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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Tuesday DEC 3: Year 7 2025 Asquith Girls High Orientation Day

Monday DEC 9: Year 6 Mini Fete

Monday DEC 9 6pm: End of Year Music Concert

Wednesday DEC 11 6pm: Year 6 Farewell

Monday DEC 16: Presentation Day

Wednesday DEC 18 2:30pm: Clap Out

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Education is the foundation of all we do in life. It shapes who we are and what we aspire to be.”
- Julie Payette

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COVER: Our new sandstone blocks offer another gorgeous playground sanctuary for our students at Berowra Public School.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you!



Carolyn Stephens
PRINCIPAL (Rel.)

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible P&C! I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated and resourceful P&C for organising a fantastic Spring Fair for the Berowra community last Saturday. Their countless hours of hard work and meticulous planning made the day a tremendous success.

While the rain held off, some of our teachers, students, local club members, and even our politician found themselves drenched in our fun-filled Dunk Tank! We were treated to a wonderful showcase of talent from our school groups from our community, including our band and dance teams.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who managed the class stalls—I can personally recommend the delicious nachos and gozleme! It was heartwarming to see so many families and teachers coming together to support this wonderful event. The funds raised will directly benefit our school by providing essential resources.

As we celebrate our successes, I also want to share some personal news. I have accepted a permanent principal position at Kegworth Public School in Leichhardt, starting in 2025. My time at Berowra Public School has been incredibly rewarding, and I am grateful to the staff, students, parents, and

community members who have welcomed me and made my role so fulfilling this year. While I am sad to leave, I have full confidence that the school will be in excellent hands with Mrs. Wallis returning from maternity leave next year.

As we approach the end of the year, I look forward to participating in the exciting events we have planned, including the Year 6 High School experience, Year 6 Mini Fete, Key Music concert, Year 6 Farewell, and Presentation Day.





RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

FLAGS OF UNITY

CAROLYN STEPHENS
Berowra Public School
PRINCIPAL

We're excited to share an update on one of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) goals focused on enhancing the visibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags throughout our school. Recently, we connected with Julian Leeser, the Federal Member for Berowra, who generously provided us with three small desk flags for our office and

three larger flags to be proudly displayed in our hall. Julian presented these flags during our Spring Fair on Saturday and even joined in on the festivities by volunteering for our Dunk Tank. A big thank you to Julian for supporting us in reaching another important milestone in our RAP journey!



BORROWING

LIBRARY

This is the last week for students to borrow books.

It would be appreciated if books are returned over the next couple of weeks.

A reminder note will be sent home to inform you of an outstanding loans.

Many Thanks

Julie McHugh
TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

MERIT AWARDS

CLASS KF

AMELIJA V
JOSIE P

CLASS KT

TEDDY W
LUIS W
ANNABELLE V

CLASS 1/2K

NOAH B
CAMERON B
LILA K
JAI R

CLASS 1/2L

LEO F
ARTHUR D
ADDISON C
DIESEL T

CLASS 1/2S

TO
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CLASS 3/4L

STAN B
CLARA B
ELYSE D-R
MILIKE G
EMILY P
WILLIAM R
STELLA R

CLASS 3/4B

GEORGIA C
GUS G
LAYLA R
EMILIA P
SAM H
SOFIA S

CLASS 3/4P

MADELYN K
JASMINE A
NYA B
ARMI M
NETHULA S
NOAH U
LEVIN N-W
RUEL M

CLASS 5/6A

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CLASS 5/6R

EMMA P
WILL S
LUCY C
COOPER R X2
AOIFE O'B
JESSE W

CLASS 5/6S

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20th ANNIVERSARY SHOWCASE

On Tuesday 12th November, nearly 380 performers from across 8 primary schools came together at The Concourse Concert Hall in Chatswood for an amazing musical concert. The Key Music Australia 20th Anniversary Showcase was held to celebrate 20 years of Key Music being involved in primary school music education and band programs.

The evening started with our Combined Training Band performing for around 20 minutes. There were so many performers that we filled the stage and the choir stalls, and for many of these musicians, this event was their first ever performance in a professional venue. The Combined Concert Band was next and they performed brilliantly for about half an hour, before the audience was treated to an amazing spectacle of all Training Band and Concert Band students performing together for one incredibly loud and fun song.

