

The Crest

Term 2 Week 8 15 June 2022

Can you believe we are on the count down to the July holidays already! This term has been jam-packed with teaching, learning, and assessing and reporting. Student reports are in the process of being finalised and will be sent home on Friday of Week 9. Parent teacher interviews and Learning Conversations in 2022 will be held this term in Week 9 and Week 10.

Notes have been sent to parents with details on how to book in a time for parent teacher interviews or Learning Conversations. Please make sure you book in a time before the bookings close on Week 8 Friday 17 June.

This year we have half our classes (**Kindy Red, 1K, 1/2A, 3/4G, 5/6B, 5/6C, 5/6G and 5/6H**) conducting 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 Learning Conversations?

- 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.

What our 2021 survey results from Learning Conversations showed us:

- 90% of parents surveyed found Learning Conversations as Positive or Highly Positive.
- 86% of parents surveyed were clear about their child's learning needs
- 89% of parents surveyed were aware of their child's learning goal in reading.
- 89% of parents surveyed were aware of their child's learning goal in writing.
- 95% of parents surveyed were aware of their child's learning goal in numeracy.
- Students value Learning Conversations with comments like this:

- *i got to talk about how i felt with my learning*
- *I got to explain my own learning*
- *chat about excursion and writing*

- *That I get to talk to my parents*
- *I got to talk more and show my learning*
- *showing book and learning*
- *like talking about maths*
- *showing my learning*
- *i think it is a good idea because it lets the student say where he is going wrong or where he thinks he's excelling*
- *how i could write about what i thought and say what challenges me or what are my goals*
- *That you get to show your work to your parents*

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



On Friday we said farewell to Miriam. Miriam has retired from her role of crossing supervisor after 18 years of keeping our community safe. Thank you, Miriam. You will be missed by our students, staff and community.

Student Learning – Stage 1 at Gibberagong





Library News

PRC in the Library

This term in the library we have been encouraging the students to continue with the Premier's Reading Challenge. The students have been borrowing PRC books to take home. These are books with a sticker on the spine. The K-2 PRC sticker is red, the 3-4 PRC sticker is green and the 5-6 PRC sticker is purple. In library lessons we have read the following books to classes. K-2 parents will need to add these to their child's challenge as well as other PRC books they have read at home.

Kindergarten (Term 2)

Some Mums by Nick Bland PRC ID - 609050
Baby Hippos by Deanna Caswell PRC ID - 660341
Karana - The Story of Father Emu by Uncle Joe Kirk PRC ID - 2354
Sebastian Live in a Hat by Thelma Caterwell PRC ID - 11198
Wombat Stew by Marcia Vaughan PRC ID - 4925
Baby Koalas by Deanna Caswell PRC ID - 587883

Year 1 and 2 (Term 2)

The ANZAC Billy by Claire Saxby, PRC ID – 601786
Too Many Toys by David Shannon, PRC ID – 3073
Baby Koalas by Deanna Caswell, PRC ID – 587883
Baby Giraffes by Deanna Caswell, PRC ID – 660342
Backyard Bugs by Helen Milroy, PRC ID – 751185
Baby Hippos by Deanna Caswell, PRC ID - 660341

Kindergarten (Term 1)

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 (Term 1)

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 '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 the second purple tile 'Premier's Reading Challenge'. Students add books they have read to 'Student Reading Records'. You can search for books by typing in the title, click 'Add' to add the book to their reading log.



The PRC closes on 19th August so students have two months 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.

Dance News

Congratulations to both our dance groups for being selected to perform at the Sydney North Dance Festival. Everyone is welcome to purchase tickets to support them and watch their performance at Glen St Theatre on Thursday 23rd June at 8pm. Tickets are still available for this show either online or by phone from www.glenstreet.com.au

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to attend the Arts Unit dance workshops in the city last week. They all had a fabulous time, making new friends and learning new styles of dance.

Years 2-3: Elodie B, Nixon G, Maxine, Will S

Year 4: Evie M and Jasmine A

Years 5-6: Emma W, Ruby B, Harper F



Teacher Learning

Berowra Public School proudly hosted our Instructional Rounds Network on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 7. Mrs Boon, Mr Griffin, Ms Cabral, Mrs Beckedahl and Ms Wallace make up our Instructional Rounds Team. We participated in professional learning over the 2 days with 20 teachers and principals from Oakhill Drive Public School, John Purchase Public School and Thornleigh West Public School. Staff from Denistone East PS were also visiting so they could learn about the Instructional Rounds Process.

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 mathematics. Check out our problem of practice below:

Are we developing students' conceptual understandings and skills in number?

