RESPECT
Respect means caring for and valuing yourself and sharing kindness and consideration for others.

RESPONSIBILITY
Responsibility means being trustworthy and accountable for your behaviour.

SAFETY
Safety means protecting the well-being and security of everyone in our school.

COOPERATION
Cooperation means getting along by working and playing together.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Harmony Day
Children are encouraged to celebrate the different cultures that coexist harmoniously in Australia.
On Friday students can come to school dressed in orange clothing or a cultural costume to celebrate Harmony Day. Parents are invited to attend the special Harmony Day Assembly that will be held in our school hall at 9.15am.

Staffing
Mrs Shephard is on leave for the remainder of Term 1 and will be on long service leave during Term 2.
Mrs Vujasin will now be on the class Monday to Friday for the rest of the term.
We are also very fortunate to have Mrs Trusket return in Term 2 and continue her great work with 3/4SV

In School Activities
On Monday 23rd March, Berkeley students are very fortunate to have a science show presented to our school by some very talented performers. This presentation is closely linked to the science work our students are looking at in class.
Also during Term 2 students have the opportunity to participate in a very active and engaging Sports in Schools program which also ties in with our Physical Education Program.
The cost of the program is $45 per child but the school has covered some of the cost, which brings the cost down to $30, with parents paying for a maximum of two children.
That works out at only $3 a week per student.
Please send in money and permission slips as soon as possible for the Sport in Schools program.
We need your support so we can continue to offer these great opportunities to all your children.
Student assistance for any student not able to pay is available by contacting the office on 4271 1171.

2015 International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)
This is offered to Berkeley Public School students in Years 3 and 6. Information and entry sheets will be sent home with this newsletter.
If you wish your child to participate in any of the subjects, notes and money will need to be returned by Wednesday 1st April.

School Events
This Fortnight…

Monday 23rd March
Assembly
Silly Scientist Show

Tuesday 24th March
K-2 Cross Country

Friday 27th March
PSSA Netball & Cricket

Monday 30th March
Assembly

Tuesday 31st March
Soccer Man

Wednesday 1st April
Easter Hat Parade
Last Day of Term 1
**Naplan**

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

**Easter Raffle**

The P & C are holding their annual Easter raffle at the Easter Hat Parade. Tickets have been distributed through the students and should be returned to the front office. If any parent wishes to have more tickets please see the office.

**Easter Hat Parade**

On Wednesday 1st April the school will be holding its Easter Hat Parade at 12.00pm under the Cola. Children are asked to design Easter Bonnets and hats at home. Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the beautiful hats on parade.

**School Development Day**

Parents are reminded that students *do not attend school on Thursday 2nd April* and return to school in Term 2 on **Monday 20th April**. Our school, along with Berkeley West, Farmborough Road, Warrawong and Woonona East Public Schools have changed the Staff Development Day to Thursday 2nd April. The staff will be engaged in a full day seminar on Visible Learning where we will be looking at how we can personalise the learning of you children.

Have a great fortnight

Vicky McGee
Principal
**ATTENDANCE**

**Whole School Attendance**

- **Week 5 Attendance**: 94%
- **Week 6 Attendance**: 94.36%

**Attention Parents**

When returning notes to school could you please use a new note for each child, not multiple children on one note. Please try to use correct money when paying, as the office staff do not have change to give out. Office hours are 8.30am to 3.15pm. Also, if you are missing any notes, you can now find them on the school web page: http://www.berkeley-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home, in the NEWSLETTERS AND NOTES tab.

Stewart House clothing bags will be coming home soon. Could you please return filled bags by 1st May 2015.

**How many days of school has your child missed this term? School Attendance**

...Remember

- Students need to attend school regularly to make the most of educational opportunities.
- There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.
- Poor patterns of attendance in the early years lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for children to form positive relationships with their peers.
- When young people are in school every day, they are safer and less likely to be victims of crime, or become involved in crime.
**TERM 1 PLANNER**

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**DON'T FORGET**

No School on Thursday 2nd April. Students finish one day early.

**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.

**Make Each Night Count**

Your child should sleep at least 10 hours each night. Research indicates that children who receive sufficient sleep are more likely to be alert and resilient.

**Littering**

*Please, please, please* do not discard rubbish onto neighbouring lawns and Footpaths. This includes cigarette butts, lollies, chip wrappings, nappies and tissues. We have had several visits from understandably disgruntled residents who are constantly removing waste from their lawns. Your help with this matter would be most appreciated.
PBS Student of the Month

Madison Hart

Madison is an exceptional student who “stars” in many areas of school life. She is an excellent role model who displays a high level of integrity. Madison is a compassionate and considerate student. She nurtures positive friendships and offers guidance to all students. To accomplish her goals, Madison strives to achieve her personal best in all educational opportunities. She richly deserves the honour of being presented with the “PBS Star of the Month Award”.

Congratulations Madison.

Miss Thompson

FOYER DISPLAY

On display during Week 8, there are some artistic “Thong Designs” created by 5/6T to demonstrate their understanding of Australia’s cultural identity. 5/6T used the techniques of the Australian Artist Ken Done to express their artistic ideas. They have also drawn interesting caricature with their positive attributes.

PBS WEEKLY FOCUS

Week 9  Staying in Line at the Canteen
Week 10  Staying in Bounds

Bragg Box

Southern Stars

Congratulations to Remi Morgan for successfully being chosen to participate in the Southern Stars Performing Company – Primary Dance 2015

Please let the school know if your child/children have achieved something special during their out of school activities, so we can brag about their achievements.
Please do not stop to drop off children at the crossing or on the corners of the surrounding streets.