

# The Crest



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**Term 1 Week 11**  
**6 April 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy Term 1, again we have seen numerous changes due to Covid isolations and wet weather restricting our outdoor activities. We thank you for your ongoing support and resilience with coping with the many changes. We wish all our families a happy and safe Easter and we hope you get to spend some time relaxing and recharging with your loved ones.

It was fabulous to see so many parents onsite to watch the End of Term Dance Performance on Thursday 31 March. Our Stage 1 and Stage 3 students were fantastic! We are so lucky to have the wonderful expertise of Mrs Lukic who is so creative.

Currently planning meetings are underway with the Oval Rejuvenation Project and the Metro Renewal Project of the staffroom and administration buildings. It is expected that early next term we will be able to share the plans and a timeline with the community.

This term we say farewell to BOOSH. We thank the PMC for volunteering their time and knowledge to support the service and we thank the BOOSH staff for caring for our students before and after school and during vacation care. We wish the current BOOSH staff all the best in their future endeavours and look forward to seeing some familiar faces returning when TheirCare starts their service.



## Share Our Space

We are pleased to advise that BPS has been selected to participate in the Share Our Space program for the upcoming autumn school holidays.

The outdoor facilities at BPS will be open on the following weekends and public holidays:

- Saturday 9 April to Sunday 10 April
- Friday 15 April to Monday 18 April
- Saturday 23 April to Monday 25 April.



## Permission notes

We are in the process of finalising our permission notes for students to access a range of online services. This year the notes will be signed and returned digitally which should be more efficient for the parents and the teachers. If you have any issues with completing the permissions online once they are sent, please contact the office who will be able to help you.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, presenting students with questions that may vary in difficulty – resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

This year Berowra Public School will also be completing the NAPLAN test online (except Year 3 writing). Between the 10th May and 20th May our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN. Recently students in Years 3 and 5 have completed practice testing to become familiar with the routines of NAPLAN online.

Please see the timetable provided to see when your child will be sitting their NAPLAN assessments. More information about NAPLAN online will be provided closer to the date. In the meantime, if you would like further information please see the following link -

**Click here to view more information**<https://www.nap.edu.au/about>

## 2022 NAPLAN Timetable

Term 2 Week 3	Monday 9/05/22	Tuesday 10/05/22	Wednesday 11/05/22	Thursday 12/05/22	Friday 13/05/22
Session 1 9:45am- 11:10am	Preparation Day	Year 3 Writing (Paper Test) & Year 5 Writing	Year 3 Reading	Year 5 Reading	Catch Up Session
Recess					

Term 2 Week 4	Monday 16/05/22	Tuesday 17/05/22	Wednesday 18/05/22	Thursday 19/05/22	Friday 20/05/22
Session 1 9:45am- 11:00am	Year 3 Numeracy & Year 5 Numeracy	BPS Cross Country	Year 3 Conventions of Language	Year 5 Conventions of Language	Catch Up Session
Recess					

**All Year 3 NAPLAN to be in 3/4S & 3/4HP Classroom\***

**All Year 5 NAPLAN to be in 5/6B & 5/6H Classrooms\***

### Notifications for absentees

Thank you to the P&C who has suggested the use of a text-based system for notifying parents their child is absent. We have investigated this and are able to use the Sentral system to do this. Once the office staff is trained we will let you know when we will start trialling the new system. We thank you for your patience while we get this organised.

### School Photos

Our school photos which were scheduled to take place Wednesday 16 March will be postponed to Term 3. Once we have confirmed the new date, we will let you know. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Early Departures

