

The

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TERM 3 WEEK 8

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Thursday SEP 11: Scholastic Book Fair/Book Week Celebrations



P&C

Friday SEP 19: P&C Colour Fun Run



EXCURSION

Friday SEP 22: Teddy Bears Picnic

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

- Confucius

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COVER: Students filled in their wish lists at the Book Fair.

QUICK LINKS

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SCHOOL
BYTES



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ONLINE



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 8



Vicky Wallace

PRINCIPAL

As we move through Term 3, I would like to take a moment to celebrate and acknowledge some wonderful events and contributions within our school community.

SASS appreciation

In Week 7, we celebrated our amazing SASS staff. Their dedication and hard work in supporting both students and staff are truly invaluable. Our school simply would not function without their commitment and care, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do.

Morris Gleitzman author visit

A big thank you to the P&C for their generous contribution towards the cost of the Morris Gleitzman author visit. The visit was a fantastic experience for both students and staff. It was exciting to engage with such a talented author and watch our students' enthusiasm as they received autographs.



Father's Day stall and breakfast

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our P&C and volunteers for organising the Father's Day stall and breakfast. It was fantastic to see so many families come together for the breakfast, and the excitement on the children's faces was truly heartwarming. These events help strengthen our community and create lasting memories.

The Q Station excursion

A big thank you to Mrs Tonkes, Mrs Kempe, Chloe, and Mr Leary for taking our Stage 1 students on the Q Station excursion. They had a wonderful day filled with learning and exploration.



Preschool visit

On Wednesday, 3 September, we had a fantastic sports morning with local preschool students joining our current Kindergarten kids for some outdoor activities. Well done to Mrs Tonkes and

Ms Fenton for their excellent organisation, and a huge thank you to The Bungalow, Waratah and Good Start preschools for attending. We look forward to welcoming you all again soon.

Chicken and duck hatchlings

Exciting news from our Kindergarten classes – and the excitement around the classrooms is palpable.



Indigenous Literacy Day

Wednesday, 3 September, was also Indigenous Literacy Day. Our classes engaged in a range of Aboriginal literacy activities to learn about Aboriginal culture and histories, enjoying stories that enriched their understanding.

Public Speaking

Our K-2 and 3-6 students participated in our school public speaking competition on Monday in the hall. Congratulations to all participants and winners! The public speaking skills displayed were outstanding, and we are very proud of all our students.

Recorder Ensemble

On Tuesday, our Recorder Ensemble students attended their rehearsal and performance. They were fantastic! A huge thank you to Mrs Dewar

Attendance Matters

You may have noticed some recent posts about attendance on our Facebook page. This is part of the Department of Education’s Attendance Matters initiative. We understand that students need to stay home when ill and encourage parents to do so until their child has fully recovered. However, we also encourage regular attendance for all other reasons. If you need any clarity around attendance expectations, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Finally, don’t forget that tomorrow is our Book Week Parade and Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you there for a fun and engaging celebration of literature.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



