Dear Parents / Care Persons,

Welcome to Term 1 and another exciting year of learning. We hope that the following outline of the class and grade learning experiences for this term will be informative and helpful. For important dates for the term, please see the school website or 'The Crest'.

Our goal for Stage 3 students is to lead through showing responsibility and respect.

**English**

**Writing**- Recounts and narratives - focusing on the use of paragraphs, topic sentences, descriptive language, identifying author's purpose and editing skills.

**Spelling**- Weekly lists, consisting of core words, theme words and spelling rules. 'Spellodrome' used for consolidation and extension.

**Reading**- Shared, guided and independent reading activities with the focus on inferential comprehension strategies.

**Talking and Listening**- Debating skills, class discussions and topic talks.

**Mathematics**

**Number**- Topics to be targeted this term in number will be fractions, decimals, multiplication, division and subtraction. 'Mathletics' will be set for homework and may also be used during class time.

**Space and Measurement**- 3D shapes, angles, volume and mass.

**Problem Solving**- Strategies used to solve problems and ongoing problem solving questions, including preparation.

**Human Society and Its Environment/Science**: Our HSIE topic for this term is a country/cultural study linked to literacy units. 5K - Australia, 5W - Italy, 5/6J - South Africa and 6B - Vietnam.

**Creative and Practical Arts**: Class art includes elements of art. This term, Year 5 and Year 6 are attending weekly dance lessons with Mrs Lukic. Interest groups are also continuing this term for students who are not in school PSSA teams. Some of the elective classes included are: still life drawing, string art, scrap booking and computers.

**PD/Health**: students will review lessons involving core expectations from our PBEL program. The lessons will focus on the three core elements Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best which undermine the student welfare policy at our school. We are also completing Child Protection lessons this term relating to identifying unsafe situations and protective strategies.

**Sport/PE** - Morning fitness is well underway. The stage 3 students move between 4 activities on a four day rotation, participating in circuits, skipping, cardio games and games skills. Summer PSSA, tennis, gymnastics and school sport will officially start in week 3.

Berowra Public School is committed to providing its students with educational opportunities that engage them in the community and develop their sense of citizenship. In 2014 the students will be involved in an ‘Adopt a Grandparent’ program with local nursing homes. The program encompasses all aspects of the students’ learning with their role as an active community member being the most significant learning outcome.

Regards,

Stage 3 Teachers