Leader’s Morning Tea
Many thanks to our school captains, Aaron S and Ella T and their parents. Last Wednesday they represented Berowra at Parliament House in Sydney. Our school captains were invited to Parliament House to meet Matt Kean and enjoy morning tea.

Emailing
Thank you to all parents who are using emails to communicate with their child’s teacher. Please remember ‘email etiquette’. Teachers do not need to be ‘bombarded’ by emails connecting them to newspaper articles, pyramid selling or new building contractors. This is not the purpose of school emails or class email lists. The purpose of the emails is to keep in close contact with school and home and ensure the best positive communication, collaborative atmosphere and quality teaching for our students.
Please only enter classrooms when teachers are present.

Classroom Resources
The provision of quality education relies, not only on the quality of the teaching staff, but also on the quality of the resources, which we use to educate the children. We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic, talented and committed office and teaching staff at Berowra and, while they are keen to use the best resources available, they are well aware of the current economic climate and the hardships many families are experiencing.
To offset costs to families we have limited textbooks and are using duplicated copyright-free material, stencils, interactive whiteboard lessons and overheads prepared by the teachers instead. Added to the expense of the paper usage we must also carefully maintain the machines we use and buy the necessary inks and toners used in them. In addition to this we also ask for support in supplementing the schools budget to provide the upkeep and replacement of resources in the respective KLAs. Our classroom resources invoices were sent out earlier this term and we thank the parents who have already paid.

NAPLAN 2013
In May 2013 the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5. The results of the test provide important information about what each student can do and is used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating your child’s level of achievement, reported against the national minimum standard. Naplan testing is on Tuesday, 14th May, Wednesday, 15th May and Thursday, 16th May, 2013. Additional information for parents can be found at www.nap.edu.au

Mathletics...
As you know our students are encouraged to use Mathletics and Spellodrome. These programmes will be accessed again this year during class time, and we encourage our students to use these programmes at home. All our students have usernames and passwords. If your child is unsure of theirs then please see their class teacher. Many of our students receive Mathletics awards each week, reaching a Bronze, Silver or Gold level. From time to time our students are recorded in the Mathletics Hall of Fame.
On Monday, 18th March, Ryan J and Matthew C from 2B were ‘neck and neck’ all morning (before school!).
By the time we went into classes they were :-
- Ryan J—2nd in Australia and the world
- Matthew C—3rd in Australia and 5th in the world
- Class 2B—1st in Australia and 6th in the world.
Congratulations to both Ryan and Matthew!

I do enjoy seeing children with their Mathletics and Spellodrome certificates each week. To see so many children enjoy learning and education is always a highlight of my day.
Please remember – five Mathletic and/or Spellodrome certificates or a Gold Mathletics or a Golden Bike, equals a ‘lucky dip’ from my office. Children need to come outside classroom time ie before or after school, morning tea or lunch time. The Hall of Fame appears on the Mathletics home page at www.mathletics.com.au. This is updated by the minute with only current and previous day’s students appearing.

Representative Shirts
Please be aware that Representative Shirts are no longer kept in the Uniform Shop. These shirts will be handed out by the teachers, when needed. Please read any consent notes as the teachers will explain where shirts need to be returned. Most shirts will be given out on the day they are needed and returned that afternoon – to ensure shirts do not go missing.

Many thanks to the Uniform Committee for their generous donation of new representative shirts and another soccer strip for our PSSA representative teams.

Congratulations
• Ben B (School Captain 2012). Ben’s film, ‘What You Don’t Know’ is screening today in the “Kidz Flicks”, the Sydney International Festival of Films by Children. We are very proud of Ben and all his achievements in this area. Good luck for today Ben!
• to all our dancers who enjoyed various sessions and days of dance in the city last week.
• to all our soccer boys who enjoyed a day of indoor soccer last Thursday. Thanks to Renee S for washing all the shirts.
• to all of our Hornsby Zone swimmers who participated at the Hornsby Zone Carnival on Wednesday, 6th March at Gosford. They all competed to the best of their ability and were all so supportive of each other. Many swimmers swam personal bests. I was very proud to see our children cheering on their team mates and congratulating each other’s achievements.
• to Cooper D and James R 6J who were selected to represent Hornsby Kuring-gai Zone Soccer Team.

