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TERM 4 WEEK 10

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Thursday-Friday DEC 19-20: Staff Development Day

Thursday FEB 6: Kindergarten to Year 6 start



P&C

Thursday FEB 6: Tears and Tissues - Kindergarten parents 9:30am in library

Wednesday FEB 19: P&C Meeting



SPORT

Monday FEB 24: Swimming Carnival

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”

- Sydney J. Harris

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COVER: This beautiful bouquet of flowers was awarded by the P&C to farewell our awesome relieving principal Mrs Carolyn Stephens.

QUICK LINKS

OUR WEBSITE



FACEBOOK LINK



UNIFORM SHOP



SCHOOL BYTES



THEIR CARE



CANTEEN ONLINE



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a year!



Carolyn Stephens

PRINCIPAL (Rel.)

Farewell to 2024 – What a Wonderful Year!

As we wrap up another incredible year, it's hard to believe how quickly 2024 has flown by. In my last report, I shared many of the exciting events and achievements we celebrated together. Now, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the amazing people who make Berowra Public School such a special place.

Our Teachers

Their commitment to our students, collaborative spirit, and unwavering dedication inspire me every day. Their focus on ensuring every student thrives is at the heart of our success, and we are truly fortunate to have such a remarkable team.

Our Office Staff

Working tirelessly behind the scenes, they ensure the smooth running of our school, often going above and beyond to support students, staff, and families.

Our Student Learning Support Officers

Their patience, care, and determination to help students grow and succeed are invaluable. They play a crucial role in our school community.

Trevor, our General Assistant

Trevor is a superstar who manages the work of two people in just two days each week. His hard work and dedication are evident in every corner of our school.

Our P&C Committee

Their energy, collaboration, and focus on enhancing opportunities for our students and improving our facilities make a real difference. We are so grateful for their ongoing support.

Our 2024 School Leaders

This year's leaders have grown tremendously, taking on their responsibilities with enthusiasm

and pride. Their efforts have helped shape our school in positive ways.

Our Year 6 Students

They've brought energy, creativity, and a sense of fun to our school community. As they embark on their next adventure, they will be deeply missed, but we know they are ready for all that lies ahead.

When I first walked through the gates of Berowra Public School, I was immediately struck by the warmth and support of this incredible community. This year I've had the privilege of witnessing the strength, resilience, and kindness that define our students, staff, and families. I am so proud of everything we have accomplished together this year and will always treasure my time here.

