

# The Crest

**Term 4 Week 10**  
**8 December 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

Can you believe it's almost the end of the year, and what a year it has been!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our students for all their hard work throughout the year and remaining positive during such a challenging time. You are the reason why we come to work every day, and it fills our hearts with such pride to see you learn and grow.

Thank you to our parents and carers who have continued to support their children during learning from home and who have contributed positively to our wonderful school throughout the year.

To our amazing teachers, thank you for everything you've done to ensure our students have connected, succeeded, and thrived throughout the year.

And finally, a huge thanks to our SASS staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our teaching and learning programs and the whole school has run smoothly.

## **Presentation Day**

Congratulations to all our award winners who were announced today during our Presentation Day assemblies. Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us via Zoom. Hopefully next year we will be able to return to our traditional Presentation Day assemblies and celebrate our student achievements face to face.

We apologise for the poor sound quality during our Zoom and have included a list of award recipients for your reference.

Individual photos will be emailed to parents before the end of the school term.

**AWARD**

Dux	Samuel Y Katerina M
Mills Family Citizenship K-2	Thomas W
Mills Family Citizenship 3-6	Micah C
Year 6 Community Service	Jonathan B
Rotary Citizenship K-2	William S
Rotary Citizenship 3-6	Leanne C
Outstanding Progress and Application Blackwood Family Trophy	Isobel F
Matt Kean Visual Arts	Luca P
Julian Lesser Parliamentary Award	Freya C

**CAPA**

Drama Senior	Kate F
Dance Junior	Skye B
Dance Senior	Holly R

**BAND**

Perpetual Trophy	Ivy U
Conductor's Award	Micah C
Recorder Ensemble/ Outstanding Achievement in Music	Leanne C

**SPORT**

Swimming Senior Girls	Anouk D
Swimming Senior Boys	Callum L
Swimming 11 Years Girls	April A
Swimming 11 Years Boys	Jakob R
Swimming Junior Girls	Seren D
Swimming Junior Boys	Tacean P
Cross Country Girl Champion	Tahnee W
Cross Country Boy Champion	Harrison A
Athletics Senior Girls	Anouk D
Athletics Senior Boys	Ayden P
Athletics 11 Years Girls	Ivy U
Athletics 11 Years Boys	Callum H
Athletics Junior Girls	Maddison B
Athletics Junior Boys	Noah F
Sports Champion Parry Family Trophy	Anouk D
Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal	Jack W

**HOUSE TROPHIES**

Swimming	Kangaroos
Cross Country	Kangaroos
Athletics	Kangaroos

<b>OUTGOING SCHOOL LEADERS</b>	
Outgoing Captain	Ivy U
Outgoing Captain	Jonathan B
Outgoing Vice Captain	Katerina M
Outgoing Vice Captain	Samuel Y

<b>INCOMING SCHOOL LEADERS</b>	
Incoming Captain	Zali H
Incoming Captain	Emmett S
Incoming Vice Captain	Triyog K
Incoming Vice Captain	Bilal Y
Prefect	Ruby B
Prefect	Sienna B
Prefect	Ruby N
Prefect	April A
Prefect	Emma W
Prefect	Tasha V

<b>INCOMING HOUSE CAPTAINS</b>	
Emu	Logan O
Emu	Maddie B
Kangaroo	Kaelan J
Kangaroo	Kai G
Koala	James Y
Koala	Lauren B
Wombat	Callum H
Wombat	Rosie M

<b>Class Awards</b>	
<b>K Blue</b>	
Academic Achievement	Mia Z
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Brodie C
Consistent Application	Sofia S
Citizenship	Grace S
<b>K Red</b>	
Academic Achievement	Cooper V
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Edie M
Consistent Application	Aviette L
Citizenship	Scarlett G
<b>K Yellow</b>	
Academic Achievement	Dustin T
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Milike G
Consistent Application	Philip T
Citizenship	Cara F
<b>1M</b>	
Academic Achievement	Alicia U
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Nick G
Consistent Application	Emily P