High School 2014
A reminder to parents of Year 6 students that the Expressions of Interest forms for high schools are due back to us, the primary school, on or before Friday, 22nd March. Thanks to the parents who have already returned them. If you have any concerns or would like some assistance with the forms, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Sydney Youth Writing Competition
The 8th Annual Sydney Youth Writing Competition for 2013 is now open for entries. The closing date is Tuesday 18 June 2013. The competition is open to primary school students worldwide in years 3-6. There are two age groups: Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6.

Full details are available at the website SydneyYouthWriting

Facts about tutors
Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it’s also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising.


Public speaking
Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school

Science starters
Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


We have a large safe 800mmx800mmx1.8m approx. for tender. Please contact me if you are interested.

Di Bower, Principal
**MUSIC NEWS - BAND** Both Concert and Training Band musicians and parents had a great time at the Welcome Evening. Parents should be very proud of their children, congratulations to all.

The Hat parade is our next performance date. All children will need band uniform, LONG BLACK PANTS (preferable not tights or leggings), band shirt, black shoes (school shoes are fine, nicely polished) and dark socks. Donations for the raffle baskets can be brought to rehearsals. Details for this performance will be finalised in the next week.

All musicians need to have a private tutor as a condition of being in the band. These details should be on your registration form which can be returned to me at rehearsal, by email or to the office.

Fantastic work everyone!
Any questions or queries? Amanda Gillard 9456 2908  bpsband@hotmail.com

**LIBRARY NEWS** Children are encouraged to borrow regularly from the Library. Below please find library class days:

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Books may be borrowed for 2 weeks. However books can be renewed if children are still reading them. Just ask to "re-borrow" when coming to the library. Please remind children to bring their LIBRARY BAG on their class day.

**STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2013**

Families would have received a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope this week. You could win a $4,000 holiday to the destination of your choice!

1. Write your name, address, telephone number & school.
2. Insert a donation of at least $2 into the envelope & seal it.
3. Return the envelope to your class teacher before Stewart House Day, Friday 10th May.

It’s that easy! The school will forward envelopes and payment onto Stewart House before the prize draw on 24th May 2013. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW & the ACT.

Good luck!

**CLASS MERIT AWARDS**

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**Diary Dates**

**March**

- 21 Thurs  Harmony Day
- 27 Wed  Combined Easter service at St Marks
- 28 Thurs  Easter Hat Parade
- 29 Fri  Good Friday

**April**

- 1 Mon  Easter Monday
- 2 Tues  Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
- 3 Wed  Students return to school
- 5 Fri  Stage 1 excursion to Seymour Centre
- 5 Fri  School Disco
- 7 Sun  Daylight Saving Ends
- 12 Fri  Last day of Term 1
- 29 Mon  Staff Development Day
- 30 Tues  Students return for Term 2

**May**

- 7&8 T&W  Mothers Day stall
- 9 Thurs  Cross Country
- 13 Mon  Kindy Information Session 7pm
- 14-16 Tu-Th  NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5
- 21 Tues  Aust Schools Computer competition
- 23 Thurs  Kindy Information Session 10am
- 27 Mon  Zone Cross Country

**June**

- 3 Mon  School photos
- 5 Wed  Aust Schools Science competition
- 10 Mon  Queen’s Birthday public holiday
- 17 Mon  Aust Schools Writing competition
- 18 Tues  Aust Schools Spelling competition
- 18 Tues  Athletics Carnival @ Foxglove Oval
- 25 Tues  Interrelate 6pm & 7:15pm
- 28 Fri  Last Day of Term 2
LIBRARY NEWS continued - Books can be borrowed over the school holidays except during the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your support of the Book Club and your encouragement of your children's reading.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The school is registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013. See website for further information www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge.
The Challenge runs from September to August each year. Students in K-2 are required to experience 30 books by either reading themselves or having books read to them. Students in Years 3-6 are required to read 20 books in one year. 15 from the PRC booklists (see website) and a maximum of 5 personal choice books. Certificates for all completed challenges are issued in November of each year.

