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Welcome to a very chilly start to term 3, as always the calendar is nearly full. I hope all families had a relaxing and happy holiday.

Berowra Meats
A big thank you to Berowra Meats. Berowra Meats is donating sausages to our canteen every Thursday. Teresa and her band of helpers are preparing sumptuous lunches using these sausages.

Student Visitors
The highlight of my week is when I have visits from students who wish to show me their work. Jayden B (2P) came and visited at the end of last term and shared his amazing ‘Big Writing’ on “Drac the Warrior Queen”. He was so proud of his writing and once I read it I knew why. His writing was full of ‘WOW’ words and his descriptions were inspiring. Congratulations, Jayden – I loved reading your writing and talking with you.

The Quality Teaching, Successful Students (QTSS)
Last week on the news Adrian Piccoli, NSW Minister for Education announced the Quality Teaching, Successful Students (QTSS) initiative which will provide an additional staffing resource allocation to improve the quality of teaching in all primary classrooms. This initiative is being delivered to ensure that all primary students benefit from high quality teaching and learning practices that better meet the full range of student needs.

As part of the Local Schools, Local Decisions reform, principals in consultation with their executive will decide the best use of the resource allocation.

I received an email this week announcing our 3 ½ hours per fortnight additional staffing resource. ‘The resource allocation can be used to:

- provide release time for a school executive member to set up collaborative practices in the school, or indeed across a number of neighbouring schools, allowing teachers to work together and learn from each other by observing and discussing how they develop lesson plans and assessment tasks.
- provide release time to one of the school executive to set up specific mentoring and coaching practices to help an individual teacher with a specific issue such as classroom management.
- employ a specialist in an area where teachers need help, such as literacy or numeracy.
- provide comprehensive and focused support for teachers with the accreditation processes they need to undertake and with the new Performance and Development Framework.
- recruit a teaching specialist in an area of need.

Schools will be required to outline the proposed use of funds in their School Plan, to self-assess achievement annually against the School Excellence Framework and to report on outcomes in the Annual School Report.’ At this time I cannot tell you how we will be using this entitlement as it could take us some time to develop a worthwhile plan on how to effectively use this time.

Di Bower
Principal

CANTEEN
- Check out BPS Canteen News on Facebook. It contains new items on the menu, events, 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.

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016

Enrolments for Kindergarten are well underway.

If your child or you know of a child ready to start school next year make sure they are enrolled.

Our orientation programs begin next term with the Kindy Fun Day on Thursday 3rd September.

Berowra Beginners Program commenced Week 2 Term 4 and Orientation Day in November.

For more information contact the school office on 9456 1319.
PERFORMING ARTS - Drama - We are really looking forward to our junior and senior drama performance next Tuesday evening, 7pm at Parade Theatre, NIDA. The juniors are performing “Magic Drums” and the seniors “Travels Through Time”.

With an extra practise next Sunday 26th July, 2pm for juniors, 3pm for seniors and then our Technical Rehearsal at NIDA on Monday 27th, we should be ready to perform at our best on the night.

REMINDER - Dress Rehearsal bus leave at 9.00am on Monday 27th July.

Thanks again parents for all your support. You and your children are wonderful!

Dramatically yours
Jennie Smith

Dance - Our dance groups performed last term at Sydney North Dance Festival. Both groups were incredible. They had a great time at all three of their performances.

Later this term some students from our school will be attending the State Dance Workshops at Sydney Dance Company.

Congratulations to Josie E, Sophia H, Emily D, Niamh D and Lucy B for being selected. I know you will have a wonderful time.

LIBRARY NEWS - Welcome back everyone! Plenty of exciting things happening this term, with our Open Day and Book Fair next Wednesday 29th July from 10.00am till 1.00pm. A wide range of wonderful books will be for sale for children of all ages. Every dollar spent earns bonus points which the Library can use to access free books to add to our school library collection. There will be a ‘Book Donation’ table for those special books that the library would love to have. Your child will be the first to borrow your donated book and with your child’s name, class and year written in the book on a special bookplate it will be a treasured library book for many years to come.

A calendar reminder too of our Book Week Book Character Parade coming up on Tuesday 25th August. This is a chance for the children to dress up as their favourite book character.

