

The

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TERM 3 WEEK 4

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Wednesday AUG 20: Open Day

Monday SEP 8: 3-6 Public Speaking Competition

Mon SEP 1, Tue SEP 2 & Tue SEP 9: Festival of Instrumental Music Performance

Thursday SEP 11: Scholastic Book Fair/Book Week Celebrations



P&C

Wednesday AUG 20: P&C Meeting

Mon-Tue SEP 1-2: Father's Day Stall

Friday SEP 5: Father's Day Breakfast

Friday SEP 19: P&C Colour Fun Run



EXCURSION

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: Lydia C. (K/IT) with her winning Asquith Club entry.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 4



Vicky Wallace

PRINCIPAL

Dear School community, as we move through Term 3, I am excited to share some highlights from our recent activities and upcoming events.

Stage 3 Camp to Canberra

In Week 3, our Stage 3 students embarked on an enriching three-day camp to Canberra from Monday to Wednesday. This experience provided them with the opportunity to explore our nation's capital, engage in educational activities, and foster camaraderie among peers.

Debating

Additionally, our students have been actively participating in debating competitions. Hornsby South Public School hosted one of these events, and I am thrilled to report that our students are gaining valuable skills in public speaking and critical thinking. In Week 4, we participated in a match between Berowra and Berowra, showcasing our students' debating prowess.

Dingo Day

I am also proud to announce that our student parliament initiated a fundraising effort for Dingo Day was a huge success. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle. Dingo Day demonstrates the school's support for student voice and the students' commitment to social issues and community engagement. This student parliament motion was passed with enthusiasm, and we thank everyone who embraced this cause.

Principal Think Tank

On a professional development note, I recently attended a Principal Think Tank at Nirraweena

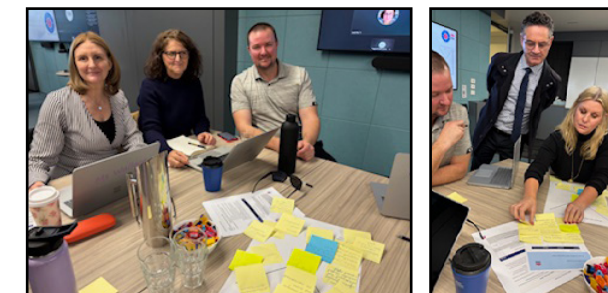
Public School. Together with five other principals, we delved into strategies for ensuring cognitive engagement in our classrooms. It was an inspiring day filled with insightful discussions and collaborative learning.

Explicit teaching methods

Our Executive Team also participated in the Mooney Mooney Community of Practice professional learning session in Tuggerah on Wednesday, focusing on explicit teaching methods. This professional learning is vital as we strive to enhance our teaching practices and provide the best learning experiences for our students.

Open Day

Looking ahead, I am excited to invite our community to our Open Day on Wednesday, August 20, in Week 5. This event will showcase some of the wonderful things happening at our school, including the media team, the gardening club, and innovative projects from our creative arts and debating programs. It will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements and the vibrant learning environment we cultivate together.





Student voice ambassador student focus groups



DEBATING

PREMIERE'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

MRS ROBERTS

Berowra Public School
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This week marked the end of the Premier's Debating Challenge for our two Stage 3 debating teams. The growth and learning our students experienced during this competition has been inspiring. They worked diligently to improve their critical thinking skills, developed their public speaking abilities, and learned the importance of teamwork and resilience. It has been a joy to witness their confidence grow as they tackled complex topics and engaged in spirited discussions.

Competing in their first-ever Premier's Debating

Challenge, one of our teams, the Year 5 Berowra Undebatables, achieved an impressive second place in our zone, winning 3 out of 4 debates, including a debate where they won against a Year 6 team of Opportunity Class (OC) students.

We are incredibly proud of all our debating students for their hard work and commitment. Thank you for your support in encouraging them to embrace this enriching experience.

