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## Principal's Report

### World Teachers Day

Last Friday was World Teachers Day. A day to celebrate the wonderful work the teachers do every day for the children. During the week our wonderful P&C supplied the staff with a wonderful lunch and video. Many parents and children in the community took the time to say 'Thank you!' and I can promise you that it was very special for the teachers. Thank you to everyone for their support.



### Requests for 2018

Planning for 2018 is well underway. If you have any requests or information relating to class placement or teacher allocation for 2018 please put it in writing and mark it to the attention of Mr Pinchbeck. All requests will be treated with the strictest confidentiality. I cannot promise that I can cater for your request but I can promise that each request will be given due consideration. As you can appreciate in a small school there are sometimes not a lot of alternatives.

### 2018 Kindy Enrolments

If you know of any families in our community that have children starting Kindergarten next year and haven't enrolled as yet can you please encourage them to make contact with the school as soon as possible. This will greatly assist us with planning and ensure a smooth start to 2018.

### 2018 Start of School Year

Next year students in Years 1-6 will start school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Kindergarten students will start full-time on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. During the first week, Tuesday to Thursday, each Kindergarten student will be allocated a one hour window on one of those three days to complete their Best Start assessment. This assessment gives the teachers a great indication of the student's abilities and will assist them with their planning.

If you will not be at school when it starts in 2018 can you please provide me with a letter stating that fact and the reason why. At the beginning of each year principals count the number of students before forming new classes to ensure their numbers are accurate and the school is staffed accordingly.

### School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital in the development of the child in many areas. The Department of Education (DoE) states that all children should attend school every day, unless they are sick or there are special circumstances. Taking children out of school for any reason needs to be communicated with the Principal, generally via the classroom teacher. If your child is sick please let the office know or send a note with your child when they return to school for their teacher. For any other reason please contact me to discuss the issue, prior to taking Leave, if this is possible.

### **Grandparent's Day**

Tuesday saw a remarkable turn out of grandparents for our annual Grandparent's Day. Our very special visitors were treated to a beautiful PowerPoint presentation put together by Mrs Eastgate which showed the children at work in the classrooms, a delicious morning tea provided by the P&C and school staff, open classrooms where they were able to see the children's work and we had a Book Fair in the hall. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend to make it such a special day for the children.

### **Colour Fun Run**

Last Friday Mrs Eastgate organised a Colour Fun Run for our school. All the children, and some of the parents too, got right into the action and had a great time. Some of the children were covered in so much colour that it took me a few minutes to work out who some children were talking to me. I have been informed that a photo of me from the day covered in the colour has received many likes on Facebook. Thank you so much to those students, parents and staff who had the idea that I needed a bit of colour. It was great to see so many parents up at school to make sure the children had a great time.

### **Korean School Visit**

On Wednesday afternoon a group of delegates from the Kangwon Provincial Office of Education in South Korea visited our school. The purpose of their visit was to see how small schools deliver curriculum and provide the students with opportunities. They were very impressed with our school and especially impressed with the community involvement to support the students. We discussed a range of topics relating to the running of the school and they left with some ideas about what they may need to do in the future to support the small schools in South Korea. Thank you to our four school leaders who also shared their thoughts with them.

### **School Website & notes**

The school's website is currently being updated and will continue to be a source of information. Feedback from the recent parent survey highlighted the need for this resource to be improved. I thank the parents who took the time to complete the survey. The Calendar section has been updated to reflect what is happening at school for the rest of this year and what has already been planned for the first two terms of 2018. Today and tomorrow I will be updating the Notes Home section of the website. Notes will continue to be sent home in paper form as this promotes responsibility within the students and also lets them know what is happening. The website will be a place for you to print off any notes if they don't make it home.

### **Band Trial**

Next Wednesday all children in Year 2, and those children in Years 3-5 who are interested, will be able to trial instruments for the school's Band program. This will take place from 10:30am in the hall. The Band committee has organised several music teacher to assess the children for which instrument may suit them best. A note is being sent home today with all the information and there is a link on the school website. The Band provides the children with a great opportunity and desperately needs more musicians.

### **P&C AGM and Meeting**

The date for the P&C AGM and next meeting is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend. To be eligible to vote at the AGM you would need to have been approved at the October meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend and share their thoughts and participate in any discussions. If you have any questions please contact myself or Richard Thompson (P&C President).