The theme for this years book week is “Books Light Up Our World”.

Please remind your children to return their holiday books to the Library asap.

Library classes this term :-

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Jennie Smith
What is courage?
Courage means feeling frightened about doing something scary or difficult, but being brave and having a go anyway. Being brave doesn’t mean you have no fear, it’s about facing the fear and not letting it beat you.

Everyday Courage
When you show ‘everyday courage’ you are being brave (when you have to do something ordinary but it makes you feel a bit scared or anxious. This might be trying to do something new at school when you are not sure whether you can do it. It might also be saying, ‘No, I don’t want to’, when someone else wants you to do something that is silly or mean. Each time you overcome a fear you get braver and become more confident.

Help yourself to be brave
Some ‘tough talk’, such as saying to yourself, ‘Just do it’ or ‘This is important, you have to do it’ is needed when you want to feel brave.

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP - Join us for the next School Support Group meeting held in the staffroom at 9.30am on Tuesday 28th July. Come and hear about our up and coming fundraisers and how you can help. Morning tea is supplied and your toddlers are more than welcome to come along with you.

COMMUNITY NEWS - Hornsby Kuring-gai (PCYC) Sailing Club caters for all levels of youth dinghy sailing from Learn to Sail to Club and National level racing. The season dates are mid September to Easter with a short Christmas break.
Learn to Sail is Saturdays 9am-11am for children generally 8-13 years who love being on the water.
Race Training is for children who can sail around a basic course and want to go racing.
Club Racing for all ages. Web: www.hornsbysailing.com, email: hornsbsailing@gmail.com

Berowra Netball Club ‘Come and Try’ program for 5 to 10 year olds runs for 10 session during Term 3 and 4.
All players will receive a NetSetGo bag of goodies at the end of their 10 sessions.
Location: Warrina Street courts, Berowra Heights
When: from 11th August  4pm-4.45pm
Cost: $60.00 (cash or cheque only)
Registration Date: 11th August 2015 http://berowranc.nsw.netball.com.au, click the link to registration forms.
Information: 0414 283 407 or berowrasecretary@gmail.com
Hornsby Lions Junior Rugby Club invites boys and girls interested in playing rugby in 2016 to come along to the club training sessions on Thursday evenings from 5.15pm to 6.00pm. The sessions will be fun and safe (no tackling or contact) and provide an opportunity for kids and parents to get to know a little bit about the club. Training session will be on 23rd and 30th July and 6th August. Enjoy our famous ‘Pie Nights’ and take the opportunity to free the family at the same time.

We train at Mark Taylor Oval at Waitara.

Contact Dawn Kilkelly, Mini’s Coordinator, Hornsby Junior Rugby Union Club (HJRUC)

Hornsby Junior Touch registration at hornsby.mytouchfooty.com or on Wednesday 29th July 4.30-6.30pm at Foxglove Oval. $60 inc t-shirt, family discounts apply. No coaches, no pressure, just fun for girls and boys.

More information at hornsbytouch@hotmail.com

Hornsby Shire Library presents “Shine a Light” a free Children’s Book Week performance.
Come along and celebrate this is a fun and interactive performance that incorporates literature, music, drama, dance and imagination. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

When: Thursday 27th August 5.30pm
Where: Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George St, entry via Hunter Lane
Cost: Free. No bookings required

Lifeline Seminars - Manage Your Finances Wednesday 26/8/15 6.30-7.30pm at Willoughby Council, Dougherty Centre, 7 Victor St, Chatswood. Cost is free. RSVP or more info contact Graeme 9498 8805.
Mental Health First Aid Tues 3/8 Wed 4/8/15 9.30am-4.30pm at Lifeline, 4 Park Ave, Gordon. Cost is $275. Contact Ceiny Maybury 0402 053 692 or email ceiny@msn.com.
Suicide Bereavement Support Group 8 weekly sessions starting 29/7/15 from 7pm to 9pm at 4 Park Ave, Gordon. Phone 9498 2072.
Gambling Help Support Group starting 21/9/15 6.30pm-8.30pm at 4 Park Ave, Gordon. Phone 9498 8805 or email appointments@lifelineh2h.org.au

Parenting Anxious Children Seminars Thursday 20/8/15 10am-12pm for parents of children ages 4-10 years at Hillview Community Health Centre, 1334 Pacific Hy, Turramurra. Cost is $10.00. Call 9485 6155 to book.