DEBATING UPDATES THIS TERM

BEROWRA v. WAITARA

The Year 5 and 6 debating teams were buzzing with a mixture of nerves and excitement as we trudged through the rain to Waitara Public School. The teams divided and started their planning. The topics were 'That every Year 6 student should get a turn in leadership' and 'Stage 3 students should take a week off their school holidays to do charity work.' After an

hour of long planning time, we started our debate. The Undebatables had a smashing win against the Waitara Year 6 team. Sadly, the Perfect Persuaders didn't beat them this time. Through all the highs and lows everyone had an awesome time!

ELODIE B
Year 5

BEROWRA PERFECT PERSUADERS VS HORNSBY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Last Friday Year Six had a debate against Hornsby South. The topic was that 'Year 5 and Year 6 classes should use some of the time they spend on English to learn computer programming'. The debate was online which made it trickier for the Year 6 students. Sadly they lost but had their best debate yet!

By Maddison M
Year 5

THE BEROWRA UNDEBATABLES VS THE BEROWRA PERFECT PERSUADERS

The Undebatables as the affirmative, with Maddi M as the first speaker, Mika G as the second, Elyse DR as third and Elodie B as fourth. On the other side we have Liam R as first, Vinny M as second, Maddi B as third and Bedhika B as fourth. The topic was 'That primary schools should have compulsory swimming lessons.'

It was overall a great debate and though the Year 5 team the Undebatables won, the Year 6 team put up a good challenge. They were gathered up in the hall with 3-6 watching. And a huge shoutout to our last minute adjudicator who gave the teams heaps of good feedback.

Elyse D-R
Year 5



SCIENCE

HOW TO BUILD A CATAPULT IN STAGE THREE





STAGE 3 SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

STAGE 3 ARE LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT TYPES OF FORCES. THIS WEEK'S EXPERIMENT WAS COMPARING ELASTIC FORCE AND TENSION FORCE. MAKING MARSHMALLOW CATAPULTS WAS A FUN WAY TO LEARN. YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK STAGE 3 WHICH CATAPULT HAD THE MOST FORCE?



DANCE

BOYS' DANCE GROUP

Congratulations to our Boy's Dance Group for being selected to perform at the State Dance Festival on Wednesday 17th September. This is an outstanding achievement with only 20 primary schools in total from across NSW, and only 5 primary schools from the Sydney North region being selected to perform. We are very proud to have such a strong and talented group of boys representing our school in dance.



BPS and the P&C Present an Author Visit with...

MORRIS GLEITZMAN

Hey kids in Years 3-6!

Get ready for an exciting day at Berowra Public School because the amazing author Morris Gleitzman is coming to visit! He'll be sharing stories about his fantastic books and the adventures behind them. Don't miss this chance to meet a real-life author and learn about his writing process. Bring your questions and get inspired to unleash your own creativity!



**ONLY \$6 PER CHILD
THANKS TO THE
GENEROUS
DONATION FROM
OUR P&C**

**TUESDAY 2ND
SEPTEMBER**

Bring a copy of your favourite Morris Gleitzman book so you can get it autographed!

**PLEASE CHECK SCHOOL BYTES FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION**

BOOK AN ADVENTURE

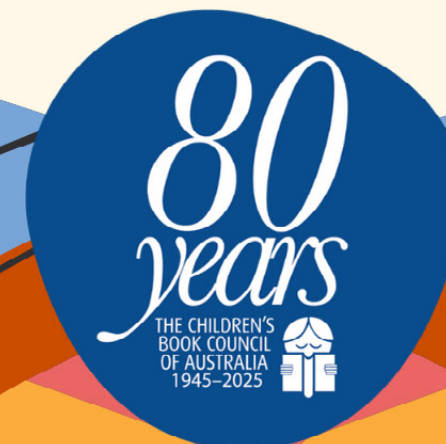
**Join us for the BPS Scholastic Book Fair and
our annual Book Week Costume Parade!**

**THURSDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER
2025**



**Book Parade commencing 9:45am followed by to
buy and browse the amazing Scholastic Book
Fair Books followed by a Picnic Lunch @ 10:40.
Book Fair Closes at 1pm.**

**Students are invited to dress up as a
character from a book for our
Book Parade!**





OPEN DAY 2025

THINKING OF JOINING US AT BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL
IN 2026 OR BEYOND?

