

The

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TERM 2 WEEK 10

**ISSUE 49**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## SCHOOL

**Monday JUL 21:** School Development Day – staff only

**Tuesday JUL 22:** Students return for Term 3

**Monday AUG 25 - Tuesday AUG 26:** Festival of Instrumental Music Performance



## P&C

**Wednesday JUL 23:** P&C Meeting



## EXCURSION

**Monday Aug 4 to Wednesday Aug 6:** Stage 3 Canberra Camp

**Tuesday Aug 19:** Kindy - Teddy Bears Picnic

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK

[LINK](#)

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“Education breeds confidence.  
Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds  
peace.”*

- Confucius

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*COVER: Will S. and Nixon G. in 5/6G have been accepted into the Boys Hip Hop ensemble for the Schools Spectacular. Well done boys!*

# QUICK LINKS

OUR  
WEBSITE



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BYTES



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

# Highlights



Vicky Wallace

PRINCIPAL

**D**ear Parents and Community Members, I hope this message finds you well. I am thrilled to share several exciting highlights from our school community this month!

### Teacher Award

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Mrs Withford. Last week she attended a ceremony to receive the Executive Director's Excellence Award. This is a great privilege as only three teachers were selected in our Mooney Mooney Network. Congratulations Mrs Withford! Our school and students are so lucky to benefit from your expertise, commitment, and dedication.



ABOVE: Receiving her award at the Regional North Tuggerah Office Teacher Award Ceremony.

### Sydney North Dance Festival

A huge congratulations to our amazing dancers who recently performed at the Sydney North Dance Festival. Their performances were nothing

short of outstanding, showcasing their hard work, dedication, and talent. We are truly fortunate to have the incredible Mrs Lukic leading our dance program, whose commitment to nurturing our dancers is evident year after year.

### Schools Spectacular

2 students from our school Will S and Nixon G have been offered a role in this year's Schools Spectacular and we are excited to have them involved. Congratulations boys!

### Festival of Instrumental Music

Additionally, our talented recorder group had the opportunity to shine at the Festival of Instrumental Music, where they performed beautifully, accompanied by the wonderful Mrs Dewar. These achievements reflect the outstanding opportunities our school provides, fostering a love for the arts and encouraging our students to express their creativity.

### NSWPSSA Rugby League

One of our students, Jasper C, represented Sydney North at the NSWPSSA Rugby League state championships. Throughout the championship, Jasper exhibited exceptional skill, sportsmanship, and a team-first attitude that truly brought out the best in his teammates. The team finished in 6th place and played outstanding rugby league, with four players from Sydney North earning selection into the NSW State Squad. Well done, Jasper!

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**Athletics Carnival**

I would also like to extend my congratulations to all the students who participated in our recent school athletics carnival. Despite a rainy start and a few technical issues, the day turned into a fabulous experience for everyone who remained to cheer on our athletes. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Griffin for his exceptional organisation, as well as to our teachers, fantastic pre-service teachers, and amazing parent helpers. Your support and enthusiasm made a significant difference, and we truly could not have done it without you!

**Sports and Recreation Camp**

Lastly, our Stage 2 students have just returned from a fantastic three-day adventure at the Sports and Recreation Camp on Milson Island. This camp provided an incredible opportunity for our students to engage in outdoor learning and participate in various sports activities that fostered teamwork and cooperation. A huge thank you to Mrs Beckedahl, Mr Parkinson, Mrs. Dewar, Mrs Kolarik and Mrs Denyer for their dedication and for giving up their time to organise and attend the camp. Academic reports are scheduled to be sent out on SchoolBytes this Thursday. Please be patient with us as this is the first time we will be using SchoolBytes for reports. If you experience any technical difficulties, please send an email to the school, and we will do our best to resolve any issues as quickly as possible. Additionally, if you haven't already downloaded your child's previous reports from Sentral, we strongly encourage you to do so before you lose access.

As we approach the holidays, I wish everyone a safe and relaxing break. We look forward to reconnecting with our families in Term 3!

