



Berowra

Public School

The Crest

Wednesday 6th May, 2009
Term 2 Week 2

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

Welcome back to another terrific term at Berowra.

Kindergarten 2010

Helen Vincent and I had a very pleasant tour of the local pre-schools last week. It was great to get to know the directors and workers, and to meet some of our Kindergarten 2010 starters. While 2010 may seem like a long way away, we have already begun giving parents information to help them to prepare their children for the transition to 'big school'.

Our first Information Session will be held in the Library tomorrow night (Thursday 7th May) at 7:00pm. There will be two more sessions (with identical content so you only have to attend one!) on Thursday 14th May (10:00 am) and Tuesday 19th May (4:00 pm). The different times are designed to allow as many future parents as possible to attend. If you know of a family with children who may be starting at Berowra next year, could you please let them know about the information sessions, or encourage them to contact the school.

Anzac Day Ceremonies

I had the pleasure during the holidays of attending the Berowra RSL Anzac Day march and commemoration. I was very proud of our School Captains and Vice Captains, Rachel, Jordan, Jemmissen and Ben, who did a wonderful job and represented their school with pride.

But their work was not over. On our first day back, the school held its own special commemoration. I was absolutely thrilled by the mature and respectful way the student leaders, Captains and Prefects, conducted the event. We truly have an outstanding student leadership team.

NAPLAN tests

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be doing the national tests-known as 'NAPLAN' (National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy) next week. The tests are mainly designed to check how school systems and schools perform. Last years results showed that New South Wales performed very well in all areas (Reading, Writing, Grammar and Maths) compared to other states. Berowra Public School also performed very well, achieving results above the state average.

While the tests have a broader national purpose, parents are understandably very interested in their own child's individual performance, and the data we receive is very useful in identifying areas for future development. However, it is important to remember that these tests gauge performance in a limited part of the curriculum, over a three day period. They do not provide a full picture of any individual child's achievement across the curriculum.

Some reminders

Finally, I'd like to include a couple of reminders that have been posted in recent Crests.

- Please remember not to bring **dogs** on to the school grounds, unless of course they are Assistance dogs trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired. This is a legal requirement.
- Please help us by reminding your children that **hats** are to be worn whenever students are in the sun. If your child is not wearing a school hat during Recess or Lunch, they will be asked to stay under the COLA.

- The **staff parking area** off Hillcrest Road is reserved for staff parking and some deliveries. It is narrow, confined and busy, and is constantly in use. Please do not use the staff car park when dropping off or picking up your children to school or to BOOSH.

Human swine influenza

There have been extensive media reports about a new form of influenza virus- called 'swine flu'- identified in the United States, Mexico and Canada. NSW Department of Health has made it clear that there is no need for normal school operations to be interrupted. However, this is a good time to remind children (and adults) about good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection.

Simple precautions that prevent the catching and spreading of influenza include:

- ✦ wash hands with soap regularly, especially after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge
- ✦ cover your mouth if you cough
- ✦ if students are sick, keep them home.

If you are aware of any students or staff who have recently returned from the United States, Mexico or Canada, and are feeling unwell with any flu-like symptoms, please immediately advise them or their parents to contact their local GP or public health unit. If you would like more information about swine influenza, this can be accessed on the NSW Department of Health at www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine_flu.

John Barwick
Principal

Library News - Welcome back to Term 2! Lots of books were read and enjoyed over the holidays, judging by the overflowing 'return books' box in the Library! Thank you for participating in and encouraging your child's reading journey. Please help your child to return all holiday borrowings.

This year we will again be taking part in the "MSReadathon" which last year, thanks to some terrific reading by your children, raised over \$1,500 to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Thanks to all those who took part, we can do it again this year. On Wednesday 13th May, a MS representative will talk to the children at Primary Assembly. Children can register online at www.msreadathon.org.au.

If we have 20 or more children registering we receive a free book pack for the Library. The aim is for children to recruit sponsors for all the books they read between 1 - 30 June 2009. There are lots of prizes to reward the children for their efforts and the money collected will be used to help change the lives of the 18,000 Australians, many of them young, living with the disease. You can register now or when you receive your brochure on the 13th May. Children from K - 6 are welcome to take part.

Don't forget to check out the noticeboard outside the Administration Building.

There is often interesting and sometimes more comprehensive information about current events at school and community happenings.



Once again we are having Book Fair during Education Week. BPS Open Day and Book Fair is on Wednesday 27th May. Lots of wonderful books for your child to choose with all the excitement that goes with buying a book 'at school'. A percentage of the sales goes towards restocking the library with the latest books that the children want to read. A brochure will go home with the next Crest so start saving your pocket money. There will also be a selection of books for your child to donate to the library. Thank you.

Mrs J Smith—Librarian

Drama News - Both the Senior and Junior Drama Groups are entering the Sydney North Drama Festival to be held again this year at NIDA in early August. The tentative titles of our plays are:

Senior Drama - "Galaxy Adventures"
(2009 is the Year of Astronomy)
Junior Drama - "Extinction - To Be or Not To Be"

All children will have their parts this week and it would be wonderful if you could practise their lines with them. There will be special blue Drama notes about simple costumes for the audition. The date is Wednesday 10th June. Here's hoping we are successful again this year.

Mrs J Smith

Reading Recovery - A thousand thank yous to all the parents and Mrs Lee from the library, who helped prepare books for Reading Recovery. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Mrs D Pickering

Sport News - Congratulations to *Natalia M* who achieved outstanding results at the State Championships for Shot Put and Discus.

Liana B participated at the Area Soccer Trials at Ryde and was successful to reach the next level where she will participate in the State Carnival held on the Central Coast.

