Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to the P & C members who organized our Fun Day and the many parent helpers who helped throughout the day. The day was a great success and all children had a very enjoyable day, some even saying that “this was the best day of their lives”. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and caring P & C Committee at Berkeley Public School.

2016 Kindies
We have had the pleasure of meeting 60 boys and girls who will be starting school next year, during our recent two orientation sessions. All children had fun meeting new friends, participating in fun class and outdoor activities as well as having “big” lunch at school. There will be two more orientation sessions next term where our new kindies will meet their buddies as well as visiting the library and computer lab.

2016 School Organisation
We are making plans for the 2016 school year...if you know of anyone who is intending to enrol their child for next year, please ask them to do so as soon as possible. If you know you will be leaving the school in 2016, could you please let the office know.

School Safety Over the Holidays
The school grounds are Out of Bounds during the school holidays. If you see anything that looks suspicious around our school please call School Security on 1300 880 021 or the police on 4232 5599.

Holiday Dates
Friday 18th September is the last day of Term 3. School resumes for everyone on Tuesday 6th October.

I wish all families a safe, relaxed and enjoyable break.

See you next term
Vicky McGee
Principal
**TERM 3 WEEK 10**

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**B L U E A N D W H I T E**

**EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1**
**EXCURSION**
SYDNEY AQUARIUM AND IMAX THEATRE

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**MISSING**
**HAVE YOU SEEN**
**THIS ZEBRA**

Name: Zippy  
Age: 3 weeks  
Species: Zebra  
Colour: Black and White with a green head and blue mane  
Missing: 4 September  
Since: 2015  
May have injured hoof

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**IF YOU SEE ZIPPY OR HEAR OF HIS WHEREABOUTS PLEASE CONTACT**  
**BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOL ON**  
**4271 1171**

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**TERM 3 PLANNER**

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

Preparing for high school

Entering high school is an exciting time for students. They are moving into what is often a larger school environment. This can lead to anxiety or periods of unease. Here are some steps parents and caregivers can take to help students start high school on a positive note.

Be interested and enthusiastic about their move to high school.

Your encouragement will help your child to make a successful transition to High School.

Listen to their experiences and expectations. Don’t dwell on your own experiences of school.

Attend the High School Orientation Day

If your child will be entering high school then keep a look out for the orientation days which high schools hold in Term 3 and 4. These days are designed to help parents and their children prepare for starting high school. Some children, because of pressure from their peers, will try to discourage their parents from attending orientation days. Being there will help you understand your child’s experiences better.

Make sure travel arrangements to and from school are organised.

Organise travel passes. This will help settle some of the concern about independent travel. Talk about back-up travel arrangements, for example, what to do if a bus or train doesn’t come.

Discuss the changes every student will experience.

Emphasise that many people feel apprehensive about changing from a small primary school to a larger high school, and that there will be people to help them adjust.

Organise your child’s uniform well before the first day of school.

Having the new uniform will help your child start to feel a sense of belonging to the school.

Learn about school routines and timetables.

Talking to student already enrolled at the school can be useful in finding out information about things such as sporting venues used by the school and school finishing times. The school will provide information before it’s needed.

Help your child to develop good study habits.

Try to provide them with somewhere private and quiet to study. Help your child to set aside a particular time to study. Work out a daily timetable that incorporates all your child’s needs and interests. Regularly viewed TV programs, club activities and sport should all be part of the timetable. Ultimately they will need to manage their own study and they can guide you in what is helpful for them.

Practise organisational skills.

In the first few weeks of high school you might want to check with your child that they have the right books for the following day. You will quickly encourage a good habit.

Discuss emergency and safety issues.

Talk about these issues - including crossing roads or taking essential medication - simply and without emotion. Allow your child to contribute their views. Find out who the staff are at the school who can help them if they need it on issues such as medication.

Let your child know that you trust them and that they can trust you.

Keep communication open about all your child’s experiences, and make sure they know you’re available if things go wrong.
Zac and I have been accepted in a South Coast Softball team. 12 children including us were chosen out of 50 kids. On the 15th, 16th and 17th September we are going to North Curl Curl in Sydney. Each day we will play 3 to 4 games. At the end of the tournament they pick 12 people out of 144 for the state team. By Dylan Teixeira 5/6T

Congratulations also to Remi Morgan who has been selected to be part of the State Dance Festival troupe. Remi has been performing in Sydney at the Seymour Centre for the Southern Stars Company.
FSC WIN NETWORK
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

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PORT KEMBLA

CRICKET CLUB

Port Kembla Cricket Club is looking for up and coming young cricketers to help boost the club to its full potential.

We will be running an in2CRICKET programme for kids from 5 to 7 years of age, and a T20Blast programme for kids 8 to 10 years of age.

We are also looking for any kids from the ages of 5 to 16 and their parents, to join this great club next to the best beach in the Illawarra.

Mums and Dads can drop of the kids on Saturday morning and pick them up three hours later, or stay and watch them display the skills they have learnt at training. Better still become part of your child’s development, the club is always looking for assistance in all things Cricket.

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