



# The Crest

Wednesday 18th March, 2009  
Term 1 Week 8

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

### Bikes and scooters

The safety of all students at Berowra is paramount. I have noticed that a number of students ride their bikes and scooters to school. Riding bikes and scooters is both enjoyable and good exercise. I am happy that these students are getting exercise as travel to and from school, but they must follow the road rules and RTA recommendations. The most important points to note are:

- Children under 10 should not be allowed to ride bikes to school. This is very important. Children under 10 have not developed the depth perception necessary to judge the speed of oncoming vehicles. This puts them in unacceptable danger on the roads.
- All bicycle riders by law must wear an approved helmet, and ride a roadworthy bike with properly functioning brakes. While scooter riders don't have this as a legal requirement, we are currently looking at our policies, and it is possible that this will be a requirement for travel to school in the future.
- Children up to the age of 12 are permitted to (and must) ride on the footpath except where they are crossing a road. They must also give way to pedestrians, who have right of way on footpaths.

### Kick Off

Thank you to the P&C and School Support Group for their excellent organisation of the recent Kick Off event. The feedback I have received has been overwhelmingly positive. I was disappointed that I was not able to attend due to an important family commitment, and thank Helen Vincent for being the 'surrogate Principal' for the night.

### Initial results of the bullying survey

Thank you to those parents who have returned the bullying survey sent out with the last Crest. About 100 surveys have been returned, and you are still welcome to send one in. An initial look at the data suggests the following:

- Half those surveyed reported that their children had been bullied at school at some time.
- Of those, 70% were happy with the way the school handled the issue.

While on the face of it this suggests that bullying is not a major issue for a majority of students (particularly as only a third of families have returned surveys so far, and it is more likely that people satisfied with the current situation would not choose to respond), there is still a concern that 14 cases of perceived bullying were not resolved to everyone's satisfaction. I will be taking a closer look at these instances, particularly those that are still reportedly occurring.

### Message from the School Council

To date there have been no new parent nominees for the School Council. The next meeting of the School Council will be on Tuesday 7th April 2009 at 7pm in the Staffroom. If no new parent nominees come forward we will formally move to dissolve the Berowra Public School Council. This would be a shame as the School Council has been instrumental in the acquisition of the COLA and coordinating the purchase of the new Primary playground. Come along and nominate: it is a very worthwhile school community group. Enquiries: Emma Bedwin (President), Monique Brunello (Secretary) 9456 4169.

John Barwick  
Principal

**Textbooks** - Kookaburra, our textbook supplier should be completing orders shortly. Kookaburra has also indicated that they will issue receipts towards the end of this term.

**SPECTRA** - Exciting science projects—move at your own pace. 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/freestyler/files/SPECTRA%20KIT.pdf>. To be involved in this exciting challenge, students need to hand in the signed permission slip, enclosed in The Crest, together with \$9.00 entry fee to their teacher on payment days no later than Thursday 2nd April 2009.

Mrs Jenny Naylor - SPECTRA Coordinator

**Harmony Day** is an event held across the country on 21st March each year to help reduce racism throughout Australia. Harmony Day celebrations began in 1999 by small communities in Australia. One of Harmony Days main goals is to encourage multiculturalism, to help build a peaceful future and to try to make everyone say "no" to racism. The event is symbolised by an orange ribbon which is worn by some people.

On Friday 20th March we will have a school celebration from 12:15pm. Please join us and be entertained by such items as 'We Don't Care', Mexican Hat Dance, 'We Are The Children Of The World', a Korean action song, 'Walk Like An Egyptian', and a band item. There will also be a multicultural picnic lunch to follow. Please come along and wear a touch of orange.

Jack H 5CS

**Australian Schools Competitions for Years 3-6** - Just a reminder that a note for these competitions was sent home last week. If you are interested in your child participating, please make sure that you complete the forms and return them to the class teacher by the due date, Thursday 2nd April. No entries can be accepted after this date.

Please note that the competitions will be held BEFORE school on the day specified, with students needing to arrive at school by 7:50am.

If you have any enquiries regarding the competitions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs Jenny Naylor - Competition Coordinator

**NSW Association For Gifted & Talented Children** is running a series of workshops for children with bright and enquiring minds. Workshop topics are varied and include adventures in science, mathematics, literature and technology.

EXPLORAMA is a series of half and one day workshops on 21st and 22nd April.

ILLOURA Weekend Residential workshops run on a number of weekends from May until November.

All information is available at [www.nswagtc.org.au](http://www.nswagtc.org.au).

**National Ride2School Day** - Students at BPS will be gearing up to join schools across the country taking part in National Ride2School Day on Wednesday 25th March.