Planning for 2025

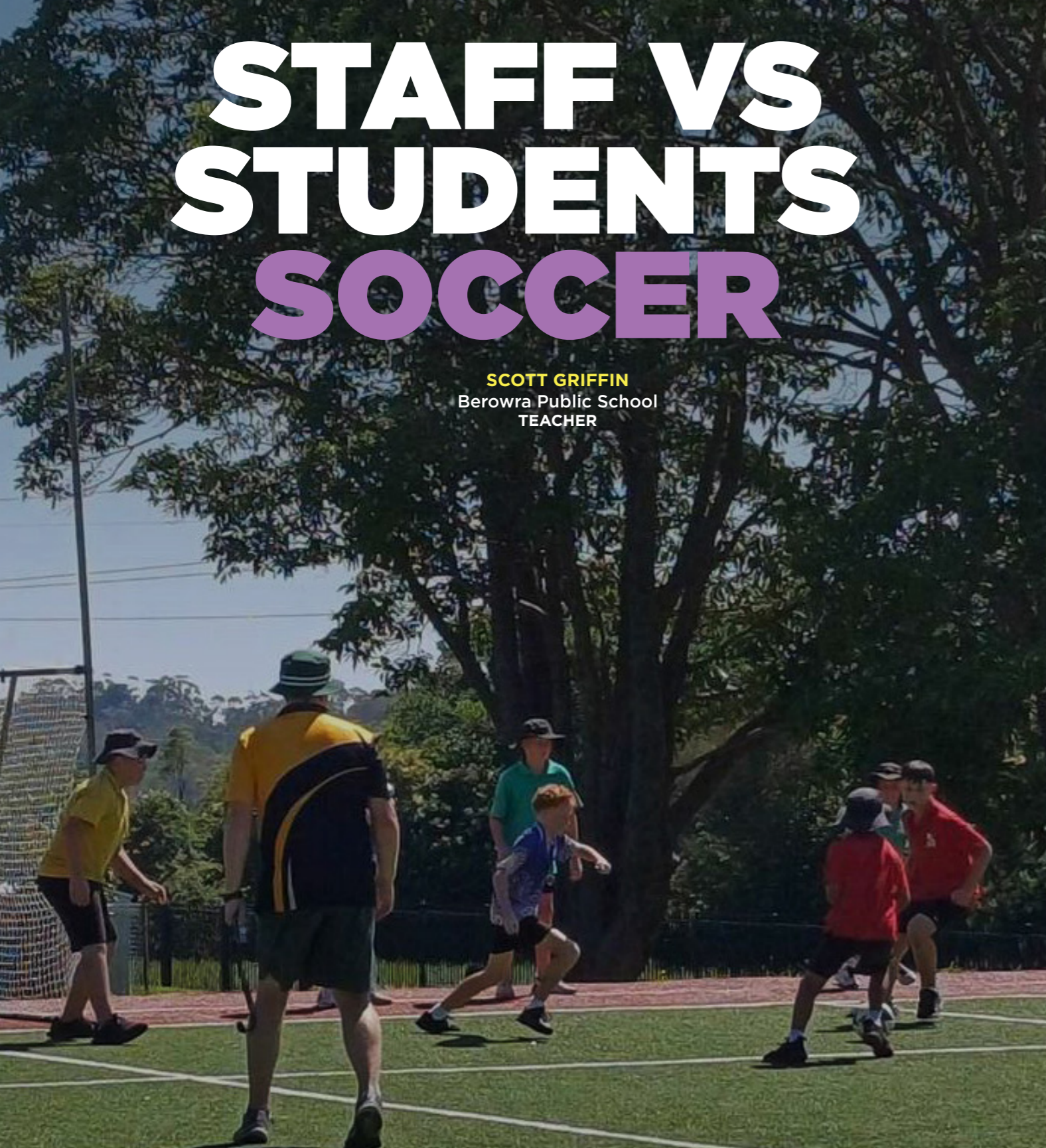
As we prepare for the new school year, I'd like to share some important reminders:

- **Enrolment Updates:** We are currently one student short of forming an 11th class for 2025. If your family's circumstances change over the holiday period and you won't be returning, please email the school as soon as possible. Similarly, if you know someone moving into the area or considering enrolling, encourage them to get in touch with us.
- **Extended Holidays:** If you'll be returning after the first week of school (February 6th), please let us know your return date by email.
- **Term 1 Start:** The office will reopen on Friday, January 31st, to assist with any enquiries. Students (except Kindergarten) will spend the first two days of Term 1 (Thursday, February 6th, and Friday, February 7th) in their 2024 classes, which will be a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and teachers.

As we say goodbye to 2024, I wish everyone a joyful and restful holiday season. Take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the things you love. I look forward to hearing what 2025 will bring for Berowra's incredible school community.

STAFF VS STUDENTS SOCCER

SCOTT GRIFFIN
Berowra Public School
TEACHER



On a blistering hot Friday morning, the annual BPS staff vs. students soccer match took place, drawing a lively crowd of K-6 students eager to witness the friendly rivalry. The students showcased their skill and determination from the outset, quickly taking the lead with a series of undefendable plays. Despite the staff's best efforts, the students maintained their momentum, displaying impressive teamwork and agility on the field.

As the match progressed, the students managed to score an impressive seven goals, while the staff fought valiantly, contributing three goals of their own. The final score of 7-3 highlighted the students' dominance, but both teams displayed great sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the game. It was a thrilling match that left everyone cheering, and a reminder of the strong community spirit at BPS.

