

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 3 already?



Vicky Wallace **PRINCIPAL**

an you believe it's Week 3 already! The year is certainly off to a flying

Playground upgrades

A couple of quick updates....our girls' and boys' toilet refurbishment are underway with the internal of the block being demolished over the last week. Our basketball court is expected to be completed by the 17 February with a layer of Flexipave needed to finish the project. See photos on the following page.

At the end of Week 4 we will be farewelling Mrs Brittani Mitchell who will be taking maternity leave for the arrival of her new bub. We wish her all the very best with the upcoming addition to her family.

Behaviour Code for Students

This week we will be sending home a new draft version of our BPS School Behaviour Management and Support Plan. This version of the plan has been updated to reflect the DoE's new Behaviour Code for Students and the updated Suspension and Expulsion Procedures. The school has been implementing our BPS School Behaviour Management and Support Plan Draft from the beginning of the year. Later in the year we will be consulting with parents, teachers and students to gain feedback and adjust our BPS School Behaviour Management and Support Plan Draft before it is finalised by the end of the year.

Respect at School posters

This term, you will notice new posters

around the school that aim to help support a safe and respectful culture at our school.

These posters are part of an initiative to remind everybody to treat our hard-working school staff with kindness and respect. Every school community around the state is very different. While most schools are respectful and harmonious, violence and unsafe behaviour in any form is not acceptable in schools. School staff and students have the right to learn and work in safe and respectful learning environments.

With that in mind, I encourage you to join everyone at our school in getting behind this important work to make a positive change.

We value our partnerships with you to support our students to learn, grow, and belong. It is up to us - the school and the parent-body - to be good respectful role models to our students. Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff.

I hope you will support this initiative. What do you need to do? It is easy: Please treat our students and staff with kindness and respect, at all times. We are here to help you.

I invite you to contact me if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing our families at the Meet the Teachers 2024 afternoon/evening on Tuesday 20 Februrary.

""Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." - John Dewey

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COVER: Meet our new school captains and vice captains for 2024. Full gallery inside!.

Monday FEB 26: Swimming Carnival

EXCURSION

SCHOOL

SPORT

Wednesday MAR 20: Stage 1 excursion to Gibberagong

Tuesday FEB 20: Meet the Teacher

Wednesday MAR 27: Hat parade

Wednesday FEB 21: Scripture resumes

Thursday APR 4: Term 1 Dance Concert



DANCE

JUNE 17-30 2024: Sydney North Dance **Festival**

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK **TRIAL LINK**







Security Hotline: 1300880021



OUR **WEBSITE**

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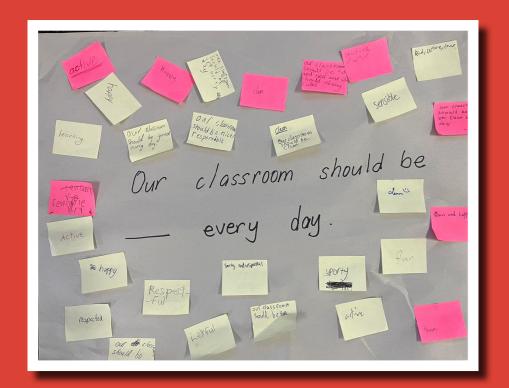
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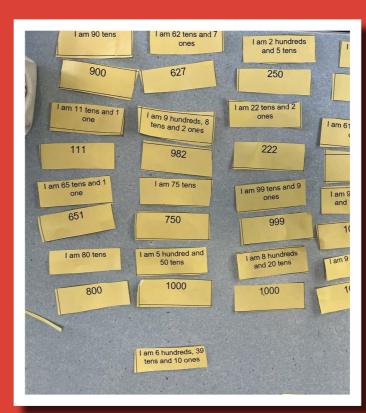


