**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank Mrs Newton very much for the great job she did filling in for me whilst I was away. It is a demanding (and rewarding) job and I appreciate the hard work and dedication that Mrs Newton has put into it.

**Education Week**

This week marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. The tagline for the original, in 1954, was “Lighting the Way to a Better World”, and this slogan was also adopted for this year’s anniversary. Although a lot has changed in Education in the last 60 years, the belief in providing our students with skills and knowledge to enhance and make the world a better place still underpins all that we do.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our Education Week Assembly and Open classrooms on Monday.

The choir sang magnificently and 3/4K class item on British Colonisation was very entertaining and educational.

We continue our Education Week celebrations on Friday 1st August between 12.00 and 1.30pm with our Commonwealth Games.

The children will be involved in many fun tabloid activities. Please come along and support your child and school.

**District Athletics**

Best of luck to all the competitors who will be representing Berkeley Public School at our District Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th August.

**Wollongong Choral Festival**

Our Senior Choir performed at the Wollongong Town Hall on Tuesday 22nd July and I was very proud to be sitting in the audience as part of Berkeley Public School. They sounded brilliant. Congratulations to Miss Newtown and Ms Cox for your work with the choir.

**Artwork**

I didn’t realise there were so many artists within our school. Our school has a lovely display of 13 murals painted by the students. Each class presented the school with a mural depicting their class. Students used a variety of media, including paints, inks and collage. Our hall looks amazing. Please come and have a look!

In have been extra busy. They have also created a beautiful Aboriginal mural, which is proudly displayed in the office area.

Thanks to the Year 7 Aboriginal students from Illawarra Sports High School for their help and to Ms Poole and Mrs Brown for your guidance.

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### School Events

**This Fortnight…**

**Monday 4th August**

District Athletics

**Tuesday 5th August**

District Athletics

ISHS Talent Show Yrs 5 & 6

**Thursday 7th August**

Year 6 Taster – ISHS

**Friday 8th August**

PSSA Sport

**Monday 11th August**

Assembly 11.45am

**Tuesday 12th August**

Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal

**Wednesday 13th August**

Soccer Man

**Thursday 14th August**

Year 6 Taster – ISHS

**Friday 15th August**

PSSA Sport

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Playground Art
If you have been to our school in the last couple of days you would have noticed all the paintings on the concrete. As well as the Berkeley snake welcoming you into our school there are also many bright games painted on the concrete, such as hop scotch, snakes and ladders, twister, maths and reading games, which all the children will have lots of fun playing on.

School Jumpers
It is the time of year when students are wearing jumpers to school but it is also the time when we have piles of jumpers in our lost property. Students are leaving their jumpers around the playground during lunch breaks, and then forgetting to pick them up.

Please ensure names are on jumpers so they can be returned to the correct owner. Thank you.

P & C
Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday at 7.00pm in the staffroom. A special invitation is extended to the Year 6 Parents as Mrs McCarthy, Principal of the Illawarra Sports High will attend the meeting to address our Year 6 parents.

Attendance
Unfortunately over the recent weeks I have had a number of meetings with our Home School Liaison Officer regarding very poor school attendance by some children.

Legislation in this area has been strengthened over the last few years because there have been instances where children have been hurt or abused when they were not at school. Children **MUST** attend school, **be ON TIME** and remain **UNTIL 3.00PM** unless there is a legitimate reason.

All absences **MUST** be explained within two days. If the reason is not accepted (see below) then it will be recorded as unjustified. Too many unjustified absences, including lateness and early pick-ups, will be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer for further action.

When children are sick for more than one day or if they attend a medical appointment in school time a medical certificate or proof of the appointment is required.

1. **Legitimate reasons for being off school are:**
   - Your child is too sick to go to school
   - There is an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
   - Your child has been injured
   - Your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
   - Your child has an infectious illness

2. **Unacceptable reasons which will be marked as unjustified are:**
   - Birthdays
   - Sleeping in
   - Missed the bus
   - Shopping
   - Waiting for a lift
   - Haircuts
   - Minding younger siblings or other children
   - Traffic/Walking
   - Working around the house

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and **MUST** be explained by the parents/carers.

Medical certificates are required for more than two days and proof of medical appointment must be produced if made in school time.

All children must attend school sport and compulsory excursions.

It is important to realise that parents/carers may be prosecuted if children have recurring unjustified absences from school.

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.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal
**Did you know…?**

6 to 12 chips (100g) contains around 3 teaspoons of fat and 1000kJ. Compare this to a small baked potato (100g) with a light spray of oil having less than ¼ teaspoon of fat and 400kJ.

Why not make healthy hot chips at home? Just cut 2 large potatoes into chip-sized pieces, spray with canola oil and bake in a hot oven until golden brown.
On Friday Year 1 and Year 2 went on an excursion to Kiama. We went to have fun and because we were learning about Workers in the Community.

Firstly, we went to the Post Office and the man talked to us about what they do at the Post Office. We went outside and we posted our letters into the mailbox. Then, we went to the park to eat and when we finished eating we got to play in the park for 20 minutes. Then we had to go back.

Next, we walked to the Library. We got split into 2 groups. I went with a lady named Elizabeth. She told us about the library and what people do in the library. Then the other lady read us a story. The story was called The Rock Whale. Then we left the library. After that, we walked to the Police Station and the policeman’s name was Scott. He told us about what he does. Then we got to sit in the police car. I sat in the front seat. Then we got our fingerprint taken. We left and went to the park. When we got to the Fire Station they talked to us. Then they showed us how the hose works. Then we got to sit in the truck.

