



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 1st April, 2009
Term 1 Week 10

BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL 9456 1319 website - <http://www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

We're getting a hall!

Most of you will know by now that a Hall is going to be built at the school. The funding for this long awaited event comes from the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) economic stimulus package. I know that the community has been fighting very hard for this result over a period of decades, and the fact that Berowra has been given one of the first halls to be announced under this program is a testament to the hard work and commitment of previous Principals, and current and previous parents and staff, over an extended period.

One of the conditions of the BER program is that construction starts as soon as possible, so money flows into the economy quickly. This means that we must use pre-approved plans, and that issues such as site and construction times are less open to negotiation than is usually the case. The agreed site of the Hall is on the site of the current netball court. A replacement netball court will be provided nearby. This site will allow easy access from Hillcrest Road, and minimise noise for our neighbours.

The Hall will have a covered area (COLA) attached, and, I have been told, will come with chairs, some lighting and some audio equipment. The school will need to provide a curtain and stage wings, and I will be talking to the P&C about this later in the year. As construction needs to be expedited, there will be some disruption to school routines as that part of the playground will be closed for an extended period. There are also likely to be some noise issues. However, I am sure you will agree that the long-term benefit to the school far outweighs these temporary drawbacks!

Random Acts of Kindness

Last week was a big week at BPS! Not only were we getting used to the idea that a Hall was on the way, and classes were being moved daily to accommodate painters who are busy making some of our classrooms more attractive (another benefit of the financial stimulus package!), we were visited by a film crew from Channel 9 for the filming of an episode of a new TV show called Random Acts of Kindness. The recipients of the 'act of kindness' were our three Canteen stalwarts- Anne Daniels, Teresa McKenzie and Sarah Williams.

This is very fitting, as these three wonderful members of our school community put our school motto- 'Service Before Self'- into action every day. To find out what happened to Anne, Teresa and Sarah last Wednesday, you'll have to watch the show. It will possibly be screened in May.

This helps make us aware of a broader issue. There are members of every school community who serve in many valuable ways, and perhaps we could see this as recognition of the invaluable role school 'helpers'- in whatever capacity- play in making their schools work better.

Dogs on school grounds

Sometimes parents coming to collect children bring their dogs along for the walk. While this may be a good opportunity to give the dog a bit of exercise, unfortunately it is against the law to bring dogs onto school property. There are obvious safety reasons for this, both due to the danger that a dog (no matter how

well trained or how well behaved) may become excitable or distressed when surrounded by noisy children, and of course the issue of dog droppings in the playground.

The NSW Consolidated Act states that dogs are prohibited from some public places. Section (e) of the Act specifically refers to schools and states that this applies to dogs whether they are leashed or unleashed. The exceptions are Assistance dogs trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired. I thank you for your anticipated co-operation in keeping dogs out of our playground.

Hats

Could you please help us by reminding your children that hats are to be worn whenever students are in the sun. If your child is not wearing a school hat during Recess or Lunch, they will be asked to stay under the COLA. The health and safety reasons for this are obvious.

Staff parking area

The staff parking area off Hillcrest Road is narrow, confined and busy. It is in use at all times. The only vehicles that can use the entry and car park are those owned by staff, and in some circumstances trucks and vans making deliveries of goods. A sign at the gate states that this is the case. I ask for your cooperation in not using the staff car park when dropping off or picking up your children to school or to BOOSH.

Holidays, School Development Day and Anzac Day

As you know, the Easter school holidays begin next Thursday, 9th April. Teachers will return on Tuesday 28th April for a School Development Day, and all students will return on Wednesday 29th April. We will be holding our Anzac Day ceremony on that day.

This has been a very busy term. I know that in amongst the special events and excitement (especially the Hall and the TV show!) your children have done some excellent work, and the day-to-day tasks of teaching and learning are continuing to be done very well indeed. I'm looking forward to next term already.

John Barwick
Principal

SPECTRA - LAST WEEK Exciting science project—move at your own pace. Last payment date is Thursday 2nd April. Don't forget to check out the wide range of SPECTRA topics available for all students in Years 1-6. Topic cards ordered will be available early in Term 2 so that students can begin their projects. The challenges will need to be completed by the end of Term 3.

Teachers have copies of all the topic cards. They can also be viewed on ASTA website—<http://www.asta.edu.au/freestylar/files/SPECTRA%20KIT.pdf>.

To be involved in this exciting challenge, students need to hand in the signed permission slip, with \$9.00 entry fee to their class teacher on Thursday 2nd April.