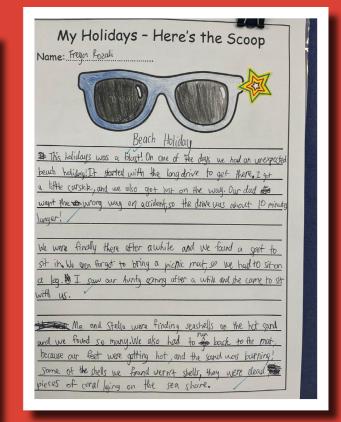


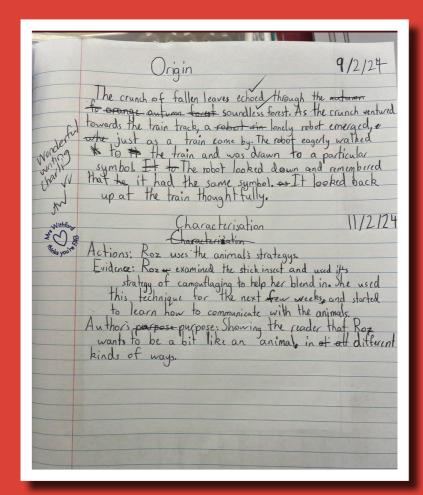




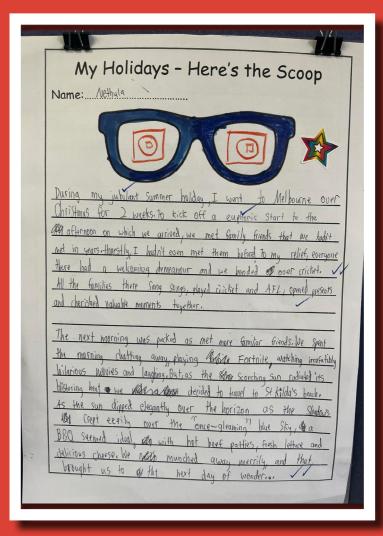










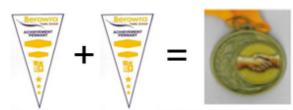


Office: (02) 9745 1170



BPS POSITIVE REWARD SYSTEM IS CUMULATIVE

Don't forget to save your awards.
Bring them to the office when you have enough for an Honour Certificate, Pennant or Medal



TWO Pennants equals ONE Medal



THREE Honour Certificates equals ONE Pennant



FOUR Merit Certificates equals **ONE** Honour Certificate

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Berowra Public School is held on Tuesdays from 11:20am to 12:10pm, starting on 13 February 2024.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad https://www.chesssquad.com/ which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



EATING TIME

Lunch Play Time 11:35am-12:10pm

> Break 2 Recess Eating time 1:55pm-2:05pm

> > Recess Play Time 2:05pm-2:20pm



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MERIT AWARDS

CLASS KF

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BE

ANNOUNCED

CLASS KT

BEAU H,

LEILA K.

CLASS 1/2K

IZZY P.

FLORENCE C.

JAMES K.

BENNY K.

CLASS 1/2L

RORY W.

DAISY M.

AADITYA A.

DIESEL TC.

CHARLOTTE D.

CLASS 1/2S

OLIVIA P.

OLIVER P.

EVELYN C.

DOMINIC M.

CLASS 3/4L

TO

ANNOUNCED

CLASS 3/4B

CLASS 3/4P

MAXINE C.

JACK H.

ELODIE B.

ZANDER W.

AARNA S.

LACHLAN R.

LEO S.

MAX R.

SAMANTHA C-F.

WILL P.

AUDREY R.

SIENNA P.

CLASS 5/6R

NIKA B.

CHARLIE G.

MADELINE B.

ANNABELLE S.

HAYDEN W.

CHASE G.

CLASS 5/6S

JACOB C

ARYA D,

ALEX C.

BRODY J.

YURI R.

NINA P.

CLASS 5/6A

AUGUST S.

CLASSES WORK

The number of students affects class composition – executive and teaching staff decide on the class structure which best suits the needs of the students and school.

The new K-6 syllabus documents have established multi-age class scope and sequence and units of work to support teachers and students.

No 'one' group is seen to be disadvantaged - all classes in each stage will be given the same opportunities, expectations and strategies.