Citizenship	Isabelle P
<b>1T</b>	
Academic Achievement	Elodie B
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Mika G
Consistent Application	Amelie F
Citizenship	Maddison M
<b>2A</b>	
Academic Achievement	Lilijana M
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Xander D
Consistent Application	Arya D
Citizenship	William P
<b>2S</b>	
Academic Achievement	Noa G
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Chase G
Consistent Application	Zoe P
Citizenship	Hudson W
<b>2T</b>	
Academic Achievement	Oscar H
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Vincent M
Consistent Application	Chloe C
Citizenship	Niall H
<b>3/4B</b>	
Academic Achievement	Year 3 Lewis M
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Sophia W
Consistent Application	Ewan H
Citizenship	Aggie D
Academic Achievement	Year 4 Aurelia R
<b>3/4K</b>	
Academic Achievement	Dylan B
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Chloe W
Consistent Application	Emma P
Citizenship	Gabriella B
Academic Achievement	Nethula S
<b>3/4P</b>	
Academic Achievement Yr3	Dilan H
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Patrick F
Consistent Application	Alaura L
Citizenship	Darwyn F
Academic Achievement Yr4	Dillon K
<b>4/5G</b>	
Academic Achievement	Nikolai M
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Sienna R
Consistent Application	Seren D
Citizenship	Jack M
Academic Achievement	Triyog K
<b>5/6B</b>	
Academic Achievement	Maddi H
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Kate F
Consistent Application	Bilal Y

Citizenship	Jack W
Academic Achievement	Matthew T
<b>5/6C</b>	
Academic Achievement	Nathan W
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Alexander M
Consistent Application	Tasha V
Citizenship	Mia F
Academic Achievement	Ryan H
<b>5/6P</b>	
Academic Achievement	Harrison A
Achievement in a Key Learning Area	Leanne C
Consistent Application	Kaelan J
Citizenship	Ivy U
Academic Achievement	Xavier A

### ***School captain speech presentation day – Johnathon***

*Good morning everyone here, and to those watching on zoom. It's hard to believe it's been a year since I was announced school captain. I stood up here alongside my best mates as the leadership team for Berowra Public 2021. What a privilege and honour it has been to lead this great school. Our first responsibility was welcoming the kindy kids on their first day. As their parents were unable to enter the school grounds, it was up to leadership team to ensure they felt safe and welcome. And I think we did a pretty good job. It seems like yesterday I started kindy myself at BPS, with most of my peers, who I will go to high school with. We have loved all of our teachers along the way and feel this great school has prepped us well for our next big step. It's certainly going to be weird and a little daunting going from being the big kids to the youngest! 2021 has been a rollercoaster of a year with an entire term learning from home. For me personally, I liked it. I was able to focus without distraction and work at my own pace. As long as the work got done, school could even finish a little earlier. I'm sure you will all agree, our teachers did an incredible job keeping us engaged as we home schooled. Though I think it has to be acknowledged, I don't want to focus the past year on Covid and lockdowns. I think we are all a little tired of talking about it, and after all we still had ¾'s of the year here at school. We got to have swimming & sports carnivals and hang out with our friends in the school yard. We got to honour Anzac & Remembrance Day with assemblies, laying of reefs and lowering our flag to half mast. On behalf of yr 6, I'd like to thank all the students, teachers and school staff for putting up with us over the past 7 years, and for giving us the best primary school experience possible. I'd like to wish next years' school leaders good luck, I know you'll do us proud. And to my fellow yr 6's, our primary school journey has ended and our high school adventure is just about to begin. I couldn't be happier to have shared these years with you all. Though some of us will go our separate ways.....don't feel sad. We can't hold on to the past, we must look to the future. Because every thousand mile journey starts with just one step.... and have comfort in knowing, that on January 28th 2022...you will not be alone...we will all be taking that step together.*

### ***School captain speech presentation day - Ivy***

*Hi my name is Ivy I am your school captain, but hopefully by now you all know that. I started here in kindergarten and have enjoyed heaps of what Berowra Public school has on offer. From K-2 christmas concerts, to choir, dance group, pssa sport and the concert band.*

*It has been a great honour serving as your 2021 school captain. But I would not have been able to do it without my fellow leadership team so thanks for putting up with all year round.*

*School captain has really helped with my confidence & not just with public speaking but I have enjoyed helping the teachers, some of the jobs even got me out of class 😊. It was a great opportunity to work with people other than my close friends. So thank you for this privilege.*

*From Mrs Layson teaching the alphabet in kindy and Mr Parkinson teaching algebra plus a few tears and lots of laughter in between Berowra public has given me memories that I will keep forever.*

*I feel like covid really affected me & like all of us I missed sport I missed my friends & saw waaaaay too much of my siblings. But I learnt we can not change what happened, we can only keep smiling, make lots of cookies & be thankful for the creation of mobile phones & zoom. Thank you teachers, support staff & office ladies, for the phone calls, zooms & all the extra time & effort to prepare for us every day. I will lose it if I ever have to see another traffic light at the end of my home learning slides I assure you of that. It was a long 17 weeks.*

*It has been a great honour serving as your 2021 school captain. Thank you so much for everything & everyone's support, & if I could give any support to anyone right now I would just say be yourself. Now, I will take this opportunity to welcome your new school leaders for 2022 & wish everyone the best Christmas & a happy new year.*

*Thank you*

### **Reporting**

On Friday 10 December Semester 2 reports will be sent home with our students. These reports have been modified to reflect changes due to Covid and learning from home. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher. We thank the parents and carers who completed the online report for their child/ren. This information provided a valuable insight for teacher into student learning from home.

