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TERM 4 WEEK 8

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## SCHOOL

Monday DEC 9: Year 6 Mini Fete

Monday DEC 9 6pm: End of Year Music Concert

Wednesday DEC 11 6pm: Year 6 Farewell

Monday DEC 16: Presentation Day

Wednesday DEC 18 2:30pm: Clap Out

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK

[LINK](#)

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“Education is the foundation of all we do in life. It shapes who we are and what we aspire to be.”* - Julie Payette

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*COVER: The Woolcraft Club commenced today in the library at lunchtime with a huge turnout of interested and enthusiastic students.*

## QUICK LINKS

OUR WEBSITE



FACEBOOK LINK



UNIFORM SHOP



SCHOOL BYTES



THEIR CARE



CANTEEN ONLINE



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

# What a year!



**Carolyn Stephens**  
PRINCIPAL (Rel.)

**A**s we come to the end of the year I would like to reflect on the many wonderful events, learning and teaching.

### Teacher learning

We all know that teachers are the best resource a school has and accordingly we have invested heavily in this area. Our teachers work together with our Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APC&I) fortnightly to learn with and from each other. They look at student data, engage in professional dialogue as well as collaboratively plan and program to suit the needs of the students at our school. This has resulted in consistency in high quality teaching and learning across the school. Some of the highlights from the year are:

Participation in the Mooney Mooney PLC with a focus on explicit teaching of spelling. Drawing on the expertise across our network and strategic support, our school engaged in a yearlong project where we created an Essential Agreement in spelling and participated in Learning Sprints in a deep and narrow area of spelling.

Ongoing participation in Instructional Rounds with schools within and beyond our network with a focus on working mathematically and reasoning. We investigated the use of effective questioning to promote understanding and reasoning to determine how feedback moves learning forward.

### Around the Grounds

We have had many upgrades and beautification of our grounds, most of which are courtesy of our hardworking and active P&C. Some of these include:

- Upgrade of the student toilet blocks
- Resurfacing of basketball court
- Lyrebird mural
- Playground Markings
- Upgrade of electronic sign
- Signage around the school
- Sandstone area and garden
- Bush tucker garden
- ICT upgrade

### Dance and Band

We have had another fabulous year of dance at Berowra Public School. All of our students developed their skills in dance with Mrs Lukic during Semester 1. This culminated in class dance performances at the end of Term 1 and 2.

Our boys' and girls' dance groups performed at the Sydney North Dance Festival in June. From this, both groups were then selected to perform at the State Dance Festival. They were one of only 25 primary schools selected from across the state. What a fabulous achievement!

Many of our talented dancers were given the opportunity to attend State Dance workshops at the Sydney Dance Company studios, where they were taught by professional dancers in many different styles of dance.

Will S and Nixon G auditioned and were selected to be a part of the boys' hip hop ensemble at the Schools Spectacular, performing at Qudos Arena. This was a truly spectacular show!

Choir performed at the Sydney Northwest Music Festival.

The Band highlights included the Key Musical 20th

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# SWIM SCHOOL

**PETER LEARY**  
Berowra Public School  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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Anniversary Showcase Concert and the Asquith Musicales.

### BPS Sporting Highlights

- BPS Swimming Carnival
- Zone Swimming Carnival (Nya N Girls 11 Years Age Champion)
- Area Swimming Carnival (Nya N & Jasper C)
- Skellern Cup
- BPS Cross Country Carnival
- Zone Cross Country
- Area Cross Country (Evie, Will S, Lachlan R)
- NSW PSSA Cross Country (Evie M-M)
- Florimo Cup
- HZSS AFL (Juniors 1st / Seniors 2nd)
- Sydney North Rugby League (Jasper Carter)
- BPS Athletics Carnival
- Zone Athletics Carnival (Evie M-M Girls 11

Years Age Champion)

- Area Athletics Carnival (Evie M-M, Molly M-M, Jasper C, Layla R)
- NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival (Evie M-M)
- National School Sports Australia Athletics (Evie M-M 1st - combined event, 3rd high jump and 2nd medley relay)
- HZSS League Tag (All 4 teams in the grand final this week)

These are just a snapshot of the many learning and extracurricular opportunities on offer at our wonderful school.

I'm looking forward to all the wonderful end of year celebrations, such as Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell, music concert and year 6 mini-fete.



**Our PBL focus this fortnight is**

**Respect in the classroom**



INCURSION

# COLLABORATIVE ARTWORK

Last Tuesday we had Aboriginal artist, Courtney Garstang come to the school to co-create an artwork with our Aboriginal Students. They explored colour, symbols and our local environment to create a collaborative piece of work that will be displayed in our library.





