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TERM 4 WEEK 8

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## SCHOOL

Monday DEC 4: Swim School

Monday DEC 11: Mini Fete

Tuesday DEC 12: Presentation Day

Tuesday DEC 12: Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday DEC 13: Student Talent Quest



## DANCE

JUNE 17-30 2024: Sydney North Dance Festival

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK  
TRIAL

[LINK](#)

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Mistakes are proof that you are trying."*

- Jennifer Lim

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# QUICK LINKS

OUR  
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ONLINE



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

# Stage 2 Camp



Vicky Wallace  
PRINCIPAL

A huge thank you to Mr Griffin, Mrs Bolger, Mrs Withford and Mrs Dewar for taking our Stage 2 students away to camp. They had a fantastic 3 days full of excitement and activities. Also, a huge thanks to Mrs Beckedahl for all her organisation prior to the camp. I know she was so devastated that she was too unwell to attend.

Well done to our amazing Executive Team. This year we have been a part of the Powerful Learning Network where we have participated in additional professional learning led by Professor David Hopkins. Our team attended the final session in the network by attending the Powerful Learning Conference in the city where we presented our learning journey to a large network of schools who were also participating in the professional learning.

Today our top 10 school leaders for 2024 had their first opportunity to demonstrate their leadership capabilities. The team surveyed all students K-2 about the eating time changes which we trialled this term. Our 2024 leaders did a fantastic job explaining the survey to the children and recording their responses. I am so proud of their maturity and how well they handled the responsibility. I look forward to working with them next year as they take on their new roles and responsibilities. Students in 3-6 will be able to fill in their surveys independently. Staff will be surveyed and there is also an opportunity for our parents

to have their say about the trial changes so please make sure you follow the link when you receive your Schoolbytes email today.

Just a reminder that Semester 2 reports will be made available for parents on the Sentral Parent Portal in Week 9 Friday 8 December. We will send a message when these are available.

This year our P&C received a grant of \$20000 to resurface the basketball court. Assets are replacing the entire court including new backboards. This work is expected to start Wednesday 13 December and be completed in the school holidays. We are extremely lucky to also be getting our student toilet block upgraded by Assets. Although a start-up meeting has not yet occurred, we are expecting the work to be commenced in the school holidays and if not, during Term 1 2024.

Next week we will start Swim School for Year 2 and Year 3 and on Tuesday 5 December we will be holding a Whole School Transition Day to help prepare our students for next year. Students will get to spend part of the day in their 2024 stage to experience some of the routines and changes they may expect in 2024.

Week 10, our final week with the students will be jam packed. We have Mini Fete on Monday, Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday, Talent Quest on Wednesday, and Year 6 Clap Out on Friday. We are looking forward to the upcoming events.



# OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM AT THE POWERFUL LEARNING CONFERENCE





## OUT OF CONTROL

BANG! The gate exploded out of its sockets and onto the wet concrete in a clatter! "Careful, Nick!" Cara winced, worrying if anyone was still at the park. The four teens, Evie, Nick, Cara and Jack, had seen the new space ship ride, and it was the most incredible of them all! It hadn't opened yet, but the teens could not wait another second! They crept silently closer, checking if they weren't stepping on any traps.

As they crept, a dark shape emerged, and Evie and Jack jumped in fright. But the shape was just a special space suit for them to wear. Finally, they arrived at the tremendous drop, excited to ride it. The ship would slowly ascend, and at the top, it would drop into the abyss below. Sure, it seemed traumatizing, but the teens were ready for anything that could possibly happen. But it wasn't like they would accidentally fly off into space... was it?

"Come on!" Jack shouted, eager to "take to the skies"! And so they bounced into the rocket and ascended. But... they didn't stop. "Hey, why do I feel really light?" Evie wondered aloud. Nick peered outside. "Oh, no. We're in SPACE!"

"Aaaah!!!" the teens screeched. How were they going to descend now? This was terrible! "Wait. Is that..." Cara stared at a lever and pulled it. "WHOA!" Everyone suddenly boosted upwards into the cosmos! "What did you do that for?!" Jack screamed. Now they were REALLY stuck!