### **Kindy Orientation**

On Friday 3 December we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Kindergarten Orientation session for our 2022 Kindergarten students. It was delightful to see how excited and ready the children are to start 'big school' next year. We also thank the parents and carers who participated in the parent sessions. You are doing an amazing job ensuring a smooth transition into school is a priority.

## Term 1 2022

**School Development Days Friday 28 January 2022 and Monday 31 January 2022. School resumes for all students Years 1-Years 6 on Tuesday 1 February 2022 and Kindergarten on Friday 4 February 2022.**

### Day 1 Organisation

Students returning in **Years 1 to Year 6** will start back on **Tuesday 1 February 2022**.

Students will be placed with their 2021 class group at the beginning of the day. This will allow them the opportunity to reconnect with their peers and hopefully reduce some anxiety around moving to a new class with a new teacher.

This will also allow a little extra transition time for our students and time for staff to finalise enrolment numbers and class allocations.

Students will bring their bags and meet under the COLA after the 9:20am bell.

All students will be walked to the gates by the teachers for collection/dismissal as we have done during 2021. Stage 1 Main Gate near BOOSH, Stage 2 Bottom gate near the car park & Stage 3 the Hall Gate.

Our Kindy 2022 students will be attending at their scheduled time on either Tuesday 1 February – Thursday 3 February to complete their Best Start Assessment. Parents are requested to bring their Kindy children to the office upon arrival.

All our **2022 Kindy** students start on **Friday 4 February 2022**. New Kindy Parents are to bring their children to the Hall COLA, just like we did for Kindy Orientation Days.

A reminder will be sent out to families on Monday 31 January and if there are any changes, we will let you know then.

### Staffing for 2022

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs Smith who is retiring. Mrs Smith is truly remarkable and has made such a valuable contribution to education and training in NSW for over 40 years. Thank you for everything you've done at BPS and congratulations on your wonderful career. You've touched the lives of countless students you are truly loved by our students and staff. We will miss your inspiration, creativity, kindness and fun-loving sense of humour. Our staff meetings will never be the same without you. It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell and we wish you all the best in your upcoming retirement.

We farewell Mrs Barbara Lawrie who successfully gained a promotion to the position of School Administrative Manager at Brooklyn Public School. Mrs Lawrie has been a part of the BPS community for 20 years as her children attended the school and she has worked in our school office for the last 9 years. Congratulations on your new role. We know that you'll do a fantastic job there!

I would like to take this time to acknowledge Miss Marlie Carter who joined BPS this year as the RFF teacher and quickly transitioned to becoming the class teacher for

2T. Thanks you for all your amazing work with our students and we wish you the best in your future career.

We farewell Miss Kate Renaud who has inspired us with her music and STEM lessons. We wish you all the best with your upcoming sea change and the opportunities that will come your way.

We farewell Mrs Michelle Zahra our school counsellor who has been such a strong advocate for our students and families, and who has been a champion for both student and staff wellbeing.

In 2022 we welcome Miss Ruby Ho who successfully gained a full-time permanent teaching position, and we are excited to have her as part of our BPS family.

Mrs Kathryn Boon as our Assistant Principal Instructional Leader K-6 will continue to work very closely with the teachers and students to improve teaching and learning. We look forward to learning from her wealth of experience and expertise especially in the area of mathematics.

We welcome back Mrs Sarah Krull and Ms Elky Roberts who will be returning on a part time basis and Mrs Tennille Kolarik who will be our LaST for 2022.

### **Renewal Program**

We're upgrading our school! We have been successful in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of applications for the Renewal Program. We're getting help from the NSW Government as part of the Schools Renewal Program to update our staffroom.

The Schools Renewal Program is part of the NSW Government's commitment to provide students with modern and engaging learning facilities. Our school will contribute 20% of the cost and the NSW Government contributes the rest, allowing us to deliver this project faster.

Our staffroom upgrade means staff will be able to enjoy their breaks in a clean and tidy environment which will have a positive impact on their health and wellbeing.

### **Not returning to BPS 2022**

It is the time of the year where the staff are looking at class formation and student numbers for 2022. Please email the office as soon as possible if your child will be in Years 1-6 in 2022 and **will not be** returning to BPS in 2022. This will allow us to plan classes and staffing more accurately.

