



Happy Holidays! They Are Well Earned

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Holidays

We made it! What a very busy term. Our students and staff are all looking forward to a well-earned break. There is no school development day at the beginning of Term 4 and the first day back at school for students is **Monday 12th October**.

Term 4 guidelines were sent out yesterday via SkoolBag.

At the moment,

- Year 3-6 camp is still under consideration. We are currently planning a plan B
- We will run our Kinder Orientation transition program face to face but the parent information session will happen by Zoom
- Year 6 Farewell will continue at Asquith Golf Club
- No current information on 'End of Year Presentation Day/Night' Ceremonies
- Reptile Park excursion will go ahead
- Pick up and drop off procedures will remain the same
- Year 7 transition will go ahead.

Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 23rd September we held our K-6 Public Speaking final. The standard of the speeches was extremely high and it made it very difficult for our adjudicators to select the winners. Congratulations every student who competed in the class and grade finals during Term 3. A list of the finalists and winners are below.

- ◇ Kindergarten Finalists: Matilda, Zachary and Matthew

Kindergarten Winner: Matilda

- ◇ Stage 1 Finalists: Felix, Claire and Georgia

Stage 1 Winner: Felix

- ◇ Stage 2 Finalists: Joshua, Eve and Samuel

Stage 2 Winner: Joshua

- ◇ Stage 3 Finalists: Makai, Kira and Eliza

Stage 3 Winner: Eliza

Support Unit Winner: Liam

A special thank you to Mrs Kelly Cartwright (Brooklyn PS Principal) and Mrs Greta Hughes (Mt Kuring-gai PS Principal) for giving up their time from their busy schedule to be our special judges at our competition.



CALENDAR

Cowan Dance Group: **Fridays 8am**
Instrument Tutoring: **Individual Days**
Student Banking: **Mondays**

Term 4		
Students and Staff return to school	Oct	12th
School Photos		19th
Kindergarten Orientation Parent Session		21st

Library Renovation

The library is really coming along nicely. It won't be long before the finishing touches such as a mural and other fun things will be added. Hopefully, this will be happening in the holidays. It will be ready for the 'Writers' Festival' in Term 4 and will be officially opened at that time.

Tell Them From Me (Term 3, 2020) – REMINDER – PARENT SURVEY

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement.

The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

To access the survey for our school go to:
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/3fpsx>

Selective High School placement application information

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2022 will open on 6th October 2020 and close on 9th November 2020.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Please see information on Page 5 of this newsletter.

Uniform Reminder

All students to return to school in summer uniform next term. We have our photos on the second Monday back.

2021 Kindergarten enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolment applications and supporting documentation for students commencing in 2021.

Future Kindergarten students should be enrolled as soon as possible to ensure that we can communicate information about Orientation Programs happening in November.

We will be holding an **information session**, via Zoom, **for parents** of children starting school next year on **Wednesday 21 October** from **5.30pm - 6.30pm**. All parents who have submitted their enrolment form for 2021 will receive an email with the link prior to this meeting. If you have not yet enrolled your child you will need to register your interest with the school to receive the zoom link. Please email the school no later than Wednesday 14th October and provide your child's name, date of birth and family residential address.

Orientation for future kindergartens will be face to face on the following dates, more information about these sessions will be discussed at the Parent Information Zoom Session.

- **Wednesday, 11th November, 2020**
9am to 10:30am
- **Wednesday, 18th November, 2020**
9am to 10:30am
- **Wednesday, 25th November, 2020**
9am to 10:30am

Sport in Term 4

Next term Cowan PS has opted-in to modified PSSA summer sport with local schools. PSSA will revert back to the summer sports (League Tag) beginning in Week 3 (October 30th) through until Week 7. Unfortunately, this will be only offered to our Stage 3 students. There will be more information early next term.

School Sport will take place on Friday mornings and will remain on site.

Kind Regards
Tracey Darby
Principal

The Cowan Public School Olympics

20 years ago Sydney held the 'Best Olympics Ever'. Today, at Cowan Public School, I think we topped Sydney. We held 6 events across the school including handball tournaments, paper aeroplane making and throwing, beanbag bowls, Frisbee throwing, building the tallest Lego tower and Lego car making.

The students had a brilliant time, showed great sportsmanship and did their very best in all events. Well done to everyone.

Vanessa Jones



School Photos

- **Monday 19th October**
- Wear full summer uniform, along with beautiful smiles
- All photo orders, along with sibling photo orders, can be made online, including payment, at: www.advancedlife.com.au using the Online Code of 5VT DT2 N4R
- If you would prefer to pay in cash then please use the photo envelope sent home with your child in first term. We do have some extra envelopes at school, along with CPS family envelopes, if you need one.

Outstanding Term Fees

We ask our families to settle any outstanding term fees as soon as possible. If you are unsure if you have outstanding fees, or what they may amount to, please call or email the school office. If you would like to discuss payment options, then please see Mrs Darby, in confidence.

What Is Coming Up In Term 4

- Monday 12th October—First Day of Term 4 for students and staff
- Monday 19th October—School Photos
- Wednesday 21st October—Kinder Parent Session 5.30pm
- Wednesday 28th October—K-2 Reptile Park Excursion
- Thursday 29th October—Cake Day
- Friday 30th October—PSSA sport begins
- Wednesday 4th November—Children's Writers' Festival
- Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th November—Kinder Orientation Days
- Tuesday 17th November—Yr6 Mini Fete
- Wednesday 18th November—Cake Day
- Wednesday 2nd December—Cake Day
- Wednesday 2nd December—Yr6 Farewell
- Tuesday 8th December—Presentation Night
- Friday 25th September—Last Day of Term 3

Tentative Date for Term 4:

- Monday 26th-Wednesday 28th October—Yrs3-6 Canberra Excursion

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved the following awards recently:

Bronze: Matthew Geofferson

Silver: Damon Netta Zachary
Lilly Felix Ajay

Gold: Monty Zachary

P&C SPOT

- **P&C Meeting**—a new date will be advised soon
- **Working Bees**—Not until 2021.

*We wish all our students
and families
a safe and happy holiday.*

*We look forward to your bright
smiling faces back at school on
Monday 12th October!*

School Security Holiday Period

*If you see any suspicious or anti-social
behaviour on our school grounds
over the holiday period
you are encouraged to contact*

*the School Security Unit on **1300 880 021**
or Hornsby Police on **9476 9799***

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 1st November, 2020.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 6 October 2020 and 9 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

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BEROWRA DISTRICT TENNIS COACHING CENTRE



ABN NO. 87690456080

B.D.T.C.C. TENNIS CAMPS 2020

Week 1: Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October: \$190

Week 2: Tuesday 6th October - Friday 9th October: \$150

Time: 9-3pm [even if wet]

Friday is Party Day!

Cost: Daily rate: \$50. Half day: \$35. **Wednesday is Icecream Day**

Location: Berowra Tennis Club, Boundary St, Berowra.

Enquiries: Please phone Trevor: 0408977787. or Gilly: 0402110904

Bookings can also be made via facebook: Berowra District Tennis Coaching Centre.

B.D.T.C.C. Camp Application Form OCTOBER 2020

Name: ----- **Age:** -----

Phone No: -----

Week 1: ----- **Week 2:** -----

Method of payment: ----- [cash/cheque/EFT] **Amount:** \$-----

Any relevant medical conditions: -----

Signed: -----

EFT PAYMENTS TO BDTCC

BSB: 814282

ACC NO: 30496150

TAKE \$100 OFF
YOUR REGISTRATION FEES
Claim your voucher today!

ACTIVE KIDS

PLAY CRICKET!

OUTDOORS NON-CONTACT

MORE RUNS. MORE WICKETS. MORE FUN!
GET INVOLVED IN ALL THE JUNIOR CRICKET ACTION
AT THE BEROWRA CRICKET CLUB THIS SUMMER.

BEROWRA CRICKET CLUB SEASON 2020/21

Junior Blasters (5-7yrs) | Master Blasters (8-9yrs)
Juniors (U10-U17) | Seniors (Open)

Online registration: www.berowracricket.org
All enquiries: juniors@berowracricket.org

BIRD AT BEROWRA WWW.GOV.AU/ACTIVEKIDS



JOIN THE BEROWRA CC TODAY!

PLAY CRICKET

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Northern Districts Little Athletics

"A community-oriented not-for-profit organisation for Family, Fun and Fitness"



New Season Starts October 2020

Friday Twilight Athletics Workshops 9th & 16th October from 6pm

Followed by Saturday program beginning 24th Oct. from 830am through to March 2021

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. LANSW Covid Safety Plan approval in place.

Weekly programs for Ages U6-17 (ask about our Tiny Tots Program)

A great way to stay active over Spring & Summer, with a focus on achieving your Personal Best

Held at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah. See our website www.ndlac.org.au for more information

