PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Bathurst Excursion

Sixty one very tired but happy Stage 3 students arrived back at school late yesterday afternoon. Many of them came back with some ‘Gold’ they found whilst gold panning in the ‘Goldfields’ in Bathurst. All the students had a great time over the two days they were away. Some of the adventures they shared include:

- Riding the Scenic Railway at Katoomba
- Driving around Mt Panorama race track
- Visiting the National Motor Museum
- Watching a show with the farm animals
- Milking cows at the Sheep and Cattle Dome
- Visiting the Bathurst Goldfields

Thanks to Ms Bourne, Mrs Hollick, Mrs Ruzzene and Mr Swinton for their dedication in attending and making it possible for the students to see and do new things.

Father’s Day

I hope all the dads had a wonderful Father’s Day and enjoyed the presents purchased at school. Thank you to the hard working group of parents who put smiles on the faces of the children by providing such a great choice of gifts.

NAPLAN

Year Three and Year Five students received their NAPLAN results last week. These results reflect your child’s performance on the day the NAPLAN was administered in May. Each student report provides information on how the student has performed in relation to other students in their year group, and against the national average and the minimum standard.

If you would like to discuss your child’s results or you have any concerns, please contact your child’s class teacher to make an appointment.

The school will be analysing the data to assist us in future directions across the school.

Southern Stars

On Saturday 30th August, I had the pleasure of watching a spectacular show. Eighteen of our young students combined with hundreds of other students from all over the region to put on a fantastic show.

It never ceases to amaze me at the wide variety of talent we have in our public schools. Our students definitely stood out! Thank you to Mrs Newton and Mrs Gjaltema for the time and effort you put in preparing the students and Ms Newton for the time you spent back stage supervising our students.

Thanks also to our parents who transported children to and from the venue over the performance days and also for your support in attending the performance.
**Student Absences – Notes Of Explanation**
All absences need to be followed with an explanatory note written by the Parent/Carer. Parents can write a note of explanation or use the pro-forma booklet that has been sent home. The note should indicate the date(s) of the absence and reason.

**Follow Up**... If a note is not produced on the student’s return to school, an absence letter will be sent home. If these letters are not returned within 7 days of the absence, the absence will be recorded as unexplained.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Jump Rope for Heart**
On Wednesday 17th September the school skipping team will be putting on a performance under the COLA at 11.50am to raise money for the Heart Foundation. If possible could you send your child to school wearing something red, for example a red t-shirt, red ribbons. At the completion of the skipping demonstration parents and cares are welcome to stay for a picnic lunch with your children.

Thank you to Mrs Clegg, Mrs Neild and Ms Doughty for all your hard work organising and training the children for the event.

**End of Term**
The last day of Term 3 is Friday 19th September. School resumes on Tuesday 7th October.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

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**ATTENDANCE**

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**3 Step Bully Program**

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.

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Friday 19th September is the last day for gifts to be brought to school. Week 10 is ‘Something for Personal Hygiene’. If you could donate soap and washers, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair clips etc, it would be greatly appreciated.
Dear Mrs McGee

I am writing to let you know how much fun I had doing Southern Stars this year. I have been participating in Southern Stars for 3 years now. This year I was lucky enough to be in The Southern Stars Performing Company. #We Believe 2014 has been my favourite so far. I know we’ve had a lot of time off school this term but I think it has been well worth it. I would like to take the time to thank all the teachers at Berkeley Public School who helped during Southern Stars week. A special thanks needs to go to Mrs Gjaltema and Mrs Newton, who put in extra time so that our Southern Stars group could rehearse, we couldn’t have done it without their help.

Mrs Newton has been a part of Southern Stars for many years and it is her love and support of this great event that has allowed many kids from Berkeley Public School to have their moment in the spotlight. I enjoy dancing, but I love being a part of Southern Stars and this year our item ‘Spiderman’ was one of the best. Even my friends from the company thought it was great.

I hope Berkeley Public School continues to be part of Southern Stars because it is an experience that kids will never forget.

