Dear Parents and Carers

2016 School Leaders
On Monday students and staff had the pleasure of listening to the Year 5 students who are interested in becoming one of our student leaders in 2016. Each candidate presented a short speech in the hope they could persuade their friends and teachers to vote for them. They all spoke very well, and I would like to congratulate all the students on their speech. They are all a great group of students who would all make worthy leaders. Results will be announced during Presentation Day, which will be held on Monday 7th December.

Congratulations
Year 3 students entered local Member of Parliament – Noreen Hay’s Christmas Card design competition. Congratulations to Rihana Rizvani and Riley Steen from 3/4K who have been selected as finalists. They will attend a special presentation afternoon on November 30th to see who the winner is! Good Luck.

Reports
Teachers are busily completing reports for Semester 2, which are due to go home on Friday 11th December.
If, due to a change in your familys’ arrangements, and your child requires two reports, please let our school office know.

Important Dates
There is less than three weeks of school left for the students. In this time there is a lot happening, with many exciting end of year activities planned, such as the Year 6 Farewell, Christmas Concert and Christmas Fun Day.
Please ensure that all notes are returned to school, and payment for the Fun Day is in by Monday 7th December, so that no child misses out.
School ends for students this year on Wednesday 16th December. Staff will be working on the 17th and 18th but these will be pupil free as staff will be involved in professional development activities.
Year 1 to Year 6 students commence their 2016 school year on Thursday 28th January. Kindergarten students will commence school on Thursday 4th February after all the Best Start Assessments have been completed.
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Appreciation Morning Tea
It was lovely seeing so many parents, grandparents and members of the community attend this very special morning tea.
We all value and appreciate your time, help and support that you give to our school.

Uniform Shop
Many thanks also to the hard working P & C for 2015, who have help/organised many activities for Berkeley students as well as funding many resources (for your children) such as year 6 T-shirts, Kindy hats, library bags and outdoor seating. They have also been very busy over the last week, moving the ‘Uniform Shop and P & C Room’ up to Block H.
This was necessary as our enrolments have gone up and the room is needed for a classroom in 2016.

Planning for 2016
If your family will not be attending our school next year please let our school office know, as now is the time we are organising classes for 2016. The formation of classes is based on whole school numbers, therefore it is important we know if any students are not returning.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

2016 School Bus Information
Your child may be eligible for free subsidized travel on public transport between home and school, as part of the School Student Transport Scheme.

From Term 1 2016 Transport NSW will be issuing School Opal Cards to students eligible to travel. Most parents, guardians and students won’t need to apply for a School Opal Card if they have already been given a student travel pass, and will automatically receive a School Opal Card in 2016

For more information visit:
http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students
or ask for information available from the school.

School Leadership Election – Captain Nominees for 2016

GIRLS

Lily Bugden
Abii De Jesus
Emma Fraser
Anastasia Maneva
Sierra Sulevski
Emma Whitton

BOYS

Noah Duarte
Aleks Naumoski
Jett Pertovt
Dakota Sansone
Keiran Stevceski
Austin Trevisanu
**TERM 4 PLANNER**

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**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

- Try and make all of your doctor, dentist, and other appointments after 4:00 p.m. The end of the day is just as important as the beginning.
- Newsletters and homework reminders and other information are distributed.
- Sharing/retelling and review of the day’s activities often happen.
- Students may participate in various jobs to keep their classroom tidy.
- Students get into the habit of staying at school until dismissal time – again important in all aspects of life.
- Leaving 20 minutes early from school each day, is the equivalent of missing 11 school days in a year.

**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.
Stage 2 Sydney Harbour Cruise Excursion

On the 11th of November Stage 2 went on an excursion to Sydney Harbour. When we got there we had lunch for an hour. Then we got on the Captain Cook Cruise boat and some students had a camera to take pictures of the spectacular sights. When we were taking pictures we listened to a video about the sights. Then we got off the boat and then we went to a playground and ate there, and we were getting attacked by birds. Then we got back onto the bus and on the way back some students fell asleep on the bus. Then we got back to school at 4 o’clock. It was exhausting but fun.

By Zac and Kye 3/4K
Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

COST is $40 PER CHILD, and includes ✶ rod and reel combination ✶ shirt ✶ hat ✶ tackle box ✶ show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Date

Lake Illawarra, Reddall Parade
Wednesday 13th January 2016
Wednesday 13th April 2016

To book, e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan, 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190


NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.
We would like to take this opportunity to invite the parents and teachers from your school to attend an information session in relation to cyber bullying and social media. As police we have seen an increase in issues relating to cyber bullying, sending “nudes” and other concerns in relation to social media. This session is not for students, it is for parents and teachers to provide them with information and strategies.

The information session will include a presentation from the Australian Federal Police, which was well received at our last principal’s forum. We strongly encourage any families who are interested to attend this valuable information session.

Where: Oak Flats High School (Auditorium)
(Entrance via 42 to 44 The Esplanade, Oak Flats)

When: 6.00pm for a 6.30pm Finish 7.30pm
Thursday the 26th November, 2015.

Should you have any questions in relation to this forum, please contact Youth Liaison Officer, Scott Burgess on 42325329.

LAKE ILLAWARRA LOCAL AREA COMMAND
6 Pioneer Dr, Oak Flats,
NSW 2529
Telephone 02 42325599 Facsimile 024325511

UNIFORM SHOP

We are now located at the top end of the school in Block H, the last building on the left before the back playground.

Winter

Opening Hours
Tuesday and Friday
8.45 – 9.15am