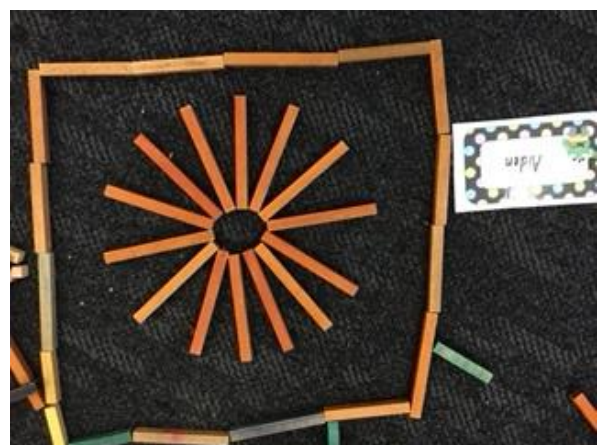
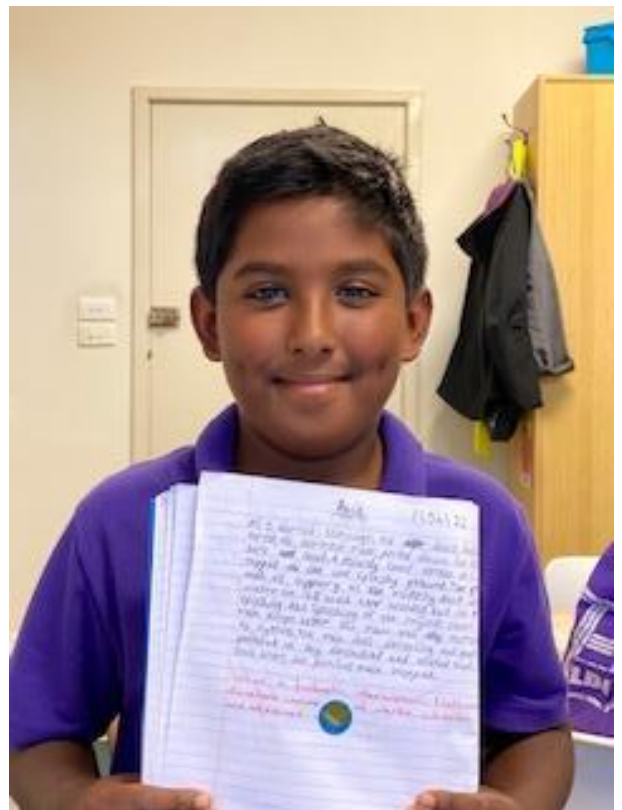
If your child needs to be collected to leave early, please try to collect them before or after our break times to avoid any unnecessary delays in collection. Our recess time is 11:20-11:45am and our lunch time is 1:30-2:20pm.

### Student Learning

Congratulations Evie in the Little Athletics State Championships she gained a silver in the 400m, bronze in the 200m and placed 9th in the state in the 800m.

Students from 3/4G were using descriptive language to write an introduction to a story. Rain was the main feature in the setting.

Students in 2L spent some time exploring patterns, 3D objects and construction during Learning Centres.







### **Teacher Learning**

During Week 11, teachers from each stage spent the day together for collaborative planning.

### **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.



Please be reminded that parents should not enter school grounds to drop off or pick up students before or after school.

All parents need to attend the school office during school hours to collect early leavers or deliver late arrivals.

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

Kinder - Hall Cola/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.

### **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.

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.

## Check-in protocols when attending a school site

All visitors attending a school site must comply with school protocols and check in using the applicable Service NSW QR code.

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.

### Change to self-isolation requirements for close and household contacts who have recovered from COVID-19

On Monday evening the Minister signed the Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order Amendment (No 1) Order 2022.

The [Amending Order \(PDF 126KB\)](#) amends the Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order to exempt a person who is a close or household contact from the requirement to self-isolate if the person has had COVID-19 in the previous 12 weeks (up from the previous 8 weeks).

This means that if a student or staff member who has recovered from COVID-19 comes into contact with someone with COVID-19 within 12 weeks after they are released, they will generally not need to self-isolate or get a test. They can continue to go to school or work unless they have new COVID-19 symptoms.

Refer to the [Response protocols for COVID-19 cases](#) for further information.

## Reminder for those who are close or household contacts

- If a person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, they must self-isolate away from everyone else in the house for 7 days from the date of their positive test. They must follow the advice for [people testing positive to COVID-19](#) which includes, how to self-isolate effectively. If the person is unable to safely self-isolate by themselves (e.g. due to their young age), a parent or carer should self-isolate with them.
- The entire household must also self-isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive person's test. They should follow the advice for [people exposed to COVID-19](#) and [take a test](#) as soon as possible, have another test on Day 6 and at any time COVID-19 symptoms appear.
- If another person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, that person must restart their 7 day self-isolation period from the date of their positive test, even if they don't have any symptoms.
- Other household members who test negative, do not need to re-start their 7 day self-isolation period. They also do not have to self-isolate again anytime in the following 14 days **unless they test positive**.