By **Charli Mitchell 3/4L**

## Year 6 Mini Fete

On Monday the 11th December, Year 6 students will hold their annual Mini Fete. Each year, Year 6 students host a Mini Fete to raise money for their gift to the school.

Kindergarten and Year 1 children will be taken around the fete by their teachers at 12:15, with the rest of the school joining in from 12:45.

This year, Year 6 have been working very hard and will be running an extensive range of activities, some of which are: guessing competitions, sponge throwing, haunted house and obstacle courses. These are just some of many fun stalls!



PAST AND PRESENT

# SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

In week 5 Stage 1 visited the Schoolhouse Museum in North Ryde as part of their 'Past and Present' study.

The students were transported back in time and experienced what it was like to attend school in the 1880's. They heard stories about the dreaded cane and how students got to and from school by horse and cart.

Highlights included dipping a pen into ink, writing on slate boards, the treasure hunt for old artefacts and the old games like marbles, skipping and dancing around a maypole.

**PETER LEARY**

**Berowra Public School**  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL















# BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## MERIT AWARDS

### CLASS KF

JIMMY A  
JOSEPHINE B  
KAIA R

### CLASS K/1T

TO  
BE  
ANNOUNCED

### CLASS 1/2K

STAN B  
OLIVIA O-C  
COOPER V  
MIA Z

### CLASS 1/2P

ZACHARY R  
REMY T  
LOGAN C  
HAZEL M

### CLASS 1/2L

VINCENZO M-O  
SAMANTHA S-C  
LACHLAN R  
CARA F  
OLIVIA H

### CLASS 3/4L

MAXINE C  
ALICIA U  
OLLIE F  
BRADLEY M  
STEPHANIE R  
HAYDEN W

### CLASS 3/4B

EWAN S  
EVAN H  
CHASE V

### CLASS 3/4G

TO  
BE  
ANNOUNCED

### CLASS 4/5A

LIAM R  
WILL P  
JAMES B  
NOA G  
ARMI M  
PADDY F  
EVIE M-M

### CLASS 5/6M

GIA M  
DYLAN H  
JACKSON R  
BEAU D  
JACK S-C  
SOPHIA W

### CLASS 5/6S

ROBERT P  
SOPHIE Y  
HARPER F  
TAHJ K  
SIENNA R  
ELLA C  
HARRISON C  
JEREMY L  
SHAHRIAR S  
HAYDEN W  
AURELIA R

### CLASS 5/6P

SETH B  
LEVIN N-W  
NINA P  
EWAN H  
SEREN D  
CHLOE W





### GREAT LIBRARY BAGS

NOTE: ALL BOOKS MUST BE  
RETURNED BY THE END OF WEEK 8



# LIBRARY BORROWING HAS NOW CEASED

Library borrowing has now ceased and overdue notices will be sent home this week with instructions on how to make a payment for books that are lost or damaged beyond repair.



If your child is in Year 6 please ensure all library books and school resources are returned as soon as possible.



# STRINGS & RECORDER ENSEMBLE

WITH Dr. SUE THORVALDSON

CONTACT  
[MUSIC@BPS.ORG.AU](mailto:MUSIC@BPS.ORG.AU) if you  
wish to join.

The flyer is on Page 29  
below.