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**INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

**PSSA Football and Netball**
Friday 24th July
vs Mt Kuring-gai PS at Berowra Oval
and Berowra PS

Friday 31st July
vs Cowan PS at Berowra Oval
and Berowra PS

**PSSA AFL** at Asquith Park 24/7/15
at Foxglove Oval 31/7/15

**BCoS Football and Netball** always at Warrina St Oval
A very warm welcome back, after a chilly start to our term. A well-rested holiday will ensure an enthusiastic start to Term 3.

Kindergarten - The Happening Year!

This year NAIDOC Week’s theme is ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn Respect and Celebrate’. In Kindergarten we learnt about NAIDOC Week during our K-6 Assembly, followed by the opening of the NAIDOC Day Garden.

Mr Borg told us a dreamtime story about Tiddalik the Frog before we got together with our Year 5 Buddies to do some dot painting on a variety of animals.
Celebrations Unit
Year 1 learnt about the festival of lights called Diwali. Diwali is an ancient Hindu festival celebrated in autumn every year. Diwali is the biggest and the brightest festival in India.

During Maths groups the children made colourful patterns, using coloured blocks, based on Rangoli art which is a traditional art form in India.

NAIDOC Celebrations
The children wrote fantastic recounts about our special NAIDOC assembly in week 1. The children have been also learning about what NAIDOC Week means and have been learning about the culture and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

On Wednesday we celebrated NAIDOC week and we had an assembly for NAIDOC day. Dave and Adam spoke about Aboriginal people. Then Adam officially opened the NAIDOC garden. Then we went to 4W and we did some art that was called how the sun was made.

By Megan

On Wednesday we celebrated NAIDOC Week. The whole school went up to the hall for the assembly. At assembly year 6 did a dance and it was called how the kangaroos got their pouches. At the end of the assembly the NAIDOC garden was opened. After lunch we went to 4W and we did some art with our buddies. We got a worksheet and we put a coloured piece of paper under it and we used a sharp pencil to poke holes on the dots. It was fun.

By Alana
2C enjoyed sharing our NAIDOC Day celebrations with our buddy class 3P. We studied symbols in Aboriginal artworks and even tried writing our own stories and creating artworks to illustrate the story.

Snippety Yours,
Sally Till and the K-2 Staff

Bakers Needed!

- We will be running a cake stall next Wednesday 29th July at our Open Day celebrations.
- All proceeds will be shared between the canteen and Year 6 Farewell.
- You can help by baking cakes, slices, biscuits, muffins, cupcakes or whole cakes.
- Cake boxes are available and can be picked up at the canteen or alternatively you can use a sturdy disposable plate.
- We appreciate your support, thank you.

Year 6 Teachers and Canteen staff

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.
K~6 Assembly

End of term dance performance

K-6 Merit Certification presentation

NAIDOC Garden opening
Stage 2

This term, the Stage 2 teachers have worked hard to introduce new and exciting concepts to enhance the learning outcomes and to make the most of the newly added technology around the school.

All the stage 2 students are excited to be using the iPads and interactive apps to discover the ways in which a local government operates, engages with the community and some of the problems they face. Students in Year 4 have been experimenting with Google Classroom, a new online learning environment where discussions can be help, files can be shared and assignments can be handed in. The students of Berowra Public School are not only using Google Classroom to learn how to navigate their way through the plethora of online information, but how to interact with and use the internet safely.

But don’t take our word for it. Here are a few responses drafted during our literacy groups regarding some of these new programs:

“Google Classroom is a great way to interact with your class mates, share work and complete assignments (individually or with friends) online. 4W have used google classroom since the beginning of term 3 and we are loving it!!!!!!!!!

Sim City is an app that is going to be used by years 3 and 4 during our H.S.I.E this term. We are studying local government and we are hoping to learn more about and understand the responsibilities of the government system in Australia. We are using SimCity Buildit to help us learn what it takes to look after a city. In our simulated city, you are the mayor. You need to build your city and provide services like police and fire protection, education, power and water for your citizens. It is important to keep your citizens safe and happy.

