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Term 4 Week 6
16 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Administration Upgrade is well on the way with work progressing. We can't wait for it to be completed.



Student Learning

BPS held a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday 11 November. Students learnt the history of the day and observed a minutes' silence to commemorate those soldiers who died fighting to protect our nation.





Some fantastic poetry from 3/4S

It's crazy at the zoo!

There is a graceful giant giraffe dancing,

A crazy cocky cat looking for its food,

There is an annoying angry ant,

And there is a mighty mischievous macaque in a mood.

There is a slimy scary snake eating hippos,

A devilsome daring dingo that likes to get in a fight,

There is a tongue tied tarantula,

And there is a tricky, tiny tiger that roars a holy might.

There is a hungry, happy hippo swimming in his mud bath,

A super secret salmon rowing in a canoe,

There is a limping lazy lion,

It's crazy at the zoo.

IT'S CRAZY AT THE ZOO

THERE'S AN ELEPHANT ENJOYING EGGS

A BUTTERFLY ABOUT TO BEG FOR NUTMEG

A GREAT GASPING GAR

A CHEETAH CHASING A CAR

IT'S CRAZY AT THE ZOO

BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU

THERE'S A FUNNY FLOATING GOAT

AND A MAGPIE MAKING A MOAT

MANY TO SEE

LIKE A BEE NAMED LEE DOING A WEE

A SUS SLITHERING SALAMANDER

A VACCINATING VAQUITA ON A VERANDAH

IT'S CRAZY AT THE ZOO

5/6B Poetry

By
Lachie

A WALK ON THE BEACH

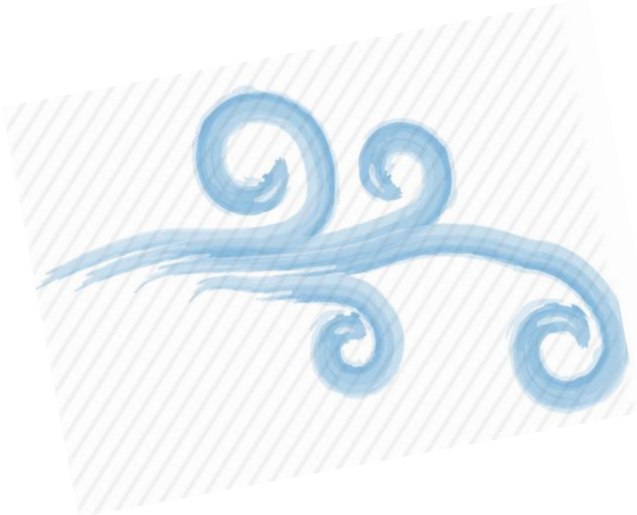
Beige sand slipping through my puffy toes.

Epic aerials from the surfers.

Angry waves slapping the surfers off their boards.

Cautious lifeguards scanning for trouble.

Hot chips scattered with seagulls crowded over them.



The trees swayed
side to side.

The wood creaked
and the bushes danced
as the wind blew.

The wind blew as it sang its song,
they mourned in silence for
the loved ones they lost.

By James

By Tacean

The Beach

Beige sand between my feet.

Elegant, salty water.

Angry waves crashing on the sand.

Courageous wind slapping against my face.

Hot chips scattered on the floor as birds surround them.



"We made a double lamp circuit board to light up the lightbulbs with the energy from the batteries. It was very fun to work with the pieces, making different combinations and learning how electricity can be activated in different ways."

Kindergarten Transition

We will be welcoming our new students for Kindergarten 2023 and their parents or carers at our third and final Kindergarten Transition session scheduled for this Friday.

Session 3: Friday 18 November, 2022

The session will run from **9.30am until 11:00am**

We will meet at the silver seats before each session and Kindergarten teachers will collect the new students from here. Parents and caregivers will remain in the library for information sessions.

Teacher Learning

The BPS Instructional Rounds Team was at Thornleigh West Public School for 2 days on Wednesday and Thursday, 2 and 3 November. We engaged in professional learning around mathematics which is a currently our whole school focus.

The problem of practice was: Are we meeting our students at their point of need? * Does the learning goal align with syllabus expectations and clearly link to the students' learning needs? * Are we challenging and supporting all students? Is there productive struggle? * Are teachers demonstrating high expectations and is the learning rigorous? * Does the performance of understanding (task) provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their thinking and deepen their understanding?



This learning will be shared back into our school to help us in our own mathematical learning journey.

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 of students will continue from Hillcrest Road. 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 students before school.

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

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, enquiries, 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.

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.

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

Grandparents and Friends Day

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday for Grandparents and Friends Day. The day will begin at 9:30 with a welcome assembly and performances by our school band, dance group and choir. Everyone is then invited into the classrooms before heading outside for some fun old-fashioned games. Our refurbished library and new oval will be open for everyone to enjoy. Bring a picnic rug or chair and purchase a delicious Devonshire Tea for \$3 from the canteen. We hope to see many grandparents, parents, carers and friends. Please ensure you know the name of the classes you wish to visit (or the names of the classroom teachers). This will help our student leaders when they direct you to their rooms. We encourage you to wear a mask while indoors.