Short Story Competition. This term years 5 and 6 have been reading and writing short stories. All children are encouraged to enter the short story/poetry competition on website www.write4fun.net. Entries close 31st March 2013. Children have also been writing short pieces based on letters of the alphabet from the book "My Life as an Alphabet" by Barry Jonsberg.

Jennie Smith—Librarian

A sample of the good work produced by children…..

S is for skylanders. Skylanders is my favourite computer game. Skylanders is about magical creatures fighting to regain sources to rebuild the core of light that Kaos (the bad guy) destroyed. There are 32 Skylanders to collect. I rate this game 10 our of 10! I play it every weekend I can.

By Dylan P 5/6J

D is for dog. I have a dog called Tarro. He is a blue cattle dog and he is turning 9 this year. Tarro loves to go to the beach. He can't swim but he likes to get his feet wet. For breakfast he has dog biscuits and for dinner he has food that is in a tin. He likes to play with me. I throw the ball and he catches it in his mouth. I love my dog. He is so cute. If you don’t have one maybe you should get one.

By Chlo M 5/6J

A is for Alani. My name is Alani and my name is Hawaiian. In Hawaii my name means clear path. My name also in a way means orange or orange tree. The Hawaiians also believe the sun is mother earth and creates all. My name pretty much means clear path to the sun. If your name is Alani, you will have a clear path in life.

By Alani K 5/6J

Berowra Public School Hat Parade 2013
Thursday 28th March

On Thursday 28th March we will be holding our annual K-6 Hat Parade and parents and friends are welcome to join us for the fun. We aim to start at 12 noon, with all children assembling on the basketball courts to parade in front of our visitors.

Traditionally, children in K-2 have worn Easter themed hats, and this is still appropriate if they wish, however ANY type of hat is fine. Your child may wish to have a crazy hat, a tiny hat, an enormous hat, a technicolour hat.... the list is endless. Please bear in mind that we are hoping for a sunny day so sun safety is still important and watch out for those chocolate decorations!!

The BPS band will be accompanying the children as we parade and the popular Band Easter raffle will be drawn at the end of the parade.
Our School Support Group will also be selling tea and coffee. Who knows... there might even be a ‘special’ visitor????!

Any questions, please see your class teacher.

Don’t forget Tuesday 2nd April is a Staff Development Day so students return to school after Easter on Wednesday 3rd April. There is also a Staff Development Day (no students) at the beginning of Term 2.
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This is a P&C fundraiser that you can share with your friends, family and work colleagues.
Funds raised will be directed to the new vegetable garden, which will have multiple garden beds and grow produce to be shared with the canteen, students and their families.
Return your order form and full payment to the class teacher no later than **Thursday 28th March 2013**.
Extra brochures available at the office.
Please make cheques payable to **Berowra Public School P and C**.

If you have any queries, please contact Renee Stoner 0433 462 251 or leave a message at the office.

**Thank you**
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bunnings Warehouse Thornleigh Free Easter Family Night** - Thursday 21st March 1pm-8pm. Free fun for all the family with Easter craft to make, magic show, visit from Easter bunny, animal petting, Easter egg hunt, lucky door prize and more. Refreshments provided. Sausage sizzle available. Bookings essential, Thornleigh@bunnings.com.au or 9479 9000.

**Australian Performing Arts Grammar School Open Day** Saturday 23rd March 11am-2pm, level 3, 255 Broadway, Glebe. For more information please contact admissions@apgs.nsw.edu.au or phone 9518 5123


**Free guided bushwalks program** - *Tues 12 March – 10am start. Carrs Bush for pre schoolers* aged 3-5 (not pram friendly) is in a large patch of endangered Turpentine Ironbark Forest. Children will engage with a guide to discover the secrets of the bush, participate in some activities & figure out who lives there. Perhaps stay at the end for an informal picnic in the lovely grounds of Fagan Park with your fellow bushwalkers & friends and make a day of it. BYO food.