Our Combined Performance Band of nearly 160 performers was the final performance of the night, and they played for just over 30 minutes with back to back fun songs that had the audience clapping, singing, and dancing in their seats.

This was the first time our bands have ever been involved in an event of this type, and it was an incredible showcase of the musical talents of our young musicians. Congratulations to every performer who was involved in this event- you played brilliantly! A special thank you to our parent helpers who helped the night run so smoothly and looked after all of the students.

Events like this are what make being a member of the Band Program so much fun.

THE CONCOURSE CHATSWOOD



2025 P&C TEAM

PRESIDENT – SANDRA NGUYEN



I joined the P&C Executive team last year and have taken on the president role at the AGM in August. What I have loved is being able to see the hard work that has gone into the fundraising resulting in substantial items for the kids – like the new chrome books the P&C was able to fund.

My favourite volunteering role is in the canteen and watching the kids get so excited picking up the birthday buckets, or coming to confess they forgot their lunch and need some nuggets.

When I grow up, I'd like to be a barista by day and a sommelier by night.

VICE PRESIDENT – LARA HOYE



I have recently taken on my first P&C Exec role as Vice President. I aim to bring some new ideas and insights to the Exec Team and the concept of being the spokesperson for other parents.

Being a big kid at heart, my favourite P&C events are discos and the Fair.

When I grow up, I want to be Barbie, that girl has everything!

FUNDRAISING – KIRSTY CHAN



I joined the P&C about 3 years ago. I find it an invaluable line of communication between the school and the parents. It is incredibly satisfying to be part of a group that all have the same agenda - how can we make our children's school the best it can be.

My favourite part of being in the P&C is helping with the decision making. We recently provided chrome books for stage 1. My son came home absolutely thrilled on the first day they were able to use them at school. I have strong beliefs that public education is underfunded by the government and unfortunately it is up to P&C volunteers to fundraise and help to try and make up this shortfall so our kids have the opportunities that they deserve.

CANTEEN – JESS PAYNE



I started volunteering last year & really enjoyed it! I now work every Friday because it's the busiest day for lunch orders. I like having a chat while we work, and then serving at lunchtime and seeing the very good manners kids show to us and each other.

My daughters, Emilia and Thea, are at BPS in years 3 and 1. Their favourite canteen items are sushi, pies, TNTs and Crispy Fruits.

SECRETARY – DOMINIC O'BRIEN



I have been the P&C secretary for 3 years and love taking notes :)

I enjoy landscaping and house renovation.

My favourite P&C events are the Discos!!

VICE PRESIDENT – SARAH BRADLEY



I joined the P&C a year ago, and it's been wonderful to see the amazing work the committee does and to take part in the school's fundraising activities. It's also been a pleasure to meet and hear from the principal and teachers.

My favourite P&C fundraisers are the school discos—there's lively music, and it's great to see the kids having fun outside of class. A close second is helping in the canteen. As for food, I love popcorn and lollies, so I'm excited to help at the lolly stall at this year's school fair!

I'm still figuring out what I want to do when I grow up, but whatever it is, it has to involve the three Fs—Family, Friends, and Fun!

CANTEEN – SUSANNAH WARE



Put simply the P&C is the heartbeat of this school's community. I have been involved with the P&C since 2016 & have met many like-minded parents who are now good friends. I volunteer because I want my kids to know what a helper looks like. I want my kids in the future to also serve their community as adults. You don't have to have all the skills in the world but you need to have a heart to help others. I invite you to share this vision. We meet regularly at the school for meetings & new insights always welcome.

MUSIC – ALEX HEATHERS



I am Chairperson for the Music Committee. As a trumpet player I see this as an important way to contribute to musical learning at the school. I have also worked on the last 2 fairs running the logistics in the background, and provide IT support to the Canteen, discos, and other P&C activities. I hope to see you around at the next event!

TREASURER – MEGAN MURPHY



I joined the P&C Executive Team as Treasurer in October 2023 as I have a love of spreadsheets and numbers!

My favourite P&C volunteering role would be the Mother's Day or Father's Day stalls. I love seeing all the kids picking out their gifts.

When I grow up, I would like to be paid to travel the world.

UNIFORMS – LISA SHARP



I am the Uniform Shop Coordinator for Berowra Public School. I have lived in Berowra all my life and I have two girls at BPS, Sofia in Yr 3 and Imogen in Yr2.