IS YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD A CURRENT STUDENT?
COME AND SEE OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL!

- ✓ **Showcase** of our extra curricular activities
- ✓ **Open classrooms!** Join in some amazing learning experiences with our staff and students. Including: Art, Debating, Gardening, Reading, Library, Maths, Sport, Media Team and Technology.
- ✓ **School tours** with our Year 6 Leaders
- ✓ **Morning tea and barista made coffee** available to purchase.

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST
10am - 12pm



COME AND JOIN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Enhance and develop your public speaking skills by practicing in front of both small and large audiences.



 **Wednesday 8:30am**

 **5/6R Classroom**

For anyone in Stage 2 or Stage 3 who is interested in learning more about public speaking.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Roberts

Starts Week 5
Wednesday 20th August
If you can't make it to school by 8:30 you can join us before 8:50.



Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
11TH - 15TH AUGUST 2025



Proudly funded by



Authorised by the Queensland Government, William Street, Brisbane.

Be Bold. Be Kind.
Speak Up.

Proudly supporting Bullying No Way: National Week of Action

This year Berowra Public School will be participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action, 11 to 15 August 2025.

Bullying No Way Week is a commitment being made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention. It gives us an opportunity to connect with students, staff and school communities to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for this year's campaign is

Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.

It takes a community to be brave and address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate.

Students can be bold, kind and speak up to support others being bullied. While trusted adults are there to support children and young people learn how to be kind to each other and report bullying.

This Bullying No Way Week, we're asking you to be bold and say something, be kind and support someone and be proud to speak up against bullying.

For more information about Bullying No Way Week and bullying prevention, visit the Bullying No Way website.

STAGE 3 CAMP

OUR AMAZING TRIP TO CANBERRA

Our Stage 3 students embarked on an enriching camp to Canberra last week. This trip provided a unique opportunity for our students to explore Australia's capital, deepening their understanding of our nation's history and governance. They visited significant landmarks and engaged in hands-on learning experiences that will enhance their classroom learning this semester. The camp fostered teamwork and friendships, allowing students to develop valuable social skills while enjoying the

beautiful sights and experiences Canberra has to offer. We are proud of our students for their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the trip and thankful to the parents and teachers for making this all possible.

FROM MIKA G.

Last week, Stage 3 went on a Canberra camp. We gathered together at the hall and caught two buses. At first, we went to the Australian War Memorial and learned facts about the war. We also visited the Arboretum, the Royal Australian Mint, viewed the Embassies and the National Capital Exhibition. After that, we went to our motel, the Ibis, for dinner and bed.

The next day was action-packed and full of learning. We went to Mt Ainslie Lookout,

