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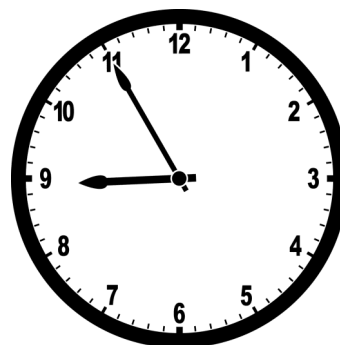
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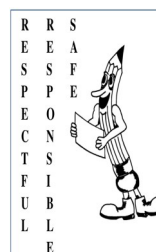
## From The Principal's Desk

### Upcoming Events

- Fri 18 Nov** Years 3-6 Students and staff return from school Camp at Shoalhaven Heads– sorry parents! :)
- Tues 22 Nov-** Mufti day– Students may be out of uniform today in exchange for a gold coin– money raised to support P&C Christmas raffle
- Wed 23 Nov-** 2.10pm School assembly– Captain & prefect nomination speeches
- Thurs 24 Nov-** 12.30pm End of year concert– all welcome!
- Fri 25 Nov-** Year 6 & parents visit to the University of Wollongong– permission note required/ no cost
- Mon 28 Nov-** Swim school commences for Years 2-6 students at Berkeley Pool– permission note required
- Wed 30 Nov-** 2.10pm School assembly in hall– all welcome
- Mon 5 Dec-** Canteen “Red” Day– special “treat” foods available from canteen today
- Tues 6 Dec-** High school orientation day for all Year 6 students at their 2017 high schools– parents to transport and accompany their children to high school
- Mon 12 Dec-** 9am Annual School Presentation Day in school hall– all welcome!
- Wed 14 Dec-** Semester 2 student reports sent home today with students  
  
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Reward Day- “Water Play Fun Day” for students who have not had a detention all term– see separate note to be sent home
- Thurs 15 Dec-** 6pm Year 6 Farewell– Dapto Leagues Club “Showroom”
- Friday 16 Dec-** **Last day for all students**– students may wear mufti in exchange for any old school uniforms that no longer fit to go into our second hand uniform pool
- Monday 30 Jan-** All students in Years 1-6 return to school for the 2017 school year– Kindergarten students commence as per their appointment time.



**PLEASE RESPECT  
THE HEALTH CARE  
NEEDS OF OUR  
STUDENTS BY NOT  
PACKING PEANUTS  
or PRODUCTS  
CONTAINING**



### Congratulations Mrs Norrie!

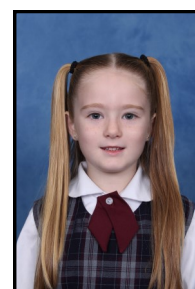
We had good news last newsletter that Ms Duncan and Miss Guy had been permanently appointed to our school for the start of 2017.

We have some further good news to share! After many years working with us at BWPS, congratulations go to Mrs Norrie who has also been successful in attaining a permanent appointment to our Berkeley West School for the start of next year!

However, we already know that Mrs Norrie will have her hands full next year with her own “bundle of joy”, so we just have to wait a while before she takes up duty back at work.

### Principal's Award

Congratulations to Isabella R for receiving the Principal's Award this week for being respectful, responsible and safe at school. As well as her certificate, Isabella will enjoy a \$3.00 food voucher to spend at the canteen and she gets to sit on stage at the next school assembly.



Great work Isabella!

### Well done BWPS Dance Groups!

Last week Years 3-6 dance groups put on a great performance in front of a packed crowd in the school hall. Talented dancers who have given up many of their lunchtimes over the year, as did their wonderful dance teachers Miss Knowles and Miss Gabriel, put on a show that had everyone hooked. You can jump onto

our school website and go to the gallery to see some talented dancers.

A huge thankyou to dance teachers Miss Knowles and Miss Gabriel for their outstanding commitment to our students.

### School camp

Happy camping to all 80 campers who left for Shoalhaven Heads this morning. Thanks to all our great teachers who have given up their own personal time away from their families to make the entire experience possible. Special thanks to camp coordinator Mrs O'Callaghan for the countless hours preparing this memory for a lifetime!



Enjoy the small break parents and carers! Students back Friday afternoon!