The P & C has given me the opportunity to meet other parents and teachers and allowed me to be a part of the school community.

CANTEEN – TERESA MCKENZIE



I am the canteen manager, and I have been at Berowra Public School for over 15 years. My two children, Amy (30) and Holly (25) both went to Berowra Public School.

I love seeing your children's smiling faces when they come to collect their lunches and snacks.

MUSIC – LISA HEATHERS



I have been on the Music Committee since 2020 when my son joined band in Year 3. I love being part of a great team who help provide fun music opportunities for the kids! At the end of the day, the kids are the ones who benefit from the extra programs our school has to offer. To learn a musical instrument is not only very good for your brain, but a skill for life!

Did you know?

- P&C is made up of parents and teachers from the school – any parent can join!
- P&C events can't run without parent volunteers !
- Being involved in the P&C doesn't need to be a 365-day commitment
- You can help out ad hoc
 - * Don an apron and master the BBQ for a Father's Day breakfast
 - * Offer your professional services
 - * Attend a meeting with a new idea – or send an email to: secretary@bps.org.au
 - * Put on your dancing shoes (or just wear your joggers) and sign up to help at a disco
– it's only 2 hours and we only run 3 a year!
- Check the calendar in The Crest for meeting dates and upcoming events being run by P&C
- Meetings are held once a month at the school – if you can't make EVERY meeting – that's OK!

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Berowra BPS dad and bringer of jokes, kettlebells and bikes, Bas Green is the owner of BAS Health & Fitness – and one of our proud bronze sponsors for our Spring Fair!

Berowra's favourite group fitness sessions, BAS Health & Fitness gives you holistic fitness with a feelgood vibe, coached by expert fitness trainer, Bas himself.

Regardless of age, ability, skills or fitness level, he can adapt the session to give you a solid workout that's ideal for where you're at. His fitness sessions all have his trademark blend of science, physical challenge, art, mental stimulation, and group fun. If you've even been up before the sun round here, you might have seen him setting up sessions for an awesome group of BASinators on Berowra and Warrina Ovals.

Reach out and contact Bas, to start your health and fitness journey today!

Contact Bas on 0416 977 963



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Club Berowra is situated at 997 Pacific Highway, Berowra and is a great location not only for residents of Berowra and adjacent suburbs but also as a mid-way point between Sydney and the Central Coast. With several bars, gaming areas, dining areas and events all year round, you can enjoy a lunch, diner or beverage six days a week with the convenience of being picked up or dropped home safely, care of their fabulous courtesy bus.

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So, whether it is gymnastics, adult or children's fitness classes, ninja courses, indoor soft play, swimming lessons or indoor parkour – you can guarantee Moving Bodies has it all! Plus, it's a fabulous venue for your next little one's birthday party or perhaps you'd prefer to hire their mobile birthday party equipment? Whatever it is – ensure you visit Moving Bodies today, you're sure to have a tonne of fun!
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Contact Adam today: 9099 5336

GARDEN CLUB

BEROWRA'S BUSHTUCKER GARDEN IS COMPLETE!

PETER LEARY

Berowra Public School
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A big thankyou to all involved from Mr Daykin our hardworking GA to class representatives who planted our native, edible plants, to all the students and teachers who helped, prep, plant, mulch, water and now maintain our impressive new garden. A big thanks goes to Woolworths who have been running the junior Landcare grant for many years now. We're all looking forward to tasting some bushtucker crops in the near future.





BEFORE



AFTER





SCHOOL GROUNDS
**WHAT'S
NEW**

**A WONDERFUL ADDITION
TO OUR PLAYGROUND: A
SANDSTONE BLOCK SANCTUARY
FOR OUR PLAYGROUND NEAR
THE OFFICE**

Benourna PS
PRESENTS

Drama

WITH MISS HUMPHREYS

Wednesdays in the hall

1/2K - Mrs KEMPE

It has been a wonderful start to the final term of the year. Student's have made an impressive progress and have grown both physically and academicazlly throughout the year.

