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From The Principal's Desk

Upcoming Events

- Mon 3-7 Aug-** Education Week- 'Learning Together'
- Mon 24- Wed 26 Aug-** Life Ed Van visit- permission note required
- Fri 28 Aug-** Semester 1 student reports being sent home with students

Welcome back!

Welcome back for Term 3. Term 3 is a 10 week term concluding on Friday 25 September. We welcome Mrs Neall to our teaching staff who has taken up duty on K/1S.

Unfortunately, many COVID safe restrictions remain in place for schools which includes keeping adult visitors strictly to essential teaching staff, educational consultants and parents where a pre-arranged parent meeting has been organised with approval by the principal under strict hygiene and physical distancing protocols. Any approved external visitors are required to complete an External Visitors declaration each time they are on site. Thankyou to everyone for the way the have dropped off and picked up there children in the designated areas.

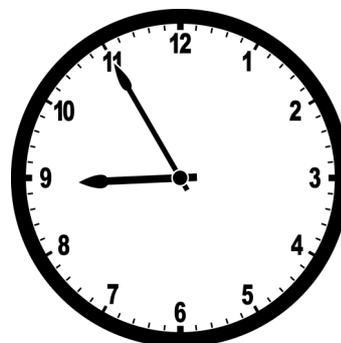
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

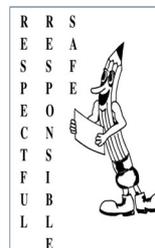
You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.



PLEASE RESPECT THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS BY NOT PACKING PEANUTS, PRODUCTS CONTAINING PEANUTS or EGGS IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHBOX!



I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours and participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please send Mr Attard an email to school by **Friday 21 August** asking that your Year 4-6 child be withdrawn from the survey.

andrew.attard@det.nsw.edu.au

The Berkeley West Public School App!

Keep in touch with the latest school news, urgent messages and last minute reminders by downloading the free 'Skool loop' app from the Android or Apple IOS store for your smartphone or tablet.

"Pupil Free" Staff Development Day

During the staff development day ("Pupil Free day") last week, Berkeley West teaching staff completed a number of training activities. The majority of the day focused on developing teachers' understanding on how they can best incorporate learning intentions and success criteria into their curriculum planning and programming to make learning more 'visible' to more assessment capable students.

Teachers also developed a deeper understanding into the literacy and numeracy learning progressions, particularly in the sub-elements of 'Understanding Texts' and 'Additive Strategies'. Teachers were also involved in a webinar hosted by the Department of Education's Secretary, Mark Scott, outlining the new strategic school planning process required in

developing the 2021-2024 school plan.

Currently, all teachers at Berkeley West are completing mandatory update training in emergency care and anaphylaxis.

Principal's Award

Congratulations to Remington A for receiving the Principal's Award this week for being a respectful, responsible and safe student at school. As well as his certificate, Remington will enjoy a \$4.00 food voucher to spend at the canteen and he got to co-host today's virtual school assembly with Mrs Moore.



Great work Remington!!

Education Week 2020- 'Learning Together'

Next week is Education Week across all NSW Public Schools, and although we are unable to have an Education Week open day due to coronavirus protocols, during the week teachers will share a brief celebratory online presentation with parents. This will be down through their Class Dojo platforms that worked so well for us during the remote learning from home period. Keep an eye on out on our school Facebook page and 'Skool Loop' app for information on the release of these presentations.

Win a \$100 BWPS Uniform Voucher!

From today, parents are invited to complete a short online survey which will give us some valuable feedback regarding our school. Your answers to the survey will help us in our planning for 2021 and beyond. The survey can be completed at home on your computer or smartphone and only takes a few minutes. Simply click the answers on screen you think are best. This is a chance to have your say!

As we appreciate your feedback so much, we will be drawing **two lucky winners** from those parents who complete the survey for us!