Thanks again
Emily Vaughan 5/6H

CLASS AWARDS
Well done to the following students on recent excellence

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YEAR 5 AND 6 BATHURST EXCURSION

4/5B favourite things from the Bathurst Excursion

I liked when Josephine got milk in her face when we milked the cows.  
My favourite bit was the motor museum and cool cars and motorbikes.  
My favourite part of the trip was sitting around the campfire at night.  
The best thing we did on the trip was when we did the panning for gold.  
The best part of the trip was the ghost story at night with the roasted marshmallows at the campfire.  
I liked driving around Mount Panorama and visiting the motor museum.

Quinten  
Taylah  
Mckenzi  
Luke  
Madi  
Dylan

We hope you enjoy reading 5/6SR’s experiences of their excursion to Bathurst.

On our excursion to Bathurst we ....

- stopped first at Scenic World in Katoomba where we went down the mountain in a big cable car, walked down the pathway through the rain forest, then onto the incline railway to take us back up to the top.
- stopped at Echo Point to have a close look at the Three Sisters, which are giant rock formations, took some photos and then hopped on the bus to finish our journey to Bathurst.
- did a “hot lap” around the Mount Panorama car racing circuit at an extremely slow pace in the bus.
- went to the National Motor Museum where we watched a movie about car racing in the past, saw real olden day racing cars and completed a worksheet.
- watched an animal show at the Sheep and Cattle Drome in Bathurst, where we saw a variety of very smart trained animals such as a Shetland pony, cows, sheep and donkeys.
- all enjoyed the food for dinner which was chicken nuggets and chips and cereal, bacon and eggs and juice for breakfast.
- stayed at the Sheep and Cattle Drome and whilst we were there we sat around the campfire listening to a ghost story about Shaun O’Shea as well as roasting delicious marshmallows.
- went to the blacksmiths shop to learn about the forge and what is made there and two of us worked the bellows while the tour guide shaped an iron poker as a present to our school.
- went panning for gold at the Mt Panorama Gold Mining Village, where we found flakes of gold dust.
- also took part in another activity which was eating damper made from flour and water, that we cooked over a fire.

We all had fun, learnt more about Gold and was one of the best excursions we have been on.

5/6H Memories from Bathurst

My favourite part of the excursion was the animal show because we dot to learn about different types of sheep and cows, and also got to pat them.

The best part about Bathurst was going to the motor museum where we got to look at antique cars and saw the history of the Bathurst 1000.

The best part about Bathurst camp was at the goldfields when we were panning and I was lucky because I only found 2 specks of gold.

My favourite part about Bathurst was when we went gold panning.

Mya  
Emily V  
Emerson

Michael  
Willem
PARENT TIPS
What does your child do at school?

At a glance

- Ask your child what the teacher said about their work rather than what they did at school.
- What children really want to know from their teacher is how they can do better.
- Good feedback from teachers is very powerful when it comes to a child’s learning. That's the information your child will want to share with you.

Have you ever asked your child what they did at school today only to receive the stock-standard "not much" or "nothing" response? Take heart. There is an easier way to get something out of 'nothing'.

Professor Stephen Dinham, a research director at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), says the best conversation starter about your child’s day is not based on what they did at school but what the teacher has said to them about their work.

"Don't ask them what they did today, what they enjoyed at school or what they learnt," Stephen says.

"Ask them, 'What feedback did you get about your learning today?'"

In other words, "What did your teacher say about your work today?"

Stephen, who has done extensive research into the factors that help kids do well at school, says children have four needs – the most outstanding being how they can improve in their work.

"They want to know what they can do, what they can’t do, how their work compares to others, but the one they really want to know is how they can do better," he says.

Good feedback from teachers can have an almost "immediate positive effect" on a child’s learning, Stephen says. And it's that information that your children will want to share with you.

Attendance and Absences

Parents or caregivers of children from Kindergarten through to Year 12 are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. This means all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.

All students must complete Year 10.

Absentee information

When children miss out on school they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they miss out on building up friendships.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administrative assistant at the school, or explain the reason by phone, email, SMS or written note as soon as possible, or within seven days.

Once children are enrolled parents are legally required to send them to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation in school activities, such as sports days. A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- has to go to special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school, or has an infectious illness.