A 1997 report Multi-Age Classes in NSW found that these classes based on educational principles do not

disadvantage students academically and actually benefit them socially and emotionally.

Even within the same class, children will be at different levels. Teachers recognise this and differentiate the learning in all classes so that students are accessing the curriculum and learning at their level.

Research has shown that children become more confident, can operate better as part of a group, are more assertive, become more independent learners and better problem-solvers. They also make friends outside of their standard age-groups, and develop tolerance & diversity.

Do you love to sing?
Do you love music?
Come and try our
Primary Choir with Mrs Withford.
Years 3-6 welcome.

"The Berowra Singing Stars"

When: Thursdays first half lunch

Start: Term 1, Week 3



Expectations

Respect Self

Respect Others

Respect Community

PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning

During Weeks 1-3 of Term 1, all classes will be exploring our school wide PBL expectations and what it means to respect self, others and community. Following these lessons, each class will work together to develop their own classroom expectations under the headings of Respect Self, Others and Community.



This fortnight's Smiling Mind focus is Awareness

At Home Activities

K-2Practise mindful colouring in and try to focus your attention on how your hands feel as they colour, how you are holding the pencils and the colours that you are using. Experiment with different pressures by colouring some parts lighter and some parts darker. Afterwards, reflect on whether focussing on one thing at a time helped you to feel calmer.

Focussing on your breathing will help you to learn how to pay attention to your body and how you feel. Find a quiet space and sit down comfortably. Place your hand on your belly and take 10 deep breaths. Feel your hand move up and down with each breath. Write down how you feel afterwards. You can practise this whenever you need to, at home, on the bus or in the car.

Stage 3

Awareness means being alert to everything you can notice - sometimes noticing things around you can be hard because we can get distracted. This activity will help you learn how to notice more things around you. Sit down in a quiet space with something to write with. For one minute, try to write without stopping about everything that comes into your awareness - what can you see, what can you smell, hear or feel or can you notice any thoughts or emotions? How much can you become aware of in one minute?

Smiling Mind website https://www.smilingmind.com.au

Serowra

Respect in 1/2L

Self	 Be ready to listen and learn Always try your best Show perseverance and be willing to try new things 			
Others	 Follow teacher's instructions Listen respectfully to others Use kind words Keep your hands and feet to yourself 			
Community	 Keep our classroom and school environment clean and tidy Remember to put rubbish in the bin Use school equipment properly 			

Everyone - Everywhere - Everytime

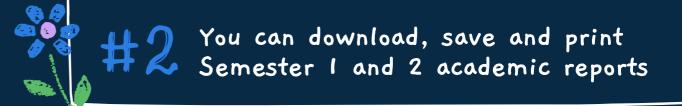
Respect in Library Be a Focused Listener Stay on task Self • Show a Positive Growth Mindset -Try new things, be resilient and show perseverance Follow teacher's instructions the first time Listen respectfully to others and show kindness **Others** Keep your hands and feet to yourself Use guiet voices • Use the Library space, books and equipment responsibly Walk sensibly around the library

Everyone - Everywhere - Everytime

Pack up the library ready for the next class

SENTRAL PARENT MMPORTALMM

All parents have access to the Sentral Parent Portal and you can download the app to you phone



You can check your child's attendance

You can provide reasons for absences without having to send a note or an email

If you know your child will be absent from school on a future date you can provide an explanation in advance

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Community

Band

Group Name: Berowra Public School Performance Band a

Vear groups: Years 3 to 6
Day of week: Monday Performance Band & Wednesday Training Band

Start and finish dates for Term 1: Performance Band start Monday 12th February, Training Band start TBC. Last rehearsal week

starting 8th April. Location: School hall Cost: Termly fees: \$110 Instrument hire per half year: \$100

Small group weekly tuition sessions with private tutors will be available at school or you can hire your own private tutor: Usually between \$25-50 for half hour lessons. Costs TBC.

nusic@bps.org.au www.music.bps.org.au www.keymusicaustralia.com.au/about.html

Chess Coaching

Company Name: Sydney Academy of Chess

Teacher name: John Stuart

Year groups: Years 1-6 (Kindy recommended to wait until Term 3) Day of week: Tuesday

