Dear Parents and Carers

Public Speaking
Congratulations to Temanu Taahi, Piper Nicholls, Chanicqua Cachia and Emerson Dockett who represented our school at the Community of Schools Public Speaking Competition. They should all be very proud of themselves. They did a fantastic job of presenting their speeches and I felt so proud, being their Principal. Special congratulations to Temanu Taahi for being chosen the Early Stage 1 winner, on his amusing speech about his favourite toy.

NAPLAN
Naplan Reports for Year 3 and 5 students have arrived at our school. Parents will soon receive an individual report relating to their child. These tests are only one set of tests taken at a particular time and don’t always reflect what the student is achieving every day in the classroom. What the results do give us is an overall picture of how the school is doing and what direction we take for students learning in the future.
Book Week
Next week is Book Week and the theme for this year is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Mrs Vujasin has organised lots of interesting reading activities based on many of the books that have been shortlisted for 2016. These activities will run during lunch times, in the library, throughout the week, and in classrooms.

Kindergarten 2016
Thank you to all of the families who have enrolled their child for kindergarten for 2016. Letters have been sent home inviting our new students to the four orientation sessions.

Staff Information
Mrs Clarke has taken long service leave commencing last Friday and will be returning in Term 4. During this time, Mrs Naomi Lewis will be working with KC.

The following staff members will also be taking long service leave this term with all staff returning for the first day of Term 4.

Mrs Phillips will commence her leave on 2nd September and Mrs Lyons will take 3/4WP for the whole week for the remainder of the term. Ms Bourne will commence her leave on 4th September and will be replaced by Mrs Dimitrovski. Ms Thompson will commence her leave on 14th September and will be replaced by Mr Maslanka.

Southern Stars ‘Beyond the Frame’
I am looking forward to seeing our students, wearing yellow lemon drops and chocolate freckles, on stage next Saturday. I know they have been practicing very hard with Mrs Newton at school as well as rehearsing with hundreds of other students at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre.

Next week is a very big week for all our dancers and Mrs Newton, as practices will be on Thursday followed by 2 performances on Friday and 2 on Saturday.

A huge thank you to Mrs Newton who has supported the group, and has put much effort in organising our costumes. This is a big commitment for students, family and teachers.

Regional Athletics
Lots of luck to the students heading across to Canberra for the South Coast Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations on reaching this level.

Enjoy the day!!!

Parents Approaching Students
A reminder that no parent should directly approach another person’s child within the school grounds. If there are any issues between your child and another child, and you have concerns please see their class teacher or myself. Under no circumstances should you approach the other child.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

These are our new school award badges designed by Nevada Wright of 1/2N. Awards will be achievable in a stage (2 year) cycle. Students who reach 40 certificates in the stage cycle will be awarded a medalion. If they attain another 40 certificates they will be awarded a stage badge.
**TERM 3 PLANNER**

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**FOYER DISPLAY**

The foyer display this week is by 1/2N.

1/2N has been studying wet and dry environments.

Their display shows a rainforest habitat with green tree frogs.

Congratulations 1/2N on a beautiful and colourful display.

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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.

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.
This year our major school fundraiser for 2015 will be a Sportathon. The money raised will go towards buying resources for the school.

On Monday the 17th August your child/children will bring home a sponsorship form so they can begin collecting sponsors and money. Students will be sponsored on the activities completed at the Sportathon.

Students need to collect the money from the sponsors as they sign them up. Students will be asked to bring their sponsorship forms into school every **Tuesday**. Money will be collected, counted, lucky draw tickets issued and forms returned to students to continue raising more money.

**Students SHOULD NOT** door-knock or ask people unknown to you to sponsor them.

Thanks for your continued support

Sportathon Committee
BEYOND THE FRAME SOUTHERN STARS 2015

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2015 Beyond The Frame are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance and vocal rehearsals around the state.

The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster (Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140) as soon as possible to make sure you don’t miss out.

Beyond the Frame, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm).

To keep up with all the news about Beyond The Frame including recent media stories and picture galleries, as well as profiles of performers and teachers involved in the show, visit the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site. Like us and share with your friends and family!

Stage 3 Camp

Thank you to everyone who submitted their expression of interest for the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra. Our final numbers have been confirmed with the bus company and accommodation. Last week students who will be attending the camp received a note which outlined; total of final payment and date due, details of our schedule, special dietary requirements and, a list of things to pack and things to leave at home. Costings also included a reduction in the cost per student provided by the Australian Government through the PACER program. Details are following this message. Final payment of this excursion is due in Term 4 Week 2.

Please see your child’s teacher if you did not receive this note or if you have any further questions regarding the camp.

Thank you,
M.Bourne

Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
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PLAY YOUR PART
FAMILY FUN DAY
CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

DATE: THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER
TIME: 10am - 12noon
VENUE: WESTFIELD WARRAWONG

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM BIRTH-5 YEARS
FREE EVENT

DADS WELCOME
FUN ACTIVITIES
At your local high school Illawarra Sports High?
On Thursday 6th August ISHS hosted the Berkeley, Berkeley West and Farmborough Road Berkeley COS public speaking competition. ISHS Year 8 students were the judges for the competition and both the primary school students and high school students did an outstanding job. Our Year 11 WRAP students catered for the event. Well done everyone!

Raechel McCarthy Principal

2015 SUMMER FOOTBALL

U6 - U7 - 4 A-Side - $80 pp
U8 - U18 - 7A-Side - $100 pp

Two venues to choose from:
Lakelands Oval, Dapto
Memorial Park, Corrimal

Team & Individual Player
Nominations now open

Go to
www.footballsouthcoast.com
or phone Debbie 42856929

WOLLONGONG CITY JUNIOR SURF CLUB
REGISTRATION 2015 / 2016 SEASON

Come and be part of your local junior surf club.
Develop your child’s surf confidence, knowledge and ability. As well as have fun and meet new people!

Boys & girls aged from 5 to 13 (age at 1st October, 2015) are eligible to join.
The Nippers Season runs from mid October 2015 through to March 2016.
We urge you to join early in the season as essential water safety training is undertaken during the first few weeks.
New child members must provide a photocopy of their Birth Certificate to be kept for club records.

REGISTRATION DAYS will be held at - Wollongong City Beach Clubhouse
Lower Level, City Beach Function Centre Complex
Marino Drive Wollongong (South Beach)
Sunday 13th September 2015 – 10 am to 1 pm
Sunday 20th September 2015 – 10 am to 1 pm

More details can be found on our website at: www.wollongongcitysc.com.au/juniors

WE WELCOME AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!
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

For more information please contact
Alli McKenzie on
42721422 or
0448254779

Please bring morning tea

Families at Farmborough School Community Centre
A Schools as Community Centres Project

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