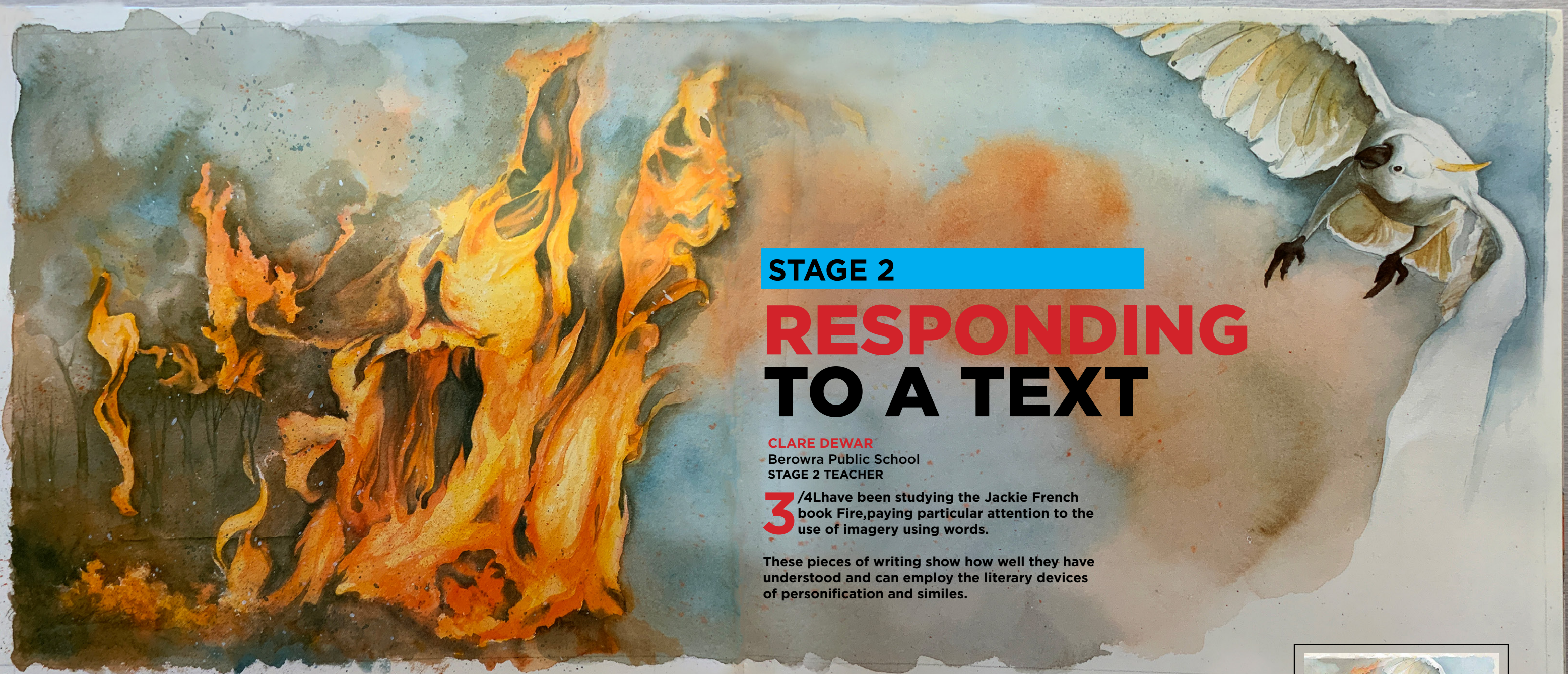
Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Warm regards,



ABOVE: Some of our student voice ambassadors: Alicia U., Nixon G., Elly L. and Will S.





STAGE 2

# RESPONDING TO A TEXT

CLARE DEWAR  
Berowra Public School  
STAGE 2 TEACHER

**3**/4L have been studying the Jackie French book *Fire*, paying particular attention to the use of imagery using words.

These pieces of writing show how well they have understood and can employ the literary devices of personification and similes.