- People who test positive to COVID-19 and complete their 7-day self-isolation period **do not have to test or self-isolate** as any type of contact for **12 weeks after their release**.
- Self-isolation means staying at home or at your accommodation. This means you cannot drive your children to school or day care; you must ask someone else to do this. You must only leave self-isolation to get medical care or in an emergency. For more information, read the [self-isolation rules](#).

Please refer to the [NSW Government's COVID-19 pages](#) if they have questions or concerns about testing and isolation requirements as this information can change.

## WHS

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

## 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 350 students. We sit 26 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.

Vicky Wallace  
Principal



## **Learning From Home**

Berowra PS is utilising the Department of Education's Learning from Home packages to support students who are at home in isolation due to COVID-19. These resources are available without a school log in - students select their grade level and can be guided through the tasks with a series of videos and explanations. It is advised to start with the KANGAROO package.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/2022-digital-learning-packs/primary>

Of course, if your child is feeling unwell, there is no expectation that they complete work at home.

Work can be completed offline and returned to the class teacher when your child returns, or via a digital tool such as Google Docs or Slides. A Google Classroom has been established for students in Years 3-6 (Class code is **qq523x4**) where work can be uploaded.

K-2 students are welcome to use this classroom also, but may be less familiar with the technology. Further information about uploading work to Seesaw will be available soon.

If you do not have adequate access to devices, please contact the school to make arrangements for a loan device.

This information will also be sent via School Bytes on notification of a student in isolation.

## **BPS Sports Update**

This term we were excited to welcome back our Hornsby Zone School Sport (HZSS) summer competition. Unfortunately, the rain has put a damper on the start of the competition with only 1 game being played so far due to council ground closures. Fingers crossed for this Friday! Please ensure to keep an eye on the BPS Facebook page about game cancellations as this is the most effective method to notify the community. When matches have been cancelled, morning training will also be cancelled. Unused bus fees from this term will be credited to family's accounts. This week will be our final round for the term before the competition is paused for winter sport. The summer teams will recommence in Term 4 to play the remaining rounds.

Pending weather, trials for HZSS winter interschool sport (soccer/netball/AFL) will take place on the Fridays of Week 1 and 2 in Term 2. No boots will be allowed during the trials, but students are allowed (not mandatory) to bring shin pads and mouthguards if they wish. As always, students will be reminded of the trials frequently prior to and on trial days. If any students are going to be absent on these dates, please notify Mr Griffin so supplementary opportunities can be arranged.

## **Important carnival dates:**

- BPS Cross Country at BPS, Tuesday 17 May.
- HZSS Cross Country at Rofe Park Hornsby, Monday 23 May
- BPS Athletics Carnival at Foxglove Oval Mount Colah, 31 May
- Sydney North Area Cross Country at Gosford, 16 June
- NSWPSA Cross Country at Eastern Creek, 22 July

- HZSS Athletics at Narrabeen, Friday 19 August
- Sydney North Athletics at Sydney Olympic Park (SOP), 19 September
- NSWPSA Athletics at SOP, 19 and 20 October

## **Library News**

### **PRC in the Library**

This term in the library we have been encouraging the students to begin the Premier's Reading Challenge. In library lessons we have been 'book tasting' books from the PRC booklists and have read the following books K-2 that the parents will need to add to their child's challenge.

### **Kindergarten**

The Pigeon Wants a Puppy by Mo Willems, PRC ID - 100977

The Magic Hat by Mem Fox, PRC ID - 11464

Guff by Aaron Blabey, PRC ID - 35570

Ayu and the Perfect Moon by David Cox, PRC ID - 47411

Smallest Bilby and the Easter Tale by Nette Hilton and Bruce Whatley, PRC ID - 10639

### **Year 1 and 2**

The Fabulous Friend Machine by Nick Bland, PRC ID - 27787

King Pig by Nick Bland, PRC ID - 1085

Malu Kangaroo by Judith Morecroft and Bronwyn Bancroft, PRC ID - 17039

Smallest Bilby and the Easter Tale by Nette Hilton and Bruce Whatley, PRC ID - 10639

### **Stage 2 & 3**

Students add books they have read by themselves.