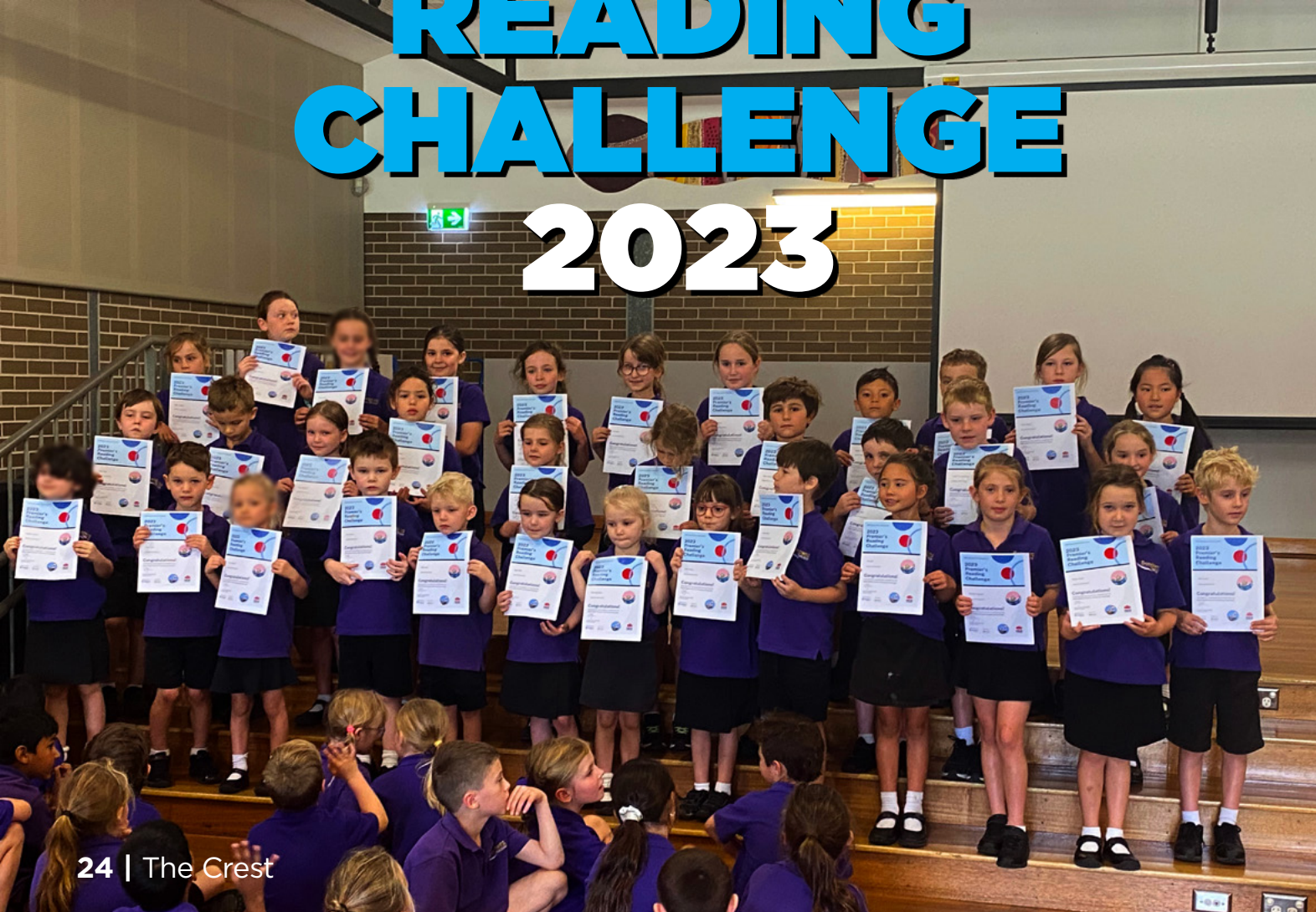


2024  
SCHOOL LEADERS LUNCH  
SURVEY





# PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2023



## TALENT SHOW

On Wednesday 13th December we will be hosting Berowra's Got Talent at BPS.

Any student in Years 3-6 can participate.

Students may choose to perform on their own or in a group. They can sing, dance, act, perform magic tricks, a comedy act or play a musical instrument. Acts must be a maximum of THREE minutes.

There are no prizes, just lots of fun.

Students can put their names on the list that will be outside the library. All lyrics, music, acts and costumes must be appropriate.

Auditions will be held in Week 9 to check the suitability of the performances. Please send music to [berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by 6th December.

## BEROWRA'S GOT TALENT!



## Auditions



In **Week 6 and 8** we will be holding auditions for the 2024 dance groups. Any student currently in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5 may audition. Dance group is an extra-curricular activity and unfortunately, only a small number of students can be selected.

The students will be taught a **SHORT DANCE ROUTINE** on Wednesday 15th November (boys and girls) and will then return to perform this dance routine in small groups on Wednesday 29th November (boys) and Thursday 30th November (girls).