## Fire

*Flames laughing, licking earth's children.  
Houses getting baked by fire's breath.  
Flames crept up trees, burying them down.  
Earth crying. No rain to scare the best away.*

**REMY 3/4L**

## Fire

*Flames spreading like people running into different directions.  
Flames slowly walking up the trees like playing hide and seek.  
Flames creeping up the trees, trees are gasping for air but it's hopeless.  
Fire chuckling in evilness, trees crying for help but no help to be found.*

**CINDY 3/4L**

## Fire

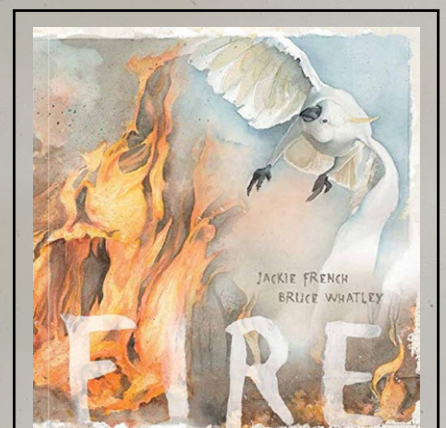
*Fire dances with loud laughter while burning everything it sees.  
The fire spreads as if someone was spreading jam on toast.  
Fire cooks up the bush well. Fire snickers while playing hide and seek.*

**LILA 3/4L**

## Fire

*Red fire bleeding, is loving al the screaming.  
Trees are crying, the fire is lying.  
Cars are driving away away to get rid of all the pain.  
Buildings burning, smoke hurling, trees burning, people hurting.*

**RUDY 3/4L**



*Inspired by the bushfires that have affected many Australians, Fire is a moving and sensitive story of a natural disaster as seen through the eyes of a cockatoo. The fire mercilessly engulfs homes and land, leaving a devastating path of destruction. But from the ruins, courage, kindness and new life grows.*



