



SCHOOL

Wednesday MAR 13: NAPLAN starts Wednesday MAR 27: Hat parade Thursday MAR 28: K-6 Backflips Against Bullying Thursday APR 4: Term 1 Dance Concert

EXCURSION Wednesday MAR 20: Stage 1

excursion to Gibberagong

-555 P&C Friday APR 5: P&C Disco

> DANCE JUNE 17-30 2024: Sydney North Dance **Festival**

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK TRIAL **LINK**

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"Teachers can open the door, but you must enter it yourself" - Chinese proverb

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COVER: Can you guess how many chocolates are in the jar for the Easter Raffle guessing competition?







Carolyn Stephens PRINCIPAL

an I thank the whole Berowra school community for making me feel very welcome as I take on the role as Relieving Principal for the rest of 2024. From my very first visit, I've been embraced by a sense of positivity and inclusion, making me feel right at home.

I have witnessed the exemplary manners and collaborative spirit exhibited by our students both in the classroom and on the playground. It's clear that respect and teamwork are an everyday part of Berowra PS. Also, the dedication and cohesion among our staff is evident in supporting one another and fostering an enriching environment for our students. On a recent morning during playground duty, I had the pleasure of admiring the beautiful school grounds and extensive amenities, which highlight a commitment to providing a stimulating and enjoyable learning environment for all.

Playground Updates

Regrettably, unforeseen plumbing issues have arisen during the refurbishment of the student toilets, leading to an unavoidable delay. Rest assured, I will keep you informed of the progress and anticipated completion date as soon as possible.

While the delay in procuring the purple paint for the basketball court surface has pushed back the completion date, the final results are undoubtedly worth the wait. I'm thrilled to announce that our much-anticipated basketball court will soon be open for play.

Staff Wellbeing:

At Berowra, nurturing the wellbeing of our staff members is a priority, and rightly so. As part of our ongoing efforts, our staff engage in wellbeing activities every term during Week 7. This week, activities ranged from afternoon teas to bushwalks, providing invaluable

opportunities to promote a healthy work-life balance and foster a sense of community.

Professional Learning

I had the privilege of participating in the Instructional Rounds during Week 5, immersing myself in classrooms across the school and gaining insights into our priorities regarding rigour in mathematics. The findings and recommendations stemming from this initiative will inform our plans for school improvement. It's heartening to witness our teachers' unwavering commitment to reflection and continuous growth, recognising that their dedication is the cornerstone of student achievement.

NAPLAN

This week marked the commencement of NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 students. I'd like to remind families that while NAPLAN offers a snapshot of student learning, our focus remains on holistic development. Students have been provided opportunities to familiarise themselves with the testing platform, and we encourage families to prioritise restful sleep and nourishing breakfasts to support their children during this period. Furthermore, the earlier testing timeframe allows us to utilise the results effectively to inform our teaching and learning practices.

Looking Ahead

We eagerly anticipate the upcoming Learning Conversations, scheduled for Weeks 10 and 11, where we'll have the opportunity to engage with our families and discuss the progress and achievements of our students.

Once again, I extend my sincerest appreciation to the entire Berowra community for your warm welcome. Together, we will continue to learn and grow.











BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDIA TEAM

We are currently forming a new Media Team for 2024. Everyone in Year 5 is eligible to join. The Media Team meets every Wednesday at lunch. Together we document the life of our school through photography and video and celebrate our school's achievements

COMMITMENT

The Media Team will run for the whole year. We meet at lunchtime on Wednesdays every week and you will need to attend every meeting if possible. At major events such as the sports carnivals you will be asked to capture photos and video footage for our website and newsletter.

PRODUCTION VALUES

You will learn how to create high quality video projects and productions. This means using professional lighting and microphones to make your video projects look and sound professional.

TV NEWS PACKAGE

You will learn how to design and edit a complete news package using iMovie and your iPads following a template. You will also have a chance to document how you learn in class and make videos about important issues you feel strongly about.

