PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Stage 3 Camp
From all reports the students and teachers had a great time at Berry. Everyone participated in many fun and sometimes challenging activities. All attending teachers praised our students on their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship displayed throughout the three days. Once again, thank you to Mrs Hollick, Mrs Shephard and Ms Aisbett for accompanying the students.

Cross Country/Rod Wishart and Paul McGregor Shield
Unfortunately our Cross Country had to be postponed due to the wet weather. Cross Country will now be held next Wednesday 2nd April. The Rod Wishart and Paul McGregor Shields have also been postponed until Thursday 10th April. Letters will be coming home soon.

Cabling Upgrade
Berkeley Public School is very fortunate to be one of the schools that are part of the cabling upgrade the DEC are implementing. This installation is part of the Arubru WiFi System – which enables faster access to the Internet. This will improve access to the Internet when students are using ipads and laptops in their classes.
You may also notice safety fencing near the George Street entrance to the school, from Monday 31st March. This is necessary, as some concrete needs to be lifted for the cabling.
Thank you for your co-operation.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 have received a note explaining the dates that the tests will take place.

Uniforms
I have had many comments by visitors coming to our school on how great our students look in their uniforms. We have nearly 100% of our students, on a daily basis, wearing their full school uniform. Sports uniforms are worn only on Fridays or on special days, such as Cross Country.
We have a uniform clothing pool at the office, if you have uniforms that your child has outgrown please consider donating them to the clothing pool.
The uniform shop is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8.45 and 9.15am.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Gymnastics
Berkeley students will have an opportunity to be involved in a specialised Gymnastics Program for all K – 6 students in Term 2.
The students will be working on all components of gymnastics, including floor, bars, rings, beam and tramp.
The program will run every Tuesday in Term 2. More information will be coming home soon.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

TERM 1 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Just a reminder to all parents and carers, grandparents and friends that our end of term Presentation Assembly will be held on Monday 7th April (Week 11) at 11.45am in the school hall. Teachers are looking for students who have shown improvement and worked hard this term to receive class awards. All are welcome to attend.

Berry Sport and Recreation Camp

I thought camp was a great experience. It was lots of fun and we learnt about the local environment. We went kayaking, made damper in the bush, went orienteering and played night activities. The meals were beautiful and the cabins were nice. We were at Berry for 3 days and 2 nights. Thank you teachers and Mrs McGee for organising this camp. I appreciate it heaps.

Monica Ayoub 5/6A

Berry was fun we did heaps of activities like rafting, the giant swing, and a bushwalk, we even got to set up for breakfast, we made toast and soft taco. Then me, Jay and Jaymz played tennis.

Brodie J

On Monday Stage 3 went to Berry for three days. When we arrived one of the instructors spoke to us on the bus then we had to put our bags under the veranda. Then we had free time. We got put into groups, table groups and cabin groups. Next we did our first activity. My group did the big swing – that was awesome.

Piper

On Monday the 17th March Stage 3 went to Berry Camp. We got there at 10.30am. When we got there we played free time for 40 minutes. Then everyone got split up into groups. Then after we got split up into groups everyone had to go to their cabins and change into swimming clothes, bushwalking shoes and clothes to go on the swing. The whole thing took about 3 and a half hours. Next everyone came back and some people had a shower. Then it was lunch and free time. After free time we had dinner. After dinner everyone went into this big hall and played games. Then we had one cookie and milk and went to bed. The next day people changed groups. On the last day we changed groups again and had lunch. We got our bag and went back to school at 2.30pm.

Amina and Elle
**Parent Tips**

**Helping Kids Learn How to Make Friends**

**At a glance:**
- Making friends for children is critical to enjoying school and learning.
- Guide children to control their impulses.
- Role model good social behaviour, turn-taking etc, for your child.
- Many children prefer just one special friend.
- Help your child think of ways to start conversations or games with others.
- Invite other children over for play dates and watch their behaviour.

Speak to your child’s teacher if your child is having difficulties making friends.

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**Attendance Term 1 Week 7**

- KB: 90%
- KC: 95%
- K/1N: 90%
- 1N: 90%
- 1P: 85%
- 2D: 90%
- 2N: 95%
- 3/4K: 95%
- 3/4WP: 90%
- 4/5C: 90%
- 5/6A: 85%
- 5/6H: 88%
- 5/6SR: 88%

**Attendance Term 1 Week 8**

- KB: 95%
- KC: 90%
- K/1N: 90%
- 1N: 85%
- 1P: 88%
- 2D: 88%
- 2N: 88%
- 3/4K: 85%
- 3/4WP: 95%
- 4/5C: 90%
- 5/6A: 88%
- 5/6H: 88%
- 5/6SR: 88%

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**Merit Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students on recent excellence

**Week 8**

- KB: Kayla Nutland and James Boniface
- KC: Linkin Borg and Sharni McKeon-Matthews
- K/1N: Janice Lawrence-Lyall and Marley Walther
- 1P: Makayla Watchorn and Tiyson Elliott
- 2D: Max Humeniuk and Ella Venegas
- 2N: Annabelle Gray and Emily Durusovski
- 3/4K: Dakota Sansone and Jasmin Longley
- 3/4WP: Lana Beri and Jasmine Spiroski
- 4/5C: Eddy Ushindi and Sophie Myles
- 5/6A: CAMP
- 5/6H: CAMP
- 5/6SR: CAMP

**Week 9**

- KB: Eden McGregor and Monique Sosa
- KC: Katerina Ghikas and Zalee Milosevski
- K/1N: Anastasia Vigorito and Dylan Brisbane
- 1N: Dean Kominkovski and Jana Grlic
- 1P: Tyra Zarate and Shontane King
- 2D: Hannah Furlong and Hailey Cuttill
- 2N: Naphat Wongtanakiate and Natasha Leggo
- 3/4K: Lily Bugden and Lochlan Coupe
- 3/4WP: Amelia Sheppard, Joshua Minos, Jacob Masri
- 4/5C: Keiran Stevceski and Jake Edge-Venables
- 5/6A: Monica Ayoub and Dylan Teixeira
- 5/6H: Tiana Risteveksi and Jayden Parisi
- 5/6SR: Harmony Langley and Riley Cuttill

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**It’s Not Ok To Be Away. Be On Time, Be At School, That’s The Rule.**
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- carers

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Join our Easter Family Night

Free

Thursday 10th April 6pm - 8pm

Join us for a great night of fun for the whole family!
- Kids' D.I.Y. workshops
- Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Fun Easter egg hunt
- Easter activities for the whole family
- Light refreshments provided

Other great activities including:
- Kids' D.I.Y. workshops
- Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Fun Easter egg hunt
- Easter activities for the whole family
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Bookings essential – for more information or to book space in a team reserve to store.

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