The last fortnight has definitely been a busy one for BPS and Easter was a much needed break for all.

Harmony Day
Thursday, 21st March was Harmony Day and BPS celebrated it in style. The children enjoyed buddy time, classroom visits, international food, an assembly, public speaking, international dances and concluded the day with a fun mini tabloid sport. Many thanks to all teachers and especially to Mrs Till who organised the day. A special thank you to the Cranfield family for the donation of the special stickers for every child. A very harmonious day was had by all!

Hat Parade
The children out did themselves again this year with their amazing headwear creations. It was great to see 100% participation from all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The atmosphere was of total enthusiasm and enjoyment. The children enjoyed parading their hats (with the help of their buddies), the arrival of the Easter Bunny and the wonderful tunes from the bands. Many thanks to Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Layson for their organisation of the event. Thank you to Mrs Gillard and the bands for their entertainment and thank you to the support group for the scrumptious morning tea. A fantastic event!

Congratulations
- Katrina T (5/6J) - accepted into the Sydney Recorder Camp

Mathletics Hall of Fame
- Ryan J (2B) - 3rd World / 3rd Australia 25th March
  1st World / 1st Australia 28th March
- Bradley P (1C) - 8th World / 6th Australia 25th March
- Matthew C (2B) – 3rd World / 1st Australia 26th March
- Joshua JB (4K) – 1st World / 1st Australia 28th March
- Cameron R (4P) 3rd World / 1st Australia 2nd April

P & C
On behalf of the staff and students of Berowra PS I would like to thank all the parents for their support of our school. At the last P&C meeting the school was given:
- $5 000 for two interactive projectors for the Music Room and 3C
- $10 000 to support teacher time for stage 2 and 3 children – introduction of an enrichment program for both stages
- 15 Samsung Tablets to be used in the Kindergarten and Year 6 rooms

This generous donation will support and enrich the teaching and learning programs at our school. Thank you again.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Last week the teachers sent home ‘snapshots’ of your child’s attitude to learning and school life. These ‘snapshots’ are not an academic report, they are purely to show your child’s efforts in the classroom and their attitude to learning. Next week there will be Parent/Teacher interviews during the day and late evening meetings on Wednesday, 10th April. Each meeting will be for ten minutes only. We are mindful that you may have particular queries you would like to raise with your child’s teacher about your child. If you feel you will need longer than ten minutes then you may need to make another time to talk with the teacher.
**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

**Thank you**
Many thanks to Phil Compton for installing shelves in the new class storerooms. The teachers really appreciate it.

**April school holidays**
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a very relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday from Friday 12th April. Students return to school on Tuesday, 30th April. At this time of year the weather can still be warm so winter uniform is not worn until around the end of May. I ask parents to decide which uniform is best for your child during this time.
Enjoy your break!

**Dianne Bower, Principal**

**THE VEGETABLE PATCH** - The school vegie patch is up and running again for 2013. Classes have been busy digging, weeding, planting and mulching broccoli, silverbeet, spring onions, peas, beans, spinach, radish, lettuce, pumpkin and passionfruit. In anticipation of a delicious crunch and sip harvest in the winter.
Thank you to Steph Jordaan for organising seedlings, seeds and fertiliser from the Gordon Bunnings Store, Lisa Jewkes for a generous donation of seeds and Hornsby Council whose continued support and provision of resources through the ‘Ready Set Grow’ program is much appreciated.
Thank you also to those parents who have volunteered to help in the garden. We will particularly need support to maintain the garden over the school holiday periods. Anyone interested in helping in the garden can contact either Mrs Bolger or Mrs Butler. We are looking forward to another year of learning and fun in the garden.

Marilyn Bolger and Judy Butler

**DANCE NEWS** - During week 7, ten of our keen dance students went to Sydney Dance Company for the Sydney North Dance workshops. They had a wonderful time learning many different styles of dance such as Hip Hop, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Contemporary and even Zumba. This was a great experience for these children as they were taught by some of the best dance teachers in Australia. Well done to Jasmine M, Mackenzie W, Alexander H, Annika E, Emily D, Layla W, Cody L, Ella W, Seb E and Kirstyn S.

This year we have two dance groups that are both working extremely hard preparing items to audition for the Sydney North Dance Festival. We wish them the best of luck for their auditions in early Term 2.

This term 2B, 4P, 5/6T and 5/6W have been enjoying weekly dance lessons. These classes performed some short cultural dances for our Harmony Day Assembly on Thursday 21st March. Earlier in the term these classes were inspired by Pilobolus and The Silhouettes. These dance companies create amazing images using the shadows of their bodies. I urge you to have a look on YouTube to see what all the fuss is about. It is truly magnificent!

Mrs Kelly Lukic - Dance Teacher

**MUSIC NEWS** - BAND  Congratulations to both concert and training bands for their performance at the hat parade last week. Concert band played tirelessly for everyone to parade and training band gave a fantastic performance to the parents, children and teachers. There were some great hats too!

Many thanks go to everyone for their Easter donations, help with putting the baskets together, organising stands etc for the performance and for the fantastic performance given by the musicians.
Please note the band uniform is LONG BLACK PANTS.

I hope everyone had a great Easter break. We have just two weeks left of this term and some great music to practice. The band will recommence in WEEK 1 of term 2.