Rep Shirts - Now that summer PSSA sport has finished, please return all rep shirts. They can either be returned to the uniform shop or left at the office.

Some people *still* have not returned shirts they borrowed last year. Please return them ASAP or you may not be able to participate in representative sport again.

S McCabe - Rep Shirt Coordinator

School Support Group News - Thank you to Oceane's grandmother, Pam Allen, for the lovely donation to the Mother's Day stall. We also receive a number of anonymous donations. Thank you to everyone. Your donations helped to make the SSG Mother's Day stall a great success and fun for the children.

Canteen News - Just a reminder to those who are on the Canteen Roster that if you are unable to come along please try to swap with someone who is on your particular day or try the emergency contacts. If you are unable to find anyone please contact Anne or Teresa in the Canteen to let them know, as it is important that they know who is going to help them each day. Thank you

Canteen Roster

Thursday	7/5	K Riolino, M McNally
Friday	8/5	A Nowell
Monday	11/5	T Manti, L Furzer
Thursday	14/5	J Anderson, S Miller
Friday	15/5	J Buckle/J Chapman, V Eliasson
Monday	18/5	C Watson, L Meli, I Font

Anne, Teresa & the Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop - Rush-in for all your winter gear as we've just received lots of scarves, wind-proof jackets, socks and tights. Unfortunately the hats are still on their way. Remember you can also pick up an order form from the office, BOOSH or the shop and we will process it ASAP.

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	7/5	K Besley, S Bourke, H Anstice
Monday	11/5	S McCabe, V Eliasson, J McKendrick
Thursday	14/5	S Williams, L Trehwella, R Stoner
Monday	18/5	D Allan, S Parker, V Gordon

The Uniform Shop Committee

Diary Dates

Week 2	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
	Kindy Information Session 10am	Thursday	14/5/09
Week 4	SSG meeting in hall	Tues 9:30am	19/5/09
	Kindy Information Session 4pm	Tuesday	19/5/09
	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
	Drama auditions	Wednesday	10/6/09
Week 8	SSG meeting in hall	Tues 9:30am	16/6/09
	School council meeting	Tuesday 7pm	16/6/09
	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

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 or email wideviewfete@gmail.com



Community News

Turrumurra High School Open Morning on Friday 8th May from 9:15 to 11:00am. Please visit and see our students and teachers in the classroom. Maxwell Street Turrumurra.

Berowra Netball Club are starting a Fun Net Program on Monday afternoons at Warrina St netball courts from 3:50-4:30pm from 4th May continuing until early August. This program is for girls & boys aged 5-8 years old. If you are interested in learning about netball & having fun, grab some friends & come down to the courts. Cost of \$35 covers KNA insurance. Enquiries to Michelle Rae 9456 7464.

Macquarie Uni Astronomy Open Night is open to students and parents to look through telescopes, hear talks & inspect various displays. See the moon, planets, stars nebulae & clusters. Food & drink available.
 When: Saturday 9th May from 6pm
 Where: Macquarie Uni, Bldg E7B, North Ryde Campus
 Cost: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$25 Family
 No booking required. All proceeds support astronomy activities for the public at Macquarie University.

Interested in hosting an **Exchange Student?** Become a little brother or a little sister & open your door to another country. Young ambassadors from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France & Germany are looking for life long friends & a place to call home during their stay. For more information please contact World Education Program 1300 884 733 or email wep@wep.org.au.

Bunnings Thornleigh Mum & Kids Night on Thursday 7th May from 5 to 7pm. Sausage sizzle, refreshments, fun & games, make a gift with mum for Mother's Day. Fun for all the family and it's FREE. Bookings essential. Ph 9479 9000.

Generation Next Seminars - A public seminar aimed at understanding the unique health & wellbeing challenges facing generations Y & Z and how these challenges can be met. Australian's leading experts on children & teenagers in one event.
 When: Saturday 23rd May 6-10pm
 Where: Clancy Auditorium, Uni of NSW
 Cost: Tickets are \$45 & available through Ticketek. www.gennextseminars.com. Supported by 'Headspace', 'Beyondblue' & 'Kids Helpline'

Bully Busting Workshop for Parents - know how to help your child deal with Bullying.
 When: Tuesday 16th June 7pm-9pm
 Where: Epping Leisure & Learning Centre, 1 Chambers Court, Off Pembroke St, below Epping Library. Free parking.
 Cost: Free. Bookings are essential on 9847 6050.

Student Exchange Australia - In July 2009, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. To learn more phone 1300 135 331 or visit the website: www.studentexchange.org.au

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 * **Class Awards** *
 * **Term 1 Week 10 & 11/Term 2 Week 1** *

K Red	Caitlyn R, Lachlan W, Alexander H, Amy S
K Blue	Ali A, Renee B, Ty W, James N
K Yellow	Stephanie M, Rahin N, Francesca N, Jeremy J
1L	Lachlan M, Chelsea W, Chloe M, Alice C
1P	Isabella S, Rachel W, Dylan P, Nakita B, Alexandra W
2S	Bonnie P, Parsa D, Hewitt F, Claire M
2V	Ella W, Flynn B, Alyssa-Jane B, James R
3B	Maddie W, Sian S
3S	Ashlinn M, Sam F, Brenten S, Liahm W
3/4N	Caitlin R, Mark V
4S	Alex P, Will G, Laurissa H, Madeleine H
4/5N	Sarah H, Meg T
5C	Cameron Y, Grace G,
5/6T	Alice B, Michael F, Timothy S, Carly D
6G	Courtney M, Jourdene Q

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