



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 17th June, 2009  
Term 2 Week 8

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

### Working bee

Our hard-working P&C have organised a Working Bee next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. We understand that there are many parents and carers who, due to work and other commitments, cannot always help the school as much as they would like.

This is a great chance for those parents to help make the school a more attractive and safer environment for our children. As an added incentive, the P&C are providing a delicious gourmet feast of sausage sandwiches to all our helpers. Details were included in the note sent home last Monday.

### Water again

Once again I want to talk about water, but this time it is due to enforced under-usage rather than mysterious over-usage.

A burst water main on Friday morning caused significant disruption to the school. May I thank all those parents who, on hearing that the school had no water, kept their children at home. The fact that we had just 150 students on site rather than the usual 380 enabled us to manage what could have been a very serious health issue. We bought in bottled water, and the Department's Asset Management Unit organised six Portaloo's to be delivered. Sydney Water also supplied a water tanker. In true Berowra spirit, with the positive and cheerful cooperation from students, staff and community, we managed to survive the day!

### Connected Classrooms are here!

On Monday our first interactive white board, complete with video-conferencing hardware, was delivered to the school. It will be installed early next week. This is a very exciting development for the school. We hope to have at least one more installed before the end of the year, and to roll out more IWBs (an acronym you will learn to love!) over the next few years. It all depends on finding the funds- at \$8000 each they're not cheap!

### Complaints

It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. If at any time you find that you have a concern about anything to do with the school, you are encouraged to contact the school so your concern can be resolved. The NSW Department of Education and Training has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the school office.

Further information is also available in the Department's Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department's internet website at [www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au).

John Barwick  
Principal

**Spelling and Writing Competitions** - As you are aware, both these competitions are to be held on Tuesday 23rd June. To enable students to perform at their best, they will be held at the following times:

Writing 7:50am for 8am in Mrs Naylor's room

Spelling 9:20am also in Mrs Naylor's room

Children sitting the spelling competition only do not need to arrive at school early.

**Bike and Scooter Safety** - Just a reminder that students riding scooters and bikes **must** wear an Australian Standards approved helmet in good condition.

Students who do not wear a helmet will have their scooter or bike safely stored until they bring in a helmet.

Alternatively, a parent can come to collect the scooter.

**Library News MS Readathon** There is still time to register on [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or from brochures in the Library. Children read, read, read as much as you can during the month of June. Thanks to all those who are participating. It's a great cause.

Jennie Smith

**Drama News Drama Auditions** what a SUPRISE when the Sydney North Drama Festival judge turned up last Wednesday 10th June. They had changed the date to the 17th!. Still, the children performed amazingly well. I was so proud of them. Thank you to all the parent for their efforts in providing costumes for the Dress Rehearsal last Monday. When we hear the results of our audition (which I'm sure will be positive!) there will be further notes about buses, costumes and dress rehearsal times. The Festival dates are 11-14th August. We will be performing for the school on a date to be advised.

Fingers crossed everyone.

Jennie Smith

**Sport News - Cross Country** - Congratulations to Tara Kissick, who came 16th in her age event at the Area Cross Country Carnival at Gosford on Thursday 11th June. A big thank you Tara, for representing both our school and the zone.

**Florimo Cup** - Hopefully all students participating at the Florimo Cup have been notified of the date change for the tournament. The revised date of the competition is now Thursday 25th June.

### Most Valued Players for 5/6/09

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
Mikayla R	Chris A
William R	Lachlan T
Michelle H	Tricia B
Sky M	Jamie W

**Music News** - There is some fantastic work going on with our musicians. Even a little practice makes a huge difference. 15-20 minutes, four times a week is great. Little and often is much better than all the practice in one go.

Due to the University competitions next Tuesday, the Concert band rehearsal will not proceed but will change to a combined rehearsal for both Training and Concert bands on Thursday 25th.

*Training band* will have TWO rehearsals this week - Wednesday and Thursday. We will be practicing the combined pieces for the Berowra Musica. Let's try for 100% participation at this rehearsal please.

### Important Dates

*SSO Excursion* - money due by Thursday 18/6

*Working Bee* - Wed 24/6 9:15 after training band rehearsal

*Combined Training/Concert Band Rehearsal* - Thurs 25/6 8-9am

*Music Support Team Meeting* - Wed 1/7 7pm in staff room

*Training Band Performance* - Fri 3/7, Infants Assembly 11:40am

Parent Helpers for Weeks 9, 10 & 11

Week 9 McRobert & Tyerman

Week 10 Bailey & McCabe

Week 11 Persson & Allen

Any questions-Amanda Gillard 9456 2908, bpsband@iinet.net.au

**Canteen News** - We would like to thank all of the volunteers who came to help in the Canteen on the schools Open Day. It was a great success and your help was very much appreciated. As always we couldn't do it without you.