Time: Lunchtime

Class start and finish dates for Term 1 - 13th February - 9th April Location: Library

Contact details: (02) 9745 1170 Any other information: Email enrolment@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for

Choir

Group Name: Berowra Public School Choir

Teacher name: Ms Liz Kempe and Mrs Alison Withford Year groups: Junior Choir - Year 1 & 2, Senior Choir - Years 3-6

Day of week: Junior Choir Fridays, Senior Choir Thursdays

Times: Lunchtimes

Start date for Term 1: Junior Choir Friday 16th February, Senior Choir Thursday 15th February

Location: Junior Choir - 1/2K, Senior Choir - 5/6A

Cost: Free

Contact details: Ms Kempe and Mrs Withford via berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Other information: No audition needed

Girls' Dance Group

Teacher name: Mrs Kelly Lukic

Year groups allowed to attend: Year 3-6

Students were selected by audition in Term 1, Week 2

Day of week: Tuesday Times: 8:15am - 9:15am

Start date: Tuesday 13th February

Location: School hall

Cost: TBC - approximately \$150 per year

Contact details: Mrs Kelly Lukic via berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Boys' Dance Group

Teacher name: Mrs Kelly Lukic Year groups allowed to attend: Years 3-6

Students were selected by audition in Term 1, Week 2

Day of week: Thursday Times: 8:15am - 9:15am

Start date: Thursday 15th February Location: School hall

Cost: TBC - approximately \$150 per year

Contact details: Mrs Kelly Lukic via berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

N.B.: These details are valid for 2024 only

Friendship Club

Group Name: BPS Drama Group

Teacher name: Ms Georgie Simpson-Lee & Mrs Jan Layson

Day of week: Tuesday

Times: Lunchtime

Start date: Week 3 13th February

Location: Library

Other information: Anyone can attend. Term 1 puzzles, Term 2 board games,

Term 3 card games, Term 4 origami

Contact details: Ms Georgie Simpson-Lee via berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Recorders

Group Name: BPS Recorder Program Teacher name: Nazli Bodaghi

Year groups: Kindy-Year 2 in Junior Recorder, experienced players Years 3-6 in Festival Rec Day of week: Friday Times: Junior Recorder - 8:45 - 9:15am, Festival Ensemble - 3:30pm-4:00pm

Start and finish dates for Term 1: 9th February TBC – 12th April

Location: School library

Cost: \$140 for half a year if paid within 14 days, otherwise \$150 for half a year. Sibling discount of \$10 is available Contact details: ensembles@bps.org.au music@bps.org.au www.music.bps.org.au

Strings

Group Name: Berowra Public School String Ensemble

Teacher name: Nazli Bodaghi Year groups: Kindy-Year 6

Day of week: Friday

Times: 8:00am-8:45am

Private lessons for String Ensemble 4:00pm-5:00pm Start and finish dates for Term 1: 9th February TBC – 12 April

Location: School library

Cost: \$210 for half a year if paid within 14 days, otherwise \$220 for half a year. Sibling discount of \$10 is available

Contact details: ensembles@bps.org.au music@bps.org.au www.music.bps.org.au

Other information: For K-6 students who are learning or would like to learn violin, viola, double bass, cello or

Writer's Club

「Group Name: Writers' Club . Teacher name: Mrs Tennille Kolarik Year groups: Years 3-6

Day of week: Wednesday imes: Lunchtime

Start date for Term 1: Wednesday 14th February Location: School library

Contact details: Mrs Tennille Kolarik via berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Summer Sports Term 1 and Term 4

Teacher names: Mr Dom Parkinson- Cricket; Mrs Claire Dewar & Mr Scott Griffin - League tag

