

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

# A busy school

#### Carolyn Stephens PRINCIPAL (Rel.)

an I say a big thank you to Mrs Beckedahl for keeping the school running smoothly during the first two weeks while I was on leave. What a beautiful day we had for the Cross Country Carnival after all the wet weather. I was very impressed with the students, especially the house leaders, who enthusiastically cheered on students from across the school, providing motivation and encouragement. Thank you to the P&C and volunteers, who ensured everyone was well fed and provided a delicious sausage sizzle. It was great to see so many parents were able to

This week students in the Gamechanger Challenge worked all day with Ms Humphreys and Mrs Kolarik to create their video submission to the design thinking competition. One team from Stage 2 and one from Stage 3 worked collaboratively on the 2024 Wicked Problem 'Make life better for all without harming the planet.'

attend and cheer their children on.

Mrs Boon has been working with the Maths Olympiad team to get ready for theupcoming second contest. This program teaches major problem-solving strategies and strengthens mathematical intuiting in preparation for high school. Good luck - mathematicians!

A big thank you to Clare Salke and the P&C for funding the gorgeous new lyrebird mural that went up last week. The artist, Austin from NITSUA, was once again welcomed back to beautify our school. The P & C are extremely

dedicated and hardworking and have made many valuable contributions to improve the school environment and provide resources to enhance student learning.

Today we invited prospective and existing Berowra families to our Kindergarten Open Day. The day was well attended, with lots of new little faces welcomed to our school. We are following that up with a dance performance and workshop in June. complimented on their confidence, level of participation and enthusiasm and were an absolute credit to our school.

The basketball/netball court looks fantastic. Final hand over should occur next week but already the comments, particularly about that amazing purple surface to fit in with our school colours, have been very positive and is a popular area with the students during play breaks and

Work on the toilet block continues. Delays have occurred as a result of underlying problems with the pipes and concrete slab. Extra approvals and funding needed to be sought to fix the issues, hence the delay. Work has restarted and should continue to proceed regardless of the weather.

Mrs Stephens will return next week as Principal but thank you to students, parents and teachers for your support over the last two weeks especially Mrs Dewar and 3/4B who worked so hard to continue their learning.

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin

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COVER: Delayed by wet weather, we had brilliant sunshine for our Cross Country loast Wednesday.

## **SCHOOL**

Monday MAY 27: School Photo Day Thursday JUN 6: Kindergarten 2025 dance concert





Wednesday JUN 12: Fair Committee meeting



Monday JUN 3: Stage 2 camp **Tuesday JUN 4: Kindergarten to Bobbin Head** 



#### DANCE

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK **LINK** 







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hat a wonderful start to the new term. Everyone has been eager to be part of learning and enjoying the activities in class and as part of the school.

All students made a great contribution to our Cross Country event last week. Thanks to the encouragement from other students who were present along the route, our girls and boys made a magnificent effort.

In class we have been investigating koalas and their habitat. We have discussed ways to keep them safe as an enduring symbol of Australia.







## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

## BOWERBRD BLUES AUTHOR: Aura Parker

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event held by the Australian Library and Information Association and is happening on Wednesday 22 May 2024. It involves children reading the same book simultaneously in libraries, early learning services, schools, and homes across Australia.

This year's book is **Bowerbird Blues** by Aura Parker. It's a beautifully itten and illustrated Australian

story about a bird collecting blue items from across the land, cities, and under the sea. During library students have engaged in book discussions about the characters, the setting and the events as well as whether this book is fiction or non-fiction. We shared our ideas about how the beautiful illustrations assisted in creating the mood and feelings of the story. The text has rich vocabulary with so many interesting verbs

and adjectives. Some were new to us. Stage 3 are creating their own Cinquain poems using this rich vocabulary, Stage 1 are experimenting with many shades and hues of blues in their bowerbird drawings and Stage 2 created a whole class poster as they answered this question: "What is the most important thing you want to collect if you were a collector like the

Bowerbird?". It can be an object, person, feeling or anything important to you. This lead into discussions about what message the author is trying to give the reader. These were some Stage 2 responses, "It is good to see new colours"; "It can be better if we try new things"; "Objects are not the most important things but loving someone is!"











## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR** LEARNING (PBL)

ast week our new gotcha tokens arrived, reigniting the students drive to show respect for self, others and community. The purchasing of gotcha tokens and their collection tubes was instigated as a motion at student parliament where the student body voted in favour of the new system.

Students earn gotchas when they are 'caught' demonstrating respect for self, others and community. The children then place their gotchas in the new classroom tubes and later add them to the larger whole school tubes that are kept in the library. At the end of each term the house with the most amount

of gotchas, is rewarded. The PBL committee have decided to change this end of term reward from an ice block to a different reward each term. Stay tuned for Term 2's chosen reward!

Our PBL program promotes and reinforces respectful behaviour which has a significant and positive impact on our student's wellbeing and sense of belonging. The new tokens and tubes are a prominent visual remind for students and have sparked excitement across the school> The tikens have encouraged conversations around respect and the many ways the students can

demonstrate respect at school.

Our PBL focus for this past fortnight has been the wearing of correct full school uniform and students have been recognised for this with gotcha tokens. In the upcoming fortnight our PBL focus will be respectful behaviour in and around the toilets. We have discussed ways to keep them safe and an enduring symbol of Australia.

**ELKY ROBERTS Stage 3 Assistant Principal** 







## TEAM SPIRIT: OUR FOUR SPORTING HOUSES WERE IN FULL VOICE TODAY









This will provide easier access for schools and families, enabling more of our students to see their work on display.

As always, a team of judges will select 50 artworks to be gifted to the Children's Hospital at Westmead and these works will continue to be displayed at the Art Gallery of NSW annually, as well as being displayed in their local gallery in the larger exhibitions.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our talented artists. Don't forget to send in the entry form with your artwork. We look forward to receiving your artwork entries by the due date - Friday 10th May for display in a gallery near you in 2025!

Operation Art is an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education. Students are invited to create their own artwork and send this in to Mrs Lukic or the school office with the entry form by Friday 10th May. Artworks can be up to A2 (420mm x 594mm) in size and up to 5mm thick. Each school may select only 2 artworks to enter the competition.

All artwork entries received by schools this year will be exhibited in galleries across NSW in 2025, according to the regions where the students' schools are located.



## Operation all



### Artwork release form - 2024/2025

A separate form is required for EACH student. Please return the completed form to the school to be submitted with the artwork.

Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead strives to remove the anxiety for both parents and children during hospitalisation by developing an extensive collection of children's artworks to stimulate the healing and recovery process.

- I agree to the participation of my child in Operation Art. Artworks to be exhibited in 2025.
- I agree that, if selected, the original artwork becomes part of the permanent collection of The Children's Hospital at Westmead and/or of Operation ArtBank for gifts to country and overseas hospitals. I understand that the works selected for the Children's Hospital at Westmead will be exhibited at Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick and SpecFest Exhibition at Qudos Bank Arena.
- I understand that at the completion of the exhibition if not selected, the framed work will be sent back to the school. The ownership of the work will be decided between the school and student's
- I authorise the NSW Department of Education and/or The Children's Hospital at Westmead to use, copy or adapt any photograph, film or video recording of my child's artwork or portrait image and I understand that these images may be used for teaching resources and other publications including the Operation Art and/or The Children's Hospital at Westmead websites on the internet.
- I also agree that, if not selected for Operation ArtBank, the artwork may be submitted for consideration for other Visual Arts activities supported by the NSW Department of Education such as international art exchanges with Japan, USA, etc. Schools and students will be advised if any works are selected for such activities.

#### **Privacy Notice**

The information provided on the Student Entry Form and General Release form is being obtained for the Operation Art 2024/2025 project. It will be used by the NSW Department of Education, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, and galleries for postage of invitations, catalogues, certificates, name tags, wall plaques, for publicity purposes and for corresponding with participating schools, parents and students. Provision of this information is voluntary. It will be stored securely.

If sufficient student identification is not provided the artwork may not be accepted for exhibition. You may correct any personal information by contacting the Op Art Coordinator on (02) 8512 1195.

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Parent/caregiver phone number Paren	nt/caregiver email
Parent/caregiver signature and date	



School.