FRIDAY 19th September, 2.10pm till 3.20pm

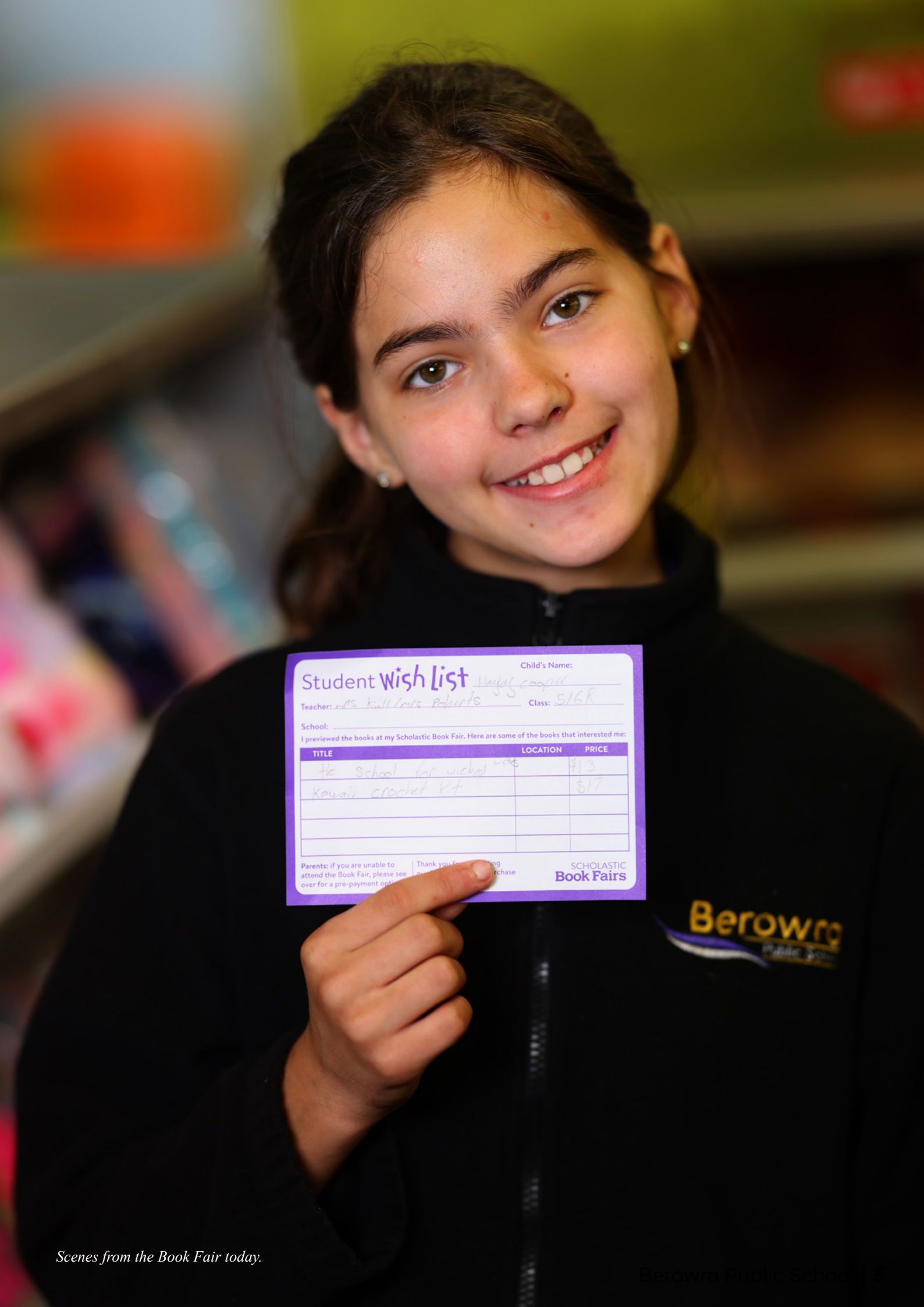
8 Days left till our Monty’s Colour Fun Run!

Don’t forget to sign the school permission slip.

Don’t forget to jump online and create your profile page if you haven’t already! Share your profile page to family and friends to receive any last-minute donations.

Remember to bring a white T-shirt your students teacher is collecting them now! Please put your name on the shirt. No shirt - No Participation.

We can’t wait to get colourful!



Scenes from the Book Fair today.





FATHER'S DAY





PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDY SPORTS DAY





2025 K-2 CLASS SPEECH WINNERS!

- KF: Eliza K, Isla U, Scarlett K
- K/1T: Lydia C, Hugh S, Jacob M
- 1/2K: Tom H, Zadie G, Zoey D
- 1/2L: Daisy M, Kira B, Florence C,
Thea P (away for finals)



**Congratulations to these students
and good luck in the finals!**

PUBLIC SPEAKING

STAGE 2 AND 3

Elky Roberts
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Over the last couple of weeks, Stage 2 and Stage 3 students have been preparing speeches on a topic of their choice and presenting them in front of their classes. The teachers and students were blown away by how well planned the speeches were and how engagingly they were delivered. We would like to congratulate each and every student who participated!

On Monday we had our finalists, two from each class, compete to declare an overall stage

winner. It was a very tight competition and we would like to thank Mrs Boon and Mrs Elder for the very difficult task of adjudicating our competition.

A huge congratulations to all of our finalists and our overall winners Charlotte D (Stage 2) and Elodie B (Stage 3).