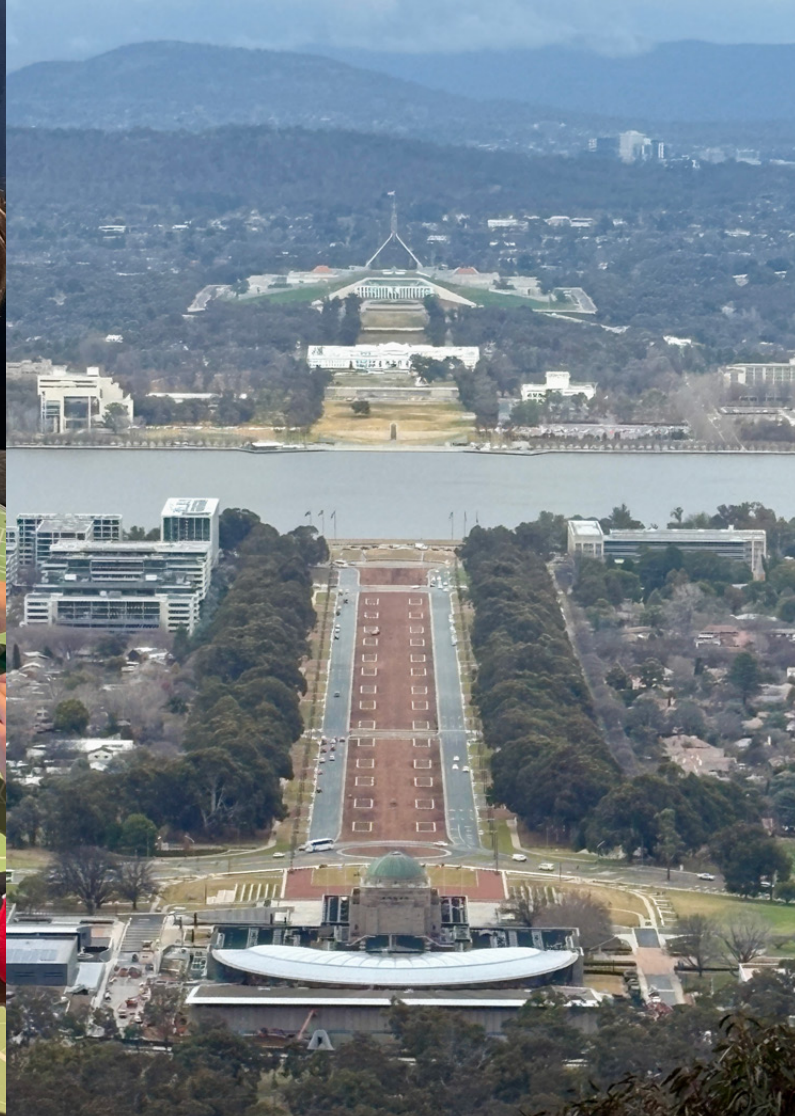
Questacon, the National Gallery of Australia, Reconciliation Place, Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House), the National Archives of Australia, and the Australian Institute of Sport. On the following day, we visited Parliament House, where we learned about the Senate and the House of Representatives.

We started our journey back and stopped for lunch at Lake George. We then stopped again at McDonalds. After driving for a bit longer, we were reunited with our parents.













DRAMA

FREEZE FRAME CHALLENGE

Our students have been enjoying drama lessons with Mrs Lukic this term. They are developing their facial expressions, voice and movement. They are really loving the improvisation activities. It's a great opportunity to develop their social skills, communication and self-expression.





HATS RETURN MONDAY 4TH AUGUST



**REMINDER THAT STUDENTS MUST
BRING A SCHOOL HAT TO SCHOOL**

**IF STUDENTS DON'T HAVE A HAT THEY'LL BE
ASKED TO PLAY UNDER A COLA**

**WE RECOMMEND STUDENTS WEAR
SUNSCREEN**



**TIME TO FIND YOUR SCHOOL HAT READY FOR
MONDAY 4TH AUGUST!!**



Have you put safety settings on the devices & platforms children use?

Every child has the right to be kept safe

Learn how to use parental controls at this free webinar by eSafety Commissioner:

**Tuesday, 2nd September
3.30-4:15pm**



To register:

esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



Screen Savvy Parent
by NSLHD



Transition to School Webinar for families

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At Home Activities

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**FREE
WEBINAR**

The Northern Sydney Early and School Years team is excited to partner with Wayahead to offer a free **'Transition to school webinar'** to assist parents and carers for a smooth and successful start to school.

This informative session will focus on understanding and managing childhood anxiety, with practical strategies to support your child through this important milestone. Topics include separation anxiety, the cycle of anxiety, strategies to manage and the "Small Steps" approach - helping children tackle their worries one step at a time.