To enter the draw for a chance to win one of two \$100 uniform vouchers, complete the online survey now at the link below and you leave your name at the end . The survey can be found at the following link-

<https://forms.gle/8wJd9W5Xm19wrlCt6>

Any mums or dads on the school's email list, or who have the Berkeley West PS app on their smartphones, have already been sent an email containing a link to the survey. Please note there is one entry into the prize draw per family.

What a great prize to win for just a few minutes of your time!

The prize draw will take place at the whole school assembly on Wednesday 26 August. Good luck!

Internet Safety

Encourage and support your children with their use of the internet. Teach them to make the right decisions and increase the levels of responsibility as children get older. You can access information about internet safety through the Federal Government's website at www.esafety.gov.au/parents.

If you feel that your children have more knowledge and

confidence than you when using the internet, you may be right. There are some simple ways of addressing this.



What you can do as a parent:

- Talk to your family about the importance of staying in safe sites online.
- Ensure that you have safety software installed on your computer; your internet service provider will be able to help you with this.
- Set up house rules for the use of the internet and, where possible, have the computer in view so that you can monitor its use.
- Check out safe sites for your children and bookmark them.
- Use filters to limit accidental access to unsuitable material.
- Limit email correspondence to a list of family and friends.
- Emphasise and discuss safe online behaviour.
- Investigate any chat rooms or online clubs that your child may want to use to ensure that they are legitimate.

Use family-friendly search engines designed for children.

The internet can be a great tool for research and fact-finding if used correctly. The best approach is to sit with your child and help them through the wealth of information which is available at their fingertips.

Maths Tip!

You can help your child at home by involving them in mathematical activities and talking to them about maths and its everyday use.

Playing Shops

Play shops with your child using real coins. Help them put price tags on the objects in their shop. Limit prices to whole-coin values. Point out the markings on the coins. Older children may be able to work out change.

A great website to help kids with their maths is:

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/coolmeint/>

Physical Fitness

At Berkeley West Public School we value the promotion of an active lifestyle. All students are encouraged to participate in activities that get the heart racing as well as getting the body moving. Recent research has outlined that children are becoming less likely to be active, and together with an inappropriate diet, this can lead to weight issues, as well as a decrease in self-esteem and confidence. As teachers, we are aware of the importance of promoting both a healthy diet as well as an active lifestyle within our curriculum.

Our Physical Education program encourages students to participate in active sessions, working at their own level. Students are taught skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and are then provided with

opportunities to practice and consolidate these. Skill sessions are balanced with games that promote the fun of being involved, as well as giving students a chance to put their new skills into practice. As students get older, the skills are linked to major games such as netball and cricket. Students then have the opportunity to participate in sport sessions where aspects such as team play and good sporting behaviour are promoted and enhanced.



At Berkeley West Public School we value the fact that all students are different. Not all of us will become elite sportspeople and be able to demonstrate flawless skills. Our curriculum focuses upon the 'having a go' nature of active living, as well as setting your own personal goals to achieve.

As parents, it is important that you encourage your child to always participate in school events. By supporting their efforts and celebrating their own personal improvements or goals, you are assisting them to seek out an active lifestyle where they can succeed at their own level.

Student Assistance

If you require assistance meeting expenses related to your child's education e.g. excursions or uniforms, you are welcome to call the school and ask to speak with the Principal Mr Attard. You will be assisted! :)

“Berkeley West Paint and Play” Playgroup

Unfortunately, our 'Paint and Play' playgroup has not been able to recommence on Friday mornings due to COVID protocols. We will let you know via our social media platforms when we can start up again.

The “94 Club”!

Beginning this term, we are throwing down the challenge to all students to once again be in the “94 Club”.

How do you join?

Well everyone is automatically a member! Any student that can attend school for at least 94% of this term is in! When all students returned from holidays this term they all started fresh back at 100%. Obviously each day away between now and the end of the term will detract from their score.

Of course everyone gets sick from time to time, but barring serious illness, everyone is capable of keeping their spot in the “94 Club”.