Library News

This is our last week for borrowing from the school library. We ask that all students return their books next week to allow us to prepare for stocktake. Overdue notices will be given to the students next week. Please look out for these in their bags. If you have misplaced or lost any books please pay online to the school office.

Students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive their certificate soon.

Dance Group Auditions

We will be holding auditions for the Junior and Senior Dance groups in Weeks 7 and 8. All students currently in Year 2-5 who are interested in being part of the dance group will need to come to the hall after eating time on Tuesday 22nd November to learn a short routine. Then on Tuesday 29th November they must return for their first audition. A final audition will be held in Week 1 or 2 next year. The dance group is a weekly commitment with our major performances being held in the last two weeks of Term 2 2023. Successful students MUST be available for these performances.

Talent Show

Students in Year 3-6 are invited to perform at the Talent Show on Thursday 15th December. Please email your music to berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au marked Attn: Mrs Lukic - Talent Show music. Mrs Lukic will preview the items on Thursday 8th December. Items should be no longer than 2 minutes. Music, costumes and themes must be appropriate for primary aged students.

Thank you to Dural Bunnings who generously donated garden equipment, gloves and seeds to our school for our garden.



BPS Grandparents and Friends Day

Thursday 17th November



9:30 Welcome Assembly

10:00 Classroom Visits

10:40 Outdoor Games

**11:10 – 11:45 Morning Tea –
Devonshire Tea available
for purchase**

Everyone is welcome. Bring a picnic chair/rug. Performances by the school band, dance group and choir. Join in some old-fashioned games, visit our library, see our new oval. Please ensure you know the name of the classes you wish to visit.

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.

For health and safety, we request that dogs be kept off school grounds during drop off and pick up times. To date there have not been any major incidents that I am aware of, however there have been some concerns raised by some parents about dog being onsite.

Attendance

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days

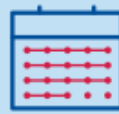


30 mins
per day



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18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

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Road Safety

Please ensure you are following the road rules around the school. We have had recent visits from the ranger and would hate to see anyone in our community being booked.

BPS TERM CALENDAR

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

Term 4		
Week	Date	Event
Week 6	Wednesday 16 November	P&C Meeting 7:00pm
Week 6	Thursday 17 November	Grandparents and Friends Day
Week 6	Sunday 20 November	P&C Working Bee
Week 8	Wednesday 30 November	Prefect Elections
Week 9	Monday 5 December - Friday 9 December	Survival Swimming Water Safety Program Years 2 & 3 (Some Year 4)
Week 9	Friday 9 December	Reports Home
Week 9	Friday 9 December	P&C School Disco
Week 10	Tuesday 13 December	Mini Fete
Week 10	Wednesday 14 December	Presentation Day
Week 10	Wednesday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell
Week 10	Thursday 15 December	Talent Show
Week 10	Friday 16 December	Year 6 Clap Cut
Week 10	Friday 16 December	Last day of school for students
Week 11	Monday 19 December	SDD – staff only
Week 11	Tuesday 20 December	SDD – Last day of school for staff

Help our students develop skills for life

**What does it
mean to be
brave? Is it ever
okay to break a
promise?**



We don't have the answers to those questions. In an ethics class, the children form their own views through respectful discussion with their classmates, guided by our trained volunteers.

Ethics classes support children in developing the life skills they need to consider other points of view and make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

Lessons are facilitated by impartial ethics teachers who are trained to deliver our Department of Education-approved curriculum. Comprehensive, free training and lesson plans are provided for you.

Classes run for 30 mins at the same time as scripture each week.

**Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics at
Berowra Public School.**

Contact Kirsty at kirsty.liddell@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER
K-2 5.00 PM TO 6.15 PM
3-6 6.30 PM TO 8.00 PM
THEME: SILVER AND GOLD



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BPS Working Bee

Sunday 20th November - 10am to 12noon

Come along and help refresh our veggie garden and school grounds. No experience required!

BYO gloves, shovels, wheelbarrows etc.

Free ice block for the kids!



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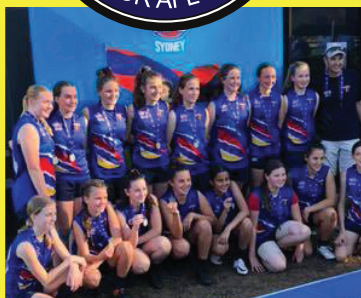
**ARE PROUDLY SUPPORTING
THE APEX & SALVATION ARMY
CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE 2022.**

**WE'RE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF ANY
NEW GIFTS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES.**

**PLEASE GIVE COME IN AND
LEAVE A GIFT FOR SOMEONE
LESS FORTUNATE
THIS CHRISTMAS.**



PLAY AFL!



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!!

Registration fees are set to increase for the 2023 season.

However, register your child **BEFORE 1 FEBRUARY, 2023** and pay the 2022 rate (Auskick \$140; Junior Football \$230)

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Please visit our website for more information.

www.hornsbyberowraeagles.com

We are a club for boys and girls aged 4 - 17 years

Join the 2022 Sydney Harbour Club of the Year!



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