## STAGE 3

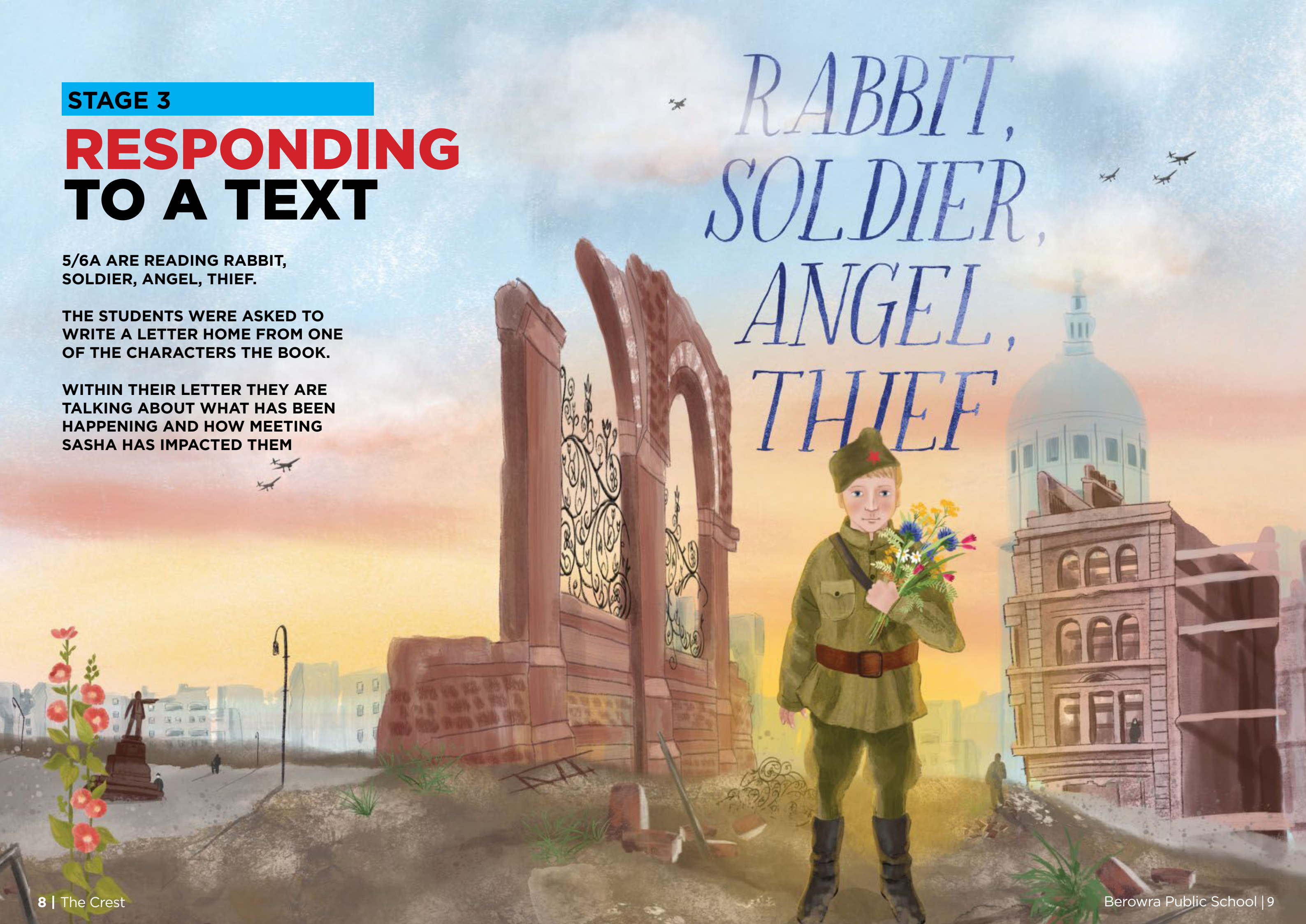
# RESPONDING TO A TEXT

5/6A ARE READING RABBIT,  
SOLDIER, ANGEL, THIEF.

THE STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO  
WRITE A LETTER HOME FROM ONE  
OF THE CHARACTERS THE BOOK.

WITHIN THEIR LETTER THEY ARE  
TALKING ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN  
HAPPENING AND HOW MEETING  
SASHA HAS IMPACTED THEM

# RABBIT, SOLDIER, ANGEL, THIEF





Dear Papa,  
I don't actually think I'm invincible anymore. My head to my toes are sore and bruised and my legs are going to collapse.  
There is this new boy Sasha who recently joined the Red Army. I think he brought out the joy in all of us and acts like the bravest lion in Russia. I know he's been through a lot, and it stings my heart to think about how little Sasha must've lost his parents.  
Now that I think about it, he is much happier than most of us about being apart of the army. But he hasn't actually experienced the worst of the worst yet. I hope he never does.  
Sometimes I wonder why I'm still living - or how I'm still living. Poor Natasha has had to cure my many, many injuries. I feel like a bird with no wings. I guess that's part of how I became 'Invincible Ivan'. I wish I could act more like a father to Sasha, like you were to me. But it's hard. It's like a dagger through my heart every time I step out onto the battlefield and realise, I could be at home. Snuggling up on the couch with you and my little kitty Charlotte. I could never live with myself if I ever came home to you. So, I promise the biggest hug ever when I get home. I hope Mama would be proud.  
Sending my love,  
From Ivan, your beloved son.

**Elodie B.**

Dear Mama and Papa,  
I miss you guys every day I live. It was so hard to leave home to come here, and I HATE how you guys are not here with me.  
My life has been so hard on me ever since I left home, and there are so many camps here and it is tiring, and I'm exhausted, and my arms are dead.  
Oh, and this World War 2 is a crazy hard type of work. This is the hardest work I'll ever do in my life.  
But the thing is, and I don't know why but there are little bits of kindness, and I still believe that kindness can still grow - like a flower pushing through snow.  
Ok let's get back to the letter and I believe in this quote. Ok back to what I was saying, I really miss you guys and every chance I get to see you guys I will take it because I really miss you.  
Ok I will tell you guys some things that have happened on my journey so far. So, I was running through these trenches, and I was running so much faster than I used to back home. I don't know why I was running so fast but all I could hear was sticks snapping and it sounded weird and then...  
When I got to the end of the trenches, I heard a lot of footsteps coming closer and closer towards me. The footsteps were getting louder, so I decided to run and that was a good idea.  
It was a good idea that I ran because when running I looked back and there were German soldiers running towards me and it was scary and frightening.  
We also went on heaps of camps that were hard, hard as a rick and they were tiring and I think this will be the hardest work I'll ever do in my life.  
Now I am coming to the end of the letter, JUST KIDDING!! There is one more thing I want to tell you, the most important thing of all. I have also had a wonderful time and parts have been fun.  
Love From,  
Natasha

