



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Thursday 5th January, 2009
Term 1 Week 2

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

Firstly let me thank all parents, students and staff who have welcomed me so warmly to the Berowra Public School community. I feel very privileged to be taking up the position of Principal. My first impression is that this is a dynamic and positive school community. I have been very impressed with the energy and commitment of the staff, the positive attitude of parents I have met so far in helping the school to achieve its aims, and of course the outstanding manners, behaviour and desire to learn of the students. This is a very good school.

May I also recognise Anne Zifkin's excellent work as Relieving Principal. She did an outstanding job, and her organisation for the start of the year has certainly made my job over this first week much easier.

I am not alone in being new to Berowra. I know that you will join me in welcoming Mrs Sally Till to the school. Sally has been appointed as Assistant Principal, and in 2009 will be responsible for Stage 3. Welcome also to Mr Stuart Norrington, who is teaching 3/4N, and to Mrs Lara Lenton, who is teaching 1L for Term 1 pending the appointment of a permanent teacher from the start of Term 2.

I have talked to a number of parents about the placement of their children in particular classes. Some parents were concerned about the placement of their child in a composite class. There is a common perception that composite classes are a 'problem' because older and younger children are mixed together and the teacher has to teach two grades. Some parents are concerned that their children are 'repeating' if they are placed in a composite class.

In reality, composite classes are very similar to 'straight' classes in many ways. Students in a typical 'straight' class span a vast range of academic levels and social maturity, so much so that in effect every class is a composite class. I have taught Year 6 classes in which reading ages spanned from 7 years to 15 years. While these were extreme examples, all classes cater for students with widely diverse academic needs. Teachers address this by grouping, developing modified curriculum for some students, and by having different expectations for different students (while expecting every student will achieve to the highest level they can). In addition, most 'straight' classes have well over a year's spread in chronological age, and the range of social maturity in any class is also great.

You may have noticed in the press that the Teachers Federation has called a meeting this Friday morning to approve the recent salaries agreement. Berowra Public School will not be affected by this meeting, and it will be business as usual.

I am looking forward to working with you to ensure that every child achieves their personal best, and develops a strong sense of responsibility to their school and community. I am also looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the near future.

John Barwick
Principal

BPS 2009 CLASSES

K Blue	Mrs J Layson
K Red	Mrs J Butler
K Yellow	Mrs R Wynn
1L	Mrs L Lenton
1P	Mrs D Pickering & Mrs A Fearnside
2S	Mrs A Withford & Mrs E Sheldon
2V	Mrs H Vincent (AP)
3B	Mrs M Bolger
3S	Mrs K Smith
3/4N	Mr S Norrington
4S	Mrs K Setchell & Miss B Allan
4/5N	Mrs J Naylor
5CS	Mrs R Cacitti & Mrs Y St Clare
5/6T	Mrs S Till (AP)
6G	Ms L Glare
Library	Mrs J Smith & Mrs Y St Clare
Computer	Mr G Pritchard (AP)

BPS 2009 STUDENT LEADERS

Rachel S	Captain
Jordan G	Captain
Jemmisen O	Vice Captain
Ben B	Vice Captain
Emilie R	Prefect
Rochelle S	Prefect
Nicole M	Prefect
April B	Prefect
Mitchell F	Prefect
Jamie W	Prefect
Charlie P	Prefect
Callum C	Prefect

BPS 2009 HOUSE CAPTAINS

	<u>Captains</u>	<u>Vice Captains</u>
<u>EMU</u>	Brendon C Rebecca B	Lachlan T Sarah M
<u>KANGAROO</u>	Mitchell L Kate B	Scott F Bethany H
<u>KOALA</u>	Joshua A Kate R	Nicholas B Amelia M
<u>WOMBATS</u>	Chris A Jourdene Q	James S Betty F

Welcome back to school from the School Crossing Supervisors.

It is great to see all your happy faces again.

