers and other Kindy parents and students
- * Opportunity to ask questions
- * Join us in a school tour

WHO: Parents/Carers and Kindy 2022 children

WHEN: Please join us on one of the following days at 2.30pm.
Wednesday 9th June
Thursday 10th June or
Friday 11th June



We look forward to seeing you.

Please contact the school to make a booking

Phone: 9456 1319 or

Email: berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to make a booking.



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 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.

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.

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 CLUB
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:

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:



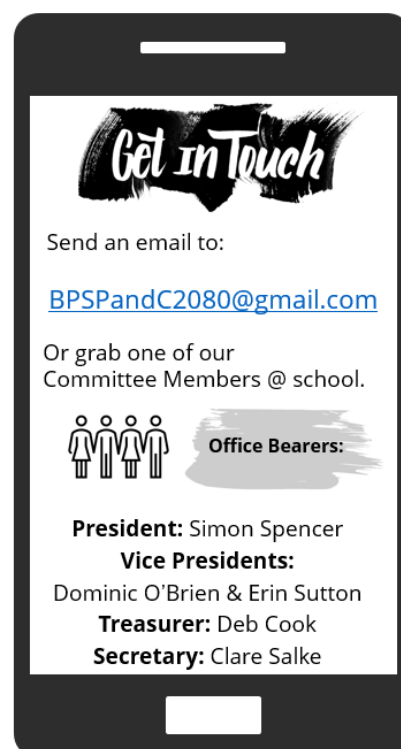
School Discos are back finally. Our first disco in over a year will be held on **Friday 18th June**. The theme for the disco will be 'all things animal'. Permission notes will be sent home with your child closer to the date. Tickets can also be purchased through Flexischools.



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:

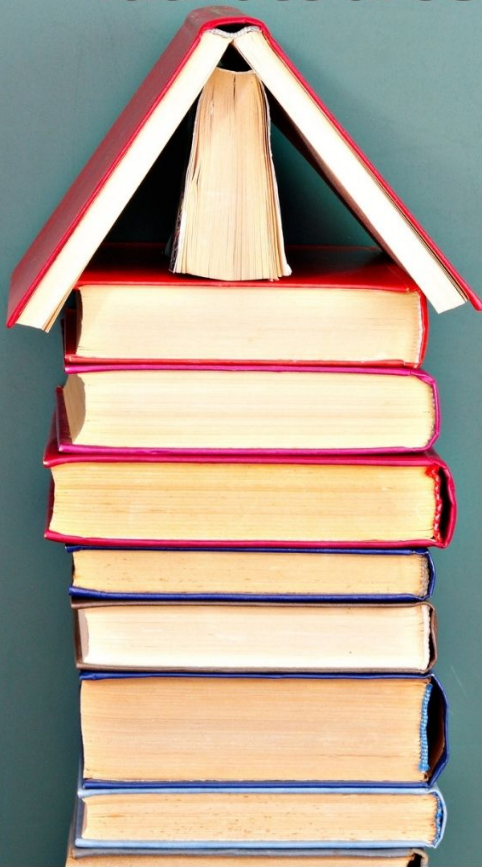
BPS P&C is made up of busy and committed parents who work with the school to provide opportunities to advance student's wellbeing and education. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. All welcome!



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT EMAIL
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BEROWRA PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
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School Building Fund

The Berowra Public School Building Fund was formed with the focus to acquire funds for the construction and improvement of educational facilities. The Fund is operated by the P&C under the guidance of the Treasurer.

If this is something you are interested in supporting, please find below instructions on how to donate. Building the future with spirit is about contributing what you can – gifts large and small are all received with thanks. All donations greater than \$2 are tax deductible.

How to make a contribution

Step 1: Yes! I would love to donate to the school building fund of: \$_____

Step 2: Donor information – for receipt purposes

Title: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Contact no: _____ Email: _____

Step 3: Choose one of the following options – direct credit or cheque (please tick):

☐ **Option 1 – Direct Credit to:**

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 132 200 189

Account Name: Berowra Public School P&C

Reference: Surname

Once you have made payment online, please place this form into an envelope and drop it into the P&C box in the office foyer. A receipt will be sent home with your eldest child in a sealed envelope.

☐ **Option 2 – By Cheque**

Enclose a cheque for the amount you wish to donate made out to “Berowra Public School Building Fund”, in an envelope with this form and drop into the P&C box in the office foyer. A receipt will be sent home with your eldest child in a sealed envelope.

Thank you for your support!
Berowra Public School P&C
