



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 1st July, 2009  
Term 2 Week 10

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

### Regional Director's Visit

Last Thursday, the Northern Sydney Regional Director of the Department of Education and Training, Jane Simmons, visited the school. She was given a tour of the school by a group of our student leaders, and witnessed our junior choir practising, our junior Robotics group in action and a Stage 3 debate. Mrs Simmons was very impressed with what she saw.

### Parking and Traffic Concerns

We are continuing to work on ways we can make the surrounding streets safer for our school community, particularly in the afternoon. I have had discussions with both Councillors and traffic engineers from Hornsby Council. We are looking at expanding the size of the 'kiss and drop' zone, and providing a larger No Parking zone in Hillcrest Road. Council have also given a commitment to provide regular Ranger presence outside the school, ensuring correct use of the No Parking zones. I urge all parents and carers to help us keep our children safe by driving slowly and parking responsibly around the school.

### Festival of Instrumental Music

Last Wednesday I had the honour of attending, and participating in, the NSW Public Schools Festival of Instrumental Music, held in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. When I say 'participate' I hasten to add that it did not involve any musical performance on my part- that would not have been a pleasant experience for the packed house! I was 'guest compere' for a section of the concert, introducing the schools from all over New South Wales represented at the concert. I had particular pleasure in introducing our Recorder Group, who were part of a massed Recorder Ensemble. Thank you to Wendy Thorvaldson, our Recorder teacher, and to the children who represented their school- and public education- so well.

### Homework help online

Parents and carers can access age-appropriate material to help with their child's homework at the Teaching and Learning Exchange: [www.tale.edu.au/tale/live/index.jsp](http://www.tale.edu.au/tale/live/index.jsp).

The site includes pages to help you follow your child's learning and to help you talk with teachers about your child's progress. The content of each age group area is organised into these sections:

- what they learn;
- helping your child learn; and
- about stages of learning.

There is also a navigation bar with links to educational organisations and news, a 'Jargon Buster', a selection of translated documents and links to DET parent newsletters such as the Click! technology guide and School Parent's magazine.

### Happy Holiday

This will be the last Crest for Term 2. All students will return to school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July. I hope all students have a good break, and return ready for some good solid learning!

John Barwick  
Principal

**Congratulations BPS Scientists** - Two super BPS scientists have completed their SPECTRA Science Challenge for 2009. Congratulations to Katrina T of 1P and Troy A of 3B, who will be receiving their certificates and badges early in Term 3. Just a reminder that students have until the end of Term 3 to complete their challenges.

**Young Scientist Award 2009** - The Science Teachers Association of New South Wales has announced a new competition to encourage science in schools. This year interested students are encouraged to register and carry out a scientific investigation of their choice. The students will prepare a report of their project and submit it for assessment. The awards are open to K-12 and aim to hone students skills in the exciting field of science. The students investigations must be received at STANSW by 28th August. There are a variety of awards being offered and more details can be obtained via the Young Scientist website, <http://www.stansw.asn.au/ys/>.

J Naylor & S Norrington

**Peer Support** - We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called *Keeping Friends* helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

During Peer Support next week students will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening. During the week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

**Library News** - The Library now has an amazing new SMART-BOARD as well as being part of the *IWB Connected Classrooms Network*. It's generating great excitement amongst staff and students as we learn to integrate this technology into our Curriculum. Next week there will be *holiday book borrowing*. Children are encouraged to borrow twice their usual amount of books to enjoy over the cold, winter break.

**MS Readathon**. So far 25 wonderful students are participating in the readathon. It would be lovely if as many children as possible could join in and read, read, read for the months of June and July. There is still time to register online at [MSReadathon.org.au](http://MSReadathon.org.au).

A BIG thankyou to all those lovely helpers who volunteered to help shelve books in the library. As there are often over 600 books to shelve each week, it is wonderful to have some much needed help. Thanks also to our wonderful 'book coverers' - Mrs Daniels, Mrs Powell and Mrs Stoner who tirelessly and expertly cover all our school library books. The Berowra School Community does such an amazing job. What would we do without you?

**Drama News** - Great excitement here as BOTH Drama Groups have been accepted for the ArtsNorth Festival of Drama. They performed so well at their unexpected audition, in spite of having no costumes and being taken unawares.

So, how thrilled we were to receive the notification last week that we are to perform on Wednesday 12th August at 7:00pm at NIDA Theatre, Anzac Parade, Kensington.

The dress rehearsal is on Tuesday 11th August at 11:45pm. Buses will leave the school for the children to attend these performances. Tickets to our evening performance at 7:00pm are available from Ticketek ph 13 28 49.

Jennie Smith

**Sport News** - Florimo Cup has been rescheduled to Thursday 9th July. This is the second last day of Term 2. Weather permitting, the day will go ahead as previously planned.

The sun came out and we had a wonderful day on Friday for the K-2 Athletics Carnival. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the event a success.