- *Do students know what they're learning in number and its importance?*
- *Do tasks provide opportunities to explore mathematical concepts and language?*
- *Are we providing opportunities for students to reason, communicate and share their mathematical understanding?*



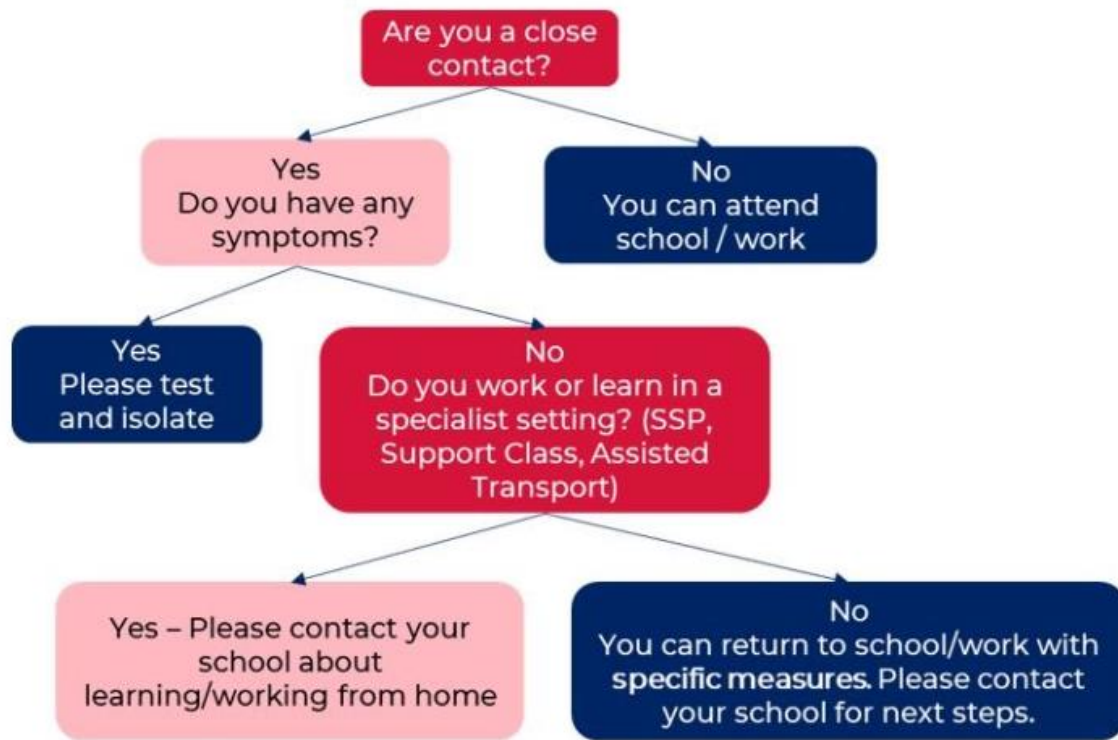


Covid Updates

Staff and students who are close contacts and have no symptoms to continue to attend school if they follow guidelines agreed with NSW Health.

Note that staff and students who have had confirmed COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks, do not have to comply with these guidelines if they become a household or close contact and are not required to self-isolate or test unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms.

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.



Visitors on school sites

Schools can invite visitors to their sites regardless of their vaccination status, in line with settings in the broader community.

Workers and volunteers must meet double vaccination requirements including:

- volunteers or staff operating uniform shops and canteens
- visitors supporting school operations and curriculum delivery
- allied health partners for the wellbeing of students
- university and TAFE students coming on school sites to complete their practicum or teacher training.

Visitors including volunteers, allied health partners and staff providing professional learning who are close contacts should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending a school site. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times (except when eating or exercising).

Visitors are also required to advise the school that they are a close contact if they are interacting with students before they come on site.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Enrolments – Please enrol your child now 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 347 students. We sit 23 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

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.



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.

	Face to face learning at school	Learning from home - teacher assisted (cohorts or schools)	Learning from home - self-paced learning (individuals)
Description	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 complete

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.

Accident & Health International
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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.
- 4.

