Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations …… to all the students who competed in the District Athletics Carnival. Because of all your determination, skill and sportsmanship Berkeley Public School is once again the District Athletics Champion School. Well Done!! Thank you to Mrs Hollick for all your organisation. The following students have qualified for the regional athletics carnival to held in Canberra later this month: Wil Robinson, Sam Conte, Alex Pozzer, Aiden Dema, Noah Duarte, Riley Cuttill, Josh Minos, Austin Trevisanut, Shayli Collins, Emily Vaughan, Apryl Brinkley, Natalie Bright, Chanicqua Cachia, Amelia Thomas-Sheppard and Sierra Sulevski.

Book Week
Book Week is celebrated each year and this year’s theme is “Connect to Learning”. Berkeley Public School will celebrate Book Week by holding a Book Week Character Parade and having author Deborah Abela visit our school. The Character parade will be held on Tuesday 19th August at 12.00pm under the COLA. We ask that students come to school in their school uniform and then change into their “character” during lunch time. Teachers will assist younger students.

Our Bully Steps
I remind students to use their Bully Steps.
• “Stop it. I don't like it” – Walk away.
• Repeat, “Stop it or I will tell the teacher”.
• Tell the teacher in a calm way.

Kinder Enrolments for 2015
Organisation has begun for our orientation sessions for our 2015 Kindergarten students. The four dates are:
• Wednesday 22nd October
• Tuesday 28th October
• Thursday 6th November
• Thursday 13th November (Fun Day)
Letters will be sent home inviting parents and children to attend these sessions. If you know someone in our local community who has a young child who will be starting school next year please ask them to contact our school office so that we can include them in our kinder enrolment for 2015.
Southern Stars
Ours students who are involved in Southern Stars are getting very excited about the big performance taking place in Week 7. Mrs Newton has been keeping me informed about all their hard work during rehearsals. I am really looking forward to seeing them on stage.

Absences
Each week I sign many letters that are sent to parents requesting an explanation for their child’s absence from school. Parents or caregivers are requested by law to provide an explanation to the Principal to say why their child was absent from school.

A note of explanation should contain:
1. Date the note was written
2. Child’s name
3. Days/dates the child was absent from school
4. The reason the child was absent
5. The signature of the child’s parent or caregiver

(Absent booklets have been sent home)

The school is required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received) within two days.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

Maths Activity Day
On Monday 11th August we held a Maths Activity Day. We had lots of fun learning different Maths concepts with all the hands on activities. These are some of the Maths activities we participated in.

Stewart House clothing bags will be sent home this week. Please help by returning the bags filled with any unwanted clothing. Berkeley Public School is a great supporter of Stewart House and anything you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Bags need to be returned by 24th August.

Canteen News
Unfortunately the canteen is NO longer able to give credit to parents. You must PAY for your child’s lunch when ordering. No money, no orders! There will be no exceptions.

Amanda Phillips
Canteen Manager
PARENT TIPS

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax®, is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

LITERARY LUNCH

On Wednesday 6th August, eight people went to the Literary Lunch at the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow. There were 16 authors, one storyteller and one illustrator. Berkeley Public was sitting with Lesley Vamos. She is a great illustrator and she was very funny. Some of the other authors that were there were Di Bates and Oliver Pomovannah. They all told us about their new books and about what they did. After they all talked about themselves we got to go around and the authors, storyteller and illustrator got to sign our books. It was a great day and I had so much fun.

Emerson Dockett 5/6H

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Riley Steen 2N
CLASS AWARDS – TERM 3 WEEK 4

Well done to the following students on recent excellence

Weekly Class Awards

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SOUTHERN STARS #webelieve2014

With just three weeks to go until Southern Stars #webelieve2014 hits the stage at the WIN Entertainment Centre and mass rehearsals already taking place, the excitement being generated around the show is palpable.

Over 2800 students will perform in this year’s #webelieve2014 which will take patrons on a musical journey through childhood, the teenage years, and into adulthood.

It is a show with something for everyone and is not to be missed!

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and are priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12, $27 and Family pass $140.

The Saturday matinee is a great opportunity for parents to take their smaller children who will be dazzled and amazed by the colourful costuming, thousands strong dance numbers, contemporary music, and sheer vocal and musical talent of our public school children.

Many thousands of school children will also attend the Friday matinee performance, and if you haven’t done so remember to get your child’s permission slip in quickly to secure their ticket.

School and community support of Southern Stars is vital and will ensure the success of the show for many years to come giving many thousands more students the chance to share in the unique and fulfilling performing arts experience of Southern Stars.

AASC SPORT

Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no AASC Sport on Thursday 21st August 2014.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.
WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT
2014 WINTER SUNDAY (Under 18 Year Olds)
7 ROUND SWISS

WHEN: 10:00am Sunday 31-Aug-2014
(10:00am to 4:00pm)
WHERE: FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY
CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM Guest Park - Cnr
Cambridge Ave and Princes Hwy, Fairy Meadow (Opposite Woolworths)

Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups
Games will be rated by NSWJCL
Results will influence qualification to NSWJCL
Country Championship
Entry Fee: $10
Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

Arbiter and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI
Phone: (02) 4283 3080 e-mail: mazzieri@exemail.com.au

Future: SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS SPRING 02
Nov 2014
WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school holidays)
Fairy Meadow Community Centre
All families with Children 0 – 5 years are invited to

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  - Junior and Senior
- **Basketball**
- **Competition and Development**
  - Junior - High school - Senior
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  - Fun sports development program
- **Birthday Parties**

For information
Phone: 42 573468

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**Wests Illawarra Junior Cricket Club**

**Registration**

Wests Illawarra Junior Cricket Club registration days will be held on Saturday August 16 & 23 between 1 – 3pm and Wednesday August 27 (4.30 – 6pm) at the Wests Illawarra Leagues Club.

Wests Cricket caters for boys and girls within mixed teams, with or without experience, between the ages of 9 and 15 in U10 to U16 competitions. The Club will again be running a MILO In2Cricket program this season for the younger players aged between 5 & 8 (must have turned 5 at 31st August) and an area wide program T20 Blast program will also be conducted midweek (Friday afternoons) for players 7 & 8 years.

For enquires, contact the registration coordinator Paul King 0422976026 or email jadmin@wicc.com.au