

The Crest

Term 4 Week 8 30 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic couple of weeks. Our Grandparents and Friends Day was wonderful! We had lots of visitors who enjoyed our assembly, performances, visits to the classrooms, delicious morning tea and a relaxing picnic recess with the children. It was so heartwarming to see the children bouncing with excitement and pride as they showed their special guests around our beautiful school.

A special thanks to Mrs Lukic for all her organisation and work with the dance groups, Mrs Naomi Lewandoski for all her work with the band, Mrs Withford for conducting our fabulous choir and Mrs Simpson-Lee who shared our student learning in STEM this year. Also a huge thanks to our canteen and volunteers who provided the delicious morning tea.







Run4Reef

Jesse participated in the first Run4Reef event which took place in 23 locations across Australia & NZ. The Run4Reef is a fundraising event for The Great Barrier Reef foundation which is raising awareness and carrying out research to protect and conserve the Great Barrier Reef.

Jesse ran in the 5km race at The Entrance. He was the youngest competitor in the group (the only child in the 5km event) and he completed the course in 27:50. He has also raised \$250 (so far) to donate to the cause.

Jess chose to raise funds for this important cause because he cares about protecting the GB Reef for future generations.

We are super proud of him and wanted to share his news to inspire others to join the cause next year. :-)

Well done Jesse!



Teacher Appreciation

A huge thanks to the P&C, Cathy Lea and Rachel Byers for organising and hosting the Teacher Appreciation Lunch. Our teachers are amazing and so was lunch!

Thank you!!



High Potential and Gifted Education

This year Mrs Beckedahl, Mrs Boon, Mrs Withford and Ms Wallace completed an additional professional learning course on High Potential and Gifted Education. The team are midway through completing the 10 hour Leaders' Course. This knowledge will be used to underpin Strategic Direction 3 of our School Improvement Plan and help our staff in identifying students with high potential and ensuring we facilitate learning opportunities for students to develop their potential.



Teachers' course

Tier 1 Teachers' course -
5 hours online



Leaders' course

Tier 1 Leaders' course -
10 hours online

Classes for 2023

We are currently in the process of looking at the school structure and class compositions for 2023. We understand that family circumstances change and if your children are not returning to BPS in 2023 can you please send an email to advise us of your change in circumstances. We really appreciate this as it will impact our planning for 2023.

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

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces on Grandparents and Friends Day. Thank you everyone for coming and making it a special day for the students. A special thank you to the canteen and the parent helpers for serving such a delicious Devonshire Tea and for giving all of the students an ice block. They were very excited and appreciative.

Library News

Borrowing has now concluded. Students are asked to return all books by Friday 2nd December to allow us to prepare for stocktake. Overdue notices have been given to the students this week. Please look out for these in their bags. If you have misplaced, lost or damaged any books please pay online to the school office marked as 'lost library books' and email the office to let us know the book titles and amount paid.

Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to Triyog K and Will S who performed at the Schools Spectacular last weekend. Their performances were amazing and they will remember this experience forever.

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.





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...

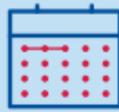
they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

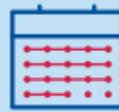


30 mins
per day



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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 | | |
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| Week | Date | Event |
| Week 8 | Thursday 1 December | 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

Berowra

Public School

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.**



TERM FOUR SCHOOL DISCO

THEME: SILVER AND GOLD

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

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.

* PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU PAID FOR THE TERM 3 DISCO, WHICH WAS CANCELLED - NO PAYMENT FOR THIS DISCO IS REQUIRED.

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 9TH DECEMBER 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

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP HERE: [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/CSOPTRE](https://signup.com/go/csoptr)

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