**Jake R.**

Major Scruff letter

Dear loving family,

I hope everything is going well back there. The war is absolutely terrible and I completely loathe it. Everyday I wish to be back home with you...my class...and everyone else I know and love

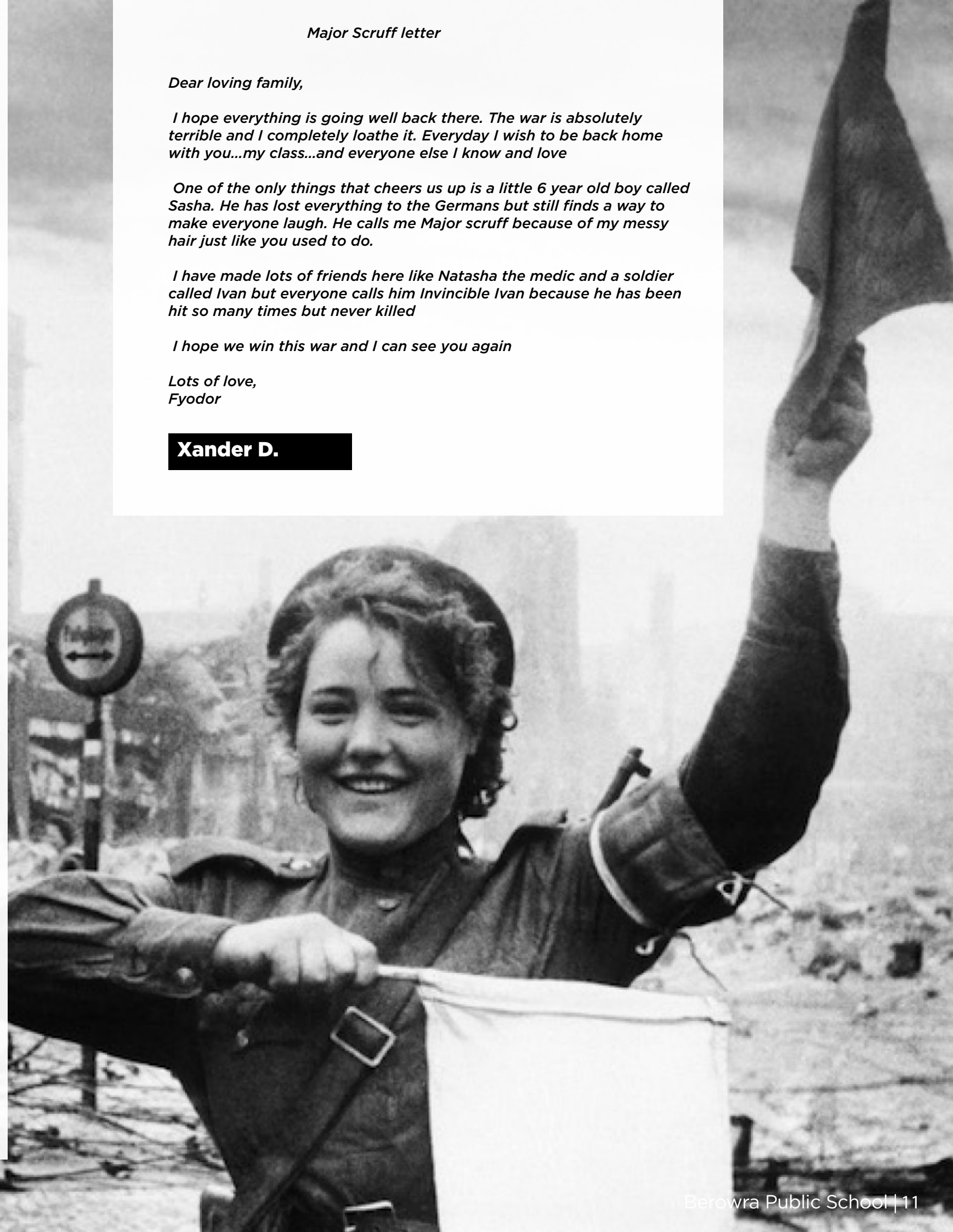
One of the only things that cheers us up is a little 6 year old boy called Sasha. He has lost everything to the Germans but still finds a way to make everyone laugh. He calls me Major scruff because of my messy hair just like you used to do.