BADGE

All Media Team members will receive an official BPS Media Team badge that you will wear with pride.

PBL updates

Membership of the Media Team is an important leadership role. The school is entrusting in you to show our school in a positive light. One very important responsibility of the Media Team is to create videos to change or reinforce positive attitudes and behaviour through PBL videos on various topics.





BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDIATEAM AUDION

Year 5 students who are interested in joining must submit an **audition video**.

TASK: Media Team audition video

Students must make a short video. There are 3 options.

1. Prepare a short video presentation on why you should be selected: what special skills and qualities do you have?

OR

2. Prepare a video demonstrating your camera/ editing/interviewing/writing/research skills on a topic of your choice.

OR





- 3. "The Day that Changed My Life". Make a dramatic video about a day you'll never forget.
- Videos should run for no more than 30-60 seconds. Students must prepare this video presentation in their own time, not class time.

DATE DUE: Wednesday 27 March.

Please bring your video to school on a thumb drive (clearly labeled with your name and class) and hand it to your teacher or Mr Rutherford in the library.













BPS MUSIC COMMITTEE

BPS EASTER RAFFLE: GUESSING COMPETITION \$1 PER GUESS

canteen ice cream day OUR WONDERFUL CANTEEN LADIES ALONG WITH SOME VERY IMPORTANT PARENT HELPERS RACED AGAINST THE CLOCK TO HAVE YUMMY ICE CREAMS READY FOR EACH CLASS BEFORE THEY MELTED. WELL DONE!











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THE Friendship Club

very Tuesday lunchtime our library is buzzing with excitement as students flock to our fabulous library to engage in activities that promote collaboration, cooperation, communication and fun! Mrs Simpson-Lee has been overwhelmed by the interest shown and how the students are keen to further develop their puzzle building skills. Mrs Simpson-Lee and Mrs Layson both love puzzles but we are extremely lucky to have Mrs Boon visit our Friendship Club. Mrs Boon lives and breathes puzzles and one of her hobbies is competing in puzzle tournaments. She has won many prizes and even has some medals. Mrs Boon is very excited to share her puzzle building tips with us!

We have a variety of puzzles requiring various skill levels. There are wooden puzzles small and large with interlocking pieces and some with abstract pieces. There are large floor puzzles with larger pieces, and we have now moved onto 100 and 200 piece puzzles that are ongoing projects that we will continue each week.

It is a Friendship Club to encourage students to make social connections, further develop

language skills and engage with students who have similar interests, but did you know that our students are benefiting in so many more ways?

- developing finger and hand muscles,
- using fine motor skills,
- using spatial awareness,
- developing hand/eye coordination,
- increasing cognitive development,
- developing concentration and memory skills
 using numeracy skills such as sorting
- using numeracy skills such as sorting, matching, classifying
- developing confidence
- engaging in problem solving
- developing their perseverance and resilience skills.

These are important life skills as well as educational skills.

Students have been involved in discussions on how to best work on our puzzles, the process and tips to assist them. They learnt about all the skills listed above and were amazed that they use all of these when completing puzzles. However, it is clear that for now they are seeing it as an opportunity to get faster and more efficient at puzzles with old and new friends!

BRINGING STUDENTS TOGETHER -ONE PIECE AT A TIME





STAGE 3 ARE GOING TO BEGIN WORK ON A

CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT.

WE ARE ASKING STAGE 3 STUDENTS TO PLEASE BRING IN A CLEAN GLASS JAR (E.G. TOMATO PASTE, COFFEE ETC.), CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THEIR NAME ON THE BOTTOM OF THE JAR. WE ARE HOPING TO BEGIN ON 21/3. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.



STAGE 3 TEACHERS







CLASS 5/6R

STEPHANIE R.

COOPER R.

SOPHIA W.

CLASS 5/6G

ANNOUNCED

LUCY C.