*Berowra Public School*

PRESENTS

# MUSIC

WITH MRS KELLY LUKIC



**KELLY LUKIC**  
Berowra Public School  
TEACHER

The students have been enjoying learning music with Mrs Lukic this semester. They have been playing a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments including xylophones, glockenspiels, maracas, triangles, bells, guiros, claves, bucket drums and boomwhackers. Do you know the difference between a xylophone and a glockenspiel? If not, ask one of our Stage 1 or 2 students.







# This fortnight's Smiling Mind focus is **Growth Mindset** At Home Activities

## K-2

### Keep It Up

Did you know that you can make your brain bigger and stronger by challenging yourself by trying new things and putting in effort? What did you try hard at today? Write or draw about it.

## Stage 2

### The power of 'Yet'

It is very normal for everyone to have fixed mindset thoughts like "I can't do this!", but you can always change your fixed mindset thoughts into growth mindset thoughts! Catch yourself when you have a fixed mindset thought this week, and change your thought into a growth mindset thought by adding 'yet' to the end, such as "I can't do this.. yet!".

## Stage 3

### Investigative Reporter

Mistakes are a normal part of life, and you can always learn from your mistakes! This week, be an investigative reporter and ask someone in your family about a mistake they have made and what they learnt from it. Write down what they said and practise your growth mindset this week by remembering to think about what you can learn when you make a mistake.

[Smiling Mind website](https://www.smilingmind.com.au)

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# Berowra

Public School

TERM 4

## KINDY TRANSITION

2024

Students, Parents & Carers! Join us for our 2024 Berowra Public School Kindergarten transition program. Students spend time in a primary school environment while parents and carers attend informative workshops for the best possible start for your child.

## DATES

Friday, 25th October 2024

Friday, 1st November 2024

Friday, 8th November 2024

## TIME

9.30 AM - 11 AM

Don't miss this opportunity to get your child comfortable & excited about their journey to Big School.

## LOCATION

Meet under the library COLA

## MORE INFO:

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Club Berowra's

# Christmas Raffles

Supporting Local Community Groups

Nov 27th

Dec 11th

Dec 4th

Dec 18th

Tickets from 5pm  
First Draw 7pm  
Second Draw 8pm

**20 Hams, 10 Porks, and 10 Turkeys to be won every raffle!**

Courtsey Bus Available

Come and support BPS at Club Berowra's Christmas Raffles

WEDNESDAY 11TH  
DECEMBER

**APEX  
DRIVE**



All ticket sales raise money for the school.



**KINDY**  
IN THE  
LIBRARY





WOW.....1/2S have had a very busy term full of lots of learning and fun!



At the last K-6 Assembly the secret teacher was Mrs Withford. We won the trophy for being the most respectful and well-behaved class during the whole of assembly!

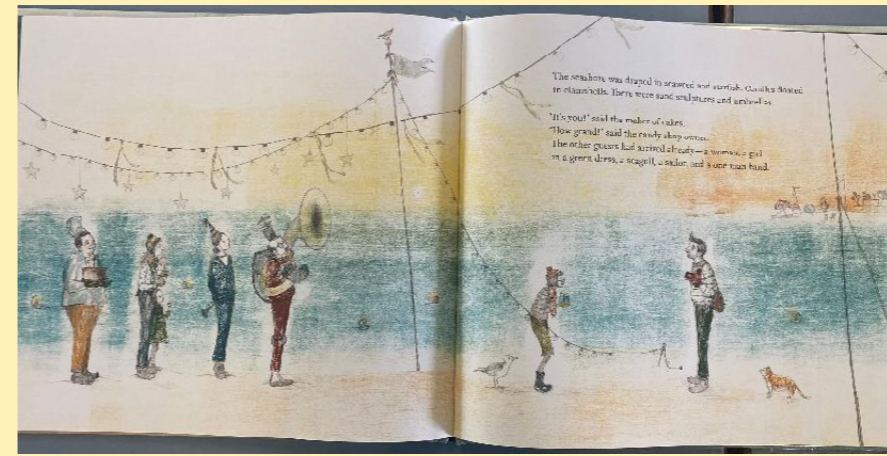


Mrs Boon Visits 1/2S for a Fluency lesson

We read us an informative text together called "Taking Your Pulse" We discussed the text features and vocabulary and followed the instructions to take our pulse.



English Lessons - we have recently read these two texts We compared these two narratives, discussed characters, emotions and feelings, adjectives and figurative language.



Learning about Figurative language. We wrote our own similes to describe this page from the text 'The Uncorker Of Ocean Bottles'

The dangling lights sparkle like a shooting sky in the black night sky.

By Rudy

The dangling lights sparkle like stars in the night sky.

By Eli

The dangling lights sparkled like a yellow firefly at night.