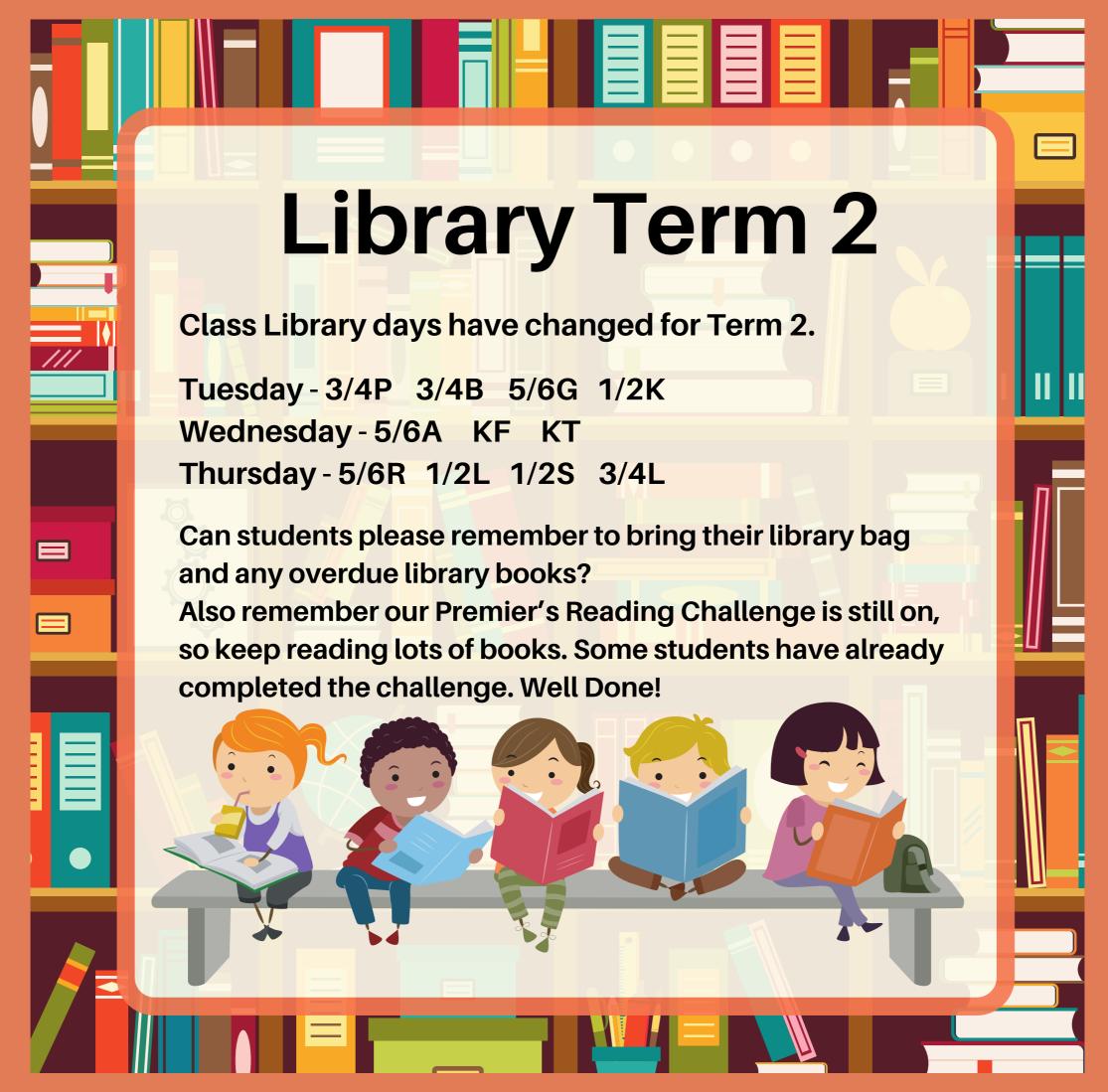
Parents & Carers! Join us with your preschool aged children and visit Berowra Public School. Meet at the hall for some information about our school and how to enrol then enjoy a tour with our student leaders.

: Wednesday, 22nd May 2024

:10am -11 AM

Location: Meet in the Library. A school tour will follow.







# Book Glub

Issue 3

Available now.

Due date for Book Club:

May 18



TERM 4

## KINDY TRANSITION

2024

Students, Parents & Carers! Join us for our 2024 Berowra Public School Kindergarten transition program. Students spend time in a primary school environment while parents and carers attend informative workshops for the best possible start for your child.