BPS SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Term 2		
Week 8	Tuesday 14 June	Stage 1 excursion Bobbin Head
Week 8	Wednesday 15 June	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
Week 8	Thursday 16 June	Sydney North Area Cross Country at Gosford
Week 8	Friday 17 June	Kindy 2023 Information Session 9:30am-10:30am Parents and pre-kindy students welcome
Week 9	Friday 24 June	P&C School Disco
Week 9	Sunday 26 June	P&C Working Bee 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
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 1	Friday 22 July	NSWPSSA Cross Country at Eastern Creek
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	Friday 19 August	HZSS Athletics at Narrabeen
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	Monday 19 September	Sydney North Athletics at Sydney Olympic Park (SOP)
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
Week 1	Monday 10 October	School resumes for students
Week 2	Wednesday 19 October	P&C Meeting 7:00pm
Week 2	Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 October	NSWPSSA Athletics at Sydney Olympic Park (SOP)
Week 2	Saturday 22 October	School Fair
Week 4	Thursday 3 November	Canteen Special Day – ice cream
Week 6	Wednesday 16 November	P&C Meeting 7:00pm
Week 6	Sunday 19 November	P&C Working Bee
Week 8	Wednesday 30 November	Prefect Elections
Week 9	Wednesday 7 December	Presentation Day
Week 9	Thursday 8 December	Mini Fete
Week 9	Friday 9 December	Reports Home
Week 9	Friday 9 December	P&C School Disco
Week 10	Wednesday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell
Week 10	Thursday 15 December	Talent Show
Week 11	Monday 19 December	Year 6 Clap Cut
Week 11	Monday 19 December	Last day of school for students
Week 11	Tuesday 20 December	SDD – Last day of school for staff

Throw
kindness
around like
confetti



NEW
DATE

**KINDERGARTEN 2023
INFORMATION SESSION AND
SCHOOL TOUR**

Fri June 17, 2022

9.30am in the school hall

Parents and new students welcome

SCHOOL DISCO

****NEW TIMES****

THEME: BLACK AND WHITE

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE

K-2 5.00 PM TO 6.15 PM

3-6 6.30 PM TO 8.00 PM



TICKETS \$10 (INCLUDES CHIPS & ICE BLOCK)

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

PERMISSION SLIP & EFT PAYMENT AT THE DOOR.

ADVANCE PAYMENT ALSO AVAILABLE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS/CANTEEN

COLA AREA

UNTIL THEIR CHILD HAS BEEN "CHECKED IN" & ENTERED THE DISCO

WAITING AREA.

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I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY SON/DAUGHTER TO ATTEND THE BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCO ON FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 2022 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL RULES AND CONDITIONS STATED ON THE BACK OF THIS DISCO NOTE ARE ADHERED TO.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CHILD'S CLASS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DISCO RULES

- STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE DISCO WITHOUT A COMPLETED PERMISSION NOTE.
- STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY DISCO VOLUNTEER SUPERVISORS. THE GUARDIAN OF ANY STUDENT, NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES WILL BE CONTACTED AND ASKED TO TAKE THE STUDENT HOME.
- ONLY CURRENT BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY ATTEND.
- NO BAGS ARE TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE HALL. DO NOT BRING VALUABLES. WE TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST OR DAMAGED PROPERTY.
- ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST FIRST COMPLETE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK WITH THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO VOLUNTEER WORK. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE AND ONLY THE VOLUNTEER SUPERVISORS ALLOCATED FOR THE NIGHT CAN BE PRESENT AT THE DISCO.
- CHILDREN ARE TO BE COLLECTED PROMPTLY BY THEIR LEGAL GUARDIAN (ADULT OVER 18YRS). COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN, AND GUARDIANS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THIS DIRECTION. ONCE PARENTS ENTER THE HALL TO COLLECT THEIR CHILD, PLEASE CONTINUE THROUGH & EXIT VIA THE OPPOSITE DOOR.
- APPROPRIATE CLOTHING TO BE WORN, AND SHOES ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. NO WHEELIE SHOES ARE PERMITTED.
- ONCE IN THE DISCO STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE.
- ONLY FOOD/DRINK PROVIDED BY THE DISCO IS TO BE CONSUMED DURING THE DISCO AND ONLY IN THE COOLING AREA, NOT INSIDE THE HALL.
- ANY CHILD THAT REQUIRES MEDICAL ITEMS SUCH AS AN EPIPEN OR VENTOLIN MUST PROVIDE THIS WITH NAME, CLASS, AND ALLERGY PLAN.
- ANY STUDENT NOT FOLLOWING THESE RULES, AND/OR THE SCHOOL RULES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE NEXT BPS SCHOOL DISCO.



THE DISCO CAN'T RUN WITHOUT PARENT VOLUNTEERS ON THE NIGHT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST ON THE NIGHT PLEASE CONTACT CLARE SALKE ON 0417 235 611 OR SIGN UP VIA THE SIGNUP LINK!

PLEASE NOTE YOUR VOLUNTEER PAPERWORK NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED WITH THE OFFICE PRIOR AND A CURRENT WCC IS REQUIRED