Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the P & C for organising and running the wonderful Mothers Day Stall last week. A beautiful selection of gifts was available and the students were very keen to pick out something special for their mum.

Thank you to the mums who helped organise the gifts and make the Mothers Day Stall so successful.

Kindergarten 2015
We are asking all families that are considering enrolling their child in 2015 to contact the office to collect an enrolment form. Please let neighbours and friends know that the school has started the kindergarten enrolment process.

Arrival Times
Our school bell is rung at 9.00am. This is the time that students are organised to come together and then enter their classroom for learning. Supervision of students before this time commences at 8.30am. Students should not be at school prior to this time. Students should leave their home at a time that ensures they are not arriving at school prior to 8.30am.

Families should make arrangements so that students are supervised off the school site before 8.30am. It is not appropriate or safe for students to be arriving earlier than this time, as supervision does not start until 8.30am.

2015 Opportunity Class
If you are thinking of applying for Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 in 2015, apply online from Monday 28th April, at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications close at midnight on Sunday 18th May 2014.

Public Speaking Competition
This term the students will be involved in a whole school public speaking competition. Each grade has been given their topic and has started working on their writing in class. All students will present to their class and then two will be selected from each class to present to their stage assembly.

From this two students will be chosen as stage winners and they will go on to present their speeches, not in competition, but rather as a showcase to the whole school. Parents will be invited to attend during this assembly.
**Student Behaviour**

At Berkeley Public School we implement positive, pro-active student welfare practices and work to establish a caring and safe environment where individual differences are respected. All students have a right to be happy and safe at schools. We have high expectations of our students in terms of their behaviour and continue to reinforce messages to students that physical violence or bullying will not be tolerated in any form. When there are strong student welfare practices operating within a school, the focus can be directed on what matters most – quality teaching and learning. We seek parents’ support when issues arise in terms of students’ behaviour. When the school and home are working in partnership, we can attain the best results for our students. We encourage students to implement the following 3-Step Bully Program to assist students dealing with a problem in the playground.

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.

**District Cross Country**

I would like to wish our competitors in the District Cross Country good luck. Do your best!! We are proud of all of you!

**Red Cross Mufti Day**

Last Friday a Red Cross Mufti Day was held at school to support the good work the Red Cross does in our community. Our students raised over $200 to donate to the organisation. Thank you for all your support.

**Term 1 Attendance Winners**

Congratulations to 4/5B for being the class with the highest attendance for Term 1. You have won yourselves a Pizza Party!

Have a great fortnight

Vicky McGee
Principal

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**DOES SPEAKING ANOTHER LANGUAGE AT HOME CONFUSE CHILDREN?**

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

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**Celebrate Attendance: Hints and Tips No.1**

**Responsibilities**

Parents/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school. It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

1. It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence with seven days
2. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
3. It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
4. It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truantaing from school

If you have difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child's absence, please contact you school Principal.
Weekly Attendance

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Term 2 Week 1

Book Fair

We will be having our annual Book Fair from Scholastic in the month of May, as it is National Family Reading Month. The Book Fair will be held on Thursday 29th May, Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June in the school library. Parents and family members will also have an opportunity to purchase books during those days between 8.30 and 9.00am and 3.00 and 3.30pm. Students will also have the opportunity to have a closer look at the books when they attend library lessons during the week. Students will be issued a wish list that they may fill in and had in to the office with their money.

I look forward to seeing you at the book fair.

Mrs Carolina Vujasin
Teacher Librarian

Please use correct money when paying for excursions and activities as the office ladies are unable to give change.

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students for recent excellence.

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Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Once again we will be supporting the Cancer Council by participating in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 21st May. Children can donate $3 and they will receive a piece of cake and a popper juice. All money must be paid by Tuesday 20th May. You can make an additional tax deductible donation by going on the following website: http://nswcancercouncilfundraising.org.au/BerkeleyPS

Cross Country

Finally, the weather was wonderful, and our runners were in great spirits. Everyone tried hard, with many of the runners off to district on Friday 16th May.

Zoowhiz Premium access

For the next three months our students have free premium access to Zoowhiz at home.

Zoowhiz is an educational website that can be accessed using computers as well as tablets using a mobile version of the website. Students engage in reading, maths and literacy activities similar to Studyladder and earn points as zoo keepers to collect animals for their zoo.

Your child’s teacher has a copy of student usernames and passwords to access the website at home. Please contact your child’s class teacher for details or Miss Garling.
SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

In the interest of CHILD SAFETY there is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and Road Rules in the vicinity of a school. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:

NO STOPPING
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies. (Penalty: $175.00 each time you stop)

NO PARKING
You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must not stop for more than two minutes. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle. (Penalty: $75.00)

BUS ZONE
You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus. (Penalty: $175.00)

CHILDREN CROSSING
You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing. (Penalty: $225.00)

DOUBLE PARKING
A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road. (Penalty: $175.00)

THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU

Please do not park across residents’ driveways when dropping off or picking up children.
Smith’s Hill High School
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500

EXPO NIGHT
Monday May 26, 2014
6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Smith’s Hill High School is a government selective co-educational high school catering for Gifted and Talented students.

Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2015 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and examples of the work of our students. Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2016.

Phone enquiries directed to the Relieving Principal Mr Walker on 42294266 during school hours.