Mrs Jenny Naylor - SPECTRA Coordinator

Sport News - Many of our 3-6 students participated in a tabloid sports morning on Friday 27th April. There was a keen competitive spirit amongst the teams, with house cheers spurring the competitors on. House point scores were:

Wombats - 311 Emus - 349
Kangaroos - 316 Koalas - 376

Congratulations Koalas!!

Most Valued Players for 20/3/09

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
Jasmyn B	Grace G
Maddie W	Chris R
Jade S	Rebecca B
Hannah P	Nicole M
Benjamin B	
Courtney T	
Alex L	

Congratulations to the following BPS student who have made outstanding achievements at Little Athletics.

Callum Williams went to the Zone and then Region for Shot Put.

Ben Collins also went at the Zone and then Region for Shot Put.

Max Turner competed at the Zone.

Joe Parry competed at the Zone.

National Ride2School Day - Congratulations to the following students whose posters were used around the school to promote 'National Ride2School Day':

Lachlan W KR.	Hamish W KR
Marissa A 2V	Samantha N 2S
Claire M 2S	Brendon G 3B
Philip M 3B	Callum W 3S
Sandra M 3S	Ryan F 3S
Sam F 3S	Brenton S 3S
Caitlin B 3S	Hannah B 3/4N
Tom G 3/4N	Matt T 3/4N
Ryan C 4/5N	Natalia M 4/5N
Jasmine M 4/5N	Jasmyn B 4s
Courtney T 4S	Madeleine H 4S

These students received Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts.

Band News - '**CLASS ACT**' is the newly chosen name of the BPS rock/pop band that meets together for rehearsal each Monday afternoon after school. This term, the band has been having lots of fun, learning songs by contemporary bands that include *Good Charlotte* and *Simple Plan*. Band members, from years 5 and 6 are: Harry F (guitar), Lachlan A (guitar), Joel P (drums), Calum C (bass), Jourdene Q (keyboard/vocals), April B (vocals) and Ben B (vocals/drums/keyboard).

Enquiries: *Sue Blackman* (Band Director) - 9456 3410

Canteen News - A huge thankyou to Karen in the office who orchestrated a magic experience for us and also transformed our canteen garden. We will have some fantastic vegetables growing so come to the canteen especially through winter for some great vegetable curries and soups.

If you haven't already registered for flexi-meals then please give it a try. Website address is www.flexischools.com.au. It really is exciting and easy to use. In future, we may trial special days with online ordering only to help us with organisation. So get online to see how easy it is to use.

Big thank you to our Harmony Day helpers - Vanessa E, Jenny M, Carolyn H, , Alison C, Fiona M, Stacey P.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	2/4	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	3/4	A Nowell
Monday	6/4	T Manti, L Furzer
Thursday	9/4	J Anderson, S Miller

After School holidays

Thursday	30/4	S Bourke, T Harrison
Friday	1/5	M Cunningham, K Wallis
Monday	4/5	J Haines, T Liquete

Anne, Teresa & the Canteen Committee

Diary Dates

Week 11		
K-2 Easter Hat & Basket parade	Thurs	9/4/09
Last day of term	Thursday	9/4/09
Term 2 Week 1		
Staff Development Day	Tuesday	28/4/09
Students return for Term 2	Wednesday	29/4/09
ANZAC Day Ceremony	Wednesday	29/4/09
Week 2		
Year 6 CARES excursion	Monday	4/5/09
Year 5 CARES excursion	Tuesday	5/5/09
Cross Country carnival	Wednesday	6/5/09
School Dance Party	Friday	8/5/09
Week 3		
School Council meeting	Tuesday 7pm	12/5/09
NAPLAN testing Yrs 3 & 5	Tues-Thurs	12-14/5/09
Week 4		
SSG meeting in hall	Tues 9:30am	19/5/09
P&C meeting in BOOSH	Wed 7pm	20/5/09
Recorder rehearsal	Thursday	21/5/09
Years 1 & 2 Maritime Museum ex	Friday	22/5/09
Week 5		
Zone Cross Country carnival	Monday	25/5/09
Computer Skills competition	Wednesday	27/5/09

SPECTRA CHALLENGE

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to be involved in the 2009 SPECTRA Challenge.

Level*: Junior / Senior (please circle)

Topic Chosen*: _____

I have enclosed **\$9.00** for the cost of the program.

* Please note that projects cannot be ordered without these sections of the permission slip completed.

Parent/Guardians Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

P&C News - thank you to the people who came before the start of the Kick Off to help set up and to those who stayed after and helped clean up. Thanks also to those who served sausages, drinks, cakes and icy poles.

