Dear Parents and Carers

Canberra Excursion
Our stage 3 students returned on Friday evening from a very busy and full three day excursion to Canberra. (Snippets of their visit to Canberra is overleaf)
I would like to congratulate our students on how well they represented Berkeley Public School. The teachers who accompanied the students had many comments from members of the public about our students’ manners and exceptional behavior.
Well done boys and girls – we are very proud of you!!!
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Bourne, Ms Hollick and Ms Thompson for accompanying these students on this three day excursion. Thank you!

Reports
Teachers are busily completing reports for Semester 2. Reports are due to go home on Friday 11th December.

Swimming Scheme
Thank you to the parents and carers who have returned the permission slips for this year’s swimming scheme. Children in Years 2 to 4 have the opportunity to participate in this program during Weeks 8 and 9 of this term. The program is free, as it is run by the Department of Education. Students will walk to Berkeley Pool and back for the two weeks.

Thank You Morning Tea
If you are one of the many volunteers who have given up your time to come to our school and help in any way, you are invited to a special Morning Tea on Wednesday 25th November at 11.00am.
We love and appreciate all you do for us!!

2016 Enrolments
If you know that your child will not be returning to Berkeley Public School in 2016, it will be greatly appreciated if parents contact the school, as planning is now under way. This information assists us greatly when undertaking class organisation.
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Selective High Schools Year 7 2017
Parents who wish to apply for a placement for their child in a selective high school in 2017 are advised that the application process is currently open. The preferable way of applying is online. Parents will need to have access to the internet, a printer and have their own email address (not the student’s) and should apply for the opportunity class placement by going to this internet website:
Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of Monday 16th November 2014.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

PARENT TIPS
Communicating with your school
At a glance:
- Helping out when you can also builds good relationships and aids communication.
- Notes, email or phone calls are all good.
- Make an appointment to discuss issues.
- Stay calm when discussing problems.
- Take a support person with you if you need to.
- Inform the school so it knows of family issues affecting your child, such as illness or divorce.

SONG ROOM ART PROJECT WITH MS O’NEILL

These are some of the projects the students of Berkeley Public School have been working on during Term 3 and Term 4. Our window pane mosaics will be ready by the end of the year.
## TERM 4 PLANNER

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**Skoolbag App** keeps you update with the latest news via push notifications. Never miss an event or newsletter again.

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.

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**Student Leadership 2016**

The process for selecting our student leadership team is well underway. Nominated students will receive a sheet today with tips on how to structure a speech appropriately for a leadership position.

Please see the dates below for our election process:

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<th>Week 7 – Mon 16th November</th>
<th>Year 5 students vote for final candidates from nomination submissions (6 boys and 6 girls)</th>
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<td>Week 7</td>
<td>Students and Parents/Carers notified of date and time of Leadership speech to the school.</td>
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<td>Candidates present speech to K-6 students and staff. Voting completed across the school.</td>
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<td>2016 Captains and Vice Captains announced at Presentation Day assembly.</td>
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**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MS BOURNE.**

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Sportathon

The Sportathon was held on Wednesday 21st October. It was a wonderful success with everyone enjoying themselves on the day. Thanks to generous sponsors the Sportathon raised $4,489.50. This money will be used for resources to enrich student’s educational experience. A big thank you to Mr Gray for cooking the sausages for the sausage sandwiches, they were delicious. On Thursday 29th October an assembly was held to announce winners, receive prizes and watch a slide show of the children participating in the activities on the day.

The six major prize winners were:
- McKenzi McGregor-Webber – 5/6T
- Bryce Gallagher – 5/6T
- Belle Vella – 3/4K
- Jaykob Newman – 3/4LP
- Jada Campbell – 1/2N
- Alec Leimbach – K/1N

- 5/6T won a class party for being the class that raised the most money.

For every $5.00 raised children had a ticket placed into the Mystery Prize Draw. There were a number of happy winners in the Mystery Prize Draw. Every child that donated money to the Sportathon received a voucher for a free sundae from McDonalds Warrawong.

