Dear Parents and Carers

**Education Week**
Thanks so much to everyone who joined us last week during Education week. Our Senior Choir and 1/2N percussionists enjoyed performing at our assembly and all students loved showing off their classrooms and work to all our visitors.

Our gardens are looking colourful thanks to the parents and student’s who planted shrubs and trees around the school. Thanks to Mrs Ruzzene for organising the event and to Bunnings Warrawong for donating many plants.

Our Public Speaking finalists entertained us on Thursday with their amusing and touching speeches about toys, friends, families and special occasions.

We finished off the week with Aaron Blabey, favourite author to many girls, boys and teachers. What a busy and fun week it was!

**District Athletics**
Congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the District Athletics Carnival last Tuesday and Wednesday. From what I’ve heard everyone tried their best and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Good luck to all the students who made it through to the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held in Canberra on 21st August.

**Kindergarten Orientation**
Students attending kindergarten in 2016 are invited to participate in four visits to the kindergarten rooms. The orientation sessions are an opportunity for your child to become familiar with the school environment, meet their 2016 Year 6 buddy and other kindergarten students starting school in 2016.

**Orientation Dates:**
- Wednesday 9th September
- Tuesday 15th September
- Tuesday 6th October
- Friday 16th October

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**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.
**Public Speaking**

Congratulations to the following students who have made it to the next level in our Public Speaking Competition.

- **Kinder** Temanu Taahi
- **Stage 1** Piper Nicholls
- **Stage 2** Chanicqua Cachia
- **Stage 3** Emerson Dockett

These students will be competing against students from Berkeley West and Farmborough Road at the Community of Schools competition that will be held at the Illawarra Sports High School on Thursday 6th August.

**Lost Property**

Lost property is overflowing. With this cold weather children are wearing their jumpers to school, but taking them off and leaving them in the playground at break times. We are unable to return items if they do not have a name on them.

If your child is missing a jumper, hat or lunch box, please go through the lost property.

**Berkeley Village Plaza Art Work**

Our Stage 2 students were special guests at the opening of the “Boat Seats” in the Berkeley Village Plaza.

They worked with artist Anita Larkin on helping to draw the design of the seats and then doing the mosaic over their designs.

Have a great fortnight

Vicky McGee
Principal

**Athletics Carnival**

What a great effort from everyone that attended the two day carnival. Berkeley students should be very proud of themselves.

We had some great results with Berkeley coming 3rd overall, behind Port Kembla and Warrawong.

Well done to Noah Duarte for being named Junior Boy Champion and Emily Vaughan for being named Senior Girl Champion. Noah came 2nd in 100 metres, 3rd in 200 metres, 1st in long jump and 2nd in high jump. Emily had some tough competition but that didn’t stop her from taking out 1st in 100, 200 and 800 metres, 1st in long jump, 2nd in high jump and then backed up for the senior girls relay, who along with Emerson Dockett, Josephine Sarkhosh and Shayli Collins finished miles ahead of the field in 1st place.

Other Results

- **Josephine Sarkhosh** 1st Shotput, 3rd long jump, 2nd 800m; **Shayli Collins** 3rd 100m; **Nicholas Pozzer** 2nd 800m; **Riley Cuttill** 3rd high jump, 3rd long jump; **Jay Thomas** 3rd 800m, 2nd Discus; **Amelia Thomas-Sheppard** 2nd 100m; **John Cornwell** 2nd 800m; **Jarrod Lindley** 1st 800m; **Mya Krstevski** 2nd 800m; **Nikola Uzelac** 3rd 800m; **Josh Minos** equal 3rd long jump; **Jazhia Cain** 2nd shot put; **Sierra Sulevski** 3rd high jump, 3rd long jump

**Austin Trevisanut** 3rd 200m; **Hannah Edwards-Cvetkovski** 2nd jnr shot put;

We have to make a special mention to some of our younger athletes. Nate Campbell and Caitlin Teixeira. Officials had Nate as coming last in the heat (a mistake by them) so he was entered in the semi final and ran well enough to make the final and finished 4th. Caitlin, what a quiet achiever. Caitlin placed 3rd in the 100 metre final than ran in the junior girls relay team, with Amelia, Rihana Rizvani and Sierra. The girls finishing a credible 4th.

Our junior boys relay team of Noah Duarte, John Cornwell, Zac Collins and Jarrod Lindley and our senior team of Austin Trevisanut, Luke Di Totto, Ruben Longley and Josh Minos finished 3rd.

Well done to all the students for their great performances and their wonderful behaviour.

Notes have gone home with the children who have qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra on 21st August.

Good Luck.

