



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 20th May, 2009
Term 2 Week 4

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

Hall update

I have now had the first meeting with the project manager and construction team for the new hall and canteen. Surveying work has begun, and I have been told that construction will start in early July, with about a twelve month construction time. A significant part of the playground (the existing netball court and parts of the adjoining playground, including the double gate off Berowra Waters Road) will be fenced off. The existing pedestrian gate on Berowra Waters Road will be closed, with all pedestrian traffic diverted to the Hillcrest Road entrances. While this work will result in some disruption to the school, I am sure you will agree it will be worth it!

Education Week

Next week is Education Week. This is an important event for the school, as it allows to celebrate the achievements of our students, and to reflect on the importance of public education. Parents are invited to come to the school on Wednesday 27th May for an Open Day. Classrooms will be open from 10:30 to 11:00, and after a short recess our talented students will entertain you with a concert. You are then invited to stay to share a picnic lunch with your children.

Scooters and skateboards

I have foreshadowed our concerns about the safety of the growing number of students travelling to and from school on scooters. The vast majority of scooter 'riders' do not wear helmets, and some are under the age of 10. RTA advice is that the rules for scooters are identical to the existing laws regarding bike riding—that is, helmets must be worn, and children under 10 years of age should not ride unaccompanied on either road or footpath.

We are currently reviewing our bike policy with the School Council, but in the meantime, given our immediate safety concerns for our students, we are implementing the following interim rules:

- Only students 10 years or older may ride a bike or scooter to school (unless accompanied by a parent). The roads and Traffic Authority recommend an age of 10 as children younger than this have not developed the cognitive skills or peripheral vision to competently ride in public areas.
- Students riding scooters/bikes must wear an Australian Standards approved helmet in good condition.
- Students will need to return a signed contract to obtain a Bike Licence.

John Barwick
Principal

Library News

- Book Fair is coming!! Our annual Book fair will be held again this year on Wednesday 27th May, outside the library which is our Education Week Open Day.

Lots of exciting titles will again be available for you and your children to select and purchase, with a percentage of the sales going towards the library. There will also be a table of books the library would love to have donated. All donated books will have your child's name printed on a Presentation Certificate inside the front cover and your child will be the first to borrow their 'donated book'. There will be many discounted books and current best sellers ranging in price from \$4.00 to \$25.00.

Please come along and browse and buy after the Open Day performance until 2:30pm. Thank you for your support in the past. The children really enjoy choosing their own books with you.

MS Readathon. Once again our school is supporting the MS Readathon held during the month of June. Our very own ex student and author of 'The Stolen Fiddle', Alisha Quilty, presented a talk to the children on the benefits and rewards of helping people suffering from the debilitating disease of Multiple Sclerosis. Representatives from the MS Society also gave a talk to the children and encouraged them to participate. Last year we raised over \$1,500 thanks to the efforts of our amazing Berowra readers. Every little bit helps so please log on to the website www.msreadathon.org.au, enrol your child and encourage them to read, read, read as many books as they can between 1st and 30th June. I know there are a lot of requests on your limited finances but this is a very worthy cause and will also give your children an incentive to read.

Mrs J Smith—Librarian

Drama News - Rehearsals are underway for our Junior and Senior Drama groups as they prepare for their audition for acceptance into the Sydney North Drama Festival. The date of the audition has been changed to Wednesday 17th June (not 10th June) so we have a welcome extra week to prepare. Please encourage your children to learn their lines. They are such a talented bunch!

Senior play is "Galactic Adventures" (2009 Year of Astronomy). Junior play is "Extinct....No Way!"

More advice on simple costumes to follow closer to the audition date.