The school would like to acknowledge and extend a big ‘Thank You’ to the following companies for their generous donations to the Sportathon. The Sportathon would not have been as successful as it was without the generous donations from these companies.

- Flipout Warrawong
- Gold City Jewellers Warilla Grove
- Hoyts Warrawong
- Subway Warrawong
- Hang Dog Climbing Gym Wollongong
- McDonalds Warrawong

Thank you for your continued support.

Sportathon Committee
Ms Clegg, Miss Doughty, Mrs Gjaltema, Miss Khoury, Mrs Lyons
STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

On the 4th, 5th and 6th of November, I went along with many other Stage 3 students to Canberra for a 3 day camp. I had a great time going to many different places, but my favourite was The Australian War Memorial. It was a great place filled with many facts to learn about the wars. There was many historic weapons and gadgets that are kept at the War Memorial. I also like the Royal Australian Mint, where I was able to make a special ‘100 Years of ANZAC’ coin that I got to take home with me. I really enjoyed other places like Parliament House, Questacon and the A.I.S as well. I had a great time at Canberra.

By Emily Vaughan 5/6H

From the 4th to the 6th of November Stage 3 went on a long drive to Canberra. When we got there we went straight to the National Gallery. It was amazing to see all those amazing paintings but my favourite was the Ned Kelly Story painted by Sidney Nolan.

Next we went to the Royal Australian Mint and what a place. The Royal Australian Mint make 2 million coins a day with the help of Titan who can pick up 700 kilos of coins. Next we had lunch outside the museum and after lunch we went in the Museum and it was filled with lots of history and incredible things like a horse’s heart twice the size of my head.

After that we went to our resort, Eaglehawk, and waited to go to the A.I.S. When we got there we went upstairs and played video games like a penalty shootout, bike race etc. Then we went on a tour around the A.I.S. When the tour was over we went back to our cabins and went to sleep.

By Austin Trevisanut 5/6H

My favourite part of camp was the huge slide at Questacon that I went on. It was really fun.

Brayden

My favourite place in Canberra was Questacon because it is an exotic adventure! I love it so much it is my favourite thing to do there; it reached my heart with all of the amazing science. It was my favourite place of all.

Lily Bugden 5/6B

I think Questacon was the best because there is a lot of thing to look at and touch. Canberra camp was the best!!!.

Jake Edge-Venables 5/6B

The amazing thing at camp was the Questacon where we went down the enormous slide - it was terrifying. The second thing is the night when Luke got petrified by me jumping up and put my hand out to scare him.

Jazhia Cain 5/6B

My favourite part about camp was Questacon where we got to watch these really cool experiments and play really fun games. The best part was the slide it was a 6 metre free fall it was really scary at first but once you were hanging on the pole there was no going back but it was really fun.

Josephine Sarkhosh 5/6B

My favorite place in Canberra was the War Memorial. This is because the exhibitions were really well detailed, the discovery zone was interactive and the wall of poppies really touched my heart. The War Memorial was fantastic.

Katelynne Naumoski 5/6B
**Talent Show and Crazy Hair Day**

Our annual Talent Show is fast approaching and many students are can be seen putting the final touches on their dance routines, magic tricks and comedy acts in the playground. Students wishing to perform will audition in their stage groups over the next two weeks. All students must have their music organised with their name labelled on the CD or thumb drive at their audition. Students can audition in their costume if they would like.

This day will also be a Crazy Hair Day for the Year 6 fundraising. A gold coin donation will be collected in the morning at the students classroom.

**Time:** 12pm  
**Venue:** New Hall

**Hair:** Crazy!!! (Gold coin donation)

Parents and Carers are invited to attend.

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**At your local high school Illawarra Sports High?**

Illawarra Sports High School employs academic mentors from St George Illawarra Dragons to work with our students. We also employ a trained English teacher one day per week and release a Maths teacher to work with students who are Struggling to keep up to date with assignments and class work. These people are great role models for our students and help to improve learning outcomes.

*Raechel McCarthy - Principal*