### **Chess Tournament**

Yesterday six students participated in the annual Interschool Chess Tournament at Wahroonga Public School. They had a great day and enjoyed being challenged by students from other schools. Their results had the school placed around 5<sup>th</sup> overall, which is fantastic. Thank you very much to the parents who provided transport and attended the day. It is appreciated by the children.

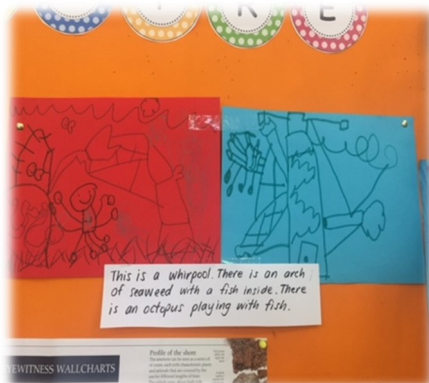
Matt Pinchbeck

Principal (rel)

# K/1T's Discovery Centre

We read the book "Tortuga" by Paul Geraghty in Week 1 followed by a short film called "The Life of A Turtle". This resulted in many rich discussions about the life cycle of sea turtles, how their habitat is changing and what we can do to help. As a class, we wondered what we could do to help sea turtles and the students decided to make some posters to encourage people not to litter as our oceans are becoming too polluted. Look closely around the school playground and you will see K/1T's posters (thanks to Emily Porter's parents for keeping our classroom in plentiful supply of cardboard for a great many projects!)

Thanks to the wonderful Mrs Simpson-Lee for creating a great space for discovery in K/1T to continue the theme of 'The Ocean'. Some have read fiction and non-fiction books about the ocean, others have looked closely at Mrs Simpson-Lee's lovely seashells that were collected during her travels.



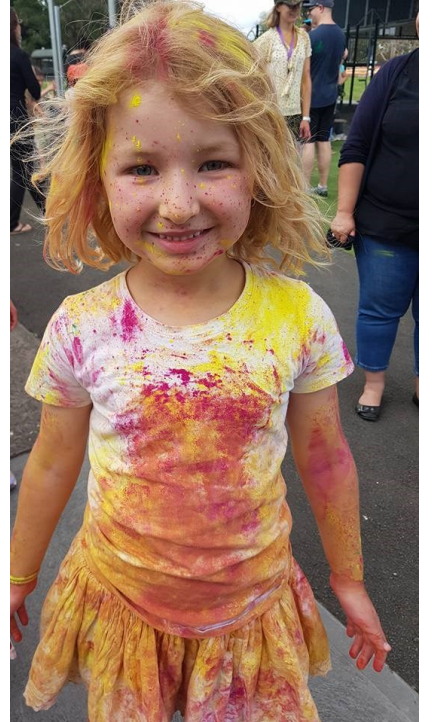


# Colour Run

Fun time was had by all the students and staff at Friday's Colour Run. Many thanks to all the sponsors .











## CANTEEN NEWS



### **NEED A LUNCH BAG FOR YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ORDER?**

Below are the options available to purchase from our school Canteen:



### Reusable Canteen Lunch Order Bags "Lunch Wallets" \$10 each

- Designed to replace paper lunch bags when ordering from the canteen.
- Holds more food than paper bags.
- Sturdy flat base makes them easy to pack and stack.
- Made from non woven polypropylene (like green shopping bags) as it is durable and easy to clean
- Extremely easy to wipe clean with a damp cloth.
- Reduces paper waste.
- Hygienic zipper pocket to separate money from contact with food.
- Wallet in a closed position.
- Transparent pocket displays name & class.
- Clear pocket with zipper for money & written lunch order.
- Size of Lunch Wallet is approximately: 23cm (H) x 18cm (W) x 10cm (D).
- Pocket sizes and colours may vary.



OR

Disposable Brown Paper Lunch Order Bag 10c each

#### Canteen Policy Update

\*Please note young children are not permitted in the canteen due to Health & Safety guidelines and Insurance reasons.