In addition to SimCity, we are using the iPads a lot more to complete research tasks and discuss the issues and problems that we discover while we attempt to build our own city.”
Neve R. 4W

“I am so excited about being on google classroom! I think it is a great way to spend your time and I’m sure the whole class will agree with me too! I’m also excited about using SimCity Buildit! It looks so exiting! I love this term!!!”
Kaitlyn K. 4W

“I like Google Classroom because you can talk to your friends nicely and whenever you want. I think that SimCity Buildit is a very fun game that helps you realise how hard it is to keep everyone happy and provide safety for everyone.”
Shamaya V.R. 4W

“I think it is a fun way to learn about government and I think the rest of the class would agree too.”
Nick J. 4W
This year the National Simultaneous Story time book was ‘The Brothers Quibble’ by Aaron Blabey. At 11am on Monday 25th May all the students at BPS and many students from all around Australia read this book at the same time.

Spalding Quibble had ruled the roost in his family until he was about eight years old. Then his baby brother, Bunny Quibble, was born. Spalding didn’t like this and he tried to make life very difficult for his younger brother. 4W and 3P were asked to write what it was like to be Spalding’s younger brother, Bunny Quibble. Here are some of their responses.

My name is Bunny Quibble. I have an older brother named Spalding Quibble. I remember the day my mum and dad brought me home from the hospital and I saw Spalding wearing a cardboard crown. He went over to Mum and said, “Is this a joke mother?”.


Spalding had an evil master plan to make my life a wreck.

I remember when he painted me blue like a Smurf and when he woke up he said, “Good morning Smurf,” I hated it. I also remember the day Spalding covered me in glue and pushed me into a pile of glitter. He had been saving up his pocket money for one month to buy that much glitter.

When I got older I learnt to walk, talk and dodge a cricket ball. It was really fun to grow up with Spalding. Even if he tried to make my life a wreck, I still loved him.

By Bronte 4W

My name is Bunny Quibble. I have an older brother named Spalding Quibble. Before I was born Spalding was the king of the house. He didn’t share a thing (because he was an only child). But when I came along in my mum’s arms things definitely changed. Spalding did not like me, not one single bit. He made my life a misery and he made Mum sick! He poured orange juice all over my favourite sweater and he squirted paint everywhere but I still loved him.

Spalding hit me with a frying pan and whacked me with a cricket bat but no matter how violent and cruel he was I still loved him. Months past and as I grew I learnt to talk, walk and dodge a cricket ball. Spalding tried so hard to be mean to me but one day he failed and we became the best of friends. Yes we had our bad days and we still blamed each other but we loved each other no matter what.

By India 4W

My name is Bunny Quibble. I have an older brother named Spalding Quibble. Spalding did not like me one single bit. He made my life a misery. His evil minded master plan was to be violent, cruel and nasty. As days passed by I grew older and learnt to walk, talk and dodge a cricket ball. Spalding would make our family’s life a lot harder. As Spalding grew older and more mature he would learn that I was not that bad after all. Spalding started to play games with me but every time he would cheat I would get angry and tell him off. Spalding and I would not always get along. We would still have our fights, but I still loved him.

By Nick 4W

My name is Bunny Quibble. I have an older brother named Spalding Quibble. Spalding did not like me one single bit. I remember the time when Spalding covered me in glue then pushed me into a pile of glitter. Next he pushed me down the chimney. He had an evil minded master plan to make my life the pits. He also tried to throw me in a dumpster. As I kept growing older I learned to walk, talk and dodge a cricket ball. Anyway I still loved him even after what he did to me.

Lincoln 3P
My name is Bunny Quibble. I have an older brother named Spalding Quibble. He is super nasty to me and I don’t know what I did wrong! I remember when he glued me with a glue stick and then I fell into a great big pile of feathers. I could not get the feathers off for a few weeks! But I still loved him anyway.

Once he squirted crazy green paint all over my family, the room and me. Can you believe it? It was so mischievous! Luckily we became good brotherly friends. We still fought and pranked each other but we knew we were loved by one another, like normal brothers.

I’m still waiting for the day he says sorry, but I bet that day will never come.