SPELLING BEE



On Tuesday of Week 9 we held our Teacher Spelling Bee. All of our teachers participated and after many rounds and eliminations Mrs Tonkes was crowned the winner. Mrs Tonkes then battled the winner of our Stage 3 Spelling Bee Nethula S and after a few tense rounds Nethula was declared the winner. Congratulations to Mrs Tonkes and to Nethula for being such good sports.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Last Wednesday night, Year 6 marked a significant milestone in their primary school journey with a spectacular farewell celebration! Dressed to impress in their finest attire, the students were buzzing with excitement as they arrived at Club Berowra, ready to dance the night away. The atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter, joy and a whirlwind of memories. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents who poured their time

and effort into making this unforgettable night possible. A special shout-out to Clare, Lauren and Kylie for their phenomenal decorations that transformed the venue into the perfect backdrop for an evening of celebration.





BPS MINI FETE

The Year 6 Mini Fete was a vibrant and fun-filled event that took place on a dreary day Monday, yet spirits remained high among students. All BPS students were treated to a variety of engaging stalls, including the spooky Haunted Hall, coin tossing games, and an exciting water obstacle course. Creative activities like face painting added to the festive atmosphere, while thrilling nerf gun shooting and water pistol fights kept everyone entertained throughout the day.

In addition to these activities, participants had a blast with the water dunking and wet sponge fighting challenges, which brought plenty of laughter and excitement. The fete also featured stacks of guessing prizes for those eager to win sweet treats. Overall, the Mini Fete was a memorable day, showcasing the strong sense of community and camaraderie among BPS students and staff, despite the miserable weather.



INCURSION

POLICE VISIT

TENNILLE KOLARIK
Berowra Public School
LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEACHER

On Thursday 12 December we had Senior Constable Boon from Hornsby Police visit our school. He spoke to Stage One about bullying. He also spoke about the role of the Police as they are here to keep you safe.

Afterwards he joined our whole school

assembly where he spoke about keeping safe over the summer holidays - remember to wear helmets and road safety.

We hope that all families stay safe and well over the summer break.



Berowra Public School K-6 Presentation Day 2024







END OF YEAR MUSIC



BPS MUSIC PROGRAM 2025

WWW.MYSCHOOLBAND.COM.AU/ENROL

Early Bird Enrolment offer ends midnight, Sunday 17th November



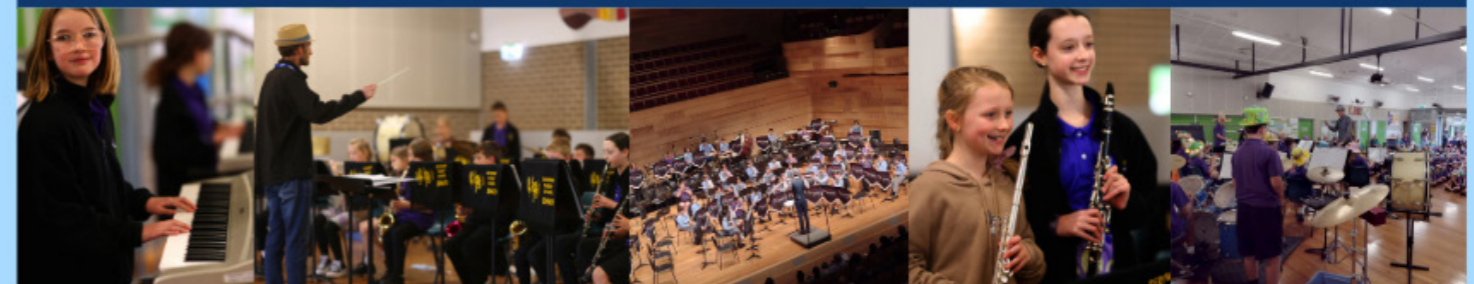
ENROL IN BAND

Enrolments are now open for any students in Years 3-6 next year, to join the School Band Program

For full details about costs, view instrument demos and to ENROL in the Band Program: www.myschoolband.com.au/enrol



Making Band Fun!

