Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sportathon. The fun day was a great success and the students raised over $4000 to go towards school resources. Also thank you to the many grandparents, parents and visitors who came to our special grandparents assembly and were able to spend time visiting grandchildrens’ classrooms, and enjoying a cup of tea and scones.

It was very heartwarming to see so many grandparents feature in our slide show and to hear how much Berkeley students love their grandparents and spending time with them.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
There is much excitement within our Stage 3 classes as they prepare for their three day excursion next week to Canberra, where they will be visiting Parliament House, the War Memorial, Questacon and Deep Space Communication Centre. Buses will be leaving school on Wednesday at 6.00am and returning on Friday at 7.30pm.

I am looking forward to hearing about all their adventures whilst they were away. A final information note was sent home today for all students attending camp.

Song Room Art Project
During Term 3 Stage 2 students were working with artist Robyn O’Neil on designing a series of mosaics to replace the Mural on the windows in the old school hall. The mosaic scene depicts our local lake and surrounding area – from the early days to now. They look awesome. Stage 2 have completed seven panels and Stage 3 will be working on the remaining six panels this term.

Ms O’Neil will be working with Stage 3 students every Thursday between 9.00am and 3.00pm. As this is such a big project she would appreciate help, as much or as little as you can give during this time. No experience necessary! Ms O’Neil would like to thank all the people who helped during Term 3 – it has been invaluable!!!
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED

School Enrolments for 2016
We are planning for classes for next year. If you have a child who is in area and will be enrolling in 2016, please come to the office for an enrolment form. Also, if you will not be returning to the school in 2016, could you please let the office know.

Selective High Schools Year 7 2017
Current Year 5 students seeking placement for Selective High Schools in Year 7 in 2017 are required to make application for placement now. Application information is available on the internet at:
The online applications were available from Tuesday 13th October. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on the 10th March 2016. Interested students in Year 5 received an expression of interest form. All applications this year must be completed online at the address above. If you have any further enquiries please contact the school.

HALLOWEEN DISCO
Tonight is the night that many students have been looking forward to. They will be dancing away to DJ Styx dressed in some very interesting Halloween costumes. I am very keen to see what the students will be wearing this evening!!
Once again thanks to our hardworking P & C and parent helpers who will be supervising children or cooking sausages.
Disco Times  K-2  4.00 to 5.30pm
            3-6  6.00 to 8.00pm

Regular Attendance at School
Arriving at school and class on time:
• ensures that students don’t miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day when students are most alert.
• helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
• gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore;
• reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence

P & C
Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

PARENT TIPS
Teach your kids to be water proof

Learning to swim is very important for children.

At a glance
• Home swimming pools are the most common areas for drowning.
• Keep your pool fenced and your kids supervised.
• Many organisations run water safety and swimming classes.
• Learning first-aid could mean the difference between life and death.
• Boating, surfing and rock fishing require life jackets and extra safety equipment.
• Only swim at patrolled beaches.
• Learn how to spot rips.
• Teach your kids if they get caught in a rip to stay calm and float to conserve energy.

Summer weather promises lots of swimming in beaches, rivers, lakes and pools, but with that also comes an increased risk of drowning, which peaks during the warmer months.

In young children, the greatest danger comes from being unsupervised when they are near water, including accidentally falling in to a pool, bathtub or even a laundry bucket.

Older kids need to know how to have fun safely whether they're surfing, swimming, skiing, boating or fishing.

Whatever your child's age or interests, the following safety tips can help prevent tragedy.

Be water safe and supervise
### Make sure your backyard pool fencing meets legal requirements – local councils can assist with this.
### Supervise children when in or around water, regardless of their swimming ability. Keep pool filters covered so small children can’t get into them and make sure there are no objects near your pool fence that children can use to climb over.
### When swimming in calm, inland waterways always enter the water feet first. You never know what objects lie beneath the surface of the water.
### Learning how to perform CPR could also mean the difference between life and death - click here to find your Learn to swim class run

Australia is an island and Australian's love swimming and watersports. So learning to swim is absolutely essential for both kids and adults.

NSW Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive program operates in pools throughout regional NSW. Intensive learn to swim programs for children from 18 months through to 12 years are run between November and February each year. Adult learn to swim classes run throughout the year, depending on your location. Find your nearest participating pool or call 13 13 02 for more information.
**TERM 4 PLANNER**

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Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone, Windows and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name Berkeley Public School in either the Apple App Store, Windows store or Google Play Store.

Or check out the Skoolbag live feed here on our website.
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 - 9.00, at lunch 1 and 2 and in the afternoon 3 - 3.30. Money from purchases will go towards buying more books and resources for our school library. Hope to see you at the Book Fair.

Mrs Vujasin

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

School Attendance

The latest life expectancy of school children, they will spend only 15% of their life completing their education.

**STAGE 2 SYDNEY HARBOUR EXCURSION**

The Sydney Harbour Excursion is on Wednesday 4th November. Please be at school by 7.45am to leave at 8.00am.

**RUNNING CLUB**

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

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is free to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school file to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

Don't forget to like us on Facebook!
**HIPPY - Support your child’s transition to school**

- Will your child turn 4 by 30th June 2016 and start kindergarten in 2017?
- Would you like to see your child transition into school with confidence and readiness?
- Would you like to spend one on one time with your child doing meaningful activities together with free resources?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions HIPPY could be for you!

HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) is a two year home based school readiness program which allows you to be involved in building on your child’s confidence and growth in the journey to commencing their primary school education. The program will commence March 2016.

Parents are supported by tutors.

We will also be recruiting for Home Tutors. Home Tutor positions are available to people who are enrolled in HIPPY for 2016, or who completed HIPPY in 2015. HIPPY tutor positions are casual employment available during school hours and terms. If you are interested in becoming a HIPPY home tutor please ask us for more details.

If you would like to find out more about HIPPY please call Rebecca on 42758575 or email georges@barnardos.org.au.

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**Notice to Residents and Business Owners**

**Flagstaff Road Berkeley**

**Footpath Construction**

Wollongong City Council will commence construction of a concrete footpath at Flagstaff Road between Bubb Place and Whimbrel Avenue Berkeley with work beginning Tuesday 27th October 2015. These improvement works are part of Council’s commitment to improve and maintain the city’s assets.

- Works are expected to take 5 weeks weather permitting.
- You may experience some delays at Flagstaff Road while motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are guided past the works which will be under traffic control conditions.
- Access will be available for local residents under the guidance of Traffic Controllers.
- Works are anticipated to take place on weekdays and weekends from 7.00am – 5.00pm Mon – Fri and 7.00am – 3.30pm Sat and will include the use of Council trucks and excavating equipment.
- Parking on Flagstaff Road may be affected during the works.
- We apologise for any inconvenience during this time.

If you have any enquiries concerning these works, please contact Council’s Civil Coordinator on 4227 7111.

Mick Del Ben
Works Coordinator