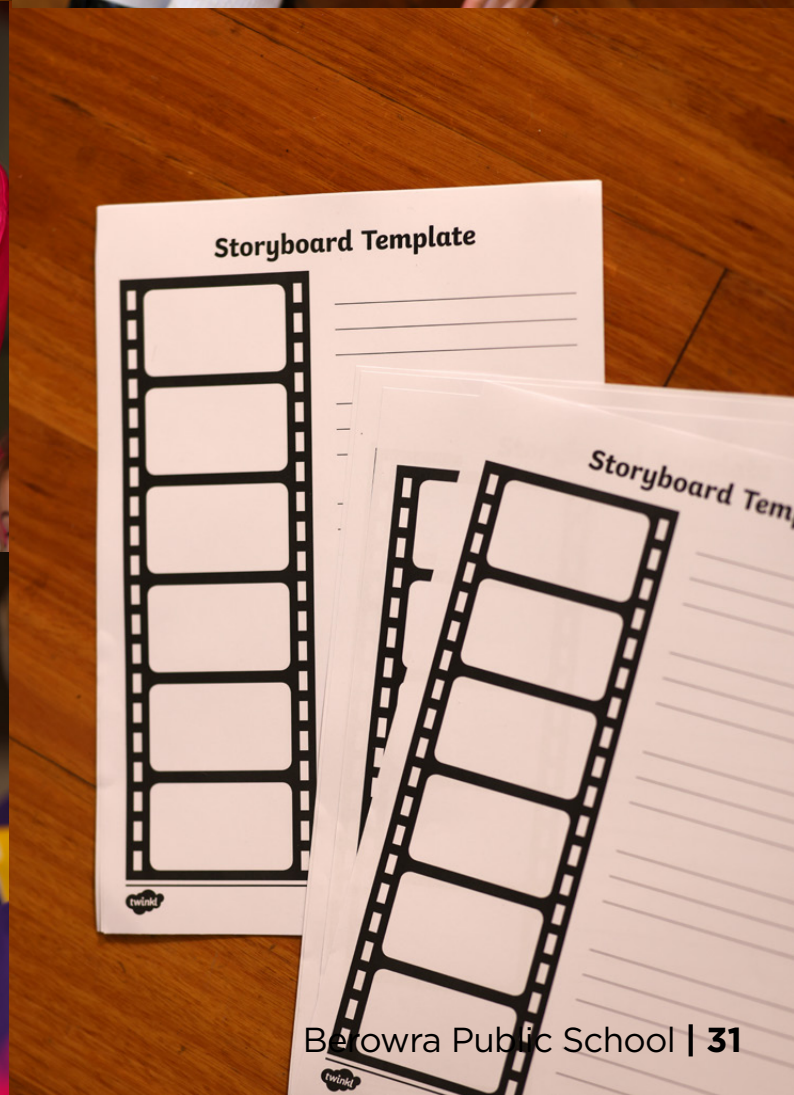
Stage 1 has taken on a more team approach to sport this term and they are enjoying it immensely. It looks like we will have some buddy cricketers, footballers and look out on the netball courts in the future.

Grandparent's Day was a huge success in our class. It was so good to see 3 generations of families enjoying playing games like pick up sticks and naughts and crosses!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a happy holiday period.









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SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

BOYS HIP HOP ENSEMBLE

KELLY LUKIC

Berowra Public School
DANCE COORDINATOR

Congratulations to Will S and Nixon G who will be performing in the boys hip hop ensemble at the Schools Spectacular on 29th-30th November at Quodos Bank Arena.

Tickets are still available at

<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/schools-spectacular/tickets>





