In the light of the very sad incident at another public school last Friday week, I wanted to speak directly of the tree maintenance and management program at BPS. The trees in our school are assessed each 6 months on a cyclic basis using a reputable tree service. They have been used by the school over the past 8 years. Trees in the playground are inspected, pruned and all dead wood removed at least twice per year. I want to reassure parents that the school takes the issue of trees in the school very seriously and a number of trees have been removed over the past years as soon as they are deemed unsafe. The most recent time the trees were actually pruned and dead branches removed was on Saturday, 22nd February.

During high wind days we keep the children away from the trees and unfortunately some lunch times the children have been kept inside for their safety.

Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival ran ‘like clockwork’ on Monday with many competitors gaining PBs (personal best times). Many thanks to Mr Jones and his band of merry teachers who worked tirelessly both before and at the carnival to ensure the smooth running. Many thanks to the many parents who supported the day either by assisting with judging, working in the canteen, cheering and supporting the carnival. Again a huge thank you to Wayne Bingham for donating his time, equipment and expertise. We are truly fortunate to have these wonderful parents, grandparents and community members at BPS.

I was very impressed with the non-competitors at the carnival. It is inspiring to see them joining in during the day and cheering on their friends who are competing. They also enjoyed their 25m races. Next year we are hoping to have at least three 25m races for the non-competitors.

This carnival (as with the other carnivals during the year) is part of the PE/H/PD syllabus and as this is our curriculum all children in Years 3-6 should be in attendance.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Our parent teacher interviews are being held in Week 10 (31st March – 4th April). This is a great chance to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress. Stage 3 (Yrs 5 and 6) interviews will be held on Monday, 31st March; Stage 2 on Tuesday, 1st April; Years 1 on Wednesday, 2nd April; Years 2 on Thursday, 3rd April; Kindergarten on Friday, 4th April; during the hours of 12:30 to 5:00pm. All teachers will also be available on Wednesday, 2nd April from 3:45pm to 6:30pm for late night interviews. This year, parents will be able to see available times and book interview times online, receiving an email confirmation upon booking. Booking details will be included in the newsletter in coming weeks.

Congratulations to:
- Emilie S (2C) recently won a Bronze medal in the Under 7 500 metres sprint at the North East Metro Zone athletics championships
- Lincoln V(2P), Zahli V (4B) and Maya W (2R) who competed in the State Nipper Carnival, during last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in all that rain! Zarli got to compete most events (flags, board, board relay, sprint relay, surf race, surf race relay) but had to miss individual sprint as it clashed with the surf race relay. She made it to round 2 in individual board, a great effort. Zarli had a great time at state and is already looking forward to next year. Lincoln competed in all his events (flags, individual sprint, sprint relay, wade and wade relay) and made it to the 2nd round of sprints. His team came 4th in sprint relay but unfortunately got disqualified. Maya competed in flags, wade and wade relay.
- Brendan G – Year 6, 2012- received 2 awards at the end of last year at Asquith Boys. He was placed in the class for High Achievers and ended up topping the class for the year. Brendan also was the first child to receive the Principal's Gold Medallion for his application, effort and consistent performance. He has now in the Enrichment class.
- Patrick and Maya W – congratulations on the birth of your new baby sister on Friday (right before the carnival!!)

The Crest
Wednesday 5th March 2014
Term 1 Week 6
SCHOOL FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS -
Thank you to parents and caregivers who have made prompt payments of school fees. Reminders will be sent out towards the end of term, but if parents have spoken to me, reminders will not be sent. Remember, payment ensures that every child receives opportunities for an enriched education.

SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL
MP Matt Kean has been in contact with Hornsby Council following a local Berowra resident's concern about Berowra Public School parents / carers parking at this entrance to the school, on the nature strip - ignoring the No Stopping signs.
In 2013 Berowra Public School requested that No Stopping signs be installed at this pedestrian access due to safety issues for pedestrians and drivers.
No Stopping signs are now in place at this location. Parents / carers are continuing to park here creating an unsafe environment for students and other pedestrians. Parents / carers are breaking two laws when parking at this location. They are disobeying a No Stopping sign and parking on a nature strip. Both of these incur a penalty fee of up to $304 as well as loss of demerit points.
Please note that the ranger will be around the school on various days – so please park safely.

Di Bower
Principal

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS - Band - All three bands are now up and running! Training band had their first rehearsal last week—well done, musicians, it was a great start. Concert and Ensemble bands are working hard. Some of the pieces are hard, so practice will be needed but they are starting to come together beautifully.
Fantastic work everyone.

Any questions or queries? Contact Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 bpsband@hotmail.com or through the school office.

SPORT - PSSA Reports -
Junior Cricket – the team lost 111-74 against an excellent Turramurra team. Special mention goes to Zac B who scored 34 runs off the final over.
Senior Cricket – The senior boys’ cricket team lost 78-18 to Turramurra Public School. The school played without any luck on the day. The boys are going to practise running faster between the wickets. Joshua J continues to bowl with accuracy and pace.
T-ball – 7-1 The girls lost a competitive match against Turramurra Public School, even though the score line doesn’t suggest this. We can take a lot of confidence out of this performance.
Softball – 17-7 The girls lost to a very well drilled Turramurra team. Charlotte B batted exceptionally well and an excellent catch was take by Rachel W.