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BE

VINCENT M.

PADDY F.

BPS Easter Raffle

HAMPER PRIZES + GUESSING COMPETITIONS!

Donations of EASTER TREATS (chocolate, soft toys, craft etc.) to the office by Friday 22nd March

TICKETS \$1 EACH

ON SALE from Wednesday 13th March until Easter Hat Parade

Purchase tickets online via Flexischools OR in person before or after school near Theircare

Winners announced at the Easter Hat Parade on 27th March

BPS Music Committee

Hat Parade

Dear families and friends,

Come and celebrate **Easter** at Berowra Public School. There will be a hat parade, music by our school band, recorder and string groups, an Easter raffle and morning tea to purchase. It's time to start getting crafty at home, creating your wonderful hats for the parade. Students should wear their school uniform and bring their special hats.

When: 10:15 -12:10 Wednesday 27th March, 2024 Where: The school hall

Hot Cross buns available for purchase from the canteen from 11:20-12:10





SCHOLASTIC



Issue 2

Date due Monday 25th March 2024

DANCE 2024 TERM ONE DANGE **CONCERT**

We invite everyone to come along to watch our Term 1 Dance Concert on Thursday 4th April from 2:45-3:15pm.

The following classes will be performing: 1/2K, 1/2L, 1/2S, 5/6A. 5/6G and 5/6R.

Notes will be sent home to these classes soon with further information.

> **KELLY LUKIC Berowra Public School** TEACHER

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Harmony MARCH

Yesterday we celebrated Harmony Day. A day to recognise cultural diversity and acknowledge strength, unity and kindness.



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Others	Be inclusive.Be kind.Compromise.
Community	Respect schHelp othersBe the best



Respect in 5/6A

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students time and space to learn ment properly/safely assroom and school clean and tidy of school property

PRICE LIST

Bracelets 50 cents Chokers \$1 Necklaces \$1.50c **Rings 50 cents Big flowers \$3** Small flowers \$2 **Keychains 2 dollars** Anklets 30 cents Headband \$2.50 Pencil decorations 50c Hair ties \$1 Skipping ropes \$5 **Butterflies 10c** Dragonfly 10c Charms 10c Long finger \$1.50 Flower charms 10c Lips 50c Leaf vins 50c Fish braids \$1.50 **Customized charms 70c Customized Bracelets \$1**

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and lunch making bracelets for sale. They have even created their own business called Loom Forever. The students involved are Sophia, Maxine, Sienna, Farrah, Charlotte, Mika and Maria. only 50 cents each but check their price





The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Berowra Public School is excited to be participating!

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or another student.

Students in Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

If a book is from an approved PRC series, students can enter up to 5 books as Challenge books and can read up to 10 other books from the same series as Personal Choice books. More information on the rules of the Challenge can be found on the PRC website.

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by Friday 23 August 2024 in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's Student Experience site using their DoE username and password, or can log into the site via the Student Portal. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found here.

How can students find books on the NSW PRC challenge lists?

In the library students have access to a folder with printed lists. PRC books have coloured stickers on their spines K-2 red 3-4 green 5-6 purple Students are familiar with these stickers and where to find these books so they can borrow and read them.

BPS had record numbers completing the PRC last year. We would love to increase that number again this year and ask parents to encourage their children to participate. Once completed students will have their names displayed in our library on our PRC display and will receive a certificate of achievement at the end of the year. Together we can promote the benefits of reading for enjoyment and encourage our students to create a love of reading.

Happy Reading Everyone!

Georgie Simpson-Lee & Kelly Lukic

PRC Coordinators at Berowra Public School

A quick guide for logging books:

- 1. Log into the Student experience site using your DoE student username and password. OR login into your Student Portal and click on the purple tile Premier's Reading Challenge
- 2. Use the blue search bar to search for books you have read.