Please remember NO bikes or scooters are to be ridden across the road. Please walk. NO ball games near the road as well. Both can be very dangerous.



BAND NEWS - Welcome to all band members for 2009! Great to see all those familiar faces in Concert Band. We have plenty of exciting music for the year ahead. Training Band members are in for a treat with private lessons starting this week and band rehearsals in Week 5 on Wednesday 25th February. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to be at band rehearsals 8 to 9am on Tuesday for Concert Band and 8 to 9am on Wednesday for Training Band. Any questions or queries, please call me on 9456 2908.

Amanda Gillard

Rock Band News – Powerplay II Welcome back everybody to another exciting year of music. There are spots available for guitar (acoustic electric or electric), bass guitar & percussion. Beginners welcome, so come down any Thursday afternoon between 3.30 & 4.30 for a look & a listen or contact Garth Stevens on 9456 0089 or email powerplay@pacific.net.au.

UNIFORM SHOP - Hi all and welcome back to all our dedicated volunteers who keep the dream alive. We are so grateful for your support as all profits go back to the school to buy much needed resources. However, it is not all serious, as often (like most shop assistants these days) customers can't get served as we're too busy having a chat! You can volunteer anytime by contacting Sarah on 9456 6331.

Some of us are just always too busy so if you can't get to the shop during opening hours, you can always return an order form with correct payment to the office or BOOSH and then pick up your item from either place. It would also be a good idea to let Sarah know (see number above) so that we can process it ASAP.

Opening Times - MONDAYS 9-10am and THURS 3-3.45pm
Order forms are available from the office, BOOSH and the shop
No cash refunds on returned goods. A cheque will be forwarded.

Roster

Thursday	5/2	K Besley, S Bourke, H Anstice
Monday	9/2	S McCabe, V Eliasson, J McKendrick
Thursday	12/2	S Williams, L Trehwella, R Stoner
Monday	16/2	D Allan, S Parker, V Gordon
Thursday	19/2	B Bromfield, J Chalmers, L Tutton

The Uniform Shop Committee

CANTEEN NEWS - The Canteen opens again on Thursday 5/2. Keep an eye out for the new price list containing some exciting and yummy new items.

Online ordering is available again this year so if you are not familiar with it, please check with the Canteen Supervisors.

Our regular opening days are Monday, Thursday and Friday. If there is anyone who would like to help out once a month or more please see the ladies down at the canteen. We always have spots to fill.

Roster

Thursday	5/2	J Anderson, S Miller, K Riolino
Friday	6/2	A Nowell
Monday	9/2	T Manti, T Liquete
Thursday	12/2	F Minto, L Tutton, M McNally
Friday	13/2	J Buckle / J Chapman, V Eliasson
Monday	16/2	C Watson, L Meli

To the staff, students and friends of Berowra Public School

Thank you for opening your eyes and your hearts in helping us to continue to help those in need with your generous donation of goods during our Christmas appeal.



Carolyn O'Brien
On behalf of the Salvos at Hornsby
January 2009

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP - Welcome to all the new families to Berowra Public School and also Happy New Year to all our returning families.

The School Support Group is a very valuable part of the school community. It gives parents the opportunity to help the teaching staff with essential teaching aids and also many items to help make your child's time at school more enjoyable.

From time to time we are looking for parents to help with book covering, helping on Mother's day and Father's day stalls, morning teas for open days, Easter parades and other school activities.

We also help in other practical ways. We have just completed nearly 70 bright new chair bags for the Kindergarten classes of 2009. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies who did all the hard work - Claire Smylie, Trinity's grandmother, Georgie Scott and Sarah Williams for coordination. This was a big job but well worth the effort, thank you.

The SSG meets several times a term and the next meeting is Tuesday 17th February at 9:30am in the hall. We would love you to come and enjoy morning tea with us and find out more about our role in the school. Preschooler are welcome.

Please telephone me at home on 9456 2232 if you would like to help out with various activities but are unable to attend the meetings. Otherwise we would love to see our regular parents again as well as any new parents, including our new Kindy, at the meeting.