CANTEEN - The pancake day was a great success. The students enjoyed their pancake and the canteen enjoyed making them.
Canteen Roster
Wed 5/3 D Allan, P Smith 12/3 L Plumridge
Thurs 6/3 J Ludlow, C Harriss 13/3 K Carter, C Stone
Fri 7/3 T White, V Eliasson 14/3 B Faught, C Jones

UNIFORM SHOP -
Opening times
Monday 9-9:45am
Thurs 3-3:45pm

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.
**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**
- Just open an account with the Commonwealth Bank
- See the coordinators on Tuesday mornings with your detail

**Commonwealth Bank**

**COMMUNITY NEWS** - **Asquith Boys 2015 Enrichment Class Exam** is being held on Saturday 8th March. Applications close Monday 3rd March. For an application package visit the school website at www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or contact Stuart Robertson, co-ordinator on 9477 3508.

Asquith Girls High School 2015 Enrichment Class Exam is being held on Saturday 8th March. Application package and to secure a place for the exam, phone Christine Davis on 9477 6411.

**Kuring-Gai High School.** Come & see our great school at work. Please join us for a school tour & morning tea on Thursday 13th March at 9:30am. Bookings essential. 9144 3477

**Turramurra High School 2015 GATS placement test** is Friday 7th March from 9:30am-12:30pm in school’s multi-purpose centre. Pre-registration & prepayment is required. For further info & application form visit our website: www.turramurrahighschool.com.au

**St Ives High School open afternoon** is Wednesday 5th March 4-7pm. Come & join us as our school swings into action for you to see the diverse program and opportunities for your child. Yuarrabung Road, St Ives. Phone: 9144 1689 website: www.sihs.nsw.edu.

Hornsby PCYC Blue Light Disco—Saturday 8th March from 5:30pm-8:00pm at PCYC Performing Arts Centre, 22 Waitara Av, Waitara. Phone: 9477 2310, email: hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au

**Spring Flower Bulb Fundraiser**

- **$5 Spring Basics Packs**
- **$8 Exquisite Bulb Packs**
- **$12 Bulk Bargain Packs**
- **$25 Spring Bulb Collections**

- A lovely way to have a garden full of spring colour!
- 41 varieties that will entice any gardener or novice alike.
- A way to share time with the children and family learning how things grow.
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- Garden Express guarantee – you can purchase with confidence.

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.

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
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**1C**  Isabella C, Cayleigh H, Nicholas G, Aimee H

**1S**  Emily C, Liam J, Zeke J, Tiana P

**2C**  Mac T, Sophia H, Nathaniel T, Natalia G

**2R**  Tim C, Mackenzie F, Corey S, Millie T

**3P**  Haylee S, Jordan T, Zoe, V, Bodie D, Danny C, Elise O, Danielle P


**4P**  Jake S, Tara M, Rachel W, Ashkan S, Jake E, Daniel H, Mirabel J, Dayna B

**5K**  Ethan B, Zoe G, Jasmine M, Jett J, Josie E, Andrew S

**5W**  Ben W, Alannah B, Kieren R

**5/6J**  M Barratt, Carla S, Daniel M

**6B**  Max S, Jessie F, Alexandra W, Tom L, Leah O, Lachlan MO

**CLASS MERIT AWARDS**

**March**

- **Fri 7**  Last day for Stewart House bags
- **Tues 11**  Zone Swimming Carnival
- **Thurs 13**  Selective High School test
- **Tues 18**  Student parliament mufti day
- **Wed 19**  P&C meeting 7.30pm
- **Tues 25**  Area Swimming Carnival

**April**

- **Wed 9**  Easter church service
- **Hat Parade**
- **Fri 11**  Last day for Term 1
- **Fri 18**  Good Friday
- **Sun 20**  Berowra ANZAC service
- **Mon 21**  Easter Monday
- **Fri 25**  ANZAC Day
- **Mon 28**  Staff Development Day
- **Tues 29**  Students return for term 2

**May**

- **Tues 6**  School photo day
- **Thurs 8**  BPS Cross Country Carnival
- **Mon 12**  Kindy Information Session 7pm
- **Tues 13**  Canteen Sushi Day
- **13-15**  NAPLAN testing days
- **Tues 20**  UNSW Computer competition
- **Thurs 22**  Kindy Information Session 10am
- **Mon 26**  Zone Cross Country

**June**

- **Wed 4**  UNSW Science competition
- **Mon 9**  Queen’s birthday public holiday
- **Mon 16**  UNSW Writing competition
- **Tues 17**  UNSW Spelling competition
- **Thurs 26**  Opera House concert- recorders & string
- **Fri 27**  Last day for term 2

**July**

- **Mon 14**  Staff Development Day
- **Tues 15**  Students return for Term 3
- **Wed 23**  OC testing for y4
- **28/7-1/8**  Education Week
- **Tues 29**  BPS Open Day
- **UNSW English competition**
- **Wed 30**  Combined church service

**August**

- **Tues 12**  UNSW Maths competition
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