To log books on the PRC, students search for 'Student Portal' on Google then log in using their regular school DET username and password (please ask your teacher if you are unsure). Click on 'My School Library'. Then click on PRC. Students add books they have read to their 'Personal Reading Log'. You can search for books by typing in the title, click 'Add' to add the book to their reading log.

The PRC closes on 19<sup>th</sup> August so students have plenty of time to read and add books. K-2 students are required to read (or have read to them) 30 books. Students in Years 3-6 need to read 20 books.

### **Library Days in Term 2**

Monday - 5/6B, 5/6H, 3/4S and 3/4HP

Tuesday - 5/6G, 5/6C, 3/4G and 3/4B

Wednesday - KY and KR

Thursday - 1T, 2L, 1/2A and 1K

### **Hat Parade**

The weather forecast is not looking favourable for Thursday so we have decided to hold our Hat Parade in the school hall. We will hold separate parades, one for each stage. Photos and videos will be shared on Seesaw.

<b>Hat Parade Times 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Program</b>
9:45 - 10:25	Strings and Recorders play K-2 Parade Raffle Easter Bunny visits
10:30 - 10:55	Explorer Band plays Years 3-4 Parade Raffle
10:55 - 11:20	Concert Band plays Years 5-6 Parade Raffle

### **End of Term Dance Performance**

Congratulations to the Stage 1 and Stage 3 classes who performed at last week's concert. You were all fabulous! Videos of each class have been uploaded to Seesaw for parents to view. Mrs Lukic looks forward to teaching Kindergarten and Stage 2 for dance in Term 2.

### **Reward Day – ice blocks for the winning classes**

At BPS we have implemented a reward system which is used during our RFF classes with a focus on listening to others, following instructions, respect and trying your best. The students have been working hard to achieve Dojo points in their lessons with Mrs Lukic, Miss Roberts and Mrs Krull. At the end of each term the class from each stage with the most Dojo points will be rewarded. This term the classes will receive an ice block at lunchtime on Thursday 7th April. Congratulations to the winning classes.

Kindergarten – KY and KR! We had a tie.

Stage 1 – 1/2A

Stage 2 - 3/4S

Stage 3 – 5/6G

# Attendance

Teachers are still recording attendance. If your child is sick please let the school know by either email or phone so that we can update our rolls accordingly and if they are isolating we are able to provide learning from home.

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

Currently, there are three COVID-19 categories of attendance that will affect the codes used for roll marking.

	<b>Face to face learning at school</b>	<b>Learning from home - teacher assisted (cohorts or schools)</b>	<b>Learning from home - self-paced learning (individuals)</b>
<b>Description</b>	Schools are open for face-to-face learning and all students are expected to attend school on-site.	Roll marked as 'F': Where a class, year group or whole school is instructed to learn from home and the student is participating in the learning.	Roll marked as 'F': Where an individual student is required to learn from home due to a medical reason or a Public Health Order and the student is participating in learning.

***For students who are unwell there is no expectation that learning from home be completed***

# 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



# 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 calendar events are pending Covid-19 restrictions and DoE guidelines at the time of the event**

Term 1		
Week	Date	Event
Week 11	Thursday 7 April	Hat Parade
Week 11	Friday 8 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony in classes
Week 11	Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1

## Term 2

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Tuesday 26 April	SDD – staff only
Week 1	Wednesday 27 April	School resumes for students
Week 2	Monday 9 May	Shrek the Musical at Pennant Hills High School (Selected students and teachers)
Week 2	Tuesday 3 May	Mother's Day Stall
Week 2	Friday 6 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Week 4	Wednesday 18 May	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
Week 4	Thursday 19 May	Canteen special Day - Pizza
	TBA	Election Day BBQ and cake stall
Week 5	Thursday 26 May	Kindy excursion Local Places – Bobbin Head
Week 6	Tuesday 31 May	Athletics Carnival + canteen special day
Week 6	Thursday 2 June	P&C Muffi Day
Week 7	Tuesday 7 June	Athletics Back Up Day
Week 7	Wednesday 3 June Thursday 4 June	Instructional Rounds Thornleigh West Public School
Week 8	Tuesday 14 June	Stage 1 excursion Bobbin Head
Week 8	Wednesday 15 June	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
Week 9	Friday 24 June	P&C School Disco
Week 10	Friday 1 July	Last day of Term 2



