Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to all our families and students. I hope you all had a very enjoyable and restful break and are now ready for a very busy Term 3. A very warm welcome to our 10 new students who started at our school this term.

School Development Day - Term 2
As a follow up to our Term 1 Staff Development Day on Visible Learning, Berkeley staff, along with staff from Berkeley West, Farmborough Road, Warrawong and Woonona East visited Woonona School who have been implementing Visible Learning Strategies over the last two years. The Woonona staff presented four workshops on Learning Intentions, Success Criteria, Feedback and different forms of assessment which are all used successfully within every classroom. At Berkeley we have commenced implementing some of these strategies within our classrooms and will continue with our explicit teaching. Our focus for this semester will be formative assessments, setting goals and success criteria for all students.

Choral Festival
Congratulations to our choir who performed at the Wollongong Town Hall last Tuesday evening. They were an absolute credit to our school. Not only was their behavior impeccable, they wore their uniform with pride and looked amazing, they sang beautifully with the mass choir and better still when performing their individual items, Pompeii and Letters from the War. You sounded fantastic and we are all very proud of you. A big thank you to Ms Newton and Mrs Phillips who worked with the choir during Semester 1.

Staff Updates
Mr Swinton is currently on sick leave due to his shoulder surgery he had last week. Mr Maslanka will be working with 2S until Mr Swinton’s return. Mrs Waine is on leave for the remainder of the year. Mrs Lyons will be replacing Mrs Waine and will be working with 3/4WP from Monday to Wednesday for the remainder of the year.

Kindergarten 2016
We are already organising our first Kindy Orientation session, which will be held on Wednesday 9th September.

If you have a child starting school next year or know of someone who will be enrolling their child at Berkeley Public School, please come to the office and ask for an enrolment form. We do not want any child missing out on the fantastic transition to school program we offer.

School Events
This Fortnight...
Monday 27th July
Assembly 12.00pm
Education Week

Tuesday 28th July
District Athletics

Wednesday 29th July
District Athletics

Friday 31st July
Aaron Blabey – Author visit

Monday 3rd August
Assembly 11.45am
P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday 6th August
Public Speaking Stage Presentation

Friday 7th August
PSSA
**Education Week – ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’**

Parents and carers are invited to attend our assembly next Monday at 12.00pm, to hear our talented choir sing and listen to percussion music performed by some of our students. After this you will be invited to visit your children’s classroom and then join them for a picnic lunch.

**Public Speaking Competition**

Our Kinder to Year 6 Stage finals will be held on Thursday 30th July in the school hall.

The topics are:

- **Kinder**
  - My Favourite Toy
- **Stage 1**
  - My Family is Special to me because...
- **Stage 2**
  - My Secret Life as a Super Hero
- **Stage 3**
  - My Favourite Festival/Celebration

The winner from each stage will compete in the community of Schools Public Speaking competition at Illawarra Sports High School on Thursday 6th August at 9.30am in the school library.

Our students will be competing against students from Berkeley West and Farmborough Road Schools.

Invitations will be sent home for all the finalists.

**P & C Meeting**

We will be holding our first P & C Meeting for this term on Monday 3rd August at 7.00pm in the staff room. All interested parents are welcome to join us.

**District Athletics**

Good luck to all our athletes competing at the District Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July at Beaton Park Wollongong.

Have a great fortnight

Vicky McGee
Principal

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**SOUTHERN STARS**

**GOING BEYOND THE FRAME FOR SOUTHERN STARS 2015**

Last Thursday saw the official launch of Southern Stars 2015 where details about the theme for this year’s show were announced.

This year Southern Stars is going *Beyond The Frame* and pushing the boundaries and taking risks with music, theatre, song, dance, staging, lighting and costuming in new and exciting ways.

The show will look beyond what you first see, leading to some amazing numbers including hundreds of students making their bodies a part of an original Aboriginal dot painting, a theatre segment on the ANZACS focusing on those left at home facing their own battles, and a cast of thousands performing the National Anthem.

Approximately 3,000 public school students from around Southern NSW will take part in the two hour show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

As in past years, community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows.

It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students is something not to be missed!

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm) - make sure you are one of them.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.

You can keep informed about what’s coming up in the show, by visiting the *Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular* Facebook site or by visiting [www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au)
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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.
4. 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.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The winning class for the best attendance in Term 2 was 1GC. Congratulations and keep up the great work.

Be “ON TIME” to get a great start!

- Students have a chance to unpack their belongings and to play with their friends.
- Students are ready to start school with the class without being rushed or feeling frustrated.
- They are present to hear important morning announcements and the day’s routine.
- Teachers and students who have already begun work are not interrupted.
- Students get into the habit of punctuality, which is important in all aspects of life.
- Arriving 20 minutes late to school each day, is the equivalent of missing 11 school days in a year.

PARENT TIPS

Building your child’s reading skills

Here are some simple tips to encourage your child to become a strong reader and a book lover for the rest of their lives.

Share a book at home
Children love to hear a story read aloud. Try reading with different voices, lots of emotion, invented sound effects and funny faces. Change the tone in your voice and vary its loudness or softness. Have fun and enjoy it.
It’s a good idea to practise reading before sharing a book. Listen to your child talk about the story and the pictures. Try asking your child which parts of the books they found exciting, funny or different.

Research the internet
When kids use the internet they need skills and knowledge that are different from those found in books and other printed materials. These skills include such things as links, images, icons and searching.
The internet is a wonderful resource for finding things to support your child’s literacy development. If you are searching for a good book to read to your child, try entering a publisher or an author’s name into a reliable search engine such as Google.
**Term 2 Activities**

During Term 2 the students were lucky enough to be involved in a number of activities and excursion such as NAIDOC week, Killalea Excursion, Antarctic Incursion and the Athletics Carnival.
Keiran Stevceski

Keiran is a worthy recipient of this award. He is a conscientious, cooperative student who always displays a positive approach and attitude to his learning. He consistently follows and displays our school values and enjoys all aspects of school life.
DAPTO LITTLE ATHLETICS

2015-16 Season Details
We compete 2pm on Saturdays in Sept/October and then 5:30pm on Thursdays Nov - March
Start: Saturday 12th September
Venue: Dapto High School
Ages: 3 to 17 years of age
Registration Days at Dapto Leagues Club on the following dates -
  Saturday 8th August – 2pm to 4pm
  Sunday 23rd August – 2pm to 4pm

For further information, contact Andrew Kolts – 0402 840 983 or www.daptolittleathletics.org.au
Find us on Facebook.

Registrations for Lake Illawarra’s 2015-2016 Season will be taking place every Sunday during August between 1pm and 3pm at the Myimbarr Community Park.

Present this ad to receive 10% off your registration cost
*Valid for 1st child only, not valid for online registrations

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