By Abbie 4W

My name is Bunny Quibble. I have an older brother named Spalding Quibble. Spalding did not like me, not a bit. He had an evil master plan to make my life dreadful. He caused so many catastrophes around the house. He tried to hit me with a spatula. He was extremely violent. He ripped the head off my favourite teddy bear. I remember the time when he glued me to the wall. I fell into hi feather pit and it took me three weeks to get them off!

Our relationship started to get better. I started to walk, to speak and to even dodge a cricket ball. But no matter what he did to me I still loved him.

By Anna 4W

My name is Bunny Quibble. I have an older brother named Spalding Quibble. When I was a baby, Spalding was mad and mean. I remember the time when Spalding traumatised the family with green paint. It was awful. One day Spalding painted me green, blue, red, pink and purple.

Another time Mum took Spalding and me to the park. When I went on the slide, Spalding pushed me over, I cried. When I went on the monkey bars, Spalding tickled my fingers and I fell off. When we got home Mum said, “Spalding, go to your room now! Time out Spalding!” But I still loved him so much. I love you Spalding.

Alex 3P

Thank you to our Student Parliament for the top up of sand in the sandpit.

As you can see it is very popular at recess and lunchtime.
Ten years ago when I was only 8 months old I was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer. I had surgery to remove the tumour and months of chemotherapy. So I have decided to raise money for the Children’s Cancer Institute of Australia (CCIA) to help children like me. I am going to cut my hair very short and raise money for CCIA. I will donate my hair to the Princess Charlotte Foundation to be made into a wig for children who do not have hair.

On 19th August I will have my hair cut during school assembly. My sister Kiara will be by my side supporting me, having her hair cut too.

I chose CCIA because they research on childhood cancer. I hope that with your support CCIA can improve treatment of childhood cancer and find a cure.

To donate go to https://give.everydayhero.com/au/donate2dayna. Your support will help all the children diagnosed with cancer. I’ve finished my cancer treatment but some haven’t, the families that go through childhood cancer will appreciate your donation.

I thank you for your support.

Dayna B 5B

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Hi, My Name is Dylan Wallis and I’m 12

I love animals and have joined the Humane Society to help save them. I have raised over $1,000 for the Dancing Bears as some people steal them from the wild when they are babies and then beat them. There are many animals needing our help YOU CAN HELP by recycling your old mobile phones to help save the Mountain Gorillas or by donating money to support many worthy causes that improve the life of animals. It is cruel what some people do to animals. Please help if you can. Coltan is a valuable mineral that is used in the manufacturing of many mobile phones. It is mined from the mountain gorilla’s forest home, destroying their natural habitat and threatening these endangered species. If you recycle your old mobile phone instead of just throwing it away the companies can use the coltan in your phone to make more, instead of destroying the gorilla’s habitat. The campaign is run by the Humane Society International. You can either post the phones to the Aussie Recycling Program (Locked Bay 4000, Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189) or LOCALLY, you can drop them at Goodstart Pre School, 19 Berowra Waters Road (attention Karen Wallis).

Or for more information you can call 1800 333 737 or visit www.hsi.org.au (these contact details are for the Humane Society—and they help much more than just the Gorillas—they also help a lot of other endangered or mistreated animals, all around the world.)

Thank you, Dylan, for your continuing work improving the plight of animals worldwide. The Bush Tele Weekly has followed your work over many years. If we all do our bit in eliminating inhumane practices towards animals, the world would be a much better place for all. Ed

There is also a box in the school office to collect old mobile phones.
**Class Awards**

**24 June - 21 July**

1C  Sam F, Hayden F, Reuban S, Eloise S, Cooper L, Oliver M  
1F  Benjamin B, Zahlee O  
2C  Dylan D, Samuel F, Abigail C, Elisa D  
2R  Zach C, Tiana P, Anneliese K, Nicole J, Isabella C  
3A  Mitchell G, Caitlan F, Tim C, Leela S, Millie T, Max D, Mac T, Bradley P  
3P  Drew S, Maximus V, Brinlee S, Alicia S, Lara T, Corey S  
4W  Matthew C, Neve R, Cooper G  
6B  Zoe G, Amelia H, Zachary G  

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**Notes you may have missed**

**Sent Out**

**Subject**

**Distribution**

**Response before**

18/3  Voluntary Contributions  
13/5  Classroom resources  
15/7  Swimming Scheme  
15/7  Open Day & Book Fair  
22/7  Teddy Bears Picnic

- K-6  ASAP  
- K-6  overdue  
- Year 2  6/8  
- K-6  -  
- Kindy  11/8

Most notes are on the BPS website under ‘Our School’ tab—‘Missed a Note?’
Mrs Sarah Krull, 6K teacher

Q1 How long have you been working at Berowra Public School?
I have been working at BPS for 3 years.