The following students are our 2009 age champions :-

8 years	Nick B	Z Peterson
	Julian S / Marcus M	Marissa A
	Parsa D / Aaron S	Ella W
7 years	Max B	Carla S
	Seb E / Andrew C	Chelsea W
	Daniel M	Charlotte S
6 years	Jeremy J	Mackenzie W
	Luke S	Hayley S / Chloe T
	Lachlan O / Sam P	Jasmine M
5 years	Eddie R	Caitlyn R
	Marcus R	Taffy M
	Matthew L	Nia D

**Canteen News** - Canteen Roster

Thursday	2/7	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	3/7	A Nowell, R Persson, A Cornish
Monday	6/7	T Manti, L Furzer
Thursday	9/7	J Anderson, S Miller
Friday	10/7	J Buckle/J Chapman, V Eliasson

**Uniform Shop** - If your daughter is looking for something a little different to wear in the winter months, perhaps you could suggest the girl's trousers. They are made of the same chequered fabric as the tunic and are warm on those windy days.

Everyone has also been after umbrellas lately so now we can take your order. The small foldup size is \$15 and the large, \$20. Small pixie hats are now just \$5. These would be great to use or for a spare for Kindy 2010.

Opening times: MONDAYS 9-10am and THURS 3-3.45pm.

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](mailto:allycorn@bigpond.com).

Uniform Shop Roster – copies are at the Uniform Shop.

Thursday	2/7	K Besley, S Bourke, H Anstice
Monday	6/7	G Blackwood, M McNally
Thursday	9/7	S Williams, L Trehwella, R Stoner

School Holidays

The Uniform Shop Committee

### URGENT NOTICE

The school office has a small supply of uniforms, socks and underwear. These are borrowed by students when they need a change of clothes.

If your child has borrowed some of the school's clothing could you please WASH and RETURN them as soon as possible so they are available for the next student who has a need.

### Stewart House School clothing Appeal



It's time to clean out the cupboards again!  
Please fill your bag with reasonable quality clothing and return to school no later than Tuesday 7th July.

The bags can be left in the lost property room at the end of the primary building.  
If you would like another bag, please see the office.

### Community News

**Lifeline 'Harbour to Hawkesbury' Book Fair** -

When: Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th July 9am - 9pm  
Sat 25th & Sun 26th July 9am - 5pm

Where: Knox Grammar School  
Pacific Hwy, Wahroonga

**Asquith Boys High Stage Band** presents John Morrison's Swing City, in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

When: Saturday 8th August at 7pm  
Where: Asquith BHS Hall, Pacific Hwy, Asquith  
Cost: \$20 adult, \$10 child or \$50 family of 4

### Hornsby Shire Council July school holiday events for kids

Environmental events - Free worm farming workshop at council's Community Nursery, 28 Britannia St, Pennant Hills on Tuesday 14/7 10:00-11:30am.

Free & fun morning making greeting cards - at Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Rd, on Tuesday 21/7 10-11:30am.

Bookings are essential 9847 4856.

Magic tricks & juggling at Epping Library 9868 1711 10-11am or Hornsby Library 9847 6813 on Wed 15/7/09 2-3pm.

Circus skills workshop at Berowra Library 9847 6813 10:30-11:30 or Pennant Hills Library 9481 9630 1-2pm on Friday 17/7/09.

\$10 per child 5-12 yrs. Bookings essential.

Storytime events - Hornsby Library 20/7 10-11am or Berowra Library 24/7 10:30-11:30am.

For more information visit [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

### Carer required

**Carer** - before and after school for two boys (4 & 7yrs) in Berowra Heights.

Wednesday to Friday.

No household duties required.

Alison Cornish 0414 767 768

### Pyjama Day Reminder

*Come to school in your PJ's Day*

**Friday 3rd July**

**K-2** - Wear your favourite winter PJ's with socks, your normal school shoes and hat.

**3-6** - You too are welcome to wear your winter pyjamas, however if you prefer you can have a Crazy Hair Day instead. Just wear normal sports uniform.



**Gold coin donation**

## Education Tax Refund

### Don't forget to claim

#### How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- *In your tax return.*
- *If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.*
- *If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.*

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to [Australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund](http://Australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund) or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

**Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.**

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**Class Awards**  
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3B	James C, Hannah P
3S	Joe P, Sandra M
3/4N	Hayden M, Lachlan B
4S	Ben K, Nikala W
5/6T	Amelia M, Laura B, Carly D, Harry C

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**Pennant Awards**  
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3B	James C, Philip M, Troy A, Ben C
3S	Daniel H, Callum W, Liahm W,
3/4N	Devika K
4/5N	Tim R, Madison W, Jess T
5C	Sarah M
5/6T	Alice B

#### NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
17/6/09	Life Education	K—6	25/6/09
17/6/09	Voluntary contribution	K—6	ASAP
18/6/09	Lawn Bowls	Yr 5 & 6	1/7/09
18/6/09	Music Festival	Choir	2/7/09
24/7/09	Pyjama Day	K—6	-
1/7/09	Peer Support	K—6	-
1/7/09	Stewart House Bags	K—6	7/7/09

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