Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another busy term. As usual, our calendar is very full with Sportathons, discos, Grandparents Day, Stage 2 excursion to Sydney Harbour, Stage 3 to Canberra for an overnight excursion culminating in the end of the year Presentation, Year 6 Farewell and sadly farewelling our fantastic group of Year 6 students.

Our teachers have already begun the process of assessing their students in preparation for our Semester 2 reports that will be sent home at the end of Week 9.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our fourth and final Kindy Orientation session will be held on Friday 16th, where the children will be treated to a BBQ and a pre-school pack. The orientation sessions have been a great success. The children have become familiar with ‘big’ school and their teachers, and the parents have had opportunities to hear about our kindergarten program and general information about our school.

Thank you to parents who made the effort to bring your child to all the sessions.

If you know of a neighbour or relative who has not enrolled their child can you please ask them to enrol now. Knowing our kindergarten enrolments effects how we staff and structure the whole school.

If you know, or expect you will be leaving Berkeley School before the commencement of the 2016 school year, please inform the office as soon as possible, as this information will support our class planning for 2016.

P & C News

Thank you to our P & C for donating library bags for all our new 2016 kindergarten children, as well as supplying all the food and drinks for our kindy BBQ on Friday. The hardworking P & C have been working very hard and have also donated the Year 6 T-Shirt to all our Year 6 students. An extra large donation was made to the school last term towards some seating and shelters that will be erected later this term.

Berkeley students are very lucky to have such a hard working and generous P & C at our school. If you would like to be part of the P & C come to our next meeting which will take place on Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm in the staff room.

Newsletters

The school publishes a newsletter every fortnight. It is also on the school’s website and is emailed to all those who have provided and email address. A hard copy is also provided to the oldest student in each family. The school is also going to trial an App called Skoolbag that parents can place on their phone or ipad and the school can message all those who have the app. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Sportathon
This is less than a week away and already the students have raised $2153.65. Students have until Monday 26th October to return their sponsorship form and money. There are still lots of prizes to be won by children who return their forms. The sportathon will be held on Wednesday 21st October, where the boys and girls will be involved in many fun tabloid activities. Parents are invited to come along and support your children and stay for the sausage sizzle lunch. Fingers crossed for good weather.

Grandparents Day
We will be welcoming our wonderful grandparents to Berkeley next Friday 23rd October. All grandparents are invited to attend our special grandparent assembly at 9.30am and then visit classrooms to see all the fantastic work done by their grandchildren. Students have also been busy painting/drawing/sketching portraits of their grandparents which will be displayed in the hall. Light refreshments will also be available to all our grandparents.

Selective High School Placements for 2017
Smith’s Hill High School is a public selective co-educational high school catering for gifted and talented students. Applications for Year 7 2017 are open from now until November 16, 2015. Students sit a Selective High School test on March 10 and placement outcomes are around July 2016. (This involves current Year 5 students as this is for entry into Year 7 in 2017.) Applications are to be made online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement Please see the front office if you require more information.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

ZIPPY THE ZEBRA RETURNS HOME

Zippy the Zebra is home. He has been on a long journey visiting family and friends in his homeland of Africa.

Thank you to all the people who helped him find his way back to Berkeley.

There were over 300 kids and 30 staff cheering his return.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The P & C will be holding the Halloween Disco on Thursday 29th October. Last date for payment is Tuesday 27th October.

NO PAYMENTS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE
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## BULLYING 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.
GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL CAMP

At a glance:

- Some anxiety about going away to camp is normal.
- School camp gives kids the opportunity to experience independence and make new friends.
- Talk positively to your child about your own experiences at camp.
- Find out if your child can choose a friend as a room mate.
- Make sure your child can master skills like applying sunscreen and doing their own hair.
- Have your child help label and pack all the belongings they are taking to camp.

Tips for school camp confidence.

Talk to your child. When the opportunity to attend school camp arises, ask your kids how they feel about it. Are they excited by the idea? Do they have any fears? During this conversation you may be able to discern any anxieties or unnecessary mental obstacles, and reassure them with your own positive school camp experiences from your own childhood. Be positive by saying things like "this will be fun, you'll enjoy the challenges".