Year 6 students will be dancing in front of the students in case they forget the movements. There will be 2-3 teachers watching the students who will be looking at **performance skill, technique and musicality**.

The students will return in the first week of school in 2024 to have a **final audition**. Any new students to the school or students who were absent on any day in Week 8 will be able to audition along with all the students who auditioned the first time.

Dance group is a big commitment and an extra cost to families (\$100-\$150). If accepted into the dance group, the students must be available for the **Sydney North Dance Festival 17th June - 30th June 2024** (including both weekends). Please consider this before auditioning.

**KELLY LUKIC**  
Berowra Public School  
TEACHER



## BAND ENROLMENT FOR 2024

We are excited to welcome new members to the School Band Program in 2024.

### Instrument Demonstration Videos

are available to view on our enrolment website.

For full details about costs and to **ENROL** in the Band Program:

[www.myschoolband.com.au/enrol](http://www.myschoolband.com.au/enrol)



Visit the link or Scan the QR Code to **ENROL**  
and view Band Instrument Demonstration Videos

**BAND ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN**

For students who will be in Years 3 – 6 in 2024

Key Music Australia  
Managing Director: Matt Dalziel  
office@keymusicaustralia.com.au



ENROL NOW FOR  
KINDERGARTEN

2024

ENROL NOW



# BPS MUSIC PROGRAM 2024

**MUSIC.BPS.ORG.AU**

Please visit our website for all details  
about the music groups including  
enrolment, instrument hire, rehearsal  
days & times, fees and much more!

Check it  
out!

## TRAINING & PERFORMANCE BANDS

YEARS 3-6



## RECORDER ENSEMBLES

YEARS K-6

## STRING ENSEMBLE

YEARS K-6



BPS P&C Music Committee



# Christmas In The Bush 2023



## Where:

Lambert's Clearing - Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens  
420 Mona Vale Rd St Ives  
(Follow signs once you arrive)

## When:

Sunday 10 Dec 2023  
10am – 2pm



## Bookings:

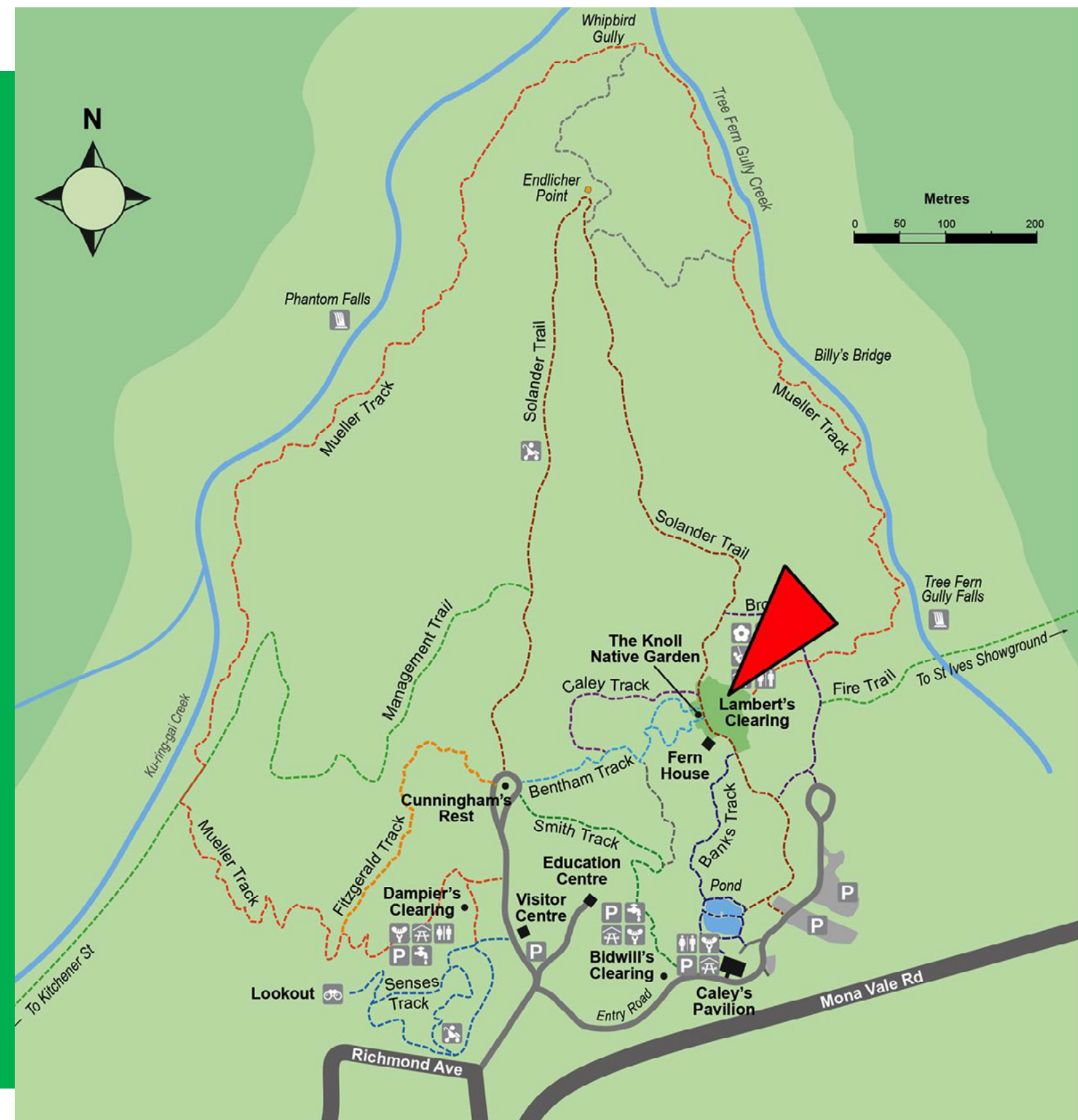
For bookings please [click here](#) or scan the QR code  
If you do not have internet access, please contact  
Adam Cryer on 0421 326 964

