PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Week 7 already!!! Everyone here at Berkeley has been very busy. The students have been doing much learning and are always engaged in their schoolwork, especially when using computers and ipads.

Our Kindy students continue to delight and impress me with their enthusiasm towards their reading, writing and life at school. Their greetings are always so happy and friendly.

Our teachers have also been involved in Professional Learning days so they can continue to provide quality learning opportunities for all our students.

This term we have been concentrating on students’ writing and the Literacy Continuum.

Congratulations-

• To our future Australian Cricket captain, Samuel Conte, who was selected in the NSWPSSA Cricket Development Squad. This is an outstanding achievement considering the number of boys who play cricket. We wish him the best of luck and that he enjoys this wonderful opportunity.

• To Emily Vaughan and Remi Morgan who attended dance auditions to be involved in the 2014 Southern Stars Primary Dance Performing Company (formerly known as the ISER Performing Company). After a grueling 6 hours of dance workshops, Emily and Remi were chosen to be part of the company. It is a great honour to be chosen for this performing group. They will perform as an individual group at the South Coast Dance Festival, Southern stars and possibly Schools spectacular.

Congratulations to all these students – what a great achievement for themselves and the school.

Students Early to School

I am concerned that there is a growing number of students arriving at school before 8.30am and who are hanging around the gates. There is no teacher supervision in the morning until the 8.30am bell. I ask parents and carers to please assist by keeping your children home until supervision begins at 8.30am.
**BLUE AND WHITE**

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE CONTINUED**

**P&C AGM** – The P&C AGM was held on Monday 3rd of March. Congratulations to the following parents who were elected on the P&C Committee.

- President: Raz Duarte
- Vice-President: Sladjana Cachia
- Secretary: Sonia Cachia
- Vice-Secretary: to be advised
- Treasurer: Kostadinka Stevceski
- Vice-Treasurer: Fatima Todorovski

I would like to praise our hardworking P&C for the incredible job they do in supporting the learning programs, uniform shop and fund raising activities at our school.

**Stage 3 Camp**

Our school will be a much quieter place next week when over 60 of our Stage 3 students leave school on Monday for a three day excursion to Berry Sport and Rec Camp. I have had a look at some of the activities planned for them and I am confident that they will be kept very busy and entertained. Ms Aisbett, Mrs Hollick and Mrs Shephard will accompany the students for the three days. A big thank you to these three teachers, who will be taking time away from their own families whilst at camp.

**Naplan – National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy**

Week 3 Term 2 has been set aside by the Department of Education and Community as the week for all Naplan testing to be done. Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will receive information regarding these tests and whether they wish to have their child do the test or be exempted. If a child is away on the day of a test there are make up sessions later in the week.

**Partial Absences**

It is a legal requirement that students attend school for the full duration of the school day, unless a justifiable reason prevents them from attending. The start of the school day is important and it is essential that students settle in their classrooms on time to get their best from lessons. Students who enter the classroom late disturb other student’s work and disrupt classroom routine. Whilst it is understandable that on occasion events occur beyond our control to cause lateness, we would appreciate your efforts in ensuring that all students are at school on time each day.

**Class Attendance Winners**

- Week 5 – KB
- Week 6 – 1N

Mr Edgar our Home School Liaisons Officer informed me that the school’s week 6 attendance was the highest for this year. Keep it up!!!

**Parent Tips**

**Hints and Tips 2014 Homework Planner** The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised.

Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.


**Developing Resilience**

We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!” from our kids when things don’t go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.

**Maths A to Z**


Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal
Attendance Term 1 Week 5

Attendance Term 1 Week 6

Parent Tips

Getting Ready for Camp

At a glance:

- Some anxiety about going away to camp is normal.
- School camp gives kids the opportunity to experience independence and make new friends.
- Talk positively to your child about your own experiences at camp.
- Find out if your child can choose a friend as a room mate.
- Make sure your child can master skills like applying sunscreen and doing their own hair.
- Have your child help label and pack all the belongings they are taking to camp.

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students on recent excellence

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STEWART HOUSE
With your newsletter today you would have received a Steward House envelope. Berkeley Public School is a great supporter of Stewart House and each year children from our school attend a two week vacation in November. The money raised from these donation envelopes help children attends this camp. Could you please place a $2 gold coin donation in the envelope and return to school as soon as possible. All entries must be returned to school before Friday 16th May for you to be eligible to win a $4000 holiday.

HARMONY DAY
Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21st March and our school will be promoting the benefits of cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’ and an item will be presented by students at the assembly on Monday 17th March. Students will be involved in class activities and lessons to celebrate the day. Friday 21st will be a mufti day and students are encouraged to wear something orange.

Port Kembla Junior Football Club
has the following spots still available

Under 11 Girls Side
(Girls Ages 9 -11 can play) If you are interested in playing soccer and having fun call Chez on 0408493410