### What is Numeracy?

Children develop numeracy skills when they use mathematical ideas in everyday situations. You may feel that mathematics is different from when you were at school or is taught in a different way, and you are probably right! There are still many ways that you can help and support your child at home in the development of their numeracy skills.

- Talk to your child about numbers, scores, totals, percentages, possibilities, prices, directions, weights, distances, shapes, patterns, sizes etc.
- Talk to your child's teacher about the classroom program and what you can do at home.
- Talk to your child about the mathematics they bring home from school.
- Support your child's teachers by attending parent-teacher interviews and information evenings.
- Encourage your child to ask questions like these to help them make sense of their numerate world:
  - How much is there?
  - Will there be enough?
  - How many?
  - How did you work that out?
  - How do you know that?
  - Does it fit?
  - Is it likely to happen?
  - What might happen if....?
  - Which way will I go?
  - How big is it?
  - Could you work it out another way?

If you worked it out another way could you still get the same answer?

The strongest message is to talk to your child and to create opportunities for them to use their mathematical knowledge in a variety of situations.

### Numeracy

#### Helping your child with measuring length and area

You can help at home with your child's understanding of length and area with the following activities:

- Use modelling dough to roll out two "snakes" of different length. Talk about one snake being shorter, and the other longer
- Roll out two snakes that are the same length. Turn one into a zigzag or curved snake. Ask your child, *which snake is longer?*
- Walk around objects and talk about how many steps it takes
- Draw squiggle patterns and ask your child to colour in the "closed" areas.

#### "Berkeley West Paint and Play" Playgroup

A free playgroup for children 0-5 years and their parents/carers is open **every Friday morning** during school term from 9.15-10.45am at Berkeley West Public School in the preschool room. Absolutely free! All welcome! See you and your kids there!

Call 4272 1422 during school hours if you have any questions.

#### Attendance Cup!

Well done to 2/3F and 4/5G for taking out the Attendance Cup over the last two school weeks! Can your class win the cup next week? Do your bit, be at school every day!



#### Keep Your Children Safe This Christmas

Christmas trees, decorations & lights, small Christmas decorations are particularly fascinating for young children. Make sure they are kept out of reach as they may pose choking hazards.

Remember that Christmas trees can tip over when tugged. Christmas lights can also pose electrical hazards for inquisitive young children.

For advice on how to make your Christmas safe call Kidsafe on (02) 9845 0890.

#### School Uniform

Just a reminder that all students must wear a hat at school. Students without a hat will not be permitted to play in the open and will be restricted to shaded areas under cover only.

#### Starting Kindergarten 2017

Our school is now taking kindergarten enrolments for 2017! So far we already have over 25 students showing an interest for "big school" next year!

If you have a child starting kindergarten next year, or know someone with a child starting kinder next year, please come to school and pick up an enrolment form. Forms can either be completed at school or taken home and dropped off later. The important thing is that we know about new students so that their parents can be kept informed about upcoming school events and students can be placed in classes..

## Sexting

Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting'—the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Tips for parents-

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.
- Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the education department's website

Is there anything else parents need to know about sexting – the use of a mobile phone to send sexual images or messages? Learn about the consequences and get tips to help you educate your child.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/sexting-what-every-parent-should-know>

## School Email List

If you would like to receive special announcements, news, school newsletters and other school business from time to time via email, register online at-

<https://www.goo.gl/forms/uzk5qpKhDGFbrNCp2>

## Holiday planning

Holiday camps are a great way for kids—7-12 years or 13 and over—to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

## Safety around school crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.

Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an unsupervised children's crossing when 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing

that operates before and after school hours,

and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

## Speech Pathology Services in the Illawarra

To make a referral or for more information contact Port Kembla Hospital on 4223 8044 or Kids Cottage Warilla on 4297 1022.

## Have you been SunSmart at home too?

Don't forget to help your family be SunSmart too!!

1. **Slip** on sun protective clothing with collars and sleeves
2. **Slap** on broad brimmed hats
3. **Slop** on 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen
4. Use **shade** as much as possible
5. Wear **sunglasses** if happy to do so

Go to the Cancer Council website to find out more: [www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary)



**Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer**

## P & C News

"The P&C are looking for expressions of interest for volunteers for a Bunnings BBQ next year. If any parents would be interested in volunteering an hour or two of their time next year to help man the BBQ or sell drinks could you please contact the school on (02) 4271 1478.