Anne Daniels

School Support Group News - If anyone can help with book covering jobs and other small things, could you please come and see Anne Daniels at the canteen or call 0422 661 360. One of our classrooms needs a stereo/tape/CD recorder and another needs a TV/VCR/DVD combo. If anyone can help with this please ring Anne Daniels on 0422 661 360. IL needs pencil sharpening on Monday and Thursday mornings. If you can lend a hand, please see Mrs Lenton.

Uniform Shop - Thank you to everyone who has dropped-in some second-hand clothing. Some of it is really good quality and we can sell these items for around \$10, so we're grateful for these. Other pieces of clothing appear to have been through a few seasons and these can go in our 'freebie box'. However, we're unable to do anything with items that are torn, have broken zips, paint stains etc or are simply, not our uniform. Please keep these as cleaning rags or just put them in a clothing bin. Finally, just a reminder to pick-up some black tracksuit pants at Westfield for winter sports and we're still looking for an old vacuum cleaner if anyone want to get rid of one. Opening times: MONDAYS 9-10am and THURS 3-3.45pm Order & payment forms are available from the office, BOOSH and the shop. No cash refunds on returned goods. A cheque will be forwarded to you. If you have any suggestions or comments, please email Alison at allycorn@bigpond.com. **Uniform Shop Roster** - copies are at the Uniform Shop.
 Thursday 2/4 K Besley, S Bourke, H Anstice
 Monday 6/4 A Cornish, G Blackwood, M McNally
 Thursday 9/4 S Williams, L Trehwella, R Stoner
After School holidays
 Thursday 30/4 J Anderson, A Nowell

The Uniform Shop Committee

Berowra RSL Sub-branch ANZAC Commemorative Service - Every year many of our students and families represent our school and other community events at the Berowra RSL ANZAC Commemorative March and Service. This special event is held on the Sunday before ANZAC Day and this year it is Sunday 19th April. To join in the march, meet at Berowra Oval's netball courts at 10.45am for the 11am march to the Community Centre for the service.

Thankyou to all the parent and Mrs Lee from the Library, who helped prepare books for Reading Recovery. A thousand thank yous!

Mrs Pickering

2009 Stewart House Donation Drive

You could win a \$4,000 holiday for your family to the destination of your choice!
 Just place a gold coin (\$1 or \$2) in the envelope provided and return it to your teacher before Friday 8th May.


Help Stewart House achieve number one charity status across all NSW public schools. Your donation helps fund the program that supports the 1,800 public school children who experience a healthy and much needed break at Stewart House each year.

Community News

Lifeline – Harbour to Hawkesbury need your donation of books, CDs, and DVDs that you no longer need. Your donation will help lifeline continue its life-saving work. Please take your donation to 'The Shed' at rear of the Scout hall, Polding Rd, West Lindfield. Please NO encyclopaedias, textbooks, Readers Digest or National Geographic.

Hornsby Heights Vacation Care at Hornsby Heights Public School, Somerville Rd. Ph 9476 6901 or fax 9476 3904. From 13th-28th April 2009, 7:30am-6:30pm, \$35 per day. Call for further information.

AMF Hornsby Birthday Party Offer - Book your child's birthday party before 30/4/09 & receive either a free ice cream cake or \$20 worth of free arcade tokens. To make a booking or for more information call 9477 3914.



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All completed entries to be returned to Paul Jones Berowra Real Estate by 4:00pm Tuesday 7th April 2009. Prizes will be awarded to each age group (4-5yrs, 6yrs, 7yrs, 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs). All entries will be displayed at the Paul Jones Office. Winners will be notified on Wednesday 8th April 2009.

 * **Class Awards** *
 * **Term 1 Week 8 & 9** *

K Red	Taffany M, Ben S, Chelsea C, Hamish W, Natalie S
K Blue	Ella B, Joshua J, Alannah B, Cameron R
K Yellow	Dylan W, Haidee W, Hayley T, Jack J
1L	Faith A, Stephanie D, Maddie B, Daniel M
1P	Katrina T, Abbey B, Orla P, Quinn J
2S	Daniel A, Tahli W, Jordan C, Claudia B
2V	Leilana L, Isabella E, Nico D, Adam D
3B	Madeleine W, Damian F, Tahlia B, Romain A
3S	Joe P, Rhian D, Caitlin B, Oceane A
3/4N	Michelle H, Thomas G, Alec L, Sean B
4S	Melissa D, Nicholas C, Tallulah M, Mikayla R
4/5N	Lachlan A, Jennifer S, Jack B, Emma C
5C	Luke G, Bonnie R
5/6T	Amelia M, Liana B, Elias M, Harry F, Christopher R
6G	Mitchell L, Jourdene Q

Piano Tuition

Mrs Sue Norrington has two vacancies

Qualified and highly experienced teacher

Ph 9456 3752