CLASS WINNERS



STAGE 2

- Rojjan 3/4P
- Ryan G 3/4B
- Edie M 3/4L
- Charlotte D 3/4P
- Leonard B 3/4L
- Aurora J 3/4B



STAGE 3
Elodie B 5/6A
Elly L 5/6A
Tia V 5/6G
Emily P 5/6G
Elyse D-R 5/6R
Hayley C 5/6R

BOOK AN ADVENTURE

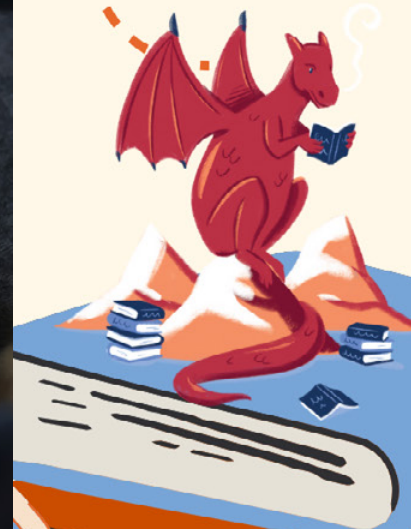
Join us for the BPS Scholastic Book Fair and our annual Book Week Costume Parade!

**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!



AUTHOR VISIT

MORRIS GLEITZMAN





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BRITTANI MITCHELL
Librarian

On Tuesday, 2nd September, our school was thrilled to welcome celebrated children's author Morris Gleitzman for a special visit with students in Years 3-6. Morris, whose books such as the Once series have captivated readers around the world, shared insights into his writing journey and answered a host of eager students' questions.

During his talk, Morris gave us a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to write a novel. He explained that, on average, it takes him about nine months to complete a book, though this can vary—his quickest book took just four weeks, while the longest, the final book in the Once series, took two years! Morris revealed that for this last book, he actually wrote three different versions before choosing the one that felt exactly right.

Students were fascinated to learn about Morris' writing process, with many surprised to hear that he finds starting a novel the hardest part. He admitted that coming up with the first sentence is his biggest struggle—proving that even famous authors face challenges. Interestingly, Morris didn't begin writing novels until he was 32 years old, showing that it's never too late to start something new.

One of the most important lessons Morris shared was about the role of problems and complications in stories. He explained that if characters' lives were always happy, there wouldn't be much to read about! It's the challenges that make stories exciting and meaningful.

The session finished with a lively Q&A, where students asked Morris about meeting other famous authors. He shared that he's met many at literary festivals, but jokingly lamented that he's never met J.K. Rowling—and now there's too much money blocking her front door for anyone to get in! Morris also talked about how he finds inspiration for his characters, saying he "befriends" them in his imagination as he gets to know them.

Morris Gleitzman's visit left students inspired and eager to read and write their own stories. We thank Morris for sharing his experiences and encouraging our budding authors to embrace creativity, challenges, and imagination.

EXCURSION

HPGE WORKSHOPS

Earlier this term, some of our talented artists visited the **Field of Mars Bush Studio** for art workshops. We also had some students complete a Science workshop day at Gibberagong. They had a fabulous time and enjoyed learning a variety of new skills. What a wonderful opportunity for them.

FROG LAB SCIENCE WORKSHOP

On Thursday 14th of August Elliana, Vincent, Xander, Cooper and Emilia went to the Kalkari Centre to attend a **Frog Science Day**. For the first activity, we went on a small bush walk to a pond.

We caught bugs and did checks on the water for the pond's clearness, turbidity, phosphates and salt. During the second activity, a frog expert taught us about frogs and she brought her red eyed tree frogs and a cane toad. Overall, we had a fantastic time.

ELLIANA W
YEAR 5 STUDENT



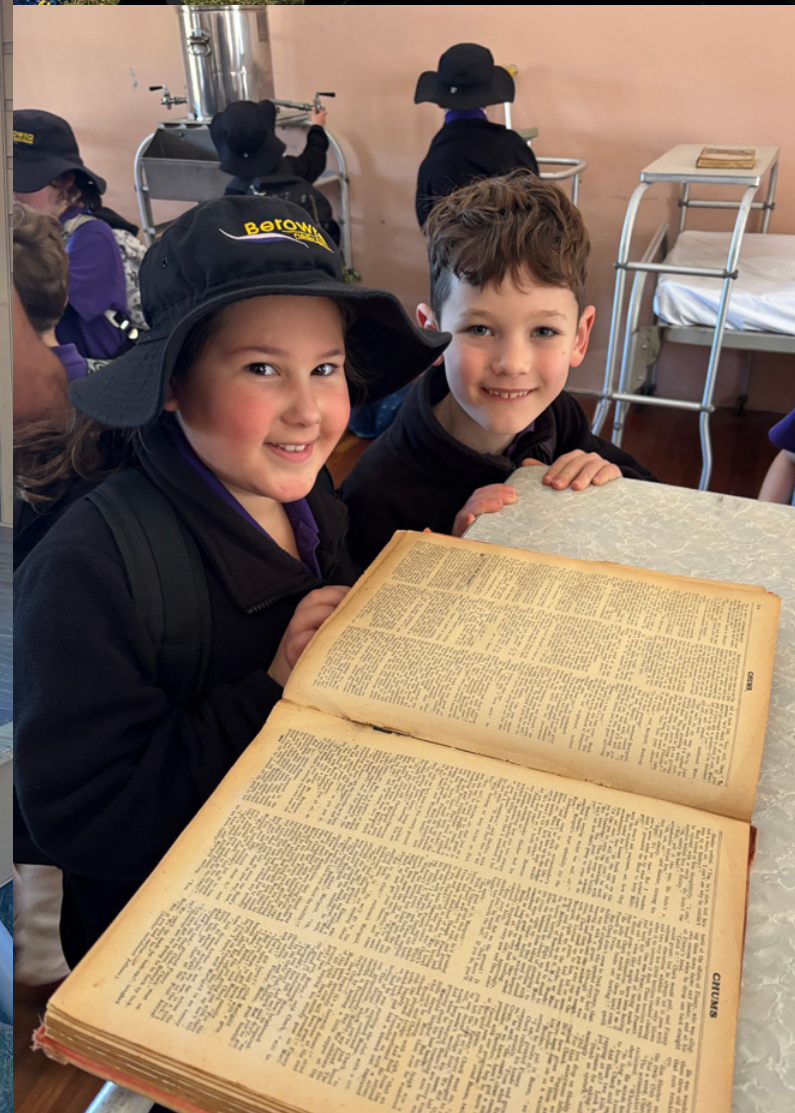
STAGE 1 EXCURSION

QUARANTINE STATION, MANLY

Stage 1 had a fantastic day out at the Q-Station, Manly for their second excursion of the year. The students toured the Heritage listed buildings, learning about the history of immigration to Australia as well as some interesting quarantine rules when people arrived in Australia by boat.

After clocking up a lot of steps on the tour the students enjoyed lunch overlooking the harbour followed by some free play on Quarantine Beach in Sydney Harbour National Park. The students were very well behaved and represented Berowra Public School with pride. Well done Stage 1.





SCIENCE

CHICKEN AND DUCK HATCHLINGS

Check out what is happening in KF's classroom.

On the next page you can see both the brown chicken eggs and the larger white duck eggs which haven't hatched yet. The eggs are marked with a circle and a cross to remind us to turn the eggs over every day. The chickens always have food and water and a heat lamp to keep them warm.

Kindergarten are studying living and non-living things in Science.





WATER

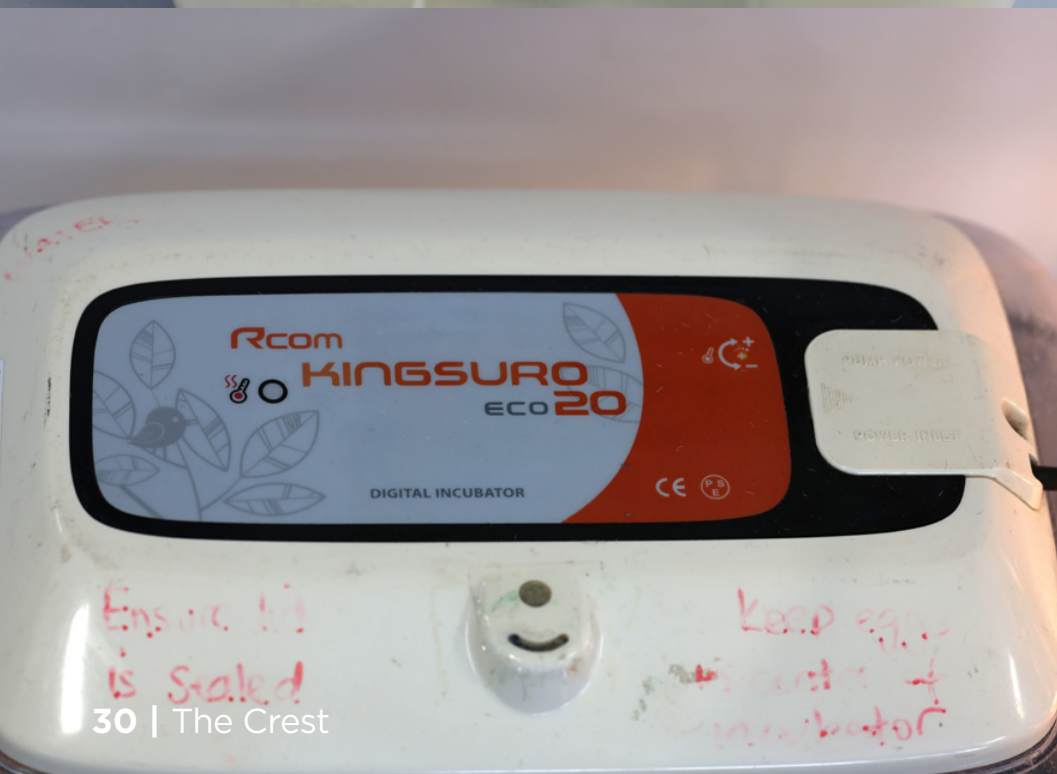


HEAT LAMP



DUCK EGGS

CHICKEN EGGS









SCRIPTURE IN THE SUN



SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Mrs Dewar
TEACHER

On Thursday 9th September the school's Recorder Festival Ensemble had the privilege of spending the afternoon and evening at the Sydney Opera House, rehearsing and performing 3 pieces of beautiful music - 'Rondo' by Henry Purcell, 'Fireflies' by Adam Yung and 'Elvenwood' by Tracy Burjan.

They were joined by over 700 members of the NSW Combined Public Schools Recorder and Strings Ensembles and the Sydney Percussion Ensemble, and they

sounded amazing!! The audience were also treated to performances by other incredible groups such as the NSW Public Schools State Senior Wind Band, the NSW Public Schools String Sinfonia and several highly talented solo and duet artists from NSW public schools.

A huge well done to all of our participating students for their fantastic

performance and exemplary behaviour - I was most proud of them.

Many thanks to our talented recorder teacher, Nazli Bodaghi, for training the ensemble to such a high standard over the past 8 months. We are now looking forward to taking an even bigger group to the Festival next year as many of our Bellbirds Recorder Group will graduate into our Festival Ensemble!







FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

AT THE PARLIAMENT OF NSW

Free activities
for children
up to 12 years
at the
Parliament
of NSW

**Friday
10 October
9.30am – 3pm**

Visit Australia's oldest
Parliament, step inside
history and get creative in
workshops and role plays.

- Visit our heritage rooms
- Make craft animals and objects
- Play music and draw with Blak Douglas
- Have your say in a committee role play
- Learn how to vote
- Enjoy live music and more...



FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT BPS

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 9AM - 1PM

3 WAYS TO ORDER

PURCHASE AT THE BOOK FAIR USING EFTPOS (NO CASH ACCEPTED).

1

*Please note - If we run out of stock due to limited supplies - use the 'prefer not to queue' method below to order your books.

ATTENDING THE BOOK FAIR BUT PREFER NOT TO QUEUE ...

2

If you come to the Book Fair but prefer not to queue, use the QR code displayed to pay - complete a pre-payment form/wish list stating the book titles ordered and the receipt number, then leave it in the pre-paid box. Your order will be filled and given to your child the week after the fair. (Do not take the books on Book Fair day)

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE BOOK FAIR ...

3

Pre-pay online using the wish list brought home by your child the day/s prior to the Book Fair. Students will browse at the Book Fair and create a wish list with their class during school time on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 8. If using this method, just add up the cost of the books you wish to purchase (cross out any books from their wishlist you don't want to purchase), pay online. Your child MUST return the wish list stating the book titles and the receipt number to their class teacher on Thursday 11th September (or prior). Wish list orders will be filled and given to the students the week after the Book Fair.

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

- 9:00 - Book Fair opens
- 9:45 - Book Parade on the netball court
- 10:10 - Book Fair open for parents, classrooms visits, photo opportunity.
- 10:40 - Lunch - Book Fair open, canteen serving food
- 11:30 - Students return to lessons. Book Fair remains open for parents until 1pm.

We will not be accepting cash for the Book Fair. All purchases earn rewards for the school to go towards buying more books for our library.

Transition to School Webinar for families



**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:



Scan QR code to register



12 - 1:15pm



7:15- 8:30pm