Ride2School Day is an opportunity for students to combine exercise with getting to school. Parents and teachers are urged to leave the car at home and get students walking, riding, skating or scootering to school. We are holding a poster competition at school to raise awareness of the event and the positive aspects of walking, cycling and scootering. Be on the look out for our super posters around the school.

**Sport News - Most Valued Players** for 27/2/09

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
Tarna R	Elias M
Nick S	Kerry P
Courtney T	Bradley M
Jacob Z	Betty F
	Hamish M
	Courtney M
	Nicole M

M.V.P.'s for 6/3/09

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
Brendon W	Grace G
Samara C	Dylan B
Mark V	Natasha M
Damian F	Megan F
	Bradley M
	Betty F

M.V.P.'s for 13/3/09

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
Madeleine W	Bradley M
Caitlin R	Tara K
Tarna R	Rebecca B
Brenton S	Kristyn B
Jasper W	Ryan C
	Courtney M

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

*Chris A* came 7th in 200m, 5th in triple jump and 8th in the high jump at the Zone.

*Jordan S* came 5th in discus at the Zone and was a reserve for the Region.

*Tara K* came 1st in 800m, 2nd in 1500m, 6th in high jump and 4th in triple jump at the Zone. At the Region she came 9th in the 800m and 1500m.

*Nicole M* came 4th with a PB in high jump at the Zone and then came 6th at the Region.

*Natalia M* competed at the Zone and Region for discus and shot put. She also qualified for these events at the State Carnival on the weekend.

*Natalia* has competed at the NSW State Multi-Event competition in Lismore earlier this month coming 8th, achieving PB's in 4 out of 6 events.

Congratulations and well done to all our athletes.

## POSITIONS VACANT

The P&C currently has two positions vacant for 2009

### **Maintenance Officer**

This involves coordinating several working bees throughout the year and liaising with the staff as to which jobs take priority.

### **Public Relations Officer**

This involves promoting the school within the local community and liaising with local papers to inform them of special events or outstanding achievements

If you are interested or require more information please contact  
Karen Bird 9456 4916

## Diary Dates

### **Week 8**

Selective High School test	Thursday	19/3/09
Harmony Day	Friday	20/3/09

### **Week 9**

Music Support Team meeting	Monday 8pm	23/3/09
National Ride2School Day	Wednesday	25/3/09

### **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

### **Week 2**

CARES excursion Stage 3	Monday	4/5/09
CARES excursion Stage 3	Tuesday	5/5/09
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**

S&S meeting in hall	Tues 9:30am	19/5/09
P&C meeting in BOOSH	Wed 7pm	20/5/09

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Band News** - The end of Term 1 is fast approaching and with it the first performance of the year. Both bands are playing extremely well – this will be a fantastic performance! Please ensure that your child has the band uniform of band shirt, long black pants, black shoes and socks. Both bands will be playing at the Easter parade – so mark this date –Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> – in your diary.

We will also be drawing the Easter raffle on that day which is a fundraiser for the band. Please bring in your Easter donations – chocolate eggs, Easter rabbits etc to the band rehearsal. More information in the band newsletter out this week.

There is a Music Support Team meeting on Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It would be great to meet some new Training band parents so come along and meet the committee and have a cup of tea. Details in newsletter. Any questions or queries Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 bpsband@iinet.net.au

Below are the band parents who are on duty at rehearsal over the next 3 weeks.

Concert Band	Week 8 March 24 <sup>th</sup>	C Tyerman
	Week 9 March 31 <sup>st</sup>	D Mawhinney
	Week 10 April 7 <sup>th</sup>	D Allen
Training Band	Week 8 March 25 <sup>th</sup>	L Hesketh
	Week 9 April 1 <sup>st</sup>	M Millican
	Week 10 April 8 <sup>th</sup>	K Gilbert

**Canteen News** - Included in this week's Crest is a copy of our School Canteen menu. This has been updated slightly and lets you know what delicious choices we have available in your School Canteen. We'd like to remind you how easy it is to order your children's lunches online. Please see Anne or Teresa in the Canteen if you would like more information about this fantastic service.

For Harmony Day on Friday, we will have a special menu for children, parents and staff. The order form was sent home with students on Monday. Please fill out your order and return it to the canteen or office by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of March along with your payment. Normal lunch orders will continue to be available.

**Canteen Roster**

Thursday	19/3	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	20/3	K Bird, C Harriss
Monday	23/3	P Smith, A Murphy
Thursday	26/3	K Riolino, T Harrison
Friday	27/3	M Cunningham, K Wallis
Monday	30/3	J Haines, T Lique

Anne, Teresa & the Canteen Committee

**P&C News** - Thank you to everyone who attended the last meeting. It was great to see many new faces. Please accept my apologies for the length of the meeting last time. The sales pitch from the new photographer took us over time, but photos this year should be great! Thank you Philly for standing in as our secretary for the night.

Tonight's meeting will remain on schedule, as there are few items on the agenda. We will be arranging a time and place for the fundraising meeting so if you are innovative and would like to have some fun, come and find out when that meeting will be. As there is still no maintenance officer, the P & C will be deciding when to hold the first working bee for 2009 and we would appreciate all the input we can get. If you have any creative ideas, let us know.

The next Meeting will be held TONIGHT! 18th March in the BOOSH Cottage at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome. The more the Merrier. We are aiming for an 8.30pm finish! Remember, if you wish to become a financial member for 2009, so you can vote, bring along your fifty cents.

Karen Bird, President

**School Support Group** will be holding the BPS Dance Party again on Friday 8th May 2009. Please put this date in your diary and look out for invitations coming home soon. The theme will be "Black and Silver".

C Peterson

## Berowra Public School Umbrellas & Recipe Books YES, YES ,YES

We do still have a limited number of umbrellas and plenty of the very popular recipe books available for sale. The Berowra Public School umbrellas are perfect for this lovely weather we've been having!

The umbrellas come in black with our Berowra Public School crest in gold on two panels. The umbrellas are Australian made with a 12 month frame guarantee.

To order either product, please fill in the form below and return to the school office along with cash or a cheque only (made payable to the BPS Support Group). (DO NOT include any other payments)

Any queries, please contact Sarah Williams on 0412999101.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

	Price	Quantity	Total
Small Manual Folding Umbrella	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Large Golf Umbrella	\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Recipe Book	\$18.00	_____	\$_____
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$_____</b>

Many thanks for your support from The School Support Group

**Uniform Shop** - We've decided to make your whole experience of buying socks a lot easier. Forget the full cotton, combination stretch, bright yellow, pale yellow, grey...now we've sourced a supplier who can provide a sock that is about 80% cotton / 20% nylon. This percentage will make them easier to get on and they will still retain their shape. The socks will be either grey or yellow so all that you'll need to know is the size. **In store now!** It's time to also start thinking about black tracksuit pants for winter sport. Grab them when you're wandering around Westfield.

Lastly, we would be extremely grateful to anyone who would like to donate an old but working vacuum cleaner to the shop. We'll exchange it for a new pair of socks...or two.

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

Roster - copies are at the Uniform Shop

Thursday 19/3 B Bromfield, J Chalmers, L Tutton

Monday 23/3 J Cheyne, L Stebbins, T Bentsen

Thursday 26/3 P Smith, N Steele

Monday 30/3 C Akehurst, M Davies

Thursday 2/4 K Besley, S Bourke, H Anstice

### **Community News**

**April Holiday Activities at Hornsby Library** - Clay modelling, holiday storytime & evening storytime at Hornsby Shire Libraries. For more information see the school's noticeboard or call Hornsby Library on 9847 6813. Bookings essential.

**A evening with Andy Griffiths** at Pennant Hills Library on Monday 30th March from 6-7pm. Book signing until 7:30pm. Come & celebrate the launch of the third book in the *Schooling Around* series, *Mascot Madness!* The event is free but bookings are essential. Call your local library.

**Preschool 2008 Reunion** - Did your child attend Preschool in 2008 at one of the following centres?

Kids in the Sky

KU Berowra

ABC Berowra

Waratah Preschool

Golden Days

Berowra Cottage

Come along & catch up with some old friends. Bring along a picnic rug, afternoon tea & join us for some fun!

Where: Warrina Street park

When: Friday 3rd April from 3:30 till 5pm.

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

**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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## Class Awards

### Term 1 Week 6 & 7

K Blue	Nia D, Hayley S, Jane R, Alexander H, Marco D, Taffany M, Ewan B, Charlotte B
K Red	Emily A, Abbey T, Georga W, Ashleigh H, Liam D, Tahnee B, Mackenzie W, Joshua A
K Yellow	Pete K, Benjamin W, Jett J, Callahan H, Zachary G, Zara S, Matthew L, Dylan C
1L	Jessica L, Leon H, Carla S, Leah O, Sam P, Lachlan R, Faith A, Rory M
1P	Tim D, Kyle L, Annabelle M, Katie W, Chloe T, Isabella G, Jordan S, Max S
2S	Nicholas B, Charlotte S, Seb E, Samantha N, Ella T, Marcus M, Ethan D, Rowena S
2V	Sara N, Kirstyn S, Jennifer S, Axel W, Marissa A, Sophie A, Georgie B, Tamara B
3S	Callum W, Rachel W, Isabel P, Liam M
4S	Courtney T, Andrew A
4/5N	Jess T, Annie G
5/6T	Laura B, Michael C, Christopher R, Kate R

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