Starting Kindergarten 2021

Our school is taking kindergarten enrolments for 2021! We already have the names of some very keen students ready to start “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 orientation events.

Head Lice

Tips for tackling kids head lice

- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
- Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
- Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
- The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

For more information on treating head lice go to the website

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

Smoke Alarms

The following information is taken from the home smoke alarms fact sheet at the NSW Fire Brigades website at www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Fact

NSW legislation stipulates that residents must have at least one working smoke alarm (sometimes mistakenly referred to as “smoke detectors”) installed on each level of their home. This includes owner-occupied, rental properties, relocatable homes or any other residential building where people sleep.

Smoke alarms are life-saving devices that provide benefits for occupants. They detect smoke well before any sleeping occupant would and provide critical seconds to implement actions to save life and property.

Smoke alarms are designed to detect fire smoke and emit a loud and distinctive sound to alert occupants of potential danger.

The Building Legislation Amendment (Smoke Alarms) Act 2005 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Smoke Alarms) Regulation 2006 commenced in NSW on 1 May, 2006.

The legislation refers to residential accommodation across NSW and requires the installation of one or more smoke alarms in buildings in which people sleep, smoke alarms installed in such buildings must be operational, and people must not remove or interfere with the operation of smoke alarms installed in such buildings. A person who does not comply with the legislation is guilty of an offence (maximum penalty \$550).

These types of Residential accommodation require smoke alarms; detached houses, terrace houses, town houses, villa units (Class 1a buildings), apartments, home units, flats (Class 2 buildings) caretakers flats, single residences above shops (Class 4 parts of buildings), relocatable homes, eg manufactured homes and moveable dwellings, campervans, caravans but not tents or soft sided camper trailers.

Shared accommodation installation is also mandatory in small boarding houses, guest houses, hostels; backpackers accommodation; bed and breakfast accommodation (Class 1b buildings), large boarding houses, guest houses, hostels, backpacker accommodation; residential parts of hotels, motels,

schools, health care buildings, detention centres; certain residential accommodation for the aged, children and people with disabilities (Class 3 buildings) and hospitals and nursing homes (Class 9a health care buildings).

If you answered yes to any of the above, then you must have a minimum of one working smoke alarm on each level of your building.

Helping Your Child with Spelling and Reading (The Magic 200 Words)

In Term 2 we published the first 32 of the "Magic 200" words for students to practice reading and spelling, particularly grades K-2. Now it's time for the next 32! Did you know that around only 200 words make up, on average, over one half of all reading? Many of these words can't be sounded out and rely simply on practice, practice, practice! If your child can read and spell these words quickly and accurately, their enjoyment, confidence and success in reading and spelling tasks is greatly enhanced. Playing games like memory or match will make learning these words more enjoyable.

The next 32 to practice are-

about	their	want	which
get	just	been	come
my	or	she	look
came	will	who	an
like	much	could	go
our	some	up	no
from	well	back	can
must	only	has	little

Avoid danger when using heaters this winter

The Children's Hospital at Westmead recommends these top tips to help your children avoid burns, falls and electrocution:

- Make sure your heater meets Australian standards
- Use a guard
- Keep your heater on a level floor surface
- Ensure your heater isn't blocking any exits or high traffic areas
- Do not dry clothing items by placing them over an electric heater.
- Ensure you install and maintain at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home.

School Email List

If you would like to be included on the school's email list to receive any school news coming up, go to <https://forms.gle/c2R1HCgXW7ptyNqp7> to add your name to the list.

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue, or do so into the inside of your elbow, when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand sanitiser is also effective.

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation) at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation>.

Crunch & Sip- Winter fruits

Students have crunched their way through the delicious nectarines, peaches and grapes of summer, and are now looking forward to the fresh, crisp apples and juicy oranges available in winter.

However, large pieces of fruit can be difficult for small children to manage, especially with wiggly teeth! On top of this