Ann Thomas, President

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAFE NSW are running a number of free courses at Hornsby TAFE Outreach this semester. They include computer, business administration, retail, work experience, small business, digital media and work opportunities for women. Call Hornsby TAFE Outreach on 9472 1239 to enrol.

Berowra Soccer Club Registration for 2009 season is at the clubhouse, Berowra Oval at the following times -
Saturday 7/2/09 9am – 3pm, Sunday 8/2/09 10am – 2pm & Wednesday 11/2/09 6pm – 9:30pm.

Ages: under 6 to over 45 Mens and over 35 Ladies.

Berowra Netball Club Registration for 2009 season welcomes new players (including boys under 12) and returning players. Saturday 7/2/09 9am – 3pm at Berowra Soccer Clubhouse. Netta teams for 7 & 8 yr olds played at Loftberg Rd, Wst Pymble. Competition for 9 yr olds to open & master teams played at Canoon Rd, Sth Turramurra. Fun Net program run at Berowra. For further information contact Debbie on 9456 0355 or www.kna.com.au.

Diary Dates

Term 1 Week 3

Meet The Teacher night	Thursday	12/2/09
Primary sport commences	Friday	13/2/09

Week 4

Leadership training Yr 5 & 6	Thursday	19/2/09
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Week 5

BPS Swimming Carnival	Tuesday	24/2/09
Training Band 1st Rehearsal	Wednesday	25/2/09

Week 6

Zone Swimming Carnival	Friday	6/3/09
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Week 11

Last day of term	Thursday	9/4/09
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Term 2 Week 1

Staff Development Day	Tuesday	28/4/09
Students return for Term 2	Wednesday	29/4/09

Asquith Girls High 2010 Enrichment Class offering places in its year 7 2010 for academically gifted students based on placement test results. Test will be held on Saturday 14th March 2009. Please ring Christine Davis on 9477 6411 for information package & to secure a place for your daughter in this exam.

Chase Stealers Softball Club Registration for 2009 season is as follows -
Saturday 7/2/09 10am – 4pm, Hornsby Mall
Sunday 8/2/09 2 – 4pm, Mt Colah Public School
Details at www.chase.softball.net.au or phone 0418 242 734.
T-ball, modball, juniors, seniors and ladies grades. A fun game for women and girls of any age or ability.

Parenting Anxious Children A seminar for parents of children aged 4-12 yrs discussing the nature of anxiety & the different ways it may present in children, risk factors & potential implications for parents & children, as well as identification of practical strategies & resources to assist.

When: Thursday 19th March 10am-12pm

Where: Level 2, old Maternity Building, Bldg 6 Hornsby Hospital, Palmerston Rd, Hornsby. Access via side of maternity bldg. Please allow enough time for parking & arrive 10 mins before start time for registration.

Cost: \$10. Registration & payment required prior to sessions. No charge for concession card holders.

Contact: Child Adolescent Family Team (CRAFT) to request a place or www.caft.notlong.com & locate booking form.

Meet the Teacher

Thursday 12th February

Kindergarten (Early Stage 1)	6:-6:30pm
Year 1 and Year 2 (Stage 1)	6:30-7:00pm
Year 3 and Year 4 (Stage 2)	7:00-7:30pm
Year 5 and Year 6 (Stage 3)	7:30-8:00pm

The intention of the evening is for parents/carers to gain a general overview of the class program.

If you have specific concerns about your child's progress, or other information of which you feel the teacher should be aware, please make an appointment for a confidential meeting at a later date.

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NO PARKING

Drivers may stop in this zone to **drop off** or **pick up** passengers or goods for a **maximum of 2 minutes**.

The driver **MUST** stay **within 3 metres** of the vehicle at all times.

The vehicle must **not** be left unattended.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

No Parking zones can also be used to **drop off** and **pick up** children.

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PLUS 2 DEMERIT POINTS**

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