Date: Wednesday, 10th September 2025

Two options available: 12pm - 1.15pm; or
7:15pm - 8.30pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Partnered with:

Wayahead®
Small Steps 

Scan QR code to register



12 - 1:15pm



7:15- 8:30pm

EXCURSION

STAGE 2 CAMP

MORE PHOTOS





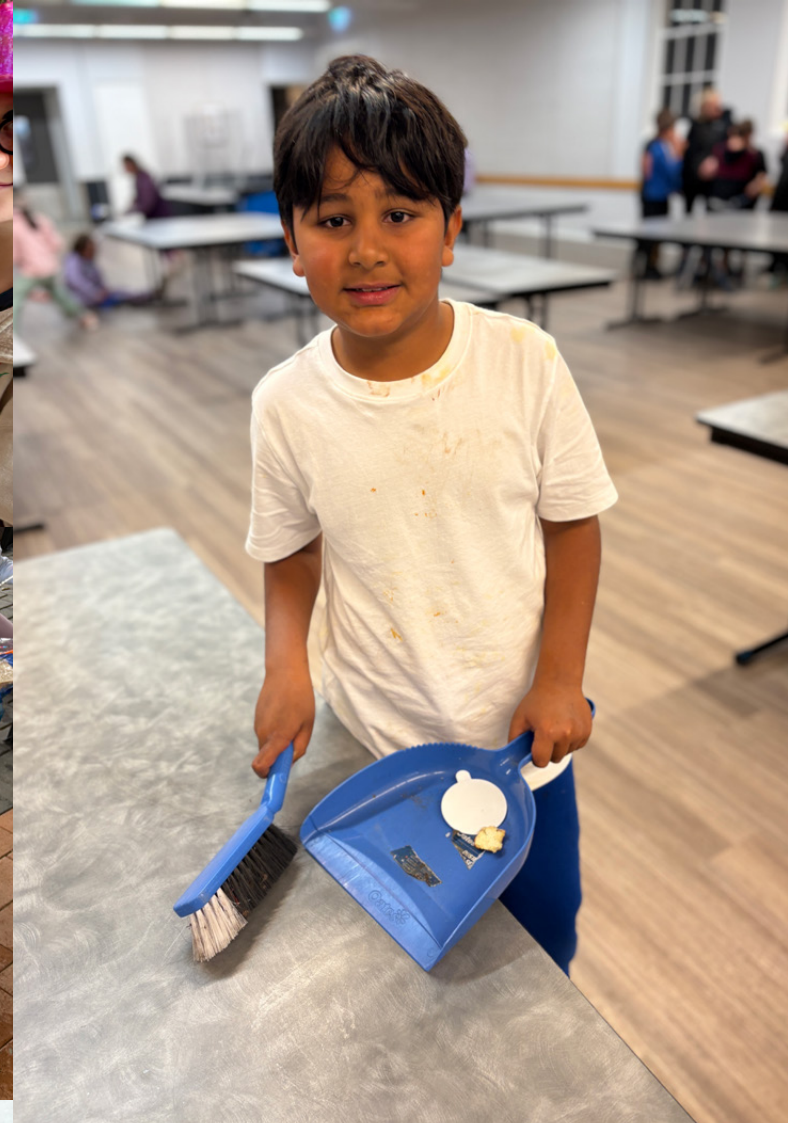


	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST		Scrambled Eggs Fruit Cups Cereal Yoghurt Toast Spreads	Pancakes Fruit Cups Cereal Yoghurt Toast Spreads	Scrambled Eggs Fruit Cups Cereal Yoghurt Toast Spreads	Pancakes Fruit Cups Cereal Yoghurt Toast Spreads
MORNING TEA		Fresh Whole Fruit	Fresh Whole Fruit	Fresh Whole Fruit	Fresh Whole Fruit
LUNCH	Lemon Chicken Wrap Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Pineapple	Beef Burger Cheese Lettuce Tomato Potato Wedges	Beef Nachos Corn chips Cheese Salsa	Pulled Lamb Wrap Asian Slaw	Chicken Roll Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Cheese
AFTERNOON TEA	Fresh Whole Fruit	Fresh Whole Fruit	Fresh Whole Fruit	Fresh Whole Fruit	Fresh Whole Fruit
DINNER	Roast Beef Roast Potatoes Roast Pumpkin Roast Sweet Potato Mixed Vegetables Gravy	Butter Chicken Steamed Rice Naan Bread	Mongolian Beef Steamed Rice	Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic Bread	
DESSERT	Ice cream cup	Fruit stick	Chocolate Mousse	Jelly Cup	



Office of Sport









THE
ASQUITH
CLUB

PRIMARY SCHOOL ARTS COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL FINALISTS FOR
THEIR AMAZING ARTWORKS IN THE ASQUITH CLUB ART
COMPETITION.