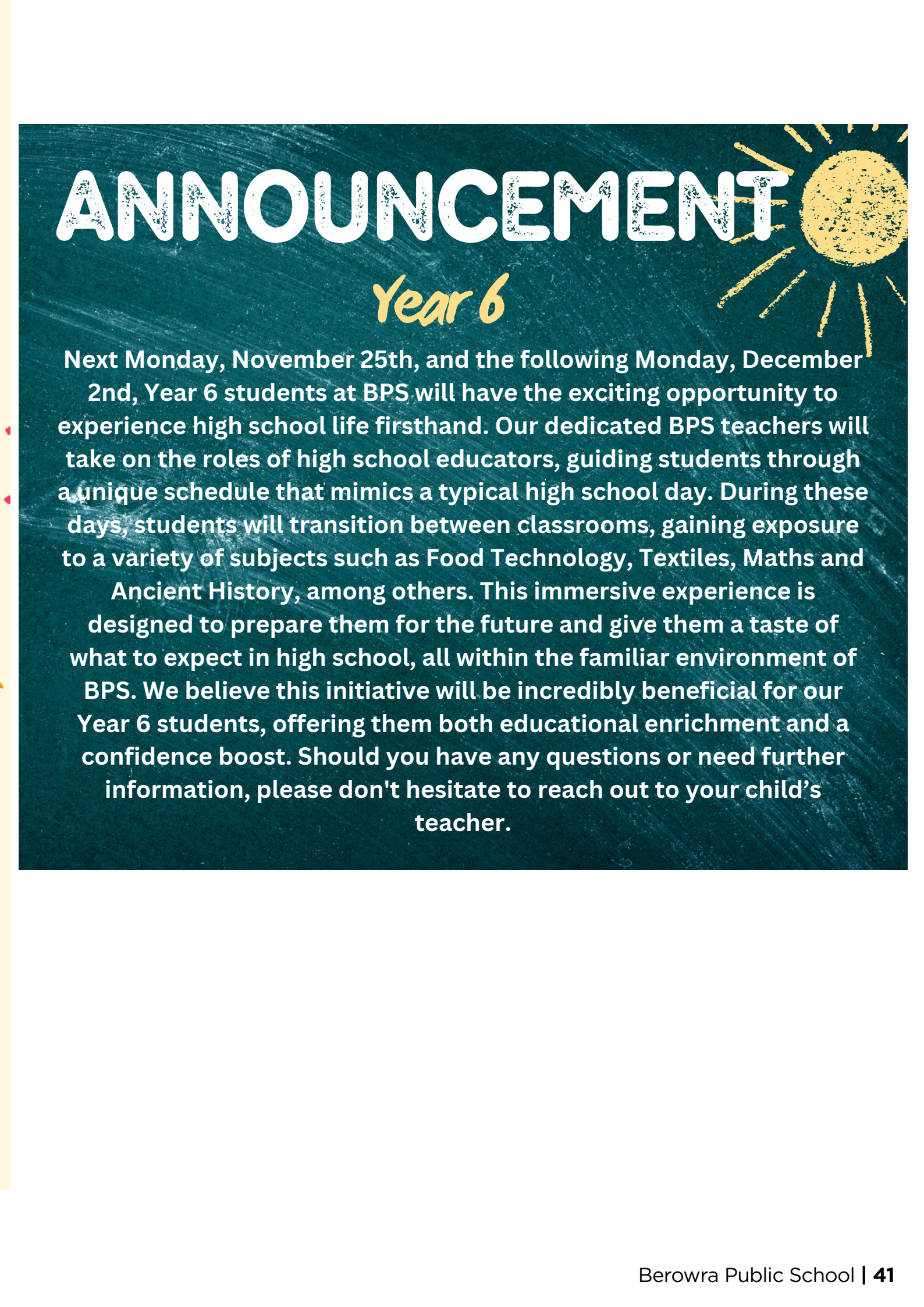
BEROWRA'S GOT TALENT

When: Tuesday 17th December, 2024

Where: School Hall

Do you have a talent? Can you sing, dance, act, perform amazing magic tricks, tell funny jokes or play a musical instrument?

You need to perform in Berowra's Got Talent. Students in Year 3-6 can sign up. Sign up sheet outside the library. Auditions will be held in Week 9. Please choose appropriate music and themes.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Year 6

Next Monday, November 25th, and the following Monday, December 2nd, Year 6 students at BPS will have the exciting opportunity to experience high school life firsthand. Our dedicated BPS teachers will take on the roles of high school educators, guiding students through a unique schedule that mimics a typical high school day. During these days, students will transition between classrooms, gaining exposure to a variety of subjects such as Food Technology, Textiles, Maths and Ancient History, among others. This immersive experience is designed to prepare them for the future and give them a taste of what to expect in high school, all within the familiar environment of BPS. We believe this initiative will be incredibly beneficial for our Year 6 students, offering them both educational enrichment and a confidence boost. Should you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

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Next testing sessions at 9:30am in room F1.11:

Tuesday 10 December 2024 (10/12/2024);

Thursday 12 December 2024 (12/12/2024);

Wednesday 22 January 2025 (22/01/2025);

Tuesday 28 January 2025 (28/01/2025).