Reduce the sense of unknown. Ask the teacher if you can have a rough breakdown of the daily schedule at camp. This way you can help your child envisage all the fun activities and realise that there is a beginning, middle and end to their stay. Often kids can make rooming requests to be with their friends – ask the teacher if this is possible and explain you are helping your child manage a little anxiety.

Practise sleepovers. Ideally, your child is used to the occasional sleepover at a friend or family members' home. Remind them of their past successes. If your child refuses sleepovers or regularly calls you in tears at midnight needing to come home, you may need to work with them in the months before camp to reduce their anxiety. Macquarie University runs the Cool Kids program for children between 7 and 17 years of age, which may be worth exploring. They offer online, telephone and CD-based outreach support for families who aren't able to attend the Sydney campus.

Practise ‘independence’ skills at home. Does your child do their hair, remember to clean their teeth, know how to apply sunscreen and turn the shower taps on and off in the right order? There are lots of simple skills.

Prepare, make lists, and pack together. When your child brings home the list of clothes and toiletries they need for camp, get them to help you find (or shop for), then label their things. It’s exciting for them to help prepare and pack, but it will also help them be aware of all the things that need to come back home again!

Keep communication with school staff. Your child’s teacher has probably taken hundreds of kids to camp over the years. They understand that children and parents are stepping outside their comfort zones for the first school camp. Don't be afraid to send a note to the teachers who will be supervising your child to raise any concerns you have. They'll appreciate the extra information as makes their time at camp easier too.

Keep positive. Telling your child you believe they're ready for school camp and they'll have a great time helps your child believe it too.

School camp is a great opportunity for your child to push their boundaries, discover new friends and experience outdoor adventures first hand.

The attendance winners for Term 3 was **KB**

Make Each Minute Count

A child who is late to school each day by as little as 10 minutes will miss more than 1 week of school each year. This accumulates to 7 weeks’ worth of learning missed by the time Year 6 is completed.
STUDENT OF THE MONTH – RHYS NICOLLINI

Rhys is a very deserving student to receive this award. He consistently upholds our school values in both the classroom and in the playground and he always tries his best. One standout quality of Rhys’ is his kindness. He is a great friend to everyone and he always treats others with care and respect. He loves opportunities to help out both the teachers and other students and can always be counted on to look out for others who need a friend.

Congratulations Rhys

The Book Fair is back for Term 4. It will begin Wednesday 28th October at Lunch 2 and run till Tuesday 3rd November. So save your pocket money kids and buy something that you will enjoy reading or some kind of activity pack. There will be a huge range of books and stationary. Parents and Carers you can find something for the Christmas stocking too. It will be open daily between 8.30-9, at lunch 1 and 2 and in the afternoon 3-3.30. Money from purchases goes to buying more books and resources for our school library. Hope to see you at the Book Fair.

Mrs Vujasin

RUNNING CLUB

Don’t forget that Running Club is on every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am in the back playground.

Stage 3 Camp

Just a reminder that the final information note along with final payment for the Stage 3 camp to Canberra is due by the end of this week. It is important we have these notes returned so we are able to finalise the organisation of the trip with the bus company. Please speak to myself or your child’s teacher if you have any further questions regarding the excursion.
WAVE FM APPLE FOR A TEACHER COMPETITION

Three classes across three schools

1st prize   Ipad minis for everyone in the class.
2nd prize    Ipods for everyone in the class.
3rd prize    a Macbook Pro for the class.

Go the website, find Berkeley Public School, find your teacher and vote as many times as you like.

Ask family members to vote.

The AFL invite all girls ages 10-12 to join the brand new Junior Girls AFL Competition starting on Wednesday October 21 at Figtree Oval.
This is going to be great fun and it doesn’t matter if you haven’t played AFL before. We will teach you!
The comp. will run every Wednesday for 6 weeks and it’s only $20 to play.
Plus the first 30 people to register will receive a pink Sherrin Football and a drink bottle!
So if you’d like to try something new that’s safe, fun and friendly be one of the first to play in this new comp!
Figtree Oval – Wednesday October 21 at 4pm.

For more info: www.aflsouthcoast.com.au