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Year groups: Junior teams - Years 3 & 4, Senior teams - Years 5 & 6
Day of week: Friday games. Training 8:20am Fridays. All training starting week 5.
Times: Leave school on buses at 9:00 am on Friday. Children to arrive at school no later than 8:50am
Start date for Term 1: 17th February
Location: League Tag - Foxglove Oval; Cricket - various ovals
Cost: Varies depending on draw and buses
Contact details: Mr Scott Griffin via berowra-pschool@det.nsw.edu.au
Other information: Parents are able to attend games to spectate
Equipment: League tag students to wear runners (boots to be confirmed prior to season commencement)

Senior cricketers may use their own equipment otherwise the school will provide it. In Term 1 plastic bats are used, which are provided for by the school. In Term 4 the junior cricketers may use

Winter Sports Term 2 and Term 3

Teacher names: Mr Scott Griffin - AFL, Mr Dom Parkinson - Soccer; Mrs Sarah Krull -Netball

TBC (might not be offered due to staffing) – AFL Year groups: Junior teams - Years 3 & 4. Senior teams - Years 5 & 6

Day of week: Friday games. Training times to be arranged in Term 2.

Times: Leave school on buses at 12:15pm. Location: Various local ovals

Cost: Varies depending on draw and buses Contact details: Mr Scott Griffin via berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Other information: Parents are able to attend games to spectate

Equipment: Soccer and AFL players need to bring footy boots but wear runners to school.



LIBRARY

WELCOME TO TERM ONE IN THE LIBRARY

This term we have many interesting lessons planned, ready to immerse the children in books and reading for pleasure as well as for information. A wide variety of literature encourages the children to explore creative thinking and expressive language which will greatly benefit all students.

Please encourage your children to bring their library bags on their library day.

TUESDAY 3/4L, 3/4B, KF, KT WEDNESDAY 5/6A, 5/6G, 1/2S THURSDAY 3/4P, 5/6R, 1/2P, 1/2K

If you find any overdue library books at home, please return them as soon as possible.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

This year we are hoping to encourage all students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge begins on Monday February 26th, and ends on Friday August 23rd.

Please click on the PRC website link for more details https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

More information will follow in the next Crest.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club offers parents the opportunity to purchase books for their children. Our school directly benefits, with a percentage of the total sale of books given back to the school in the form of Bonus Points. These help the library to purchase current books to keep our collection up to date and to ensure that the library has copies of the most popular books for children to enjoy. Two brochures are sent home each term.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to the library. Happy reading!

KELLY LUKIC AND GEORGIE SIMPSON-LEE

SCHOOL

We would like to remind families of the correct school uniform for all students. This uniform was designed by Berowra Public School students, promotes a sense of belonging and creates a positive identify for the school community.

Girls Summer Uniform

Purple polo shirt with school logo
Completely black Skort/shorts
White ankle socks
Completely black school shoes
Black polo fleece jacket
Wide brimmed school hat

Boys Summer Uniform

Purple polo shirt with school logo

<u>Completely black</u> shorts

White ankle socks

<u>Completely black</u> school shoes

Black polo fleece jacket

Wide brimmed school hat

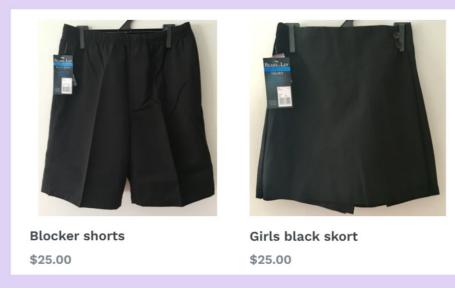
Sports Uniform

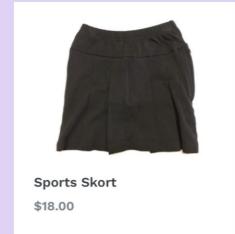
House colour polo shirt
Black shorts/skort/trackpants
White ankle socks and trackshoes
Wide brimmed school hat

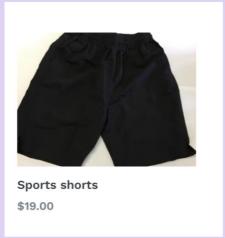


School logo only on clothing, socks and hats, no other logos should be seen.

Shorts must be of an appropriate length. Bike shorts and short shorts are not appropriate.







