Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all our zone competitors and many thanks to Mrs Steel for being our manager on the day. All our children were well behaved and I was especially proud to hear our children barracking for Hornsby North children and vice versa.
Congratulations to Jensen G who competed at the Area Carnival on Tuesday in 50m freestyle, backstroke and 4x50m medley.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy: (NAPLAN) is conducted each year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and nongovernment schools. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Please note these dates in your diary. Unless there is sickness, no Yr 3 or Yr 5 child should miss this assessment.
Tuesday 12 May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.
Wednesday 13 May - Reading test. Thursday 14 May - Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Chance and data, Measurement and Space)

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.
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.
LIBRARY - Thank you to all those parents who have supported the Book Club this term. Your purchases give the library bonus points which we use to purchase new and relevant books and resources. A big thank you too to Mrs Steele and Mrs Williams for giving up their time to run the Book Club for our school. They do such an amazing job and we are very grateful and appreciative.

Thankyou to Mrs Horner for making our library bags. There are still some available from the Library for $2.00. ALL children need a library bag in order to borrow books. To Mrs Jones and Mrs Magnusson we owe thanks for covering and repairing our library books. What a tem of wonderful parent helpers we have!

Mrs Jennie Smith

PERFORMING ARTS - Drama - There are such enthusiastic and creative children in our drama groups, busily practising for our Drama Festival entry plays.

   Senior Drama - “Travels in Time”
   Junior Drama - “Magic Drums”

The auditions are held in the school hall in May and the Drama Festival is usually around the end of July.

Mrs Jennie Smith

LEARNING SUPPORT - Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) Berowra Public School is participating in the NCCD commencing in 2015. The goal of the project is to make sure that the Commonwealth Department of Education has current data about students in Australian schools. Data will be collected about the level of an adjustment and the number of students receiving adjustments. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child. Students will not be involved in any testing process. Please read the Nationally Consistent Collect of Data School Students with Disability Information for parents / carers. Staff in our school will be available to consult with parents to help explain the process.

Mrs Sascha McIntyre

CANTEEN - Check out BPS Canteen News on facebook. It contains new items on the menu, events and happening and special day reminders.

Our school canteen is open three days a week: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don’t forget you can order lunches online at flexischool.com.au.
UNIFORM SHOP  - The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays 9-10am and Thursdays 3-3.45pm. Cash, cheque and EFT-POS is available (minimum purchase $20).
If you would like to volunteer in the shop, please leave your name and contact details with the school office.

SCHOOL BANKING  - Banking has commenced every Tuesday morning at the canteen between 8.50 and 9.20am. The Commonwealth Bank is continuing their commitment to schools Australia-wide, with $5 when a student makes their first school banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made (up to $10 per individual deposit).

MINDQUEST 2015  - On Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2015, the 76th MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, and much more. Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7. Closing date for applications is 4th May 2015. Application forms can be collected from the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS  - Hornsby Shire Council’s annual Healthy Living Festival has begun! This festival celebrates Youth Week and Seniors Week.
For information about what’s on, you can pick up a hard copy booklet from any Hornsby council library, or click on the link below to go to the festival website. Please refer to the booking instructions on each event, as for some events bookings are essential.

Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family! World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.
Sylvia Kelly, Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au
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Most notes are on the BPS website under ‘Our School’ tab—’Missed a Note?’

Class Awards

5 Mar - 18 Mar

KB Callum L, Rhyan K, Sam Y, Liliana K
KR Olivia F, Veronica R
1F Spencer L, Ryan M
1T Marcus Z, Joshua R
2C Jasmine W, Jayden L, Joshua W, Jacob B
2P Harry M, Isabel A
3A Ella M, Leela S, Emily L, Charlie L, Daniel L, Freyja C
4W Isabella A, Mikayla S, Cooper G
5K Lani B, Alexander L, Ashkan S
6K Dylan W, Andrew S, Elin D

Diary Dates

March

Wed 18 P&C AGM meeting 7.30pm in staffroom
Mon 23 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 27 Year 2 Big Mob excursion
Sat 28 State Elections

April

Thurs 2 Grandparents Day/Harmony Day/Easter Celebrations
Last day of Term 1
Fri 3 Good Friday
Mon 6 Easter Monday
Mon 20 Staff Development Day
Tues 21 Students return for Term 2
Sat 25 ANZAC Day
Thurs 30 BPS Cross Country Carnival

May

Thurs 7 School Photo Day
CHILDREN SHOULD DO CHORES AT HOME

Children should do chores at home
By Freyja C 3A
I strongly believe that children should do chores at home because parents get tired, it is responsible and you don’t want to be called lazy!