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT
AND INTERVIEW



A photograph of the Asquith Girls' High School building. The main part of the image is a close-up of a dark red brick wall. On the wall, the school's name 'ASQUITH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL' is written in large, white, three-dimensional block letters. Below the name, the year '1959' is also in white block letters. Above the year is a small crest featuring a shield with a red triangle and the words 'ASQUITH' and 'GIRLS' on banners. To the right, a portion of a modern building with grey and red panels and white-framed windows is visible. Green foliage is in the foreground and background.

ASQUITH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL 1959

NEW CO-EDUCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

It has now been confirmed that Asquith Boys High School and Asquith Girls High School will transition to co-educational high school settings. This decision follows comprehensive community consultation, with 75% of future parents and carers preferring coeducation for their children. From Term 1 2026, Years 7, 9 and 11 will be co-educational, with the remaining cohorts becoming co-educational by 2027. An increase in the student population will expand the

range of subjects available and co-curricular options available for your children. The wider range of courses available to Years 11 and 12 will increase choices and career options.

We will provide regular updates as they come to hand. Answers to some frequently asked questions are also available on the NSW Department of Education website under Parents and Carers.

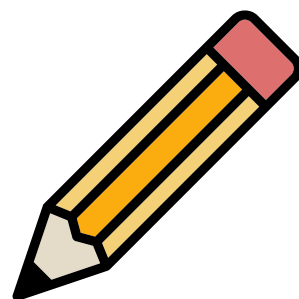
**Our PBL
focus this
fortnight is**

**Respect in
the
playground**

 School Wide Expectations							
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

Get excited about English

With Mrs Boon



Today's focus: Spelling (Making plurals)

PLURAL: a form of a word that indicates more than one person, animal, thing, or idea

Students at BPS have been learning about the spelling conventions we use in English to make words into plurals. For students in Kindergarten and Stage 1, this has been new learning, whereas in Stage 2 and 3, students are reviewing already taught conventions to ensure they use them consistently and accurately in their own writing.

Kindergarten

Adding 's' to a base word to make a plural with no change to the base word



Key Language

BASE WORD

the simplest form of a word

SUFFIX

a group of letters added to the end of a base word to change its meaning

Years 1-6

- Use 'es' plural for words ending in ch, sh, ss, or x:
- Use 'ies' rule for words ending in y: baby-babies.
- Use the exception - if base word ends in a vowel and 'y' just add s: toys, monkeys.
- Use 'ves' rule for words ending in f: calf-calves.
- Use rule for nouns ending in o - sometimes -s or -es is used: hero-heroes, radio-radios.

Common Misconceptions

We often see confusion between making a plural (*one car becomes two cars*) and using an 's' to show belonging (*the teacher's car*). No apostrophes are used in making plurals.



This fortnight's Smiling Mind focus is A Curious Mind

At Home Activities

K-2

Alien Drawing

Engage with your attitude of curiosity and imagine what an alien would look like if they came and visited Earth. Draw a picture of the alien, what colour are they? How many eyes do they have?

Stage 2

Alien Object

Let's practise curiosity by pretending that you're an alien on this planet for the first time! Pick an object in your room and pretend that you have never seen it before. Write a detailed description of it for your alien friends back home. What does it look like? Feel like? What shape and colour is it?

Stage 3

What If?

One way of practising curiosity is asking lots of questions and trying to see things from different perspectives. Engage with your attitude of curiosity and come up with 5 "what if" questions about the world. For example "what if the trees were made of chocolate?" Be as creative as you can.

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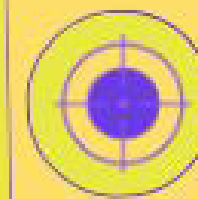
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Transition to High School & Mental Health

**FREE
EVENT!**

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1.00PM
WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 6.30PM
ZOOM (link provided after registration)

Join us for a free interactive webinar to support your child in starting high school next year.

Have you ever felt like your child could use some guidance around mental health and managing the transition to high school?

We've found that live presentations from trusted mental health organisations are one of the best ways to prepare you and your children for this exciting new chapter!

Hosting these sessions are local youth mental health experts Ryan Usher from headspace and Nick Kenny from KYDS who bring years of experience in working with young people.

You will learn:

- The most common reasons for counselling young people are presenting with right now
- Simple and effective strategies for you to offer them the best support
- What the top questions and concerns young people have about high school are
- The most effective ways for them to maintain and build both old and new friendships
- How best to explain "resilience" to a young person and equip them with the right skills
- What counselling pathways are available in your area and how to access them
- And plenty more!