Uniform shop link https://uniformshop.bps.org.au/

Please also be aware of the following;

- nail polish, bracelets, necklaces, rings and earrings (other than studs or sleepers) are not permitted to be worn at school.
- Watches can be worn and in the case of Smart Watches, must be on school mode, as per the mobile phone policy.
- Hair that touches the shoulder must be pulled back. Small hair accessories are permitted in the school colours of purple, yellow and black.















LET'S
MEET OUR
NEW SCHOOL
CAPTAINS
2024



School Captain: Nethula S. School Captain: Ryan O. Vice Captain: Evie M.-M. Vice Captain: Grace W.

Prefects (not pictured):

Yusuf Y. Noah U. Alex C. Levin N. Aggie D. Charlie E.













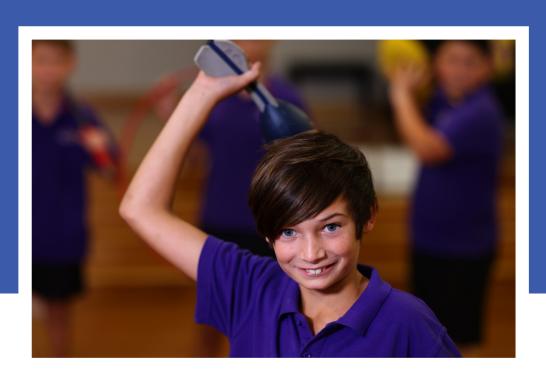














Everyone deserves to feel safe at school



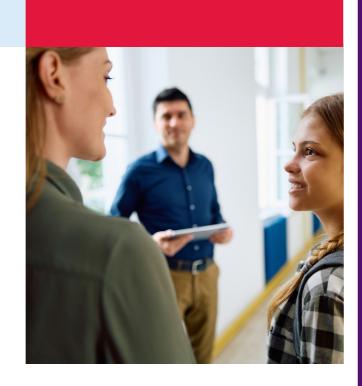
Please treat our staff and students with kindness and respect



Aggressive behaviour will **not** be tolerated



Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff



Canteen Menu 2024

Available Wednesday, Thursday and **Friday**



Order online at www.Flexischools.com.au

by 8.45am or at the cant	teen by 9	am	
TOASTED SANDWIC	HES		
Cheese	\$3.00	HOT FOOD	
Ham	\$3.50	Garlic bread	\$2.00
Chicken	\$3.50	Corn cob	\$2.00
Cheese & tomato	\$3.50	Spring roll	\$0.80
Cheese & ham	\$4.00	Nuggets	\$3.50
Cheese & chicken	\$4.00	- gluten free	\$4.00
Cheese & pineapple	\$3.50	Snack pie	\$3.50
Cheese & baked beans	\$3.50	Homemade pasta bolognaise	\$4.00
Cheese & spaghetti	\$3.50	-gluten free	\$4.00
Cheese & tuna	\$4.00	Sausage roll	\$4.00
Spaghetti	\$3.20	Spinach & ricotta roll (V)	\$3.50
Baked beans	\$3.20	Traveller pie	\$4.50
Tuna	\$3.50	Chicken burger with lettuce &	\$550
Ham, cheese &	\$4.00	mayo	
pineapple		- add cheese, cucumber &	\$6.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.00	tomato	
Gluten free bread	\$1.00	Beef burger with cheese &	\$5.50
SANDWICHES		tomato sauce	
Vegemite	\$2.00	- add salad	\$6.00
Cheese	\$3.00	Chicken snack wrap with	
Ham	\$3.50	lettuce and mayo	\$5.50
Chicken	\$3.50	- with cheese, carrot	
Tuna	\$3.50	cucumber & tomato	\$6.00
Salad	\$3.00	Pizza slab 170g	
Egg	\$3.00	- cheese or hawaiian	\$4.00
Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$3.50	*	
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$400	Sauce - tomato or BBQ	\$0.40
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.00		
Extras - salad, cheese or		W	
mayo	\$0.50		
Gluten free bread	\$1.00	Access to the second se	
Wrap	\$0.50		