## Term 3

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Monday 18 July	SDD – staff only
Week 1	Tuesday 19 July	School resumes for students
Week 1	Wednesday 20 July	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
Week 4	Tuesday 9 August	School Photos TBC
Week 4	Wednesday 10 August Thursday 11 August	Instructional Rounds John Purchase Public School
Week 4	Thursday 11 August	Canteen Special Day - Tacos
Week 5	Wednesday 17 August	P&C AGM at 7:00pm
Week 5	Thursday 18 August	Kindy excursion Teddy Bear's Picnic
Week 5	Sunday 21 August	P&C Working Bee
Week 6	Thursday 25 August	P&C Muffi Day
Week 7	Tuesday 30 August	Father's Day Stall
Week 7	Friday 2 September	Father's Day Breakfast
Week 8	Monday 5 September to Friday 9 September	Stage 3 Camp
Week 9	Wednesday 14 September Thursday 15 September	Instructional Rounds Berowra Public School
Week 9	Friday 16 September	P&C School Disco
Week 10	Wednesday 21 September	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
Week 10	Friday 23 September	Last Day of Term 3



## Term 4

Week	Date	Event
<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 10 October	School resumes for students
<b>Week 2</b>	Wednesday 19 October	P&C Meeting 7:00pm
<b>Week 4</b>	Thursday 3 November	Canteen Special Day – ice cream
<b>Week 6</b>	Wednesday 16 November	P&C Meeting 7:00pm
<b>Week 6</b>	Sunday 19 November	P&C Working Bee
<b>Week 8</b>	Wednesday 30 November	Prefect Elections
<b>Week 9</b>	Wednesday 7 December	Presentation Day
<b>Week 9</b>	Thursday 8 December	Mini Fete
<b>Week 9</b>	Friday 9 December	Reports Home
<b>Week 9</b>	Friday 9 December	P&C School Disco
<b>Week 10</b>	Wednesday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell
<b>Week 10</b>	Thursday 15 December	Talent Show
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday 19 December	Year 6 Clap Cut
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday 19 December	Last day of school for students
<b>Week 11</b>	Tuesday 20 December	SDD – Last day of school for staff







### **21Ltr bucket donation**

**Mrs Krull is in search of 21Ltr buckets (pictured) to be used for a music unit. If you have access to any and would be willing to donate, please send in with your child (to be given to Mrs Tonkes). Thanks in advance, Mrs Krull**

### **SRE**

On behalf of the Catholic SRE teachers, we are so grateful to have been back in the classroom this term. As a token of our appreciation, we would love to share this Lent and Easter Activity Booklet as a digital download.

The Catholic Scripture teachers from Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish wish you and your families a happy and Holy Easter!

Click on the link below to receive your Lent and Easter activity booklet with a special message inside from your Scripture teachers.

[https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/lent\\_and\\_easter\\_booklet\\_2](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/lent_and_easter_booklet_2)

We thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to being back next term.

Warm regards,

Cynthia Gilbertson

SRE Coordinator

Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

# Berowra Public School

## Hat Parade

*Please come and join us in celebrating*



# Easter

### UPDATED TIMES DUE TO WET WEATHER FORECAST

Come and celebrate **Easter** with the children and staff. Students are to wear school uniform and bring their special hats.

**When: 9:45am, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

**Where: School Hall**

**9:45 Strings & Recorders followed by K-2 Parade**

**10:30 Explorer Band followed by 3-4 Parade**

**10:55 Concert Band followed by 5-6 Parade**

**11:20 Morning Tea available for purchase**

**Easter Raffle prizes will be drawn at each parade**