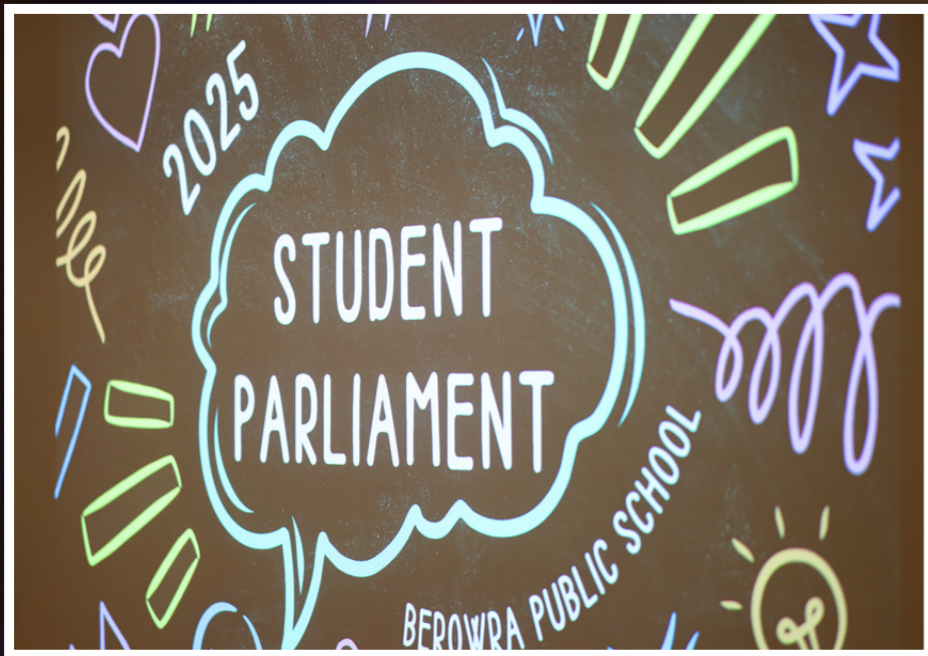


BPS P&C Music Committee



A wonderful display of musical talent was on show on Monday 9th December at BPS! Well done to all our music groups for their hard work in 2024. If you would

like to join any of our groups in 2025, please enrol via our website <https://www.music.bps.org.au>.







The past year has been a testament to the exceptional leadership and dedication of our student parliamentarians. Their commitment to addressing the needs of our student body has led to a series of meaningful changes and developments within our school community. By successfully passing impactful motions, they have advocated for the betterment of BPS students. As we celebrate these achievements, we express our gratitude to the outgoing parliamentarians for their tireless efforts and commendable perseverance. Their contributions have laid a solid foundation for the incoming 2025 Parliamentarians, and we eagerly anticipate the new ideas and initiatives they will bring to further enhance our school environment.

PBL Rewards Day

Yesterday, the enthusiastic students from the Wombats house basked in the glory of their hard-earned victory, having collected the most gotcha tokens for Term 4! To kick off the celebration, they donned their favourite mufti outfits, and on this sweltering hot day, they settled in for a relaxing afternoon, enjoying a movie in the hall. Congratulations, Wombats!



BPS HIGH – CLASS OF 2024

During Weeks 7 and 8, our Year 6 students had the exciting opportunity to participate in two days of BPS High. They experienced what it's like to read a timetable, attend a variety of classes, and navigate the school environment. While this was a fun experience, its deeper purpose was to help our transitioning Year 6 students adjust to their new reality within the supportive BPS community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the staff who dedicated their time and effort to make this event possible. Thank you, Year 6, for fully embracing this opportunity. Wishing you all the best as you embark on your bright futures ahead!



BPS Productions Presents

Berowra's got

TALENT

On the 17th of December Berowra Public School hosted their annual Talent Show. Students from years 2-6 performed their amazing acts in front of the whole school.

We were entertained by singing,

dancing, stand up comedy, plays, musical instruments, trivia, acrobatics and magic! Our stage crew and announcers did an amazing job and pulled off a very smooth performance for students and teachers to enjoy.

Congratulations to all performers and stage crew.

MRS HUMPHREYS
ORGANISER



SCHOOL GROUNDS
WHAT'S NEW

NEW PATHWAYS, RAMPS, FENCING AND BOLLARDS ARE BEING INSTALLED TO IMPROVE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS AROUND SCHOOL



STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

A DAY OF GROWTH AND INSPIRATION

Student leaders from the seven schools in our local community of schools came together for a dynamic workshop focused on leadership and what it means to be a school ambassador.