**BOOKINGS CLOSE 24 NOVEMBER 2023**

## Enquiries:

[adam.cryer@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:adam.cryer@health.nsw.gov.au)

## Wildflower Garden's Map







# TRIAL EATING TIME CHANGES TERM 4



Break 1 Lunch Playtime  
11:20am-11:55am

Lunch Eating Time  
11:55am-12:10pm

Break 2 Recess Playtime  
1:55pm-2:10pm

Recess Eating Time  
2:10pm-2:20pm



# KIDS

## LUNCH TIME CHANGES



- IMPROVES BEHAVIOUR
- ALLOWS CHILDREN TO CALM BEFORE RETURNING TO CLASS
- REDUCTION IN FOOD WASTE AND LITTER
- NO RUNNING ON FULL STOMACHS

TRIAL  
TERM 4

PLAY FIRST  
THEN EAT





# Berowra

Public School

ARE PROUDLY SUPPORTING  
**THE APEX & SALVATION ARMY  
CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE 2023.**

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.

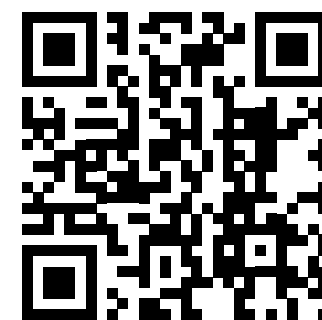


# PLAY AFL!



**Register now for 2024 season at**  
**[hornsbyberowraeagles.com](https://hornsbyberowraeagles.com)**

- Boys & Girls Teams for 9 - 17 year olds
- Auskick (skills & activities based) for 4 - 8 year olds
- Club based at Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights
- **SEASON FEES:**  
Auskick – **Early bird \$99** and then \$109 from 1st Feb  
Junior Boys – **Early bird \$230** and then \$250 from 1st Feb  
Junior Girls – **Early bird \$175** and then \$200 from 1st Feb
- Qualified coaches
- Sunday Games
- **ALL SKILL AND ABILITY  
LEVELS WELCOME!**



ACTIVE KIDS vouchers accepted

Full registration info at **[hornsbyberowraeagles.com](https://hornsbyberowraeagles.com)**



**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](mailto:kirsty.liddell@gmail.com)