Mrs J Smith

Sport News - BPS Cross Country was held on a warm sunny day & began with our house captains busily decorating house areas. Without fail, our many parent & community volunteers arrived to take their marshalling spots along the course. At 10am, a large contingent of competitors, brightly decked out in their house colours, arrived. From then on there was a steady stream of runners traversing the course. Congratulations to all the students who earned house points by running. Well done to the runners who have earned places in our school team to compete at the Zone Carnival on 25th May -

Beau J	Sarah M	Tara K	Emilie R
Jasmyne B	Hannah J	Madison W	Rachel S
Sarah P	Taylor W	Liana B	Courtney M
Hannah P	Madeleine H	Annabelle M	Claudia F
Mikayla R	Sarah H	Shannen W	Amelia M
Rachel W	Jade S	Tricia B	Kristyn B
Jordan S	Jordan P	Chris A	Lachlan T
Hayden M	Ben B	Jamie W	Calum C
Liahm W	Henry B	Michael F	Mitchell L
Edward B	Ben K	Ryan C	Jack C
Ramain A	Ben P	Chris R	Jordan G
Thomas A	Matthew W	Lachlan S	Mitchell F

The winning house for the Cross Country was Wombats. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day. Your efforts ensure the success of our school events.

Mrs Naylor - Cross Country Coordinator

NSW Premier Sporting Challenge. Every NSW public school received a tied grant to purchase sports equipment associated with the NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge. As this is a new

challenge for 2009, Year 5 and 6 will be participating this year, hopefully extending to the whole school in 2010. This does not require additional work at home. Confirmation of sports equipment will be advised when purchased.

Most Valued Players for 8/5/09

Juniors

Mikayla R
Lachlan B
Melissa D
Kiera W

Seniors

Bill D
Jemmison O

Most Valued Players for 15/5/09

Juniors

Romain A
Alex P
Brenton S
Laurissa H

Seniors

Lachlan A
Joshua M
Bill D
Dylan B

University of NSW Competitions - Just a reminder that the University of NSW competitions are being held before school. Please mark the following dates for this term if your child is participating:

Computer Skills	Wednesday 27th May
Science Competition	Wednesday 10th June
Spelling Competition	Tuesday 23rd June
Writing Competition	Tuesday 23rd June

Students will need to be at school by 7:50am to be ready for the 8:00am start.

Please contact me at school if you have any questions regarding the competitions.

Mrs Naylor - Coordinator

SPECTRA Science Challenge - all students should have received their SPECTRA Science Challenge cards by now. Please remember that students have until the end of Term 3 to complete their projects. Happy investigating!

Mrs Naylor - Coordinator

Year 6 2008 Pancake Day Fundraiser - I would like to take the opportunity to firstly thank all our wonderful parent helpers who gave up their valuable time last year to flip, throw, shake and cook a mighty fine pancake to raise money for the Year 6 gift to the school. In addition to this, may I also comment on our exceptional 2008 Year 6 waiters who did a marvellous job delivering the pancakes, only losing a few to the birds and no doubt they are excelling in the Food Technology lab at high school. We are endeavouring to purchase some cameras for the school.

Ms Glare

BPS pop/rock band,

CLASS ACT is very excited to announce that they will be performing on Sunday, 24th May at the WIDEVIEW P.S. Fete at around 11:30am.



CLASS ACT members, Harry, Joel, Ben, Calum, Lachlan, Jourdene & April are all talented musicians from Year 5 and 6.

This exciting new band was formed at the beginning of the year and has been rehearsing together at the school every Monday afternoon since then. Their repertoire includes covers by contemporary bands such as Coldplay, Good Charlotte and Simple Plan. So come along to the WIDEVIEW P.S. Fete (Wideview Road, Berowra Heights) and be entertained by CLASS ACT on Sunday 24th May.

Band News - Many thanks to Mrs McNaught for taking the band for the first two weeks of term. Both bands are sounding fantastic! TUESDAY 26th MAY - Concert Band PRESCHOOL TOUR - Band Uniform Parent help still needed. Don't forget to return permission notes. WEDNESDAY 27th MAY - OPEN DAY, Band Uniform. Band rehearsals as normal on both Tuesday and Wednesday and everyone to attend please. Keep up the good work everyone.

