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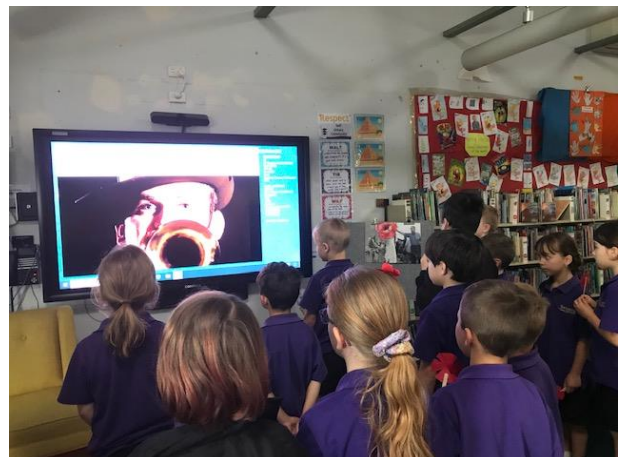
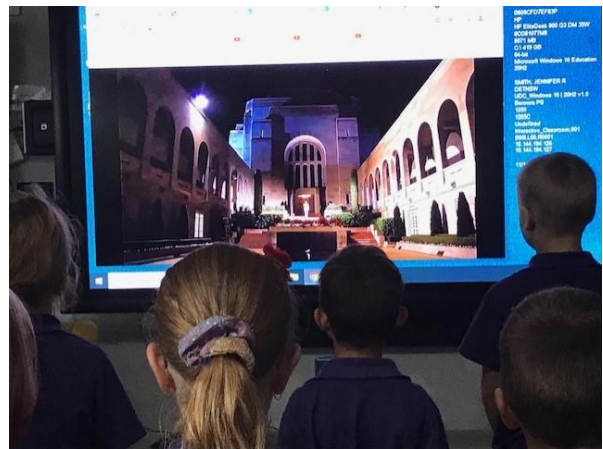
Term 4 Week 8
24 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy couple of weeks with the students settling back into routine and our teachers working hard to finalise Semester 2 reports and the end of year events.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day ceremony looked a little different this year due to Covid restrictions. We held a live ceremony for Stage 2 and Stage 3 while Stage 1 and ES1 participated in a virtual ceremony. Well done to our student leaders and Mrs Withford for their organisation and commemorating our service men and women in such a respectful way.





Kindy Orientation

We held our first Kindy Orientation sessions in Week 7 Friday 19 November 2021 and are looking forward to the remaining two sessions to be held in the coming Fridays. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pre- Kindy students to make connections with the school, teachers, and other beginning students. It's also a valuable experience for parents to make connections, engage in relevant learning to help support their children who will be beginning school and to ask questions.

3 Kindy Orientation Sessions will be held on 3 consecutive Fridays:

Week 7 Friday 19 November 2021

Week 8 Friday 26 November 2021

Week 9 Friday 3 December 2021

There will be 2 sessions held, one at 9:30am to 10:30am and the other at 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

All parents and carers attending the site will be required to check in using the school check in Service NSW QR code and proof of double vaccination will be requested by a staff member.

Unvaccinated visitors will not be permitted onsite.

Presentation Day

This year we will be holding 3 different assemblies, Stage 3, Stage 2 and Kindy-Year 2. One fully vaccinated parent/carer will be invited to attend the assembly for each award recipient and an individual photo of award recipients will be taken for those parents/carers unable to attend. If your child is to receive an award on Presentation Day, you will receive an invitation via post in the coming weeks.

Wednesday 8 December

Stage 3 @ 9:30am

Stage 2 @ 10:30am

Stage 1 and ES1 @ 12:00pm

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Renewal Program

We're upgrading our school! We have been successful in the 3rd 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.

Student Work

2T would like to share their artworks with you!

The flower wall was created over two lessons. Students were taught how to draw different petal shapes, cut, fold, glue and create their very own 3D flower! The 2T shape was also their idea!

Through their learning about growth mindset/perseverance/resilience, they talked about how everybody is different, just like a flower, no two of us are the same.