K-2 WINNER - KIRA B
3-6 WINNER - KAISEN P
HIGHLY COMMENDED - LYDIA C



Kyra B.
1/2L
Berowra Public School
Age 7

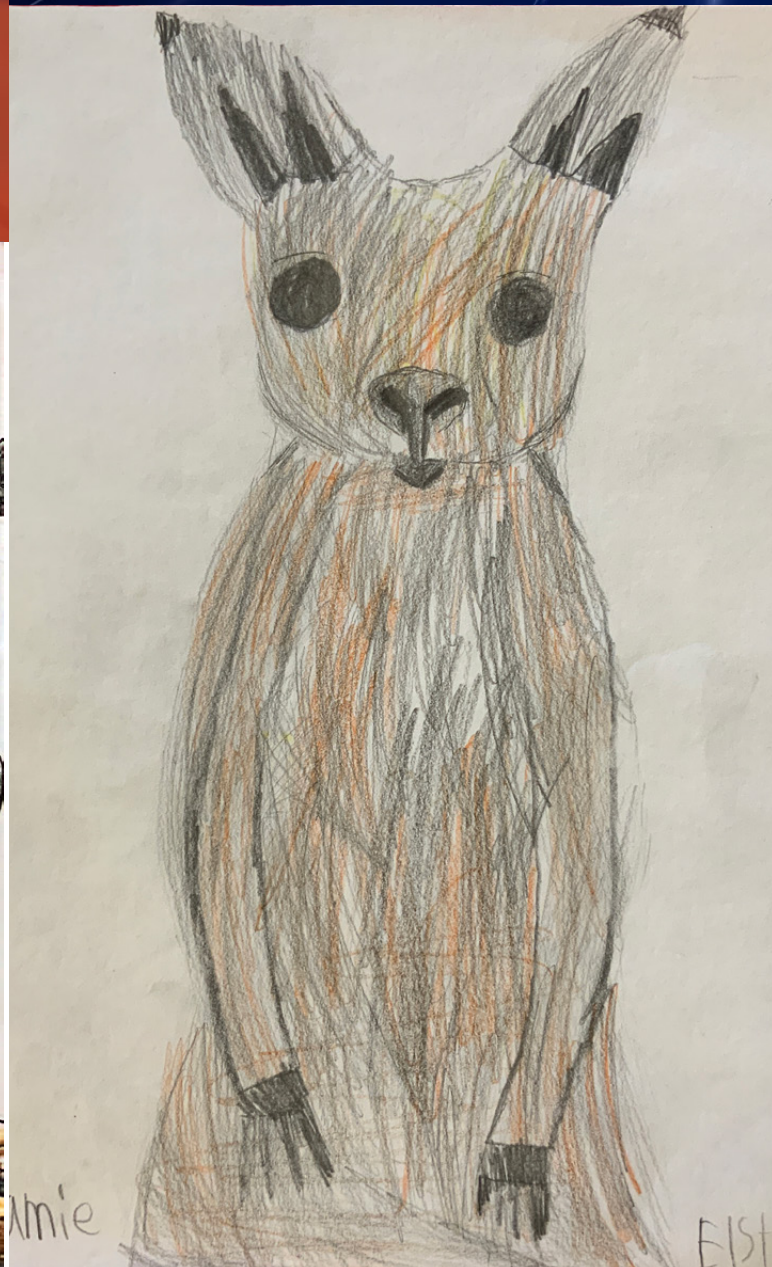
Kaisen P.
3/4P
Berowra Public School
Age 10