Q2 What grades have you taught?
I have taught year 4, 5 and year 6

Q3 Why did you choose to be a teacher?
The opportunities that teaching and learning provide, never cease to amaze me. Students always have something interesting to say and their minds are always active. I find teaching very rewarding as it gives me the opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of the students I teach.

Q4 How many other schools have you worked at?
I have worked at three schools during my time as a teacher

Q5 What’s the best thing about teaching at Berowra Public School?
Berowra offers students a variety of opportunities, inside and outside the classroom.
I’m always amazed at the performance items, camps and carnivals are excellent and have a fun, active and friendly atmosphere.
Most importantly I’m supported by an amazing staff and wider school community.

Q6 What is your favourite memory so far of BPS?
My favourite memory at BPS happened while I was on Stage 3 camp 2013. I joined in on an ‘experienced’ ski lesson with 8-10 other Berowra students. During the lesson the instructor took us to a ski run. Each of the students in the group went down the run with very little trouble at all. Soon enough it was my turn to ski, I took off weaving in and out of the other skiers on the mountain as I took my next turn, I tumbled and fell collecting a lot of snow as I went! I got up and as I clicked my boots I saw all the Berowra students in my group clapping cheering me on. A sight I’m sure they won’t forget!

Q7 Who is in your family?
I’m one of three children with an older brother and a younger brother. My family also consists of my husband (Mr Krull) and my 7 year old dachshund Frankie.

Q8 What do you like doing in your spare time?
In my spare time I love to play netball, swim and enjoy time with friends and family.

Q9 What was your first ever job?
My first job was delivering the local paper to the streets around my home in Mount Colah.

Q10 What would you do with your last $5?
With my last $5 I would enjoy a tub of ‘Sofala Gold’ from Annie’s Ice Cream.
Mrs Elizabeth Beckedahl, 6B teacher

Q1 How long have you been working at Berowra Public School?
4 years since 2012.

Q2 What grades have you taught?
Stage 1, 2 and 3 at BPS but all grades if I count the other schools, including high school.

Q3 Why did you choose to be a teacher?
I have always liked kids and love learning so it was a good match.

Q4 How many other schools have you worked at?
I have taught casually in a lot of schools but 5 as a permanent teacher.

Q5 What’s the best thing about teaching at Berowra Public School?
I love all the variety of activities that we can be involved in, the kids and the staff. I also love the beautiful bush surroundings as well as the supportive and friendly parents.

Q6 What is your favourite memory so far of BPS?
Gibberagong and Broken Bay camps were excellent and I also love the dance concerts at the end of each term. I am always amazed at the talent of the students here.

Q7 Who is in your family?
I have 3 children 2 dogs and 2 cats.

Q8 What do you like doing in your spare time?
I love spending time with family and friends, going to the movies and reading. Recently I have joined an outdoors club and love abseiling, hiking, canyoning and kayaking. I absolutely love skiing.

Q9 What was your first ever job?
My first job was on the checkout at Woolworths.

Q10 What would you do with your last $5?
My last $5.00 I would give to charity. There is always someone more needy than me.
KANGA CUP

During the second week of the school holidays I went to Canberra to play in a soccer tournament called Kanga Cup. It is the largest soccer tournament in the Southern hemisphere. 375 teams played this year. Some were from interstate and some were from overseas like New Zealand and South Korea.

Each age group has three divisions and we played in division two called the male plate.

Our team had only 9 players and no permanent goal keeper. This meant we had no subs for the entire tournament. Some days we played two games and some we played one.