The day was enriched by the presence of special guests who shared their experiences and engaged students in meaningful leadership activities. We were honored to welcome Mr. Adam Boulas, Director of Educational Leadership, and the Hon. James Wallace, MP, who inspired students by sharing his personal leadership journey.

A highlight of the day was the participation of two former local primary school leaders who have gone on to achieve incredible success: Billy Pollard, Australian Wallaby, and Hollie Cameron, Australian Wallaroo. During a lively Q&A session hosted by James, Billy and Hollie shared insights into their leadership journeys, encouraging students to aspire to their full potential.

The event was a memorable opportunity for our student leaders to connect, learn, and be inspired to make a positive impact within their schools and beyond.





LIBRARY

A BIT OF CHRISTMAS READING

COME AND SEE OUR NEW LIBRARY SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS BOOKS



SCHOOL UNIFORM



Logos - School logo only on clothing, socks and hats, no other logos should be seen.

Shorts – Shorts must be of an appropriate length. Bike shorts and short shorts are not appropriate for school.

Tights and Leggings – Black tights and/or leggings are only to be worn under school uniform.

Jewellery – Bracelets, necklaces, rings, and earrings (other than studs or small sleepers) are not permitted to be worn at school. Watches can be worn and in the case of Smart Watches, must be on 'school mode', as per the BPS mobile phone procedure.

Make Up – Make up is not permitted to be worn at school unless necessary for school performances.

Accessories – Nail polish or false nails are not permitted to be worn at school. Hair that touches the shoulder must be pulled back. Small hair accessories are permitted in the school colours of purple, yellow and black.

Please label all student belongings clearly and check the labels regularly.



Blocker shorts

Girls black skort



Sports Skort

Sports shorts

Uniform shop link

<https://uniformshop.bps.org.au/>

In preparation for 2025, we would like to remind families of the correct school uniform for all students. This uniform was designed by Berowra Public School students, promotes a sense of belonging and creates a positive identify for the school community.

Girls Summer Uniform

Purple polo shirt with school logo
Completely black Skort/shorts (no logos)

White socks that are below mid calf

Completely black school shoes

Black polo fleece jacket

Wide brimmed school hat

Girls Winter Uniform

Purple polo shirt with school logo
Completely black Skorts, shorts, jazz pants or trousers (no logos)

White or black socks

Completely black school shoes

Black polo fleece jacket

Wide brimmed school hat

Boys Summer Uniform

Purple polo shirt with school logo
Completely black shorts (no logos)

White socks that are below mid calf

Completely black school shoes

Black polo fleece jacket

Wide brimmed school hat

Boys Winter Uniform

Purple polo shirt with school logo
Completely black Shorts or trousers (no logos)

White or black socks

Completely black school shoes

Black polo fleece jacket

Wide brimmed school hat

Sports Uniform

House colour polo shirt
Completely black shorts or skorts (no logos)

White socks that are below mid-calf and track shoes

Wide brimmed school hat



This fortnight's Smiling Mind focus is **Resilience**

At Home Activities

K-2

Go me!

Things don't always go the way you want, but you can practise resilience by learning to 'bounce back'. For this task, draw a picture of yourself overcoming a real or imaginary challenge.

Stage 2

Resilience Pie

Draw a circle and split it into five sections with the following labels: 1. Family/people that care for me, 2. Friends that I can go to, 3. Artistic things I can do, 4. Physical things I can do, 5. Kind words I can say to myself.

Then fill in each section to identify different ways that you can manage challenges in life. Remember you can always come back to your resilience pie to remember the different things you can do to bounce back.

Stage 3

The Importance of Resilience

Resilient people look for new ways of thinking and acting to make themselves strong and overcome challenges. They find new strategies to deal with upsets and problems. This week, interview 3 people about why they think resilience is important and what strategies they use to overcome setbacks. You can interview your friends or teachers at school or your family members at home. Write down what they say on your worksheet.