Dear Parents and Carers

As Term 2 ends this week I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of our school community for your ongoing support of Berkeley Public School. Throughout the term there have been many activities that our students have participated in such as NAPLAN, excursions to The Rocks and Minnamurra Rainforest, gymnastics, sporting events, the Biggest Morning Tea and Life Education lessons. To finish the term all students will participate in activities, on Friday, to celebrate NAIDOC week. The teachers have also been involved in ongoing professional development in both Literacy and Numeracy during the term.

It has been an extremely busy time and I’m sure everyone is looking forward to a well deserved holiday.

Parent Teacher Interviews
You should have received your child’s Semester 2 report last week. The report is designed to give you a summary of your child’s progress at this time. Hopefully if you have any concerns about your child’s progress you have taken the opportunity to meet with their teacher to discuss the report.

End of Term Assembly
On Monday this week we held our End of Term Assembly, where students who have worked consistently during Term 2 to achieve their best results, were acknowledged. It was great to see so many parents and family members there to encourage the students. While not all students could receive an award, I want to congratulate not only the award recipients, but also the many other students at Berkeley who consistently do their best, uphold our values and just quietly get on with the job of being fantastic members of our student body here at Berkeley Public School. Well done!

NAIDOC Celebrations
NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. On Friday this week students will be participating in a variety of different activities to acknowledge this important part of Australia’s heritage.
Kindergarten 2015
It is now time to enrol your child in Kindergarten for 2015. If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten next year, or know of anyone who is considering enrolling their child in Kindergarten at Berkeley Public School in 2015, please contact the office to collect an enrolment form.

Life Education
All classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 have visited the Life Education van over the last week. The work covered in the van supports the learning that already occurs in classrooms and addresses outcomes within the NSW Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. We were very fortunate this year that all costs were generously covered by the IMB Community Foundation. Students receive a workbook so that lessons covered in the van can be followed up and consolidated in class. Also, this year the students received a drink bottle that was supplied from the IMB and Life Education. Lessons presented in a different venue such as the van are engaging and exciting for the students, and Happy Harold is always a huge hit with our younger students. It is always a very valuable learning experience.

School resumes for staff on Monday 14th July, when teachers will be involved in professional learning around the new Mathematics Curriculum which will be implemented in 2015.

All students return to school on Tuesday 15th July.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Sharon Newton
Assistant Principal

Please use correct money when paying for excursions and activities as the office ladies are unable to give change. Office hours are 8.30am to 3.15pm.

South Coast Softball Trials
Congratulations to Sam Conte and Dylan Teixeira for their selection in the South Coast Boys Softball Team to contest the State Championships at Lismore in September.
Also thanks to the other Berkeley boys – Jaymz, Zac, Tone and Jazhia who were part of our team.
**Parent Tips**

**Benefits of Team Sports**

At a glance:

- Team sports provide kids with important lessons on personal values.
- Children who play team sports are less likely to feel isolated.
- Team sports can encourage parents to become active with their kids.
- Team sports help kids deal with winning and losing.
- Team sports can help kids overcome shyness.

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer.

“When you play a team sport you learn that it doesn’t just come down to the best player,” says Ross Morrison, a sports expert with the NSW Department of Education and Communities. “It comes down to working as a team, accepting decisions and understanding that people have different abilities.”

**Learning about values**

Playing a team sport provides kids with important lessons in personal values, Ross says. "Kids learn that things aren't going to go their way all the time, and that they need to respect their peers as well as referees and sports officials."

These experiences can influence them throughout their lives such as when it comes to working for a boss, or respecting the police or other authority figures.

Team sports can also be good for a child's mental health. Children who play team sports learn how to be more resilient when presented with a setback, and are less likely to feel isolated, Ross says.

"Society puts a lot of pressure on kids to be more academic," he says.

"But there is evidence to suggest that physical activity might increase numeracy and literacy. It’s like that old adage, 'a healthy body, a healthy mind'."

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**MINNAMURRA RAINFOREST STAGE 3 EXCURSION**

On Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} June, 5/6A, 5/6H and 5/6SR and the Year 5 from 4/5B went to the Minnamurra Rainforest. I enjoyed the excursion. First we went on the bus at 9am. I sat next to Emerson. We played sweet and sour on the bus. It was hilarious because there was this guy putting his hand up and waving to everyone. It was a guy in a truck. Then Emerson got her camera out and we took selfies.

When we got off the bus there were three guides. Then we went down to the eating area to have morning tea. Next we went to the toilet and then watched a powerpoint introduction. The guides let us touch a diamond python's skin. It felt like bubblewrap. When the powerpoint finished we started to go on the waterfall walk. We walked across a bridge and it was very wobbly. I felt scared. Then the guide pointed out a lyrebird. Emerson tried to get a picture but it kept on moving. We kept on walking and Jedah our guide showed us a buttress root. It was so cool. Then we got to the waterfall.

Mrs Hollick took a photo of us at the waterfall. Then we walked back. I saw a male lyrebird too.

When we got back we ate and then we went home. I believe I had a magnificent time.

By Katelynne 5/6H

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On Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} June I experienced the one and only Minnamurra Rainforest with my school.

When we hopped off the bus we arrived at the Minnamurra Rainforest. It was very cold! It was that cold we could see our breath. On the walk I saw three Lyrebirds' and a tree over one hundred years old. I also saw a caterpillar on a tree. I saw lots of plants and birds nests. There was a lot of chirping in the trees. When we got to the top of the forest we saw a huge waterfall, it was outstanding. I loved it. I had a great time at Minnamurra Rainforest.

By Gui 5/6H
TERM 2 AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent performance in Term 2

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GOOD JOB!
On Thursday 12th June Kindergarten students had a visit from the Firemen stationed at Warrawong. They spoke to the students about what to do in case of a fire. The boys and girls were shown equipment that firemen use and wear in a fire. All the students sat in the fire truck and had a turn holding the fire hose and aiming the water at a target. Their behaviour was excellent and they all enjoyed talking to and meeting the firemen.
K/1N & 1PC Pizza Party

Last Friday lots of Year ones had a pizza party and six Kindergartens to. First we made big pizzas for the older children.

Next we put sauce on the whole pizza.

Then we put cheese on half.

After that we put half on half.

Next we put pineapple on a quarter.

Then we put them in the oven.

After that we made our own pizza.

First I put sauce on my pizza.

Then I put ham on the whole pizza.

After that I put cheese on the whole pizza.

Next, I put sauce on the whole pizza.

Next, we put cheese on the whole pizza.

Then we put them in the oven. I got to eat my pizza.

Finally we got to play with toys.

I had lots of fun.

by Haylee Coupe

by Piper Nicholls
Last Friday we made pizzas. We put tomato sauce on the pizza base.

Next, we sprinkled some cheese and ham on. Miss Newton put our pizzas in a little oven.

I really liked my pizza.

I like making pizzas.

By Tiah Russell
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