Amanda Gillard

P & C News - Great News! We have filled all vacant positions for 2009 so it's safe for all to come along to the P&C meetings again. Welcome to our Public Relations Officer – Laverne Saunders, and our Maintenance Officer – Ray Saunders. Thank you, Saunders family, for putting your hands up. Everyone is welcome to contact Laverne via the P&C with information they would like to see in the press to promote our school. The P&C have a pigeonhole in the school office. At tonight's meeting we will be organising a fundraising meeting. Funds raised this year will be going towards outfitting the NEW HALL, hooray! Ray will also be organising a working bee. If you have any ideas for fundraising or school ground maintenance, we will gladly welcome your input. Thank you to everyone who attended the last meeting. The next meeting will be held TONIGHT, Wednesday 20th May in BOOSH Cottage at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and have a cuppa. Many hands make light work!

Karen Bird
P&C President

Wideview School Fete
Sunday 24th May 2009
10am - 3pm

Rides, sideshow alley, chocolate wheel, tombola, craft, tattoos, face painting, lollies, cakes, plants, magician, entertainment & much more

Pre-purchase your ride armband and you can ride all day for \$20. Armbands are available from Berowra Public School office, Wideview School Office or email wideviewfete@gmail.com



GOING GREEN with DR DEANE

How to Save the Earth.....starting in Your Own Backyard!



Dr Deane Hutton, from television's *Curiosity Show*, *Channel 7 News*, *Hey Hey It's Saturday*, & *The New Inventors* is one of Australia's best-known science educators. For more than 10 years Deane has been presenting science shows in schools throughout Australia.

Deane will be at Berowra Public School on Wednesday 3rd June, performing shows for Kindergarten to Year 6 with exciting experiments & fun activities.

Cost per student is \$5.00.

School Support Group News - School Dance Parties. The school dance parties were a great success again! A big thank you to all the parent helpers on the night and especially to Cathy Fisquet and Charmian Steel for helping me with the organisation. The children were really well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our next dance is scheduled for Friday 18th September so put this date in your diaries. The money raised from events and services held by School Support Group goes towards classroom supplies, Presentation Day awards and various other things, so thank you for your support.

Carolyn Peterson

Canteen News - We would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time to help in the Canteen on Sausage Sizzle day. They included Amanda & Graham, Philly, Jackie, Vanessa, Rosie, Jenny & Liza. It was a great success for the Canteen and we hope all our children enjoyed their lunches! We'd like to say thank you to Tracy who puts in a lot of work to arrange our milk orders each term and has done so now for many years. She also helps us out regularly in the Canteen. As you know without the help of our volunteers it would be hard for our Canteen to continue to open. So we would like you to know how much we appreciate your help. We will be having a Canteen meeting on Friday 22nd May at 2.30pm in the Canteen. All are welcome to attend and give any input you may have regarding our Canteen.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	21/5	C Parker, F Minto
Friday	22/5	C Harriss, K Bird
Monday	25/5	P Smith, A Murphy
Thursday	28/5	S Bourke, T Harrison
Friday	29/5	M Cunningham, K Wallis
Monday	1/6	Jenny H, Tracy L

Anne, Teresa & the Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop - Winter is definitely on the way as the shop has been packed this term. Thank you to everyone for their patience as our volunteers are so busy, they don't even have time to chat!

We are always after volunteers if you have an hour to spare, once a month. Just email Sarah at sparker166@hotmail.com. Also remember that order forms are available from the school office, BOOSH or the shop if you don't need to try on anything. 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	21/5	B Bromfield, J Chalmers, A Cornish
Monday	25/5	J Cheyne, L Stebbins, T Bentsen
Thursday	28/5	P Smith, N Steele
Monday	1/6	G Blackwood, M McNally

The Uniform Shop Committee

Community News

Kuring-gai Creative Arts High School Open Day on Thursday 28th May from 9:00-11:00am. Parents will be able to walk around the school & observe students working in their classes. Bobbin Head Rd, North Turramurra 9144 7617.


