School Events
This Fortnight...

Monday 24th November
Assembly 11.45am
Swimming Scheme Begins

Monday 1st December
Assembly 11.45am
School Leader Candidate Speeches 12.00pm

Wednesday 3rd December
Volunteers Morning Tea
High School Orientation 9.30am

Friday 5th December
Swimming Scheme Ends

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

School Leaders
Congratulations to the 13 Year 5 students who have been nominated by their peers to be candidates for our 2015 school leadership team. All students nominated have the qualities of an excellent leader. All nominees are now busy campaigning for the upcoming election. They will address the whole school on Monday 1st December, during our assembly time at 11.45, and try to convince us why they are the best person for the job. Voting will take place after the speeches and the 2015 leaders will be announced at our Presentation Day Assembly on Monday 8th December at 9.30am.

Our 13 candidates are: Dilan Asanoski, Brody Dean, Trenton Dema, Zac Ford, Samuel Nicholls, Dylan Teixeira, Emerson Dockett, Madison Hart, Harmony Langley, Piper Missingham, Remi Morgan and Emily Vaughan.

Library
All library borrowing has finished this week, as this will allow for the library to undertake the annual stock take. We appreciate your support in returning all books. Our library will also be getting a much needed “face lift” and extension. Renovations will commence within the next couple of weeks.

Killalea State Park
Our Stage 2 students went to Killalea State Park and from what I have heard everyone had a great day. They really enjoyed spending the day in one of the most beautiful places in the South Coast, and also participating in many outdoor activities.
Thank you to the staff for organising such a great day.

Thank You Morning Tea
On behalf of all Berkeley staff I would like to say a big Thank You! To all the parents and community people who have supported us throughout the year. People have contributed in many different ways, for example; scripture, classrooms, P & C, discos, assisting with sporting teams, Southern Stars, choir, and so the list goes on.
Please come along to our “Thank You Morning Tea” on Wednesday 3rd December at 11.00am so we can show you how much we appreciate your help.
**PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED**

**End of Year Activities**
There is lots happening at Berkeley Public School during the last four weeks of school.
Please ensure all notes and money are returned by due dates so organisation of these activities runs as smoothly as possible.

**Swimming Scheme**
Swimming School commences on Monday 24th November and continues until Friday 5th December, and will involve students in Years 2, 3 and 4.
The students are very fortunate to be able to participate in this intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in the water.

**Reports**
All teachers have been busy assessing students and writing their reports.
Semester 2 reports will be sent home with every child on Friday 5th December.

Have a Great Fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

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**BULLYING**

**3 Step Bully Program**

1. Say “STOP! I don’t like it”. Walk away.
2. Repeat, “Stop it, or I will tell the teacher.”
3. Tell the teacher in a calm way.

We will not tolerate any bullying at Berkeley Public School. These steps are displayed in every classroom and all teachers have spoken to their classes and are aware of the processes we use.

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**PARENT TIPS**

**At a Glance**

**Helping Girls Succeed At School**
- Be interested in your daughter’s school work; it shows you value what they do.
- Don't underestimate the power of encouragement; it’s a great way of helping with schoolwork.
- School attendance is critical to a girl's success at school.
- As parents, especially mums, it's important to model self-assertiveness, confidence, independence and self-assurance.
- The best antidote to any anxieties your daughter may have about schoolwork is common sense.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Term 4 Week 5**

- KB: 95%
- KC: 90%
- K/1N: 90%
- 1N: 90%
- 1PC: 85%
- 2D: 85%
- 2N: 85%
- 3/4K: 90%
- 3/4WP: 90%
- 4/5B: 100%
- 4/58: 100%
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**Term 4 Week 6**

- KB: 95%
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**IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY. BE ON TIME, BE AT SCHOOL, THAT'S THE RULE.**
Well done to the following students on recent excellence

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Our 2015 Kindergarten Students meet Matilda’s Farmyard Animals

All our ‘new’ Kindergarten children had a wonderful morning playing with the animals and meeting their buddies and playing games.

Stage 2 Excursion to Killalea State Park
On Wednesday the 19th November 2014, 3/4K, 3/4WP and 4/5B went to Killalea State Park. Firstly, we got off the bus and went to our sports and met our tour guide. We went to the beach and built a 3D model of the beach. We went to a little part of the rainforest and built a hut for our dough people, also we walked up one hundred and thirty five steps to get back to our bags! Everyone had fun at Killalea State Park.

Bree-Ann Andersen 3/4WP

At Killalea we did so many activities! We built a gunyah, ate a black apple, went fishing and caught pipis in the sand. We saw some ducks and geese in the lagoon under army camouflage netting. Also we put some paint on. Me and Keiran had so much fun! 3/4K, 3/4WP and 4/5B went on the excursion to Killalea. Everyone enjoyed it. I would like to go again.

Jett 4/5B

My favourite part was when we went on the beach and dug for pipis. I also liked when the helicopter flew over the lagoon and we had to hide.

Sophie 4/5B

My favourite part at Killalea was the camouflage. We got to get paint on our faces then camouflage to dodge the helicopter. The other part was making gunyahs for our little dough people.

Logan 4/5B

My favourite part was when we went to the bush and we got to roll down the hill. We got to eat black apple plum. We climbed up the rocks and made little people and gunyahs.

Abii De Jesue 4/5B

My favourite part of the day was when we built the gunyah and the little clay figure. And when we went down the hill and when we searched for pipis.

Noah Duarte 4/5B

Yesterday at the Killalea excursion we went to the lagoon and we used scoop nets to catch little bugs.

Firstly Stuart, our guide, showed us some Aboriginal artefacts and then we tried out some boomerangs.

Secondly Stuart tested us so he blindfolded us and made us hug, smell and scratch a tree. Then we went to the start again and we had to find the same tree.

Lastly when we arrived back at school I said to the teacher that it was the best excursion ever.

Michael Brisbane 3/4K

On Wednesday 19th November 3/4K went on an excursion to Killalea State Park. Firstly we lined up on the seats to go on the bus.

After we got on the bus we all were very loud but it wasn’t a long trip. When we arrived we had to sit on the grass and we were put into class groups. My favourite activity was when Krystal realized she was holding string made out of kangaroo guts. It was the best excursion I have ever gone to.

Jasmin Longley 3/4K

On Wednesday Years 3, 4 and 5 went on an excursion to Killalea State Park.

First we learnt about Aboriginal artefacts that they used a long time ago. There were a lot of tools they used like spears.

Zac was holding a club and it looked weird.

Secondly we did some activities before we went to the rainforest. One of them as a test and my friend was the demonstrator. The test was a blindfold test and she kept on screaming every time she felt some leaves. It was the best excursion I had ever been to.

Lilly Piper 3/4K

Thank you to all the families who very generously donated to our Operation Christmas Child project this year. We were able to pack 22 boxes with gifts for children who are not as fortunate as our children are. These boxes are now on their way to children in other countries.
DAPTO SCOUT GROUP FUNDRAISER

FACTORY SHOPPING
TAREN POINT
BUS TRIP

Saturday November 29th 2014

$30 per head (includes games and nibbles on the bus)
NON-REFUNDABLE

Please join us on a fun shopping trip, we will be visiting various factory outlets in Sydney and surrounding areas.

Christmas decorations
Manchester
Ladies/Ladys clothing
Confectionary
Toys
Perfume/Soap
Luggage/handbags

Leaving Dapto Train Station at 8am...

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