Or ju	ust looking for a particular book ?
Q	Search by Title, Author, ISBN or PRCID
	Search

2a. If the title appears, click "Add to Reading Log" to add it as a PRC book.



2b. If the title does not appear, you will need to enter it as a personal choice book.

To enter a personal choice book:

- 1. Click on the icon in the top right hand corner:
- 2. Click on "My reading log"



Add a PRC book		Add a Personal Choice bo	
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If students have any issues with logging books, please ask Yr1-6 students to speak with our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Simpson-Lee and Kindergarten students with Mrs Lukic.





SKELLERN CUP

REMEMBER

PETER LEARY **Berowra Public School** ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

he Junior and Senior girls competed in the Skellern Cup Gala Day last week. It was a fantastic couple of days with every girl having a lot of fun as well as displaying exemplary sportsmanship which











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is what the day was all about. It was a real celebration of sport and the highlight was getting autographs and meeting two Central Coast Mariners players. Well done girls!





Canteen Menu 2024

Available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Order online at www.Flexischools.com.au

Berowra **Public School**

by 8.45am or at the canteen by 9am

TOASTED SANDWICHES

Cheese	\$3.00
Ham	\$3.50
Chicken	\$3.50
Cheese & tomato	\$3.50
Cheese & ham	\$4.00
Cheese & chicken	\$4.00
Cheese & pineapple	\$3.50
Cheese & baked beans	\$3.50
Cheese & spaghetti	\$3.50
Cheese & tuna	\$4.00
Spaghetti	\$3.20
Baked beans	\$3.20
Tuna	\$3.50
Ham, cheese &	\$4.00
pineapple	
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.00
Gluten free bread	\$1.00
SANDWICHES	
Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$3.00
Ham	\$3.50
Chicken	\$3.50
Tuna	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.00
Egg	\$3.00
Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$3.50

HOT FOOD	
Garlic bread	\$2.00
Corn cob	\$2.00
Spring roll	\$0.80
Nuggets	\$3.50
- gluten free	\$4.00
Snack pie	\$3.50
Homemade pasta bolognaise	\$4.00
-gluten free	\$4.00
Sausage roll	\$4.00
Spinach & ricotta roll (V)	\$3.50
Traveller pie	\$4.50
Chicken burger with lettuce &	\$550
mayo	
- add cheese, cucumber &	\$6.00
tomato	
Beef burger with cheese &	\$5.50
tomato sauce	
- add salad	\$6.00
Chicken snack wrap with	
lettuce and mayo	\$5.50
- with cheese, carrot	
cucumber & tomato	\$6.00
Pizza slab 170g	
- cheese or hawaiian	\$4.00
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Sauce - tomato or BBQ	\$0.40



All sandwiches on wholemeal bread

\$400

\$4.00

mayo

Wrap

Ham, cheese & tomato

Extras - salad, cheese or

Tuna, lettuce & mayo

Gluten free bread





Operation Art is an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education. Students are invited to create their own artwork and send this in to Mrs Lukic or the school office with the entry form by Friday 10th May. Artworks can be up to A2 (420mm x 594mm) in size and up to 5mm thick. Each school may select only 2 artworks to enter the competition.

All artwork entries received by schools this year will be exhibited in galleries across NSW in 2025, according to the regions where the students' schools are located. This will provide easier access for schools and families, enabling more of our students to see their work on display.

As always, a team of judges will select 50 artworks to be gifted to the Children's Hospital at Westmead and these works will continue to be displayed at the Art Gallery of NSW annually, as well as being displayed in their local gallery in the larger exhibitions.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our talented artists. Don't forget to send in the entry form with your artwork. We look forward to receiving your artwork entries by the due date - Friday 10th May for display in a gallery near you in 2025!



Operation art



Artwork release form – 2024/2025

A separate form is required for EACH student. Please return the completed form to the school to be submitted with the artwork.

Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead strives to remove the anxiety for both parents and children during hospitalisation by developing an extensive collection of children's artworks to stimulate the healing and recovery process.

- I agree to the participation of my child in Operation Art. Artworks to be exhibited in 2025.
- I agree that, if selected, the original artwork becomes part of the permanent collection of The Children's Hospital at Westmead and/or of Operation ArtBank for gifts to country and overseas hospitals. I understand that the works selected for the Children's Hospital at Westmead will be exhibited at Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick and SpecFest Exhibition at Qudos Bank Arena.
- I understand that at the completion of the exhibition if not selected, the framed work will be sent back to the school. The ownership of the work will be decided between the school and student's family.
- I authorise the NSW Department of Education and/or The Children's Hospital at Westmead to use, copy or adapt any photograph, film or video recording of my child's artwork or portrait image and I understand that these images may be used for teaching resources and other publications including the Operation Art and/or The Children's Hospital at Westmead websites on the internet.
- I also agree that, if not selected for Operation ArtBank, the artwork may be submitted for consideration for other Visual Arts activities supported by the NSW Department of Education such as international art exchanges with Japan, USA, etc. Schools and students will be advised if any works are selected for such activities.

Privacy Notice

The information provided on the Student Entry Form and General Release form is being obtained for the Operation Art 2024/2025 project. It will be used by the NSW Department of Education, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, and galleries for postage of invitations, catalogues, certificates, name tags, wall plaques, for publicity purposes and for corresponding with participating schools, parents and students. Provision of this information is voluntary. It will be stored securely.

If sufficient student identification is not provided the artwork may not be accepted for exhibition. You may correct any personal information by contacting the Op Art Coordinator on (02) 8512 1195.

School		
Student name		School year
Student address		
Parent/caregiver name		
Parent/caregiver phone number	_ Parent/caregiver email _	
Parent/caregiver signature and date		

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Smiling Mind website https://www.smilingmind.com.au

This fortnight's Smiling Mind focus is The Senses

At Home Activities

Counting Colours Let's develop sensory awareness through noticing what you can see. Find a quiet space and sit down. Look around the room and count how many colours you can see. How many things are red? Green? Yellow? Pink? Blue?

Stage 2 My favourite song Hearing is a great sense to practise - so let's listen! For this activity, you will need to play your favourite song. Take a moment to really listen to it. Try and notice sounds that you haven't heard before. Write down five things about this song that you've never noticed before. How does this change the experience of listening to the song? Some people say it makes it more interesting and enjoyable!

Stage 3 Five Four Three Two One Tune into all of your senses! Pick a room at home, or a quiet space outside, to go and sit in for a few minutes. Tune into your senses and identify and write down 5 things you can see, 4 things you can touch, 3 things you can hear, 2 things you can smell and 1 thing you can taste.

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The amount you can get depends on:

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- the type of childcare you use
- the age of your child
- the hours of recognised activities
- you and your partner do

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

- grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via **myGov**

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Up to of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!



TUESDAY



Symmetry Painting, Straw Face

Painting and take part in a Fruit

Basket Group Game!

From as low as \$6.23*

Full fee \$62.32**

MONDAY

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Story Time Connections

On this Generation Connection day, our older adult friends pay us a visit! We'll have an exciting show-and-tell experience. Come dressed as your favourite book character and/or bring your favourite book or item to show! We?ll share tales and favourite objects, explore cherished books and also enjoy conversation cards!

From as low as \$6.23* Full fee \$62.32**



move with Hip Hop Dance Moves

and experience a zesty twist

with Lemon Volcanos.

From as low as \$7.51*

Full fee \$75.08**

TUESDAY

Vertical Ventures

Get ready to scale new heights with a rock-climbing adventure! Challenge your limits and conquer the rugged terrain. But that's not all! Navigate through the exciting Playground Obstacle Course. Then, unleash your creativity with Rock Painting before we join in on the Red Rover Group Game!

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If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



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