I have made lots of friends here like Natasha the medic and a soldier called Ivan but everyone calls him Invincible Ivan because he has been hit so many times but never killed

I hope we win this war and I can see you again

Lots of love,  
Fyodor

**Xander D.**





Dear mama and papa from Natasha 1942,

I hope you are safe during the war. As for me, I am fine for now at least. We had to leave our lovely camp for some beautiful enchanted forest which looks straight out of a fairytale .But oh it's not a fairytale, it's a warzone with bullets firing like fireworks in the dark big black sky

We have to dig underground houses where the walls crumble and shake.  
At least I am sheltered.

There is a young boy called Sasha. He is young and quite traumatized and helpful. He helps me with sick patients. He kisses them on the head and holds their hand. I heal them like a story but oh it's very different.I try so hard not to crumble under all this pressure.I look like hulk a big and strong person but, i am just a small fly scared and small.  
Anyway, let's talk more about Sasha.I feel extremely bad for him. He is obviously traumatized as he cries in his sleep.I hold his small chubby hand . Even though he is small and traumatized he still stays strong and stands tall.

There is a soldier at the camp he is tall and handsome .Invincible ivin they call him.He earned this nickname by surviving many attacks by the German nazies mind controlled by hitler.

Another soldier at the camp grumpy borries they call him. He earned this nickname by always being grumpy and cruel towards poor sasha.I despise him with all my heart.Sometimes when he is wounded I don't even want to heal him.. His icy cruel grey eyes stare and glare at everybody he meets.

Pushing him aside, things are going great. I hope you are well at home,  
Love Natasha.

**Bedhika B.**

Dear Mum and Dad

I just want to tell you I am good. I have only a couple holes in me from bullets but I am still alive so that's good i guess.

We found a little boy whose name is Sasha. He is as cute as a dog but as brave as a bear. He is so resilient and fast. He helps all of the soldiers by getting their water and food, and guess what he is only 6.

I protected him with my life when they were bombing. I hopped on Sasha and saved him from the bombing. I am lucky I am still here after all that has happened.

When we were battling I would never die so i got a nickname. I got the nickname INVINCIBLE IVAN. I am losing my friends. They are dropping like leaves in autumn. SASHA HAS GOT A TIGHT BOND WITH THE DOG.

**Parker J.**

Dear little Sis,

I miss you so much. The Red Army is like a small, big family to me. My work gets extremely hard as I would represent the mum.

Recently a little boy stumbled into the army. He is so cute but very young. I can't imagine the pain he's been through. He helps me, passing bandages, kissing soldiers on the head. He is so sweet.

Invincible Ivan is a brave soldier. He's called invincible as he's been injured so much – too much. He is super kind and caring, like a father to Sasha, the little boy.

Anyway, I miss you so, so much. I know you will never get this but I'm glad you are protecting me from up above.

Lots of love,  
Natasha

**Mika G.**





# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL









# STAGE 2 SPELLING BEE





# K-2 SPELLING BEE

BONNIE TONKS

Berowra Public School  
STAGE 1 TEACHER

On Monday 16th June we held our K-2 Spelling Bee Competition in the school hall. We had 12 class winners (one away on the day). Our class contestants were Tom H, Indigo A, Zoe B, Scarlett K, Hannah R, Florence B, Alex P, Bella D, Lydia C, Leila K, The P, Kira B.

We were so proud of everyone who competed and all contestants who tried their best. We ended up having 12 planned rounds and needed an extra round using some words from the Senior Spelling Bee list which is aimed at Years 5-6.