THE
ASQUITH
CLUB

Celebrating
75 YEARS
1950 - 2025

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A CRACKER YEAR OF EVENTS,
MEMORIES, AND GOOD TIMES – ALL RIGHT HERE AT ASQUITH





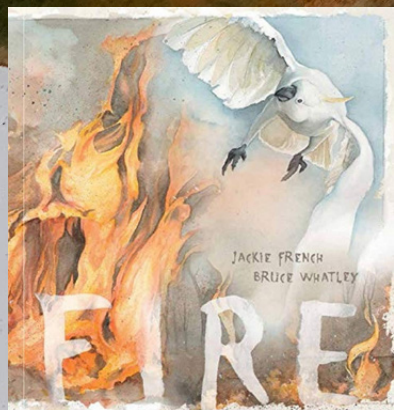
Kangaroo

Lydia C.
K/1T
Berowra Public School
Age 6

Art Show on Open Day

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO COME TO OUR ART ROOM ON OPEN DAY TO LOOK AT THE WONDERFUL ARTWORKS CREATED BY OUR KINDERGARTEN AND STAGE 3 STUDENTS. WE HAVE MANY TALENTED ARTISTS AT BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL. I'M SURE YOU WILL BE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THEIR CREATIVITY AND ARTISTIC SKILLS.





PERSONIFICATION FROM 3/4B

The helicopter flew higher than usual because of the raging red fire.
By Elvis

The fire was a ruthless denominator tearing through the land.
By Sofia

The helicopter dropped water balloons carefully to destroy the fire.
By Logan C

The fire roared and raged as the firemen tried to make a blockade.
By Oliver P

The fire bellowed loudly with determination to destroy everything in its path. By Clara

The helicopter flew as fast as possible toward the fire to try to save the wildlife. By Oliver L

The helicopter dropped water from the sky doing little damage to the fire.
By Charlie C

The fire was wrecking all of mother nature's trees, grass and leaves. By Lina

The helicopter was running faster than usual. By Molly

The fire was ruthless and reckless as it wrecked homes but the flames were faster than usual. By Gwen
The fire slowly snickered towards the cockatoo.
By Sammie

The fire was determined to eat all of mother

nature's green children.
By Aurora

The smoke embraces the bird slowly as the fire roared at the cockatoo. By Alona

The burnt out car sat on the ground silently. By Logan S

King fire was rapidly taking over the land and destroying everything in its path. By Charlotte

The helicopter sprayed water over the fire. The car was burnt by the raging fire and all of the land was disappearing. By Jack

The helicopter flew over the burning grounds.
By Georgia

The tree was burning stressfully, panicking through the fire. By Isla



ART INSPIRED BY A TEXT FROM 3/4B



WEAR IT
PURPLE



Celebrate inclusivity and pride in Hornsby Shire with two free events.

FRIDAY
29 AUGUST
3.00PM - 6.30PM

Hornsby Library

Free. Bookings are essential.

Join us for one or both:

3PM – Connect over tea, chats and hands-on craft.

5PM – Join our pop-up choir, learn an iconic song and sing in a fun finale! No experience needed. Refreshments provided.



hornsby.nsw.gov.au



BOOK AN ADVENTURE: CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2025 3 FUN ACTIVITIES



1. TREASURE HUNT: LIVE SHOW

The educational and interactive musical adventure **Treasure Hunt** is coming to our library! Celebrating Children's Book Week® 2025 this live show incorporates songs and a selection of the **CBCA 2025 Shortlisted Books**.

Where: Hornsby Library

When: Friday 22 August, 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Age: 5+ years
(Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings essential.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library
or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch

For booking details and further
information on these events and more
events in your library visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

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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: 13TH AUGUST



Hornsby Girls High School

SPRING FAIR

GAMES MUSIC FOOD & DRINK
ART & THRIFT AND LOTS MORE FUN

12 Edgeworth David Ave Hornsby 6th Sept 10:00am-3:00pm