Hot Dog day is this Friday, 19th June. It is also the K-2 Athletics Carnival. If you have any spare time to come and help us in the Canteen, even for an hour, your help would be appreciated.

Don't forget, the canteen is NOT OPEN ON FRIDAY. Pre-ordered hot dog orders only.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 18/6 C Parker, F Minto

Friday 19/6 C Harriss, K Bird

Monday 22/6 P Smith, A Murphy

Thursday 25/6 S Bourke, T Harrison

Friday 26/6 M Cunningham, K Wallis

Monday 29/6 J Haines, T Liquete

**Uniform Shop** - Rug up and look stylish in a black (goes with anything) BPS scarf and wind-proof jacket. An essential for these freezing months and who knows, it may snow! The jacket is suitable for light moisture but more practical for those blustery days. We're also fully-stocked with long socks and tights.

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.

Uniform Shop Roster – copies are at the Uniform Shop.

Thursday 18/6 B Bromfield, J Chalmers, A Cornish

Monday 22/6 J Cheyne, L Stebbins, T Bentsen

Thursday 25/6 P Smith, N Steele

Monday 29/6 C Akehurst, M Davies

The Uniform Shop Committee

**Community News**

**Centacare Seminar** - 'Parents Promoting Resilience' Strengthening children's ability to bungy jump through the inevitable pitfalls of life. Presented by Lyn Worsley.

When: Monday 22nd June at 6:45—9pm

Where: Hornsby North Public School, Ida St Hornsby

Cost: Free

**Brooklyn Public School Fireworks Spectacular** - great food, live music, prizes, jumping castle & of course fireworks.

When: Sunday 5th July from 4pm

Where: Brooklyn Public School

Cost: \$20 family or \$6 adults & \$4 children

**Berowra Musical Society Auditions** - The October production of Annie auditions are being held on Thursday 18th June at the Berowra Community Centre for adults & children. For enquiries please call 9476 0051 or www.bmsi.org.au for more information.

**URGENT NOTICE**

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

If your child has borrow 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 an accident.

**NOTE YOU MAY HAVE MISSED**

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
27/5/09	Canberra exc	Year 5 & 6	11/6/09
27/5/09	Shopping Tour	K—6	ASAP
4/6/09	Sports Spectacular	K—2	-
4/6/09	Florimo Cup	Reps	18/6/09
10/6/09	Message from the Principal	K—6	-
10/6/09	Festival of Instrumental Music	Recorder group reps	ASAP
15/6/09	Working Bee	K—6	-
17/6/09	Peer Support	Year 6	-
17/6/09	Life Education	K—6	25/6/09
17/6/09	Powerhouse Museum	Stage 2	25/6/09
17/6/09	Voluntary contribution	K—6	ASAP

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**Class Awards**  
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Blue	Ashleigh H, Emily A, Joshua J, Renee B
K Red	Lachlan W, Luke S, Chelsea C, Hamish W
K Yellow	Peter M, Dylan W, Eliza R, Jeremy J
1L	Carla S, Jack B, Sarah W, Stephanie D
1P	Timothy D, Isabella G, Katie W, Sienna O, Jordan S
2S	Chloe P, Marcus M, Zoe P, Nick B
2V	Nico D, Ben C, Isabella E, Sophie A
3B	Ben B, Philip M
3S	Matthew M, Ben B
3/4N	Kiera W, Matthew W, Aimee L, Thomas G
4S	Trey S, Tallulah M
4/5N	James P, Jeremy F, Meg T, Jennifer S
5CS	Jake L, Jasper B
5/6T	Scott F, Natalie B
6G	Rochelle S, Emilie R

**Committee Needed**

Dear Parents of Berowra Public School

My name is Anne Daniels and I am the treasurer of the P&C as well as one of the canteen supervisors. I have run the last two October Fun Fairs and now along with my canteen colleague, Teresa, would like to hold a Christmas Carols in the school grounds on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2009.

We are hoping to raise money for all our school committees by not only inviting our parents but also the wider community. Ultimately this will be a P&C run event to help decorate our new hall but we are inviting other school committees to benefit also.

If you would like to be involved in the organisation of this event, here are a few options for you: please ring me on 0422 661 360, or leave a message at the office with your name and phone number or come to the canteen on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 9:30am.

It would be a lovely experience for our school to hold such an event and involve the community – so please bring all your ideas and let's plan this together.

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