We drew our first game and lost our second game. From then we won every game after that including the Grand Final. The score was 4 – 1. It was raining in the grand final and it was freezing cold. We were all covered in mud.

I had so much fun and can’t wait to go back again next year.

By Zac B

From 5th till 10th July Jasmine and I took part in the 25th Annual Kanga Cup International Football Tournament at Canberra with our Hornsby Heights Diamond League team. On the first day all of the 350 teams went to the opening ceremony at GIO stadium and walked around the oval with their team.

Our first game we drew 1:1 with Wooden Valley B, our second game we lost 0:1 to Northbridge A. That afternoon we won 6:0 against Lane Cove, our fourth game was against Capital. Capital is the rep team for Canberra and won 4:0. That afternoon we played Wooden Valley B and won 3:1 and our last game in our pool was against Northbridge B and we won 3:0 which lead us to the finals against Northbridge A. It was a tough game and after about 15 minutes it was still 0:0. However, luckily the other team hand balled the ball right outside the box so we got our vice-captain Jess to take the direct free kick and she got it in!!!

For the rest of the game there were some close calls for both teams but we ended up coming out winners of the Kanga Cup 12G with a 1:0 WIN!

We got medals and one big trophy. We are all grateful for the experience and hope we can go again!

By Mackenzie W
AN INVITATION

BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2016 FUN DAY

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015

The students and staff of Berowra Public School would like to invite you and your family to visit our school and meet your new Kindergarten playmates.

Our Kindergarten Fun Day commences at 10.00am until 11.15am on Thursday 3rd September 2015. Please meet at the Hall.

10.00am Welcome in the Hall
10.15am Activities
10.45am Visit Kindy classrooms for singing
11.15am Finish

Come along and visit our school. Tea and coffee for parents is provided by the School Support Group.

Kind regards

Di Bower
Principal
Stewart House Clothing Appeal

It's time for a clean out of those cupboards over the school holidays! Stewart House are again asking for donations of clean clothing.

Please return your Stewart House bag to the staffroom foyer by Friday 24th July.

The pick up truck is coming the next week so no more bags after this date please.

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

is coming to
Berowra Community Centre
on
Tuesday 28th July
Wednesday 29th July
Thursday 30th July
1:30pm - 6:30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate
Eat! Have a good sized meal beforehand
Bring photo ID or your blood donor card with you

Roll up your sleeves and give blood

Please phone 13 14 95
to make an appointment

BPS P & C
Racing Trivia Night
Saturday 28th November 7pm

GREAT PRIZES FOR TRIVIA, BEST DRESSED AND OTHER FUN GAMES!!!
BRING PLENTY OF GOLD COINS!

Venue: Berowra RSL
Price: $25.00 per person – Adults only, includes Finger Food
BYO – Decorations for Table, Gold Coins for games
Dress/Theme: Racing
Tables: Please organise teams of 8-10 people

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TABLES WILL SELL FAST SO BOOK IN EARLY!!
PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE OR BOOSH COTTAGE BY Friday 13th November 2015

Name: __________________________
Child’s Class: _________________
Table Name: _____________________
No of People: ___________  Amount enclosed: _______________  

Payments can be brought to the school office or to BOOSH COTTAGE by 30th October by cash or cheque made payable to Berowra Public School P & C in an envelope marked “Trivia Night” or by EFPOS at BOOSH or Uniform Shop (Monday morning, Thursday afternoon)

Enquiries by email to Lisa Jewkes: bpsfaircoordinator@gmail.com or phone 0413367580, or Tara Andis 0411 882 861
Donations of prizes for the event are also welcome – Please contact Lisa or Tara
Paul’s Lighting welcomes customers from Berowra Public School and is happy to offer these clients 10% off their next purchase on presentation of this ad.
Ten ways to promote the natural genius in your child

The contribution made by parents and grandparents to a child or teen’s success in school and in life is enormous. When teachers and families work together the results that kids achieve are amazing.

Here are some of the main things we can all do to give children and teenagers a boost in school success.

1. Be positive about learning ourselves

By taking on hobbies, new courses and discussing new inventions and ideas we show our children and grandchildren that learning is interesting and it is for everyone. This can be as easy as discussing new idea and shows, interesting facts and discoveries, reading new books- the key idea is for young people to know that learning is something adults do too.