In 4th place was Leila K, 3rd place Thea P, 2nd place Indigo A and in 1st place Kira B. Well done to all students and especially our Kindergarten students who did so well! Congratulations to Kira our champion for K-2 2025!



# K-2 SPELLING BEE CLASS WINNERS!

## KF

Florence B  
Hannah R  
Scarlett K

## K/1T

Lydia C  
Alex P  
Bella D

## 1/2K

Zoe B  
Indigo A  
Tom H

## 1/2L

Kira B  
Thea P  
Leila K



BPS K-2 Spelling Bee Champion:

# Kira B



2nd:Indigo A

3rd:Thea P

4th:Leila K



**LOOK WHAT OUR  
SCHOOL HAS DONATED  
FOR THE ANGLICARE  
WINTER FOOD DRIVE.**







**SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR**

**42  
YEARS**

**REMARKABLE**

**28-29 NOV 2025**

**QUDOS BANK ARENA**





# SYDNEY NORTH DANCE FESTIVAL









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BIRD PRICES**

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shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLSS25](https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLSS25)



**WILL S AND NIXON  
G BOTH IN 5/6G?  
THEY HAVE BEEN  
ACCEPTED INTO  
THE BOYS HIP HOP  
ENSEMBLE FOR  
THE SCHOOLS  
SPECTACULAR.**







TERM  
TWO  
**DANCE  
CONCERT**





EXCURSION

# STAGE 2 CAMP

JUNE 30 JULY 2













The Asquith Club

# ART Competition

As part of The Asquith Club's celebration of 75 years of contribution to the local community, they are holding an ART COMPETITION.

Section 1: K-2      Section 2: 3-6

THEME: 'Kangaroos'

Congratulations to these students. Your fantastic artworks were selected from all the artworks we received and were sent in for the competition. We wish you luck and hope you win!

Daisy M 1/2L, Lydia C K/IT, Jamie E K/IT, Kira B 1/2L,  
Chloe C 5/6R, Braxton P 5/6A, Kaisen P 3/4P, Clara B 3/4B.

# Christmas Card Competition

Mr Julian Leeser, Federal Member of Parliament for Berowra, is delighted to invite you to take part in a Christmas card competition. The winning entry will be featured on the front of Mr Leeser's official Christmas card, and the three runner ups featured on the back. The card will be sent to local residents, community organisations and Members of Parliament.

THEME:  
YOUR FAVOURITE  
OUTDOOR PLACE TO VISIT  
LOCALLY

Please use the Christmas artwork template provided and return to Mrs Lukic by

**DUE: 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**



# OUR CURRENT PBL FOCUS IS

## RESPECT FOR SELF



### School Wide Expectations

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

**STUDENTS 'CAUGHT' FOLLOWING THESE  
EXPECTATIONS ARE ACKNOWLEDGED WITH A  
GOTCHA TOKEN.**



## This fortnight's Smiling Mind focus is **Strengths**

### At Home Activities

#### K-2

#### Drawing Strengths

Everyone has different strengths and it's important to notice and celebrate what is unique to each of us. Some people might have the strengths of fairness, leadership or teamwork. For this task, pick one of these strengths and draw a picture to show what that strength looks like.

#### Stage 2

#### Who I Admire

We often look up to and admire people who we want to be like. Who do you admire, and why? What strengths do they have that you look up to?

#### Stage 3

#### Spot your strengths!

It is important to notice and to celebrate your strengths. Write down and reflect on something you did well each day this week.

Smiling Mind website

<https://www.smilingmind.com.au>





# **HATS ARE OPTIONAL IN JUNE AND JULY**



**AT BPS IN JUNE AND JULY STUDENTS DO  
NOT HAVE TO WEAR THEIR HAT**



**THE CANCER COUNCIL RECOMMENDS  
THAT SCHOOL HAT POLICIES CAN BE  
RELAXED WHEN THE UV INDEX IS LOW,  
TYPICALLY BELOW 3, DURING THE WINTER  
MONTHS**



**HATS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SCHOOL  
EXCURSIONS AND FULL DAY EVENTS  
SUCH AS SPORTING CARNVIALS**



**STUDENTS WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR  
HATS FROM MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**