Failure to explain an absence within this time will be recorded as an unjustified absence on a student's record. Schools will inform parents if a student is absent from school without explanation.

What should I do if our family is going on holiday in school time?

Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacations. If they can only be arranged during school time, you should contact the School Principal in advance to discuss the matter.

When to get help

The department has implemented a number of attendance programs to support parents in ensuring their children attend school regularly. If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the School Principal or the School Counsellor.
For Ages 5-12 Years

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We believe in Positive Learning Fun

After School Care: 3pm - 6pm
School Holiday Program: 8am - 6pm

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49 Derribong Drive, Cordeaux Heights

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bigfatsmile.com.au/5-12-centres

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SALCO invites you to the Mowbray Lane Outdoor Fiesta

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FREE

ALL WELCOME

Saturday 27 September 2014
1.00 - 5.00pm

Mowbray Lane, Warrawong (next to Gala Cinema)

Paella * Empanadas * Churros * BBQ
Traditional Music * Dancing in the street * Soccer Skills * Traditional Games
AU Capoeira Workshop & Demo * Art Exhibition

Wollongong Botanic Garden

BOTANOSAURUS REX

Monday 22 to Friday 26 September
10am to 1pm daily

Holidays of Discovery daily activities:
- Do-you-think-he-saw-us Treasure Hunt
- Dino Crafts
- No More Dodos Garden Show

Activities suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Cost: $50 per child $80 for family of 2 or more children
Bookings only required for large groups
### SEPT/OCT 2014 KIDZCARE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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Please Note: In some instances activities may change without prior notice due to circumstances out of our control.

Daily Rate $35 plus excursion costs – Parents/Guardians receiving CCB will only pay the gap.

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### WOLLONGONG CITY JUNIOR SURF CLUB REGISTRATION

Come and be part of your local junior surf club. Develop your child’s surf confidence, knowledge and ability. As well as have fun and meet new people.

Boys and girls aged from 5 to 13 (age at 1st October, 2014) are eligible to join.

The nippers season runs from mid October through to March. Attend the Registration Days at the Wollongong City Beach Clubhouse (lower level, City Beach function centre) on:

- Sunday September 14, 2014 - 10am-1pm
- Sunday September 28, 2014 - 10am-1pm

We urge you to join early. In the season as essential water safety training is undertaken during the first few weeks. New child members must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate to be kept for club records.


We welcome and look forward to seeing you there!
THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays.

Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 15 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, archery, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a game the kids will love.

www.det.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps  13 13 03

KIDS CAMPS

Kids’ Camps from $45 per day

NEW PARLIAMENT PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

26TH SEPTEMBER 2014

COME ALONG FOR A LOOK AT AUSTRALIA’S FIRST AND OLDEST PARLIAMENT HOUSE

NO NEED TO BOOK
ALL WELCOME!
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FUN ACTIVITIES

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY INCLUDING:

- PHOTO AND DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES
- TOUR OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
- MYSTERY OBJECT QUEST/COMPETITION
- BAVARIAN STYLE MINIMUM CHARGE
- MOVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
- ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS

FREE ENTRY

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Go4Fun

A healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight, best of all it’s absolutely FREE.

WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN?

Go4Fun runs for 16 weeks after school or on weekends during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2 hour session each week with their parent or carer.

WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN?

Each week the children learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading, and more.

Every week the children will also be involved in fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active.

START UP PACK

Your child will receive a start-up pack including:

- Go4Fun backpack
- Go4Fun hat
- Go4Fun water bottle
- Go4Fun lanyard
- Go4Fun boba/bobber

Your child can also earn bonus rewards including:

- Water bottles
- Healthy bulk pack
- $10 Go4Fun voucher

HOW DO I ENROL?

Registrations for Term 4 programs close soon with limited places still available in our ILLAWARRA program running every Thursday from 4.45pm at Lake Illawarra PCYC starting Thursday 9th October.

We’d love to welcome you and your child into a Go4Fun program and encourage you to secure your child’s place in a program by contacting 1800 780 900.