*Tues 16 April – 10am start. Carrs Bush for primary schoolers* ages 6-9 in school holidays. Come on this special bush discovery walk to discover the magic of Carrs Bush in this large patch of endangered Turpentine Ironbark Forest. Children will engage with a guide to discover the secrets of the bush, participate in some activities and work out who lives there. Perhaps stay at the end for an informal picnic in the lovely grounds of Fagan Park with your fellow bushwalking and friends and make a day of it. BYO food. Booking essential on 9847 6832 – its FREE.

*Wed 24 April—6pm start. Crosslands Reserve Spotlight.* A special holidays event to showcase the night-time world of our local nocturnal animals & discover what animals get up to when the rest of us are asleep. After familiarising ourselves with some local creatures of the night & their adaptive features, join us for an easy spotlight walk around the bushland interface at Crosslands Reserve. Booking essential to avoid being locked in as park closes at night. For further information regarding FREE guided Bushwalks program visit [http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

**Dementia Carers Support Group.** If you care for a relative, neighbour or friend with memory loss or care for an elderly person and need support or information, join us at 2:30pm Thursday 14th March at Berowra Community Health Centre. The cost is free and afternoon tea will be provided. RSVP Marie Brooks 9456 3344

**Vision Valley Holiday Camps** - 3 night/4 day *Safari Camp, Adventure Camps, Adventure Out Trip, Adventure Camp Out, Beginner Horse Day Camps, Advanced Horse Day Camps or Overnight Horse Camp.* Visit [wesleymission.org.au](http://wesleymission.org.au) or email vvcamps@wesleymission.org.au to request a booking form.

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**WIDEVIEW PUBLIC FETE DAY**

**SUNDAY 5th MAY 2013**

**10AM - 3PM**

Wideview Public School in Berowra Heights is having its fete on Sunday 5th May 2013, and would like to invite stall holders to operate a stall on the day.

The market stalls are $45 plus a small donation ($15 - $25 value) for our chocolate wheel.

If you are interested and would like to reserve a site, please e-mail wideviewfete@gmail.com or alternatively contact Michelle Burr on 0407 467 416 or Jason Conlon on 0402 403 598.

The Wideview Public School Community look forward to seeing you there!
As the Easter long weekend approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for holiday trips. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over the long weekend. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians.

Here are some useful road safety tips you can take in to make sure your journey is a safe one:

- Don’t set off on a long trip at the end of a day’s work.
- Sleep well before travelling. Don’t drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

Please remember that children are inexperienced road users and that it’s important they are supervised in the traffic environment. Please remember to:

- Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your children exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Have a happy & safe Easter

From Berowra Public School
First Aid Course
“Caring for Kids”

Berowra Rotary is organising a St John’s Ambulance “Caring for Kids” first aid course focusing on caring for children aged between 0-7 years. Participants learn child and infant resuscitation, management of fractures, head injuries and the treatment of sudden illnesses. This course is designed to meet the first aid needs of parents, grandparents, carers and members of the public who may be entrusted with the care of babies and children.

Dates: Saturday 13th and Saturday 20th April 2013
Time: 10am - 2:30pm with lunch provided
Venue: St Marks Church, 18 Berowra Waters Rd
Cost: $95pp for 8 hours training over two Saturdays
Parking: Available on site

For enquiries and registration please phone Carolyn Higgs on 9456 4450 or 0414 741 737 or email at berowrafirstaidcourse@gmail.com

MONEY COLLECTION DAYS

Please note that money collection days at Berowra Public School are Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

For security of payments it would be appreciated if money only be sent to school on these days in a signed payment envelope.

We have only two days a week allocated to receipt money so please remind your child to give it to their teacher in the morning as receipting and banking are completed during the day. Correct money is appreciated as the office is unable to hold change.

Please do not hand payments in after school. Handing money into the office may result in confusion and your child’s name not being marked off as paid for sport, excursions and activities.

Any payments for the choir, drama, interschool sport or extra curricular activities as well as P&C or Support Group fundraisers can also be handed to the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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