Dear Parents and Carers

Book Week

Children’s Book Week was celebrated on Tuesday 19th August. Even though much needed rains fell we were still able to have a most enjoyable and at times surprising book parade. Students and staff dressed as a book character or something associated with the theme ‘Connect to Reading’. There were so many creative costumes on display. A big thank you to the parents and carers who went to so much effort to make sure their children looked amazing.

Parents Approaching Students

A reminder to all the parents that under no circumstance are parents to approach children in the playground in Berkeley School. If any concerns arise between your child and another student, please alert their teacher or me!

Dogs

Another reminder the Department of Education prohibits any dog on school property – regardless of size.

Kindergarten Orientation Session

These sessions will begin in Term 4, on 22nd October. It is very important for any students starting kindergarten in 2015 to attend these sessions. It is much easier for a child if they have visited their school prior to starting kindergarten. If you or someone you know have a kindergarten child commencing kinder here in 2015 please come to the office and enrol as soon as possible.

Father’s Day Stall

There will be a large variety of gifts available for sale for Fathers’ Day on Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September.

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to all the children who participated at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra last Friday. Once again Berkeley students tried very hard and performed extremely well. Special mention to Sam Conte who has progressed to the next level, State, in shot put and is a reserve for discus. Good luck Sam.
Southern Stars
I am looking forward to seeing our Berkeley dancers up on the big stage at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre on Saturday. I have seen them wearing their colourful costumes and practising some of their dance moves, but yet to see the whole production. A very big thank you to Mrs Newton and her helpers for all your support.

School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Week
Next week Public Schools all over NSW will be celebrating SASS Week, in recognition of their valued work. At Berkeley Public School we recognise the range of skills and expertise that our SASS have, and know that our school would not function without these wonderful people. SASS staff play an important role in the running of the school and supporting the delivery of the curriculum. Staff at Berkeley Public School are Wendy Oldfield – School Administrative Manager, Leigh Wakeford – School Administrative Officer, Elizabeth Claydon – School Administrative Officer, Karen Ryan – School Learning Support Officer, Angie Edwards – School Learning Support Office, Sharon Stephenson – School Administrative Officer, Kerry Wilson – School Administrative Officer (Library) and Glenn Coomb – General Assistant.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 1st September, at 7.00pm. P & C meetings are a great opportunity to share ideas and hear what is happening at the school.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

ATTENDANCE

PARENT TIPS

FACTS ABOUT TUTORS

At a glance

- Discuss your child's education with their teacher first.
- Tutors need to add confidence and work in partnership with your child's school.
- Tutors should be warm, empathetic and subject matter experts.
- Tutors should build confidence in your child so that they trust their own skills.

Exercise caution if you’re asked to sign contracts with a tutor.
Show Week for Southern Stars #webelieve2014 – Get your tickets now!

After almost a year of preparation and months of rehearsals, Southern Stars #webelieve2014 is in the final week – show week!

From Tuesday this week, students will start arriving from around the state for mass rehearsals at the WIN Entertainment Centre, culminating in four blockbuster performances on Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30.

If you haven’t purchased your tickets yet, don’t delay any further, there are still great tickets available through Ticketmaster.

The success of the show and its future for many thousands of public school students depends on the community, and that means we need YOU to buy a ticket and come along to see one of the biggest and best entertainment events in NSW.

Southern Stars #webelieve2014 is a show that looks at all our beliefs from childhood, through the teenage years and into adulthood. From superheroes and princesses to a belief in social justice, the show is a musical journey which will have you laughing and crying, but most of all leave you uplifted and inspired.

Over 2800 public school students from Illawarra the South Coast and further afield will perform in Southern Stars #webelieve2014, displaying their many and varied talents in music, dance, drama and even circus.

There are three performances available to the public, Friday August 29 at 7.30pm, a 2pm matinee on Saturday August 30 – ideal for families – and another show again at 7.30pm.

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.

www.ticketmaster.com.au
**Canteen News**

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

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**WOLLONGONG JUNIOR OZTAG SUMMER COMPETITION**

**STARTS:** 7TH OCTOBER 2014 TO FEBRUARY 2015

**REGISTRATION:** MONDAYS 1st and 8TH SEPTEMBER
4-6.30 pm JJ KELLY PARK, WOLLONGONG
TUESDAYS 26TH AUGUST and 9TH SEPTEMBER
4-6.30 pm GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW
SATURDAY 13TH September
9 am – 12pm GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW

**FEES:** $70 PER PLAYER FOR THE SEASON

**VENUES:**
MONDAY AFTERNOONS – JJ KELLY PARK, WOLLONGONG
TUESDAY AFTERNOONS – GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW

**AGES:** 6 TO 16

**ENTER AS TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS**

**BOYS & GIRLS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROSS THOMAS
0412 703481 or visit [www.wollongongjunioroztag.com](http://www.wollongongjunioroztag.com)

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**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.

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**CLASS AWARDS – TERM 3**

Well done to the following students on recent excellence

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support. Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs.

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your child or children will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Jump Rope for Heart is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia’s leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. The Jump Rope for Heart team provide our school with fantastic resources and support so that we can implement the program. In return, we ask that students help by seeking sponsorship for their involvement.

Sponsorship is easy – simply go online to [www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprop] and click on the green ‘Kids Join Now’ button, and register your child today!

- A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register; all you need to do then is click the ‘Email Sponsors’ link to send your family and friends an email asking them for their support... it’s that easy!
- This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes* and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held on Wednesday 17th September. The Jump Off day is a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be, come along and pick up a rope!

Cardiovascular disease affects two out of three families, killing one Australian every 12 minutes. Heart disease in children is the leading cause of death amongst young children in Australia, accounting for more than 30% of child deaths – more than all the other childhood diseases combined.

Please help us in the fight against heart disease. Yours sincerely,

Ms Clegg, Mrs Neild, Ms Doughty
Jump Rope for Heart School Coordinator
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