### **Canteen**

The canteen will be operational from Wednesday 27 October for online orders only.

### **Cohorts**

From the 25 October when all students returned to site, students were separated into class cohorts and classes are kept separate where possible during learning time. During eating time and on the playground, stage groups have been allocated sections of the playground to play in. We are very lucky to have such a large outdoor open space which means we do not have to have staggered lunch times like many



other schools. Teachers explicitly teach and remind students of their allocated areas.

### **Drop-offs and pick-ups**

The drop off and pick up of students will continue from Hillcrest Road. To limit contact please ensure you don't linger at drop off or pick up. Teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8:50am, so please ensure students walking to school by themselves are arriving after 8:50am.

To ease congestion at pick up time children will exit from their allocated stage gates as follows:

Kinder - Office Gate

Stage 3 - Hall Gate

Stage 1 - BOOSH gate

Stage 2 - Bottom gate near the car park

Students catching a bus or riding a bike will exit from the Hall gate.

Please note siblings who travel home together can meet on school grounds and exit together. Please ensure you talk to your children, so they are aware of the drop off and pick up arrangements.

Parents and carers must follow the school's advice regarding changes to student drop-off and pick-up. This includes staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so. This does not apply to drop off and pick up from BOOSH as sign-in and -out procedures are required.

Parents and carers should:

- follow the physical distancing guidelines and avoid gathering outside school gates
- remain outside school grounds
- adhere to mask-wearing requirements in accordance with the Public Health Order
- Sign in using the school check in Service NSW QR code if entering the school grounds

### **Visitors**

Restrictions to visitors on site will remain and essential workers such as allied health professionals are able to attend site from the 25 October.

### **Check-in protocols when attending a school site**

All staff and visitors attending a school site must comply with school protocols and check in using the school check in and Service NSW QR code and proof of double vaccination will be requested by a staff member at the office.

## **Health and Safety**

Staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free or
- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available.

## **Student absences**

If you believe that your child has a condition that means it's not safe for them to return to school, you will need to provide a medical certificate. In this instance, we encourage you to speak with their doctor or health care provider to develop a COVID-19 Action Plan to support decision-making about their activities, including attendance at school. Please contact your class teacher if you have concerns regarding your child returning to school so that we can work with you to support their safe return as we know school is the best place for our children.

## **Masks**

Masks are not mandatory for students however they are strongly encouraged. Masks are mandatory for staff while inside. The DoE has provided teachers with information about how to teach the children to wear masks safely all teachers will cover this with their classes.

## **Changes in Levels**

We are currently at the Level 3 category. As we receive further updates it is possible that we move to Level 2 which would see more restrictions on school site ease. There is a possibility of schools reverting to Level 4 and into home learning if there is a positive case in the school or an escalation of positive cases in the community. We need to keep that in mind as it may be a possibility in the future. We are moving into the unknown. We will keep the community updated as soon as possible with any changes.

## **Parent Communication**

BPS Parent Communication Procedures and our BPS Visitor Procedures are available on our school website.

We encourage parents to engage in their child's learning by leaving a like or a comment on their Seesaw work. If you have questions, enquires or comments for teachers please email or phone the school and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please note access to the school site is restricted to essential visitors only. All staff and any visitors are required to use the QR codes to check in and out of school premises and are required to wear masks. Proof of double vaccination will be requested at the office.

School Bytes, our school email system is set up to send emails to the parent listed as the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **WHS**

Intensive cleaning will continue to take place daily and schools are being provided with additional hygiene supplies.

### **Questions or concerns**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school via the school email or phone the office. Please be aware that response times may be slower than usual as we are experiencing a higher volume of calls and emails due to the changes.

### **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 365 students. We sit 41 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 follow 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](mailto:berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the front office.

I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday and hope that you get to spend some time resting and relaxing with family.

Enjoy a well-deserved break!

Vicky Wallace  
Principal

## 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

Teachers are still recording attendance. Students who are learning from home are recorded as Flexible on the roll. This will not negatively affect their attendance. Teachers will be checking if students have submitted work.

If your child is sick please let the school know by either email or phone so that we can update our rolls accordingly.

## 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.

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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 that all events scheduled onsite until 25 October have been cancelled**

**\* Please note calendar events for the remainder of the term are pending Covid-19 restrictions and DoE guidelines at the time of the event**

TERM 4		
Week	Date	Event
Week 10	Friday 10 December	Semester 2 Student Reports
Week 11	Monday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell - Modified
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