Finally, we went back to school. I went home with my dad. I had an awesome day.

By Brooke S  2D

On Friday K/1N, 1N, 1PC, 2N and 2D went on an excursion to Kiama. First we got on the bus. Second we stopped at the bus stop. Next we got off the bus. Then we started to walk. After that we went to the Post Office and saw where all the mail went. Then we went to the Police Station. The policeman showed us his gun and he handcuffed Mrs McGe. Next we went to the park to have morning tea. Then we got to play. Then we went to the Library. She read us a story. Next we were going to the Fire Station, but on our way to the Fire Station we went to go the Blowhole. Then we went to the fire station. Finally I went home. I had a great day. I liked the Police Station best.

By Cooper H  K/1N

Our Trip to Kiama

Last Friday my class went to Kiama for an excursion because we had been learning about Workers in our Community. First we went to the Post Office. We posted a letter to mum and dad. Next we went to the Library. The librarian read a story. Then we went to the park for lunch. After that we went to the Police Station and Mrs Newton got hand cuffed. Finally we got on the bus to go to the fire station and I got into the truck. I saw Filip holding the hose. Then we went back to school.

My favourite part was when we went to the Fire Station because I like the fire truck.

By Keeden P  1N
KIAMA EXCURSION

What I Liked Most About The Excursion – 1PC
Andrew: Getting hot chips for lunch was the best thing I liked.
Teegan: I liked going to the Police Station because they help people.
Tyler: I liked looking at the fire truck.
Kyah M: When I posted the letter at the Post Office, my brother thought my letter was to me, but it was to my mum.
Bilhan: When we went to the Police Station, we got to get in the police car.
Joshua: At the Police Station we took turns sitting in the police car. It was fun.
Lauren: I liked that they showed how the mail is sorted out at the Post Office.

Our Excursion
Last Friday my class, year one, year two and I went to Kiama for our excursion. First we went to the Post Office. A man showed us around in the Post Office and a lady talked to us. We posted our letters in the post box. I wrote my letter to my mum, dad and my brother.
Next we went to the Library. There was a man and a lady. I was with the man. His name was Ken. Ken showed us where the non-fiction books were and where the fiction books were. Then we went to the children’s section. The lady read us a story and I like the story.
Next we went to the Police Station. A policeman talked to us. We got to go in the police car. The policeman put on the lights and the siren. Then we had our fingerprints done.
Next we walked to a small park and had morning tea. Then we went to the big park. I went on the see saw and on other stuff. We had hot chips.
After that we went to the Blow Hole but the Blow Hole did not work very good.
Finally we went to the fire station. Mia got dressed up as a firefighter. Everyone went in the fire truck. Some people got to hold the hose but I didn’t get to hold the hose. I had a great day.
By Sofie P  2N

CLASS AWARDS – TERM 3
Well done to the following students on recent excellence

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SOUTHERN STARS
BE PREPARED TO BELIEVE IN SOUTHERN STARS 2014

With the recent media launch of Southern Stars for 2014 we are happy to announce the theme for this year’s show is #webelieve2014.

The show’s theme is about a child’s journey through to adulthood – believing in magic and fantasy in the early years, believing in themselves, and through education, believing in a better world.

The show is divided into three segments and each investigates a different aspect of believing, starting with childhood then working through the turbulent teenage years to adulthood. Again almost 2,800 students will take part in the show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

Community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success and future and with that in mind we encourage everyone to support Southern Stars by going to see one of the shows. It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages.

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30 - make sure you are one of them! Get together a group of friends, or your family, and make sure you get to the show.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.
Can your Students Climb Sydney’s Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. **Participants have to be 12 years or older.**

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to [www.active8change.com.au](http://www.active8change.com.au). Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.

WOLLONGONG CITY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registrations open on the 1st of August 2014

**Costs:**

- Season 2014/2015 Registration Fee $130
- Early-Bird On-line only $115 (Early Bird closes at 5pm on Tuesday 19th August)

On-line registration commences August 1 Wollongong City LAC encourages all new and returning athletes to register and pay on line.

**Registration Days:**

- Wednesday August 20th (4:00pm-6:00pm) and
- Sunday August 31st (10:00am-3:00pm)

CRINGILA VILLAGE PHARMACY

has moved to a new building located at 19 LAKE AVE, CRINGILA, NSW 2502

Southern Pathology has now joined and Allied services will be available soon.

CREATE YOUR OWN CRICKET MOMENT

**playcricket.com.au**

JOIN THE FUN OF LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registrations for Lake Illawarra’s 2014-2015 Season will be taking place every Sunday during August between 1pm and 3pm at the Myimbarr Community Park

Bring this ad to receive 10% of the Registration Fee*

*Valid for the 1st Child Only. Not valid for Online Registrations
Single Mothers Support Group

This is a new group in the Illawarra community which advocates for and supports single women and their children, in a non-formal way. This community inspired group brings single mothers together to share ideas, provide social support and create community that goes beyond that of a 9-5pm service.

There will be tea and coffee provided.
Children welcome and an activity will be provided.

Where: Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre
    Winnima Way, Berkeley

When: Monday’s 10am - 12pm

Contact: Denika Thomas 0431095530