The first reason why I believe children should do chores is because parents get tired. If parents do all of the jobs they will get tired and when they sleep, they may be late to cook dinner.

Secondly, it is responsible. If you do chores you may even get a reward. It will make your parents happy and energised.

Finally, we must realise that you will be called lazy if you don’t do your chores. If you don’t do your chores you might have told your friends and they might say “Good morning, lazy pants!”

And all those three obvious reasons are why children should do chores at home.

Children should do chores at home
By Nathan G 3A
I think that children should do chores at home because when they get older they will know how to do jobs

Firstly children should do chores at home because their parents are busy and you should just be responsible.

Another thing you will be helpful and parents get tired.

Last but no least parents don’t have to do everything. You could also earn money.

That is why I think children should do chores at home.

Children should do chores at home
By Millie T 3A
I strongly believe that children should do chores at home.

An important thing is your parents are busy and you are practising for when you are older. It is important to learn how to do things so you are responsible when you are older.

Another thing is parents shouldn’t have to do EVERYTHING because it is hard work!! It is helpful to your mum, dad and carers if you do chores.

That is why I think children should do chores at home.

Children should do chores at home
By Imogen B 3A
It is very helpful to do chores at home. I strongly believe that children should do chores at home because the parents don’t have to do everything.

Children don’t have to do everything like put dinner in the oven, because that is dangerous, but kids can do the laundry and the dishes.

If kids did nothing all year, then when they grow up they won’t do anything as an adult at their own house and might not work at home.
Dear Parent

18th March 2015

I am writing to advise you that we suspect that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students.

Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health on the following website - http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website or through the Department’s website at - http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php.

**Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice** - As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children’s hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Yours sincerely

Di Bower
Principal

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**MYUNA BAY SPORT & RECREATION CENTRE**

**April Holiday Programs 2015**

PHONE enquiries / bookings : 131302

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The program includes: all meals, accommodation and activities.
Activities could include any or all of the following: low & high ropes challenge course, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, giant swing, canoeing, kayaking, flying fox and much more.
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Dance Clinic Enjoy developing dance skills while creating a choreographed dance routine to present to parents at the end of the session. Also included will be some fun in our softplay playground!

Softplay Playground Please check our website for opening times.

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Key points to remember around schools

1. In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

0 – 6 months
Approved rearward-facing child car seat

6 months – 4 years
Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

4 – 7+ years
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

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11 March 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following on from the success of Asquith Boys Community Fun Day last September we cordially invite your expression interest to perform at this year’s Community Fun Day to be held on Sunday 13 September, 2015.

We believe your participation in our special day for the community will help to contribute to the day being a huge success, creating a wonderful atmosphere of beautiful music, along with delicious food, market stalls, prizes and soccer matches involving Asquith Boys, past and present, and local school students.

Should your school wish to partake in this year’s event we would like to discuss a time for performance of bands or individual performers.

As you can appreciate we’d like to ensure that we are well organised with a running sheet for the day as well as equipment required for setup, therefore, we’d greatly appreciate an RSVP no later than June 30 to ensure a smooth and successful event.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

Maddi Bailes
(ABHS P&C Community Day Coordinator)

Please reply to the following email

abhscommunityfunday@gmail.com

If you wish to discuss personally please leave your contact details and suitable times for me to call.
With each passing week I could see my son gaining confidence and showing interest in physical activities.

Elizabeth Chernishov, Go4Fun parent

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The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9th March and 2nd April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you *do not* want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by *Friday 27 March*. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

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**TELL THEM FROM ME** Student Feedback Survey

If you *do not want* your child in Years 4-6 only to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to school by *Friday, 27th March, 2015*.

I, ........................................................................................................................................................................... *DO NOT* give consent for my child/children

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to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Signed ..............................................................             Date ..............................................................