2. Have a creativity corner

Find somewhere in your home for projects, art works and collections. Setting this up doesn’t need to be expensive. Creative geniuses need somewhere they have to invent, work on and keep ongoing projects. One of the great ways to learn about persistence is by starting a project and then building upon it and improving it over time. Warning- cover the carpet under this corner and at times you may need to cover it all with a drop sheet. Expect this area to get messy and wild. Becoming a genius is not always neat.

3. Experience + reflection = learning

The experiences we have in our lives build our brains. When parents and grandparents involve children in experiences they grow their brains. By giving our children new and interesting positive experiences, we stimulate their brain development and make them smarter.

By asking them to think about the things they have seen or felt they consolidate this new experience into their brains

To really have the natural genius of kids surge don’t keep doing the same things over and over again. Find ways to do new things, visit new places and try out different ways of seeing the world.

4. Look for strange and weird ways to connect things

Imagination and creativity is often about thinking ideas that no one else really thinks. You can help stimulate this by playing a game of thinking up ways that different things are alike. For example how are the planet Mars and an apple alike? Do worry if you don’t have an answer. Genius is more about asking questions than having answers.

5. Know that mistakes are opportunities

If you can’t make a mistake you’ll never do anything new. If children can’t bear to make a mistake they can’t access their inner creative genius. Help them to realise that we all make mistakes. No one gets everything right the first time they try. In fact making mistakes is the way we learn.

6. Stretch ideas

The world seems to encourage people to seek answers (usually from google) and then stop thinking. Be the antidote to this by helping your child or teen to take ideas and stretch them out. This requires parents and grandparents to have a good sense of humour and an enjoyment of the absurd. Ask kids to take ideas and apply them in as many strange ways as they can. Geniuses take information from multiple sources, recombine them in new and interesting ways and apply them in settings not many people thought of before them.

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7. Develop concentration

It is hard to imagine attaining success in an area of life if you cannot learn to concentrate. Anyone who has ever learned to ride a bike, play a musical instrument, surf a wave or drive a car knows that concentration is a skill we can get better at.

Often kids are drawn to different things to concentrate on. Notice what draws their attention and build upon that.

8. Help them learn to plan and make decisions

Being able to anticipate what is likely to happen as a result of your actions is an essential life skill. The ability to look beyond your current circumstances and consider the outcomes of possible courses of action is something we can help children and teens to learn.

This can be as simple as mapping out different pathways or asking kids, what do you think will happen if we did this or what do you think would happen if we did that? Our actions have consequences.

Decision making is a rare skill. Some people just allow life to happen to them and then express dissatisfaction about where they end.

Help kids to become active decision makers if you want them to have a happy life. Much of our life’s happiness – where we live, where we work, who our friends are and who we are in a relationship with – is determined by the decisions we make.

Decisions are like crossroads that we meet in life. Helping kids to stop, pause and weigh up the likely results of taking different actions or pathways is one of the most powerful things a parent can do to help create a happy life for their child.

9. Don’t just read to kids, read with them

Reading with kids helps them to gain an interest in new information. By pairing time with parents and grandparents as learning time helps them to see the value in new learning.

Even when children are older capable readers, occasionally sharing a story, reading out something interesting from the newspaper or reciting a poem, saying or song will show them learning is something older people do as well.

Genius is about being more interested in the things we don’t know than the things we do know. It is very difficult to become intrigued in the things we don’t know if we don’t occasionally see the world from someone else’s perspective. Films and computer games will do this to some extent but nothing beats a good book. Even for really reluctant readers it only takes one great book being read to them and with them to make a world of difference.

10. Let them know how incredible they are

These days, we talk of some people being a genius but have forgotten that everyone has a genius. Within each person is an inner genius, an inner passion, ability and desire that we can unlock and draw out. As parents and grandparents it is much more important to focus on drawing out potential and focusing less on current performance.

One of the things very successful people say is that they had someone who believed in them as a child. When asked how they managed to achieve a remarkable accomplishment they often pause and reflect that no one ever told them they couldn’t do it.

Andrew’s latest book *Unlocking Your Child’s Genius* (Finch Publishing) will be published in July 2015.