DATES

Friday, 25th October 2024 Friday, 1st November 2024 Friday, 8th November 2024



**TIME** 9.30 AM - 11 AM

Don't miss this opportunity to get your child comfortable & excited about their journey to Big School.

## **LOCATION**

Meet under the library COLA



**MORE INFO:** 

berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au 02 94561319



## Owra School Wide Expectations

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PBL	Office	Eating Areas	Playground	Canteen	Toilets	Hall	Outside of School HZSS/Bikes/Bus
Self	Use your manners Use the office for the right reasons	Take care of your belongings Sit down to eat	Be in the right place at the right time  Take care of your belongings  Play safe and fair	Be in the right place at the right time  Spend your own money	Use the toilets at break times when possible  Wash your hands  Leave unnecessary belongings outside e.g. food	Be in the right place at the right time Respect the occasion Sit quietly and sensibly	Be in the right place at the right time  Take care of your belongings  Represent your school appropriately
Others	Be patient and wait your turn  Be polite to the office staff	Leave others to eat in peace Eat you own food and drinks	Follow teachers' directions the first time  Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself  Encourage others	Follow teachers' directions the first time Speak politely and wait your turn	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Respect others' privacy Use an inside voice	Follow teachers' directions the first time  Listen attentively to all speakers	Follow teachers' directions the first time  Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself  Speak politely and act kindly
Community	Be helpful and friendly to all visitors  Be respectful of furniture and surroundings	Keep the area clean and tidy  Put your lunch boxes in the class tub	Use equipment appropriately and safely  Keep food away from play areas  Be respectful of other people's games	Keep the area clean and tidy Use facilities and equipment properly	Use facilities properly Conserve water Keep facilities clean and tidy	Take care of facilities  Applaud appropriately	Walk bikes and scooters in school grounds Follow road rules Use facilities properly

## BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## MERIT AWARDS

CLASS 5/6R

**MADDELINE B** 

CLASS 5/6G

**ANNOUNCED** 

**CHARLIE G** 

JASPER C

LUCY C

То

BE

**OLLIE F** 

**DILAN H** 

NIKA, B

**CLASS KF** 

**ALISTAIR H** 

**JAMIE E** 

**CLASS KT** 

**TEDDY W** 

**YUKI B** 

CLASS 1/2K

**CIARAN G** 

**HAZEL M** 

JAI R

**CHRISTEL R** 

CLASS 1/2L

**AADITIYA A** 

**ROBBIE C** 

**ZADIE G** 

TOM H

**DAISY M** 

**RORY W** 

CLASS 1/2S

**JOSHUA M** 

MILES B

**IVY A** 

**EVELYN C** 

CLASS 3/4L

PIPER H

MILI G

**STELLA R** 

**ELYSE D-R** 

**ABBY MC** 

WILL R

CLASS 3/4B

**SOFIA S** 

**CHLOE D** 

GEORGIA C

**KAISEN P** 

CLASS 3/4P

MIKA G

**ELODIE B** 

**MARIA Y** 

**KAIG** 

**CAIDEN A** 

**MOLLY M-M** 

CLASS 5/6A

**CHARLOTTE B** 

**SAMANTHA C-F** 

**LEVIF** 

JASMINE A

**AUGUST S** 

**NOAH U** 

## **THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB**



TERM 2, 2024

#### **Presented by the Children's Discovery Museum**

A four week program for young scientists aged 6 to 8 years presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. Participants will be able to learn and explore themes from different branches of science through numerous practical experiments.

#### **Session 1: All about plants**

Explore the fascinating world of plants as you create a leaf rubbing, press flowers and leaves, and design a growth experiment to continue at home.

When: Monday 27 May, 4.30pm—5.30pm

#### **Session 2: Wind Things**

Explore the science of flight through a series of construction activities, including a working model wing, a whirliging and a paper plane to take home.

**Monday 3 June,** 4.30pm–5.30pm

#### **Session 3: Sounds of Silence**

Lend your ears to the exploration of sound through a series of hands (and ears) on sound experiments and make your own sound maker (kazoo) to take home

When: Monday 17 June, 4.30pm-5.30pm

#### Session 4: Tricks of the eye

Blink and you'll miss this intriguing workshop exploring visual illusions and how we view the world, and make a thaumatrope to take home.