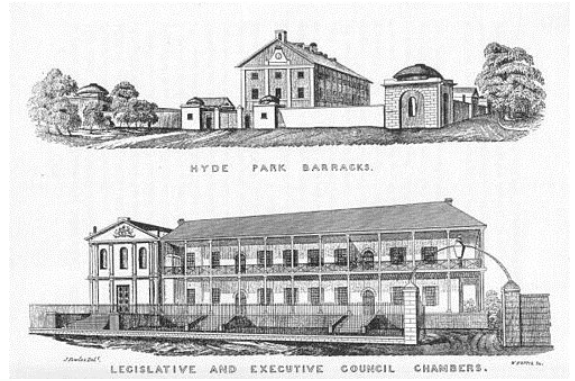
\*All lunch orders should be placed in the Lunch Order Collection Bin located near the Canteen door.

\*New Canteen Committee email address [mkpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:mkpscanteen@gmail.com)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

## Friday 3rd November

Stage 2-3 Hyde Park Barracks and Powerhouse Museum



## Monday 6th November

League Tag Gala Day



## Thursday 9th November

Public Speaking Finals

K-2 9.30-10.30

3-6 12.30-3.30

## Monday 13th November

Kindy Kick Start

## Tuesday 14th November

Surf Education Manly



## SCHOOL BANKING

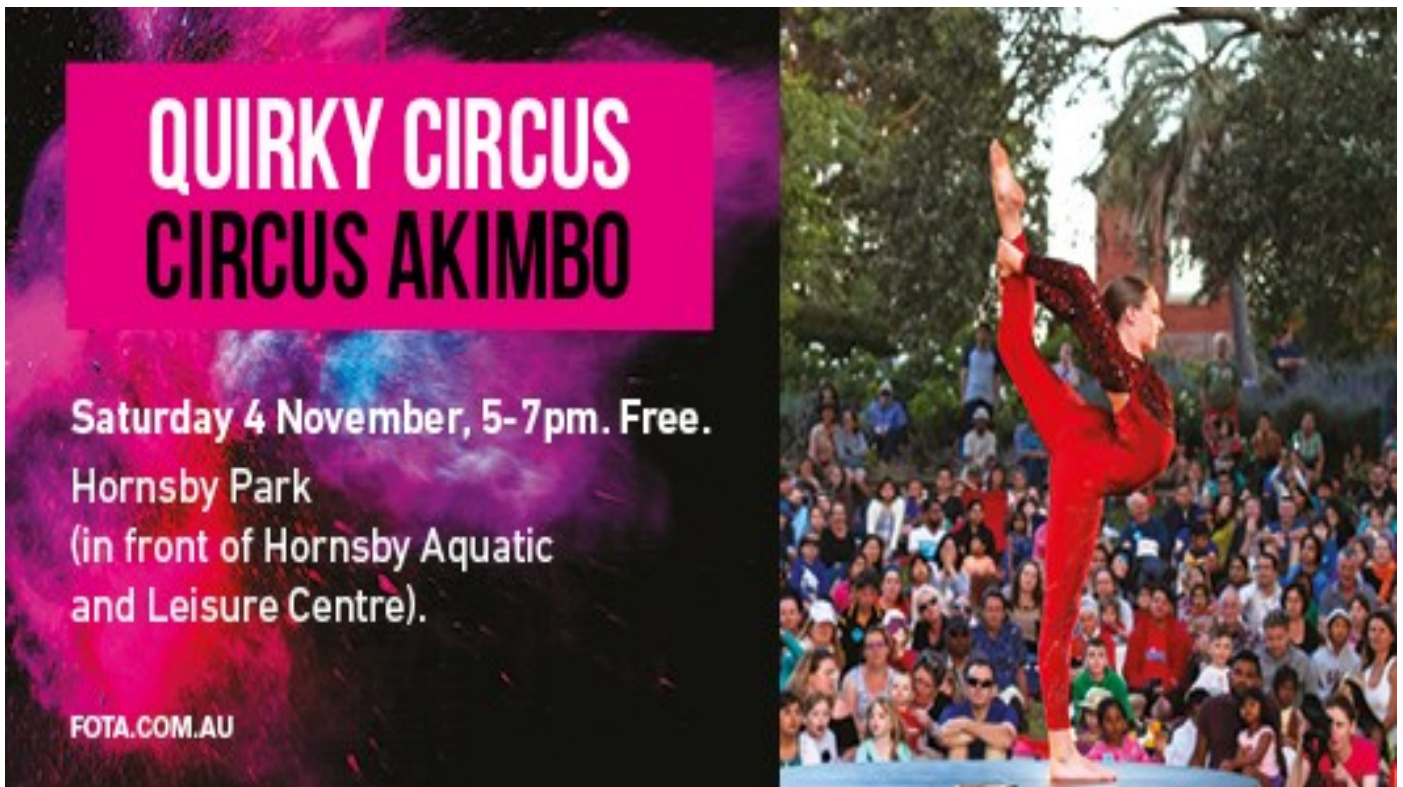
School Banking takes place every Tuesday morning outside the library.