Great work everyone, wishing you all a happy and enjoyable holiday.
Any questions or queries? Amanda Gillard 9456 2908  bpsband@hotmail.com
P & C - Reference Group – Calling for parent representatives

A Reference Group is a sub-committee of the P&C which focuses on matters of special interest to the school. The Reference Group consists of parents and teachers as relevant to a particular special interest. The frequency of meetings will be determined by the participants. The sub-committee has been structured this way to encourage greater participation from the parent community and you can drop in/out of the Reference Group depending on your interest, time and skills.

The first focus area for the Reference Group is the development of a 5 year strategic plan for the school. This will complement the school’s 3 year plan which focuses on the educational aspects. The next meeting for 2013 is scheduled for Wednesday 1st May at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Anyone that is interested please come along. For more information contact Kaye Power on 0400 677 642.

Canteen - Canteen Roster

Thursday 4/4  G Smith, P Smith
Friday 5/4    V Eliasson, T White
Monday 8/4   K Carter, C Harriss
Thursday 11/4 J Anderson, C Stone
Friday 12/4  C Harriss, L Plumridge
Mon 15/4– Mon 29/4 school holidays
Thursday 2/5  G Smith, P Smith
Friday 3/5    V Eliasson, T White
Monday 6/5   C Hatch, P Smith, D Allen

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STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2013

Families would have received a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope recently. 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!

Diary Dates

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UNIFORM SHOP - Uniform Shop General Information

- Opening — MON 9–10am & THURS 3–3.30pm
- No cash refunds available, cheque only (Uniform Shop cheques will be cancelled if they are not presented within 12 months of the date of issue)
- All returns need to have a returns form attached

Uniform Shop Roster
Thursday 4/4  S Horner, K Labuschagne, J Clayton
Monday 8/4  V Eliasson, J McKendrick, S Prosser
Thursday 11/4  G Staniland, R Stoner, G Smith
Mon 15/4– Mon 29/4  school holidays
Thurs 2/5  S Horner, K Labuschagne, J Clayton

SCHOOL BANKING - The school earns commission from every deposit with school banking.

- Every Tuesday morning at the canteen from 8:50-9:20am
- There is no minimum deposit required
- New rewards and certificates for consistent banking
- Promotes good saving habits
- See the coordinators for details

COMMUNITY NEWS

Would you like to help another adult learn English? Hornsby TAFE is offering a FREE tutoring course: Saturday 18th and 25th May, 2013. Register now 9472 1294 or email monique.brunello@tafensw.edu.au for more details.

Hornsby Libraries holiday fun activities - Storytime at Hornsby & Berowra, Rangers on the Run—under the sea show at Hornsby & Berowra, JDs world of magic show at Hornsby. For further information see flyer in school noticeboard or contact Hornsby Library on 9847 6614 or Berowra Library 9847 6140.

Sydney Olympic Park holiday program returns with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground. Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au or 9714 7888.

Hornsby RSL Youth Club holiday gymnastics - swing on ropes, bounce high on trampolines, roll down the sprung floor, balance on the beams & hang around on the bars. Always so much to do & no previous experience is necessary.

When: Mon 15th, Wed 17th, Fri 19th, Mon 22nd, Wed 24th, Fri 26th April. 9am –3pm
Cost: $37 per day (members) or $42 per day (non members)
Bring: Morning tea, lunch & plenty to drink
Where: Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics, 1 Ashley Lane Hornsby
Bookings essential. For more information 9476 6689 or email hornsbyrsl@gymnastics.org.au

Vision Valley holiday camps include an action-packed overnight 4 day camp, four adventurous day camps, horse riding camps and an overnight camp out. Bookings closing Monday 8/4/13. email vvcamps@wesleymission.org.au to request a booking form.

The Storm

By Eileen L

Far away, in the middle of the ocean, black, angry clouds rolled out from the mainlands to meet. As they collided, a streak of lightning found its way out of the maze of clouds and struck the ocean which the wind was tossing about as if it was light as a feather. The thunder rolled as the second bolt of lighting rushed to the ocean, splitting the sky in half. Countless drops of rain fell rom the jet black clouds into the swirling ocean, joining millions of others as they plunged into the sea, disappearing into its depths forever.

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MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

Parents and students are reminded that mobile phones are **not to be brought to school** except in exceptional circumstances.

Then the mobile phone must be left at the school office before school and collected at the end of the school day.
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 par-
ents, 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
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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 appreciat-
ed 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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Go4Fun Hornsby will commence in Term 2, 2013. Sessions will run every Monday and Wednesday from 4.30pm to 6.30pm for ten weeks at the Hornsby PCYC, Hornsby

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2013|2014 Entertainment™ Book
worth over $150 that you can use
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(Subject to availability, image is a sample)

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Berowra Public School – Pre-Order Payment Form

Child’s Name: (please print)_____________________________ Class/Group:_____________________________

PAY ONLINE AT: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/205g133 or complete below

I would like to order: __________ x Sydney North Entertainment™ Books@ $65 each (GST incl.) = $

Total amount enclosed = $

Method of Payment: □ Cash □ Visa □ Mastercard

□ Cheque (made payable to Berowra Public School)

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