When: Monday 24 June, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Where: Hornsby Library, 28-44 George Street, Hornsby

**Ages:** Strictly 6-8 years

**Cost:** \$60 for the 4 week program

**Bookings:** Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Bookings are essential. For booking details and further information on this event and more events in your library visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library







JOIN US FOR A DANCE LESSON OR COME AND WATCH OUR SCHOOL DANCE & CHOIR PERFORMANCE! (PRESCHOOL EXCURSIONS OR PARENTS AND PRESCHOOL CHILDREN)

DANCE WORKSHOP: THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 10.20-11.20AM AND/OR TERM 2 DANCE CONCERT: THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2.30-3.10PM



please RSVP: bonnie.tonkes@det.nsw.edu.au

## SCHOOL **UNIFORM**



#### **Girls Summer Uniform**

Purple polo shirt with school logo Completely black Skort/shorts (no logos)

White socks that are below mid calf 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 (no logos) White socks that are below mid calf Completely black school shoes Black polo fleece jacket Wide brimmed school hat

#### **Sports Uniform**

House colour polo shirt Completely black shorts or skorts (no logos) White socks that are below midcalf and track shoes

Wide brimmed school hat

Logos - School logo only on clothing, socks and hats, no other logos should be seen. Shorts - Shorts must be of an appropriate length. Bike shorts and short shorts are not appropriate for school.

Tights and Leggings - Black tights and/or leggings are only to be worn under school uniform.

Jewellery - Bracelets, necklaces, rings, and earrings (other than studs or small 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 BPS mobile phone procedure.

Accessories - Nail polish or false nails are not permitted to be worn at school. Hair that touches the shoulder must be pulled back. Small hair accessories are permitted in the school colours of purple, yellow and black.

#### **Girls Winter Uniform**

Purple polo shirt with school logo Completely black Skorts, shorts, jazz pants or trousers (no logos) White or black socks Completely black school shoes Black polo fleece jacket Wide brimmed school hat

#### **Boys Winter Uniform**

Purple polo shirt with school logo Completely black Shorts or trousers (no logos) White or black socks Completely black school shoes Black polo fleece jacket Wide brimmed school hat

## **Uniform shop link** https://uniformsho p.bps.org.au/

#### Canteen Menu 2024

Available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Order online at www.Flexischools.com.au

by 8.45am or at the canteen by 9am							
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. d					
mayo	\$0.50						
Gluten free bread	\$1.00	area Colonia	1				

All sandwiches on wholemeal bread

Wrap







nspiring the next generation of artists.



WHEN: 2/5/2024 - 6/6/2024

TIME: Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

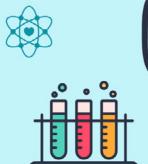
WHERE: Berry Park
36 Berowra Rd
Mount Colah





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## GAME CHANGER CHALLENGE



Years 3-6

## WHAT IS THE GAME CHANGER CHALLENGE?

The Game Changer Challenge is the department's award-winning design thinking competition.

Open to public schools across the state the challenge centres on discovering solutions for a real-world, wicked problem by applying classroom learning.



#### 2024 WICKED PROBLEM

Make life better for all without harming the planet.

Your challenge is to invent or innovate solutions that not only spark progress in communities locally and around the world but also ensure our planet stays green and healthy for generations to come.

#### WHAT DOES THE GAME CHANGER CHALLENGE INVOLVE?

Two teams of 5 students are selected based on their behaviour/participation in STEM lessons and their written application, prepared at school.

Students attend an information session run by the finalists at Asquith Girls High School. Final team selection will be announced before the end of the term. Those who have been selected to be on one of the teams will attend an incursion in term 2 to create the video submission. 120 schools are invited to be apart of the Semi Finals (virtually) and of those, 20 schools are asked to attend the finals in Paramatta. If you'd like to find out more please talk to Miss Humphreys or google: Game Changer Challenge 2024

#### THE TIMELINE

#### STEP 1

Register interest with Miss Humphreys.

#### STEP 2

Attend information session with AGHS. Submit application.

#### STEP 3

Final teams announced

#### STEP 4

Teams attend an incursion to create video submission. (term 2)