Mrs Hollick and Mrs Ryan
TERM 3 PLANNER

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FOYER DISPLAY

The foyer display this week is by 5/6B.

They have used a marbling technique to make artwork of the Aurora Australis over Casey Station in Antarctica.

Well done 5/6B for such beautiful works of art.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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.

PARENT TIPS

Starting Kindergarten Soon – Is Your Child Ready for School?

- Children may enrol in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five years of age on or before 31 July in that year.
- All children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.
- Are they physically ready?
- Are they socially and emotionally ready?
- Kids don’t need to read or write before they start school.
- Visit your local school and attend orientation days before you decide.

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.
PLANET ARK NATIONAL TREE DAY, 2015

Last Tuesday, 28th July, our school celebrated National Tree Day. It was the 20th year Planet Ark have sponsored National Tree Day and we were fortunate to have the valued support of Bunnings Warrawong donating shrubs to make our gardens at school look colourful. Kathy, our coordinator from Bunnings, helped our students plant Camellias, Azaleas, Mini Gardenias and Mondo Grass to help beautify our school environment. We love it when she comes to our school with her boot full of plants for us!

I would like to also take this opportunity to give a special thankyou to the parents, grandparents and friends from our school community who took some time out from their day to dig holes and plant the shrubs with their children. We couldn’t have done it without you.

We also had lots of help from our own students as well. They are becoming very proficient gardeners and have learnt the correct planting techniques so they can be trusted to work in the garden area and do a great job.

Well done to everyone who helped on the day. Now we have beautiful gardens at our school for everyone to appreciate and admire!

Karen Ruzzene
Garden Coordinator
Literary Lunch

On Wednesday 29th July, the Fraternity Club hosted an Author’s lunch. Noah Nicholls, Erica Carney, Rayan Beri, Piper Missingham, Brody Dean, Jake Edge-Venables, Naphat Wongtanakiate, Bree-Ann Andersen and Mrs Vujasin were invited.

An author or illustrator was sat on each table with eight people from each school. Berkeley Public School had Lisa Shanahan, the author of My Dad’s Having a Horse, at our table.

The day started with us talking with Lisa Shanahan. After that all the authors and illustrators talked about themselves.

For lunch we had sandwiches, fruit, meat pies, sausage rolls and spring rolls.

After lunch we were allowed to go around and get signatures from all the authors and illustrators at different tables.

Lastly we sat on the floor or at our table and listened to Jacqueline Harvey the special guest speaker. She talked about her books and how she wrote them. It was a very fun day but sadly it had to come to an end.

By Rayan Beri and Erica Carney  5/6T

Aaron Blabey - Author

On Friday 31st of July Aaron Blabey come to visit and Years 3 and 4 got to see him at 9.00am.

First we went down to the computer lab. We went in and sat down and waited for a while. Then Aaron Blabey came in. After he came in he told us about some of his books.

Then he told us about Dreadful Fluff. The Dreadful Fluff was about a girl named Serenity. She was perfect in every way. We also read Pig the Pug, Pig the Fibber and a bit of The Bad Guys.

After we read them Aaron drew a picture of Pig the Pug and the Dreadful Fluff.

I think Aaron Blabey is a very good drawer and a very good author. We really enjoyed it.

By Leah DaCosta and Max Humeniuk  3/4K
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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.
BERKELEY PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays 9.30—11am
during school terms
Berkeley Public School, George St
(in the old Hall)

A free playgroup for parents and
carers with children 0-5

Please bring morning tea

Enjoy free play, puzzles, craft,
pretend play, construction plan
after a 30 minute session of
music and interactive stories

Please bring morning tea

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A Schools as Community Centres Project

For more information please contact
Alli McKenzie on
42721422 or
0448254779

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Friday afternoons in the local area (Clontarf, Forty Baskets, Fairlight….Wherever the fish are biting!)

**Term 4 dates**
Friday 9th Oct – Fri 4th Dec weekly
Classes run for 1 and half hours to 2 hours.
The kids will be taught how to accurately cast a fishing rod correctly with rubber casting plugs at wooden targets.
Fishing skills taught;
- Rig the rod/reel up with the correct hooks and sinkers.
- How to bait the hook correctly. What bait for different species of fish
  - How to handle their catch, size and Bag Limits.
- Rules and Regulations.
- Different styles of fishing, Beach, Fly, Lure and bait fishing.
Throughout the program the children will win prizes (Everyone is a winner).
Fishing equipment, bait and tackle and chairs for the kids to sit on while they are fishing are all supplied by YGFA.
The cost is $180 per child for 8 weeks membership and $20 per session. Total $340 for the 8 week program.

**Minimum 10 children per class.**
Call 02 4572 2276 or 0413 032 217 to register right now!