All sandwiches on wholemeal bread



Meet the Teachers 2024

Tuesday 20th February

An opportunity for you to meet the 2024 teachers, find out information about the year ahead, have a BBQ and a chat

- ES1 5pm in the Kindy rooms
- Stage 1 5:30pm in 1/2P & 1/2S
- Stage 2 6pm in the Library
- Stage 3 6:30pm in 5/6R
- BBQ will be available from 5pm-6pm
- Staff supervision will be in the playground for school aged children from 5pm-6:30pm

A Google Doc will be sent home prior so you can add any questions you would like answered during the session

AUTISM PARENT COURSE



Tuesday 20th February 2024 - 7:00 pm - 8.30 pm

There is a webinar for parents focusing on information relating to children and young people aged 8 – 14 years.

Professor Tony Attwood will help provide an understanding and strategies to help you guide your child or young person so that they can navigate their environment and increase their potential. With a career spanning five decades, Professor Tony Attwood is considered to be one of the world's foremost experts on autism. His renowned books Asperger's Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals and The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome, have been translated into over 30 languages. They cover diagnosis, social relations, sensory issues, motor control and typical issues faced by autistic people and their support networks.

Topics covered in this webinar include:

- · What is Autism/The Spectrum/Asperger's. Are there differences? What do these terms mean?
- · Where does mental health sit with autism?
- · Strategies to help in your home and everyday life

- · How parents/carers and schools can work together for positive outcomes
- · Strategies for approaching behaviours at school
- · Kids working alongside neurotypicals at school.

What does and should this look like in the classroom

Link to register:

https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/whats-on/navigating-autism-home-and-school

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CLASSROOM

creating class rules and expectations being firm but fair smiling minds axiety project individualised positive learning culture RFF Dojo points class rewards check-ins / sharing postivie classroom atmosphere



camps / excursions / incursions sport stage-based curriculum groups developmental play sessions See-Saw sport assembly items

What things aid student belonging

Our teachers have been busy sharing their ideas

WHOLE

carnivals
parliament
assembly
Book Week
gotchas
writers' club
garden club
choir
dance groups
media team
HZSS

Buddy classes
NAIDOC
ANZAC DAY
School Merit System
Sport houses

COMMUNITY

Open Day
Mother'/Fathers' Day breakfast
Dance Concerts
Hat Parade
Book Parade
Anxiety Project
Sounds Write
Working Bee
Parent Helpers
Social Media (Facebook)

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Friendship Club



Do you enjoy puzzles?

Come and join our Friendship Club with Mrs Simpson-Lee and Mrs Layson

Yrs 3-6 welcome

Tuesday lunch after eating time

Starting term 1 week 3







BAND ENROLMENT FOR 2024

We are excited to welcome new members to the School Band Program in 2024.

Instrument Demonstration Videos

are available to view on our enrolment website.

For full details about costs and to **ENROL** in the Band Program:

www.myschoolband.com.au/enrol



Visit the link or Scan the QR Code to ENROL and view Band Instrument Demonstration Videos

BAND ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

For students who will be in Years 3 – 6 in 2024

Key Music Australia
Managing Director: Matt Dalziel
office@keymusicaustralia.com.au



What do Neil Armstrong, Gwen Stefani and Steven Spielberg have in common? Nothing you say? Not true, they all played in their school bands.

There's still time to join our school TRAINING BAND! Rehearsals are due to start later this term. See the music website for further information and registration.

MUSIC.BPS.ORG.AU/TRAINING-BAND



Playing a musical instrument has been shown to increase cognitive ability through enhanced neuronal communication between the left and right hemispheres of the brain, resulting in positive effects on learning, memory, and fine motor skills.

Through the BPS Music Program we aim to foster an interest and enjoyment of learning music. This early musical grounding provides a foundation for continued musical education through to high school and adult years.

The Training Band is ideal for kids in Years 3-4 who are brand new to learning an instrument.

If you have already been learning a musical instrument for over a year, talk to us about joining the Performance Band.