By calling and registering your interest it does not commit you to the event, we are looking at numbers of potential helpers to see if a BBQ will be feasible. Thank you!"

## Generous donation

I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Yeaman on their generous donation of synthetic grass that 3/4D used as a prop in their recent assembly item. Mr and Mrs Yeaman indicated they would like us to keep the prop for further productions. Once again our sincerest thanks from 3/4D and Berkeley West Public School.

Mrs Duncan and 3/4D

The P & C would like to give a very warm thank you to Norm Jones from Technoprom Pty Ltd for his generous donation to the school of an LG 55cm LED Television for our Christmas raffle"



## Parent Line



CatholicCare's Parent Line is a free counselling service for Parents and Carers of children 0 – 18 across NSW 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our professional counsellors are available now to talk to parents about a wide range of issues.

### Website for Parents

At Parent Line, we know that the joys and rewards of parenting are many. We also know that sometimes issues can crop up that can challenge families. Some of these include challenges with adjusting to going to school, transitions from primary school to high school, issues around family breakdown, helping a child who is being bullied at school, the stress of supporting children through the HSC to name a few. At times parenting can be tough!

It's during times like these, that we all need someone to listen to our story, help us remember and acknowledge our successes and strengths and help us find new ways of sorting through these challenges. Parent Line NSW provides exactly that.

Visit the website- [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au). This website is a great resource for parents and carers that is easy to read and access and gives parents and cares the facility to email us with enquiries.

Of course the best way to get the best help from Parent Line is to talk to one of our professional counsellors. They can listen to your issues and tailor some strategies that could assist your family.

Parent Line Counsellors have helped thousands of parents and carers across NSW with a wide range of parenting issues. We are lucky enough to have 5 male counsellors on our team, if there are Dad's who prefer to speak to another male.

**Concerned about any parenting issue? Ring Parent Line NOW.**

1300 1300 52

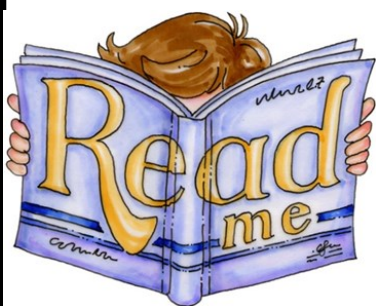
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Class	Student of The Fortnight	Reason
KN	Erik Sefton	For his enthusiasm and confidence in all areas of learning
K/1H	Ruby Hayden	For improvement in reading
1K	Hayden Martin	For becoming more engaged and Enthusiastic about reading.
2J	Peyton Fuller	Always following the school rules, being respectful, responsible and safe.
2./3F	Hana Stupka	Always trying to improve herself by asking questions and participating in all class activities.
3/4D	Callum Yeaman	For an enthusiastic performance as the Troll in our assembly item.
4/5G	Emily Bonham	Becoming a more independent learner and trying to solve a problem herself before asking for help.
5/6H	Brooklyn Dingle	Enthusiastic approach in teaching Others, of varying ages, skills in sport.

### Primary Dance Group Concert

I would like to thank all of the students involved in primary dance group for their amazing performance on Friday. You all put in so much effort with rehearsing in your recess and lunch times and that showed through your performance. Thank you for making Miss Gabriel and I so proud and happy to have shared this experience with you. Also, a big thank you to everyone who came to watch - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!!

Miss Knowles



## Do you have a book you don't Need?

### Garden Book Sale

Berkeley West Public School sells books, every fortnight before the whole school assembly. All profits go towards replanting our garden.

If you have any children's books, that you would wish to donate, please drop off your donations to K/1 H- Mrs Haynes. Books will be sold for \$1, each.

There will be a box clearly marked outside K/1H.

If you have any queries about the Garden Book Sale, please speak to Mrs Haynes.



## Do you have a scooter or balance bike you don't need?



### Bikes and Scooters for the bike track

Berkeley West Public School Infants, have a bike track up and running.

If you have any scooters or balance bikes, that are in a good state of repair, that you would wish to donate, please drop off your donations to K/1 H - Mrs Haynes.

If you have any queries about bike or scooter donations, please speak to Mrs Haynes.