By Evelyn

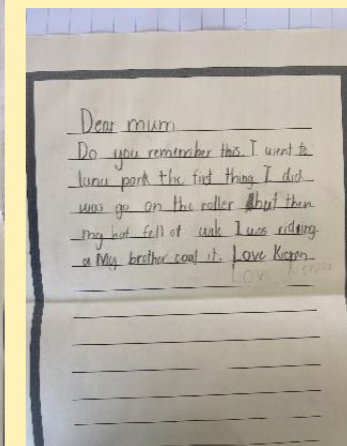
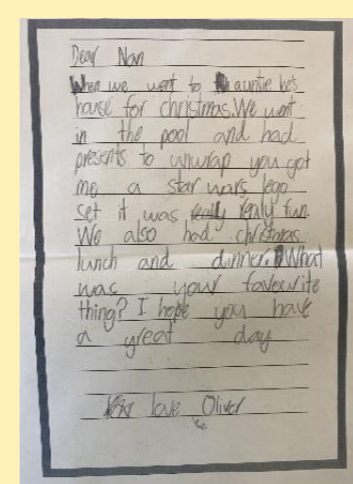
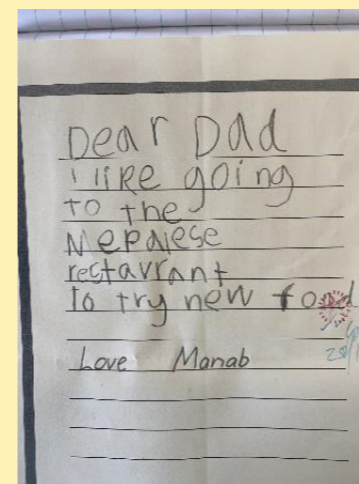
The dangling lights sparkled like the moon.

By Imogen

The dangling lights sparkled brightly like water in the sun.

By Jackson

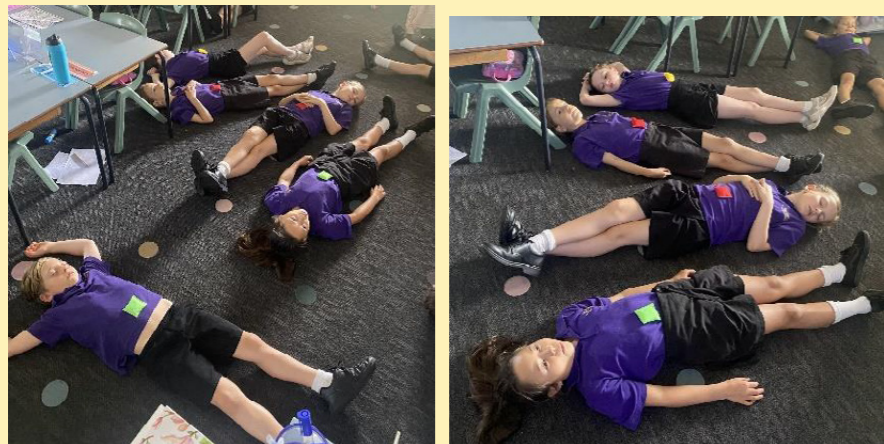
Writing letters- We learnt about the structure of a letter and wrote our own letters.



Garden Club is very popular with 1/2S students. Here they are with some of the latest produce from the garden.



As part of our Mindfulness strategies, we do Smiling Minds meditations and we also practice belly breathing to calm us down ready for learning. We love this part of our day!



Partner Reading – We sit together and take turns. One person reads whilst the other is the coach, then we swap. This is developing our Reading Fluency.



Maths Investigations – We worked with a partner using an informal measuring tool, a paperclip to measure the length of objects.





# WOOLCRAFT CLUB WITH MRS HUMPHREYS



### THE BORROWING CONTRACT

DO YOU PROMISE THE FOLLOWING:

- TAKE CARE OF THE TOOL
- RETURN THE TOOL WHEN I'VE FINISHED SO OTHERS CAN ENJOY
- GIVE THE PROJECT MY BEST EFFORT!

| Name | Date | Tool Borrowed | Student Signature |
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# CELEBRATING EVIE'S SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

**W**e are thrilled to share that last Thursday through Monday, Evie represented NSW PSSA at the School Sport Australia Track & Field Championships (Nationals). Building on her outstanding performances from last year, Evie achieved even more remarkable results this year!

best in her future endeavours. Don't forget to save a ticket for Mr G at the Brisbane Olympics, Evie!

She secured 1st place in the Combined Event, which included the 100m, 800m, long jump, and shot put, setting personal bests in both the 800m and shot put! Additionally, Evie finished 3rd in high jump and contributed to her team's success by coming in 2nd in the medley relay, where she ran the 200m leg. We couldn't be prouder of Evie and her incredible achievements at BPS. Her records will stand for years to come! As she moves forward into high school, we wish her all the





**Monday 9th December**

***YEAR 6 MINI  
FETE***

**Tokens can be purchased  
via School Bytes**