Secondly, their foxes are inspired by an animation that we watched and used to prompt our creative writing skills.

They are very clever!

Below is a poem Miss Carter wrote for them, which is now their class poem!

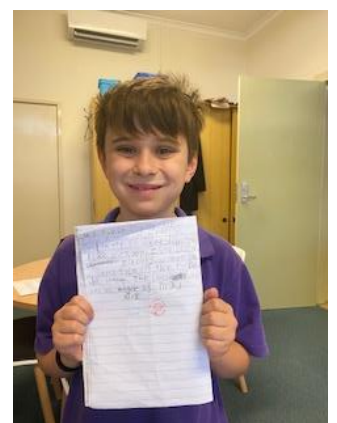
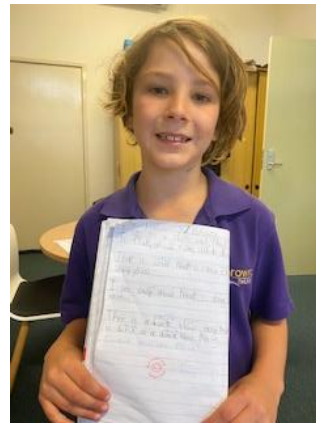
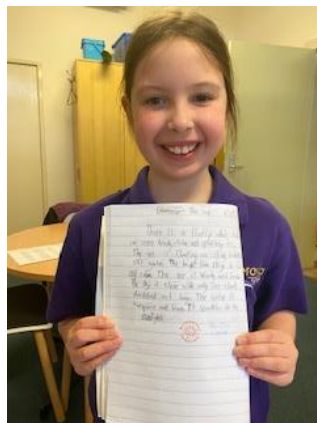
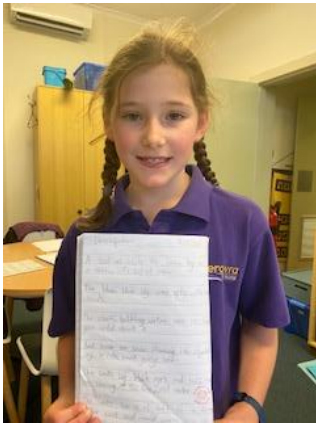
Just like a flower,

We're one of a kind.
Our petals are different,
and so are our minds.
We all have our strengths,
and, we know what to do..
When we face a challenge
or something that's new.
We take a deep breath
and have trust in ourself
to overcome this obstacle
and put the doubt on the shelf.
Because I am strong
I am brave, I am me.
I can really do anything
that I put my mind to, you see.
I may think it's tricky.
I may think it's hard.
It may be a bit difficult.
It may have caught me off guard.
But you know what I know?
I'll make you a bet...
It's not, "I can't do it"...
It's... "I can't do it YET".





2S shared some outstanding descriptive writing with the students adding similes to make their writing more interesting.



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 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.

Reporting

Reporting for Semester 2, 2021 will occur but with some amendments. During Term 4 Week 10 parents/carers will receive a simplified written report about their child's learning during Semester 2. Parents will also be given the opportunity to report on their child's progress and learning while learning from home. This information will be valuable for the teachers in helping to understand the learning and application from a parent's point of view.

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 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.

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 or phone the front office.

Vicky Wallace
Principal

Library News

It has been wonderful to have the students back in the library and borrowing books again over the last few weeks. This week was the last week for student borrowing. We ask that all students return their books next week so that we are able to prepare for stocktake. Overdue notices will be sent home next week as you may need a reminder to look for books that were borrowed before lockdown.



Our students are really enjoying some of our new, updated Library furniture!

Dance News

Auditions for our 2022 dance groups will begin next week. Any boy or girl in Year 2,3,4 or 5 who wishes to audition is welcome to attend. The students will learn a short routine then have two auditions, one this year and one in the first week back at school. This will allow any new students to our school to audition. At this stage we are unsure whether there will be separate boys and girls groups. This year we created a Stage 2 group and a Stage 3 group due to Covid restrictions.



Students will be called to the hall after lunch eating time on their given day;

Year 5 - Monday 29th November

Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 30th November

Year 5 - Thursday 2nd December

A message from the Canteen

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please ensure that all canteen orders are placed via the flexischools app. We cannot accept cash orders at all.

Please do not send money with students to purchase food/drink.

Again, please order via flexischools app by the cut off time of 9.20am each day to avoid any disappointment.

Thank you

P & C

Thank you to our amazing P&C who have donated a portable speaker which will make our outdoor events even better!



Congratulations to the P&C who have been successful in receiving a \$100 000 grant which will go towards rejuvenating our school oval. This is fabulous news, and our students and staff are so excited!

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.

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.

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 9	Saturday 4 December	Election BBQ run by the P&C
Week 10	Wednesday 8 December	Presentation Day - Modified
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

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?



Local foster carers needed

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is seeking people in your area to become short-term and crisis foster carers in order to provide a home for children and young people aged anywhere between 0-18 years-old. We are also interested in people who can care for siblings.

Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. They can be single, in a relationship, identify as LGBTQI+ and be with or without children of their own.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team:



Communities
& Justice

CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au

The Catholic Scripture Teachers from Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish wish you and your families a joyful Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, a Happy Christmas, Happy New Year and a relaxing summer break.

Click on the link below to receive your Christmas card, a variety of craft and cooking activities, as well as links to Advent and Christmas songs, family prayers and lots more.

[An Advent & Christmas Message from Catholic SRE Scripture Teachers](#)



See
website for
information
and fees

BPS MUSIC PROGRAM 2022

WWW.MUSIC.BPS.ORG.AU



EXPLORER & CONCERT BANDS

The Explorer Band is aimed at students in Years 3&4 with no musical experience and is an ideal introduction to learning a musical instrument. After a year with Explorer Band, students will progress to the Concert Band.

RECORDER ENSEMBLES

The Recorder program offers 2 ensembles: the Bellbirds Ensemble for junior musicians in K-2 (including beginners); and the Festival Ensemble for experienced players in years 3-6.

STRING ENSEMBLE

The String Ensemble is for students from beginner to advanced (K-6) who are learning or would like to learn violin, viola, cello, double bass or classical guitar.

Dear parents

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN for new students in 2022!

Explorer Band

The Explorer Band is for students who are absolute beginners and is suitable for children in Years 3 and 4. We rehearse before school on Friday morning in the hall. If you are interested in joining the Explorer Band in 2022 please register your interest today. Once we have received your registration, we will advise the next steps about finalising your enrollment and confirming your instrument choice. There's no need to know your final instrument choice at registration. There will be a Band Information Session held at school this term for Years 2 and 3.

Bellbird Recorders

The beginner recorder ensemble group is aimed at students in K-2 who wish to learn the recorder and have no music experience. This is a great introduction to music for younger students.

String Ensemble

The strings group also takes beginner students from Kindy onwards who are learning violin, viola, cello, double bass or classical guitar. Our experienced conductor is able to run this group for all ability levels.

Registration and more information

Please see our website music.bps.org.au for more information on:

- The different groups & their rehearsal times
- Instrument hire options
- Tutor lists
- Lesson fees, group fees & Creative Kids vouchers
- Responsibilities
- How to register your interest for 2022 (closes Friday 10th December)

The music program is a non profit service provided by the BPS P&C.



www.music.bps.org.au

Music Program registration closes Friday 10th December

Please email music@bps.org.au with any questions



ELECTION DAY BBQ **DONATIONS WANTED**

We are seeking donations of cases of soft drink or water to sell on election day.

Next time you are shopping why not grab a case to donate! Donations can be dropped at the office from now up until the day during school hours.





ELECTION DAY BBQ

HELP WANTED

Dear Parents,

The Fundraising Committee will be running a sausage sizzle to support our school on Saturday 4th December. We are calling on parents to help on the day. If you can spare an hour or two please sign up via the below link:

<https://signup.com/go/NBVdtZv>

Thank you,

BPS Fundraising Committee



ELECTION DAY BBQ

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

**BEROWRA PUBLIC
SCHOOL**

8AM - 3PM