Please take your books to Mrs Fieramosca and not to the school office.

If you forget we are happy to pass them on the following week.



# Community Notice Board



**QUIRKY CIRCUS  
CIRCUS AKIMBO**

**Saturday 4 November, 5-7pm. Free.**  
Hornsby Park  
(in front of Hornsby Aquatic  
and Leisure Centre).

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## BUSH SCHOOL LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming lessons for children

4 years to 12 years (Year 6, 2017) taught by our qualified and experienced instructors at the Bush School pools on Saturdays, November – March

Season Cost: 30 min lesson

\$105 for 1 child,

\$175 for 2 children,

\$230 for 3 or more children (plus \$21.00 insurance per child 8 yrs and over)

Enrolments: Online at our website

Grading: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (or on later Saturdays from November) at the Bush School pools.

Enquiries:

Frances Simpson-Lee 9489 1579

Carolyn Cross 9489 2415

Liz Wright - bushschoolts@gmail.com







# GET in2 FUN GET in2 CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's great fun, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.



All kids receive a **BONUS PLAYER PACK** when they register!



**BCC MILO Have-A-Go introductory session:**

Sunday, 22nd October 3-5pm at Warrina Street Oval

**BCC MILO in2 Cricket program:**

Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30am

November 4th to December 15th 2017

& February 3rd to March 2nd 2018



Visit [www.berowracricket.org](http://www.berowracricket.org) to register



Health  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District

# Carers Support Group

If you care for a relative or friend  
join us to access information and support

**Speaker: James Baird**  
NSW Rural Fire Service – Berowra Rural Fire Brigade

**Topic: “Bushfire Season”**

**Facilitator: Barbara Lewis / Mary Di Mattina**  
Carer Support Service  
Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD)  
Ph: 9998 6185

**10.30am**  
**Wednesday 8 November 2017**

Berowra Community Health Centre  
123 Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra Heights

COST: Free.

**Morning tea** will be provided

**RSVP**: 9456 3344

**Next Meeting Date**: Christmas Lunch – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

Northern Sydney  
Carer  
Support Service





Health  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District



# Health Promotion Day

## Diabetes

Date: 9th November 2017

Time: 11:00am

Location: Berowra Community Health Centre

Address: 123 Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra Heights

Ph.: 9456 3344

Cost: Free

To book please call

9456 3344





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**Come and Try Thursdays**

November 16th, 23rd, 30th - James Park Hornsby 4-5pm  
December 7th, 14th - Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval 4.30-5.30pm

### LOCAL OP SHOP SUPPORTING THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOUNDATION

*Josephine's Emporium* in Thornleigh is an Op Shop lover's paradise with a wonderful collection of girls and women's clothing, accessories and jewellery. For bargain hunters you'll love browsing through our wide range of Bric a Brac. There is something for everyone!

This Op Shop is one of the not-for-profit works of *Emmaus Productions* and the *Mary Brown Memorial Foundation* established by Monica Brown and the local Brown family of Thornleigh. Proceeds from the profits of the Op Shop will go to *The Good Samaritan Foundation*, in support of their work with families in crisis.

*Josephine's' Emporium* is located above the hairdresser's saloon at 8D Station Street Thornleigh and is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am - 4pm. For more information phone 0432160322 or 94840252



**ASQUITH BOYS** *Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys*

# HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY FOR YEAR 5 BOYS

## THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017

Come and experience a selection of high school subjects for a day, with exciting and interesting lessons prepared especially for you!

**Applications to attend this day close on Friday 10 November.**

For an application form contact our school office on 9477 3508 or download it from our website [www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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## **Berowra RSL Sub Branch**



### **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**Assemble by 10.30am,**

**Service to commence 11.00am**

**Service to be held at the Memorial, the Community Centre,  
The Gully Road, Berowra.**

**The Community is most welcome to attend**

There will be a time for any groups or members of the public to lay floral tributes.

Berowra RSL Sub-Branch, for further details telephone: 0412 528 336