Mt Colah Uniting Church Giant Garage Sale & Delicious Food

- Skip breakfast & lunch & bring your appetite for great bargains & scrumptious food. Bargains include furniture, electrical & computers, toys, books, plants, bric-a-brac & more. Plus you can fill up on BBQ food, cakes, desserts & Devonshire teas. Where: Mt Colah Uniting Church, Pacific Hwy & Amaroo Ave When: Saturday 23rd May 9:00am—2:00pm Donations of saleable goods & books very welcome. Please phone John on 0403 601 373.

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* **Class Awards** *
* **Term 2 Week 2 and 3** *

K Red	Taj M, Natasha D, Ben S, Jasmine M
K Blue	Zoe G, Thomas H, Piers M, Tamara W, Alex G
K Yellow	Zac G, Cameron G, Zara S, Matthew L
1L	Chelsea W, Andrew C, Faith A, Daniel M
1P	Mitchell K, Ben H, Katrina T, Annabelle M
2S	Jarrold H, Samuel A, Lachlan C, Claudia B
2V	Aaron S, Bella E, Sara N, Adam D
3S	Edward B, Liam B, Andrew B, Joanna D
3/4N	Caitlin E, Francesca K, Nicholas L, Ben C
4S	Beata D, Thomas A, Ben P, Matthew F
4/5N	Max M, Madison W, Samara C, Ben B
5C	Lachlan S, Kerry P
5/6T	Indira J, Nicole M

Congratulations to Skye, Brittany and Claudia who won prizes in the "What Easter Means To You" Competition run by Paul Jones Real Estate, Berowra.



Well done!

MindQuest 2009
Quakers Hill High School
Lalor Rd, Quakers Hill 2763
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July 2009
9:30am-3:30pm

On Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July 2009 the 15th MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Quakers Hills HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$150 (including GST). Quakers Hill HS is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. Contact BPS School Office for a brochure or Shelagh Poray on 02 4573 1139. Closing Date is Tuesday 9th June 2009.

New playshops for Children & Parenting with Awareness Seminar - phone Vicky 0410 297 627 or Fiona 9456 0424.
Intuitive Kids: Saturday 23rd May
Parenting with Awareness: Tuesday 2nd June
Imagine—Creative Play Day: Saturday 20th June

Berowra Soccer Club - 50th Anniversary Dinner for current & past players. Book soon as seats are limited.
When: Saturday 6th June
Where: Hornsby RSL Auditorium from 6:30pm
Cost: \$45 per person.
Contact Jo 0415 487 474 or Dennis 0438 103 165



Dear Parents

Time is ticking... please make sure that your child returns the Entertainment™ Book that was sent home, **or** the money for the book to their teacher by **Friday**. – Thank you



YOUR ASSISTANCE IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!

Diary Dates

Week 4

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
Band Preschool tour	Tuesday	26/5/09
Computer Skills competition	Wednesday	27/5/09
BPS Open Day and Book Fair	Wednesday	27/5/09

Week 7

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday	8/6/09
Science competition	Wednesday	10/6/09

Week 8

SSG meeting in hall	Tues 9:30am	16/6/09
School council meeting	Tuesday 7pm	16/6/09
Drama auditions	Wednesday	17/6/09
P&C meeting in BOOSH	Wed 7pm	17/6/09

Week 9

Spelling & Writing Competitions	Tuesday	23/6/09
Recorder group Opera House performance	Friday	26/6/09

Week 10

Life Education	Tues–Tues	30/6-7/7/09
Interrelate	Tuesday 6-8pm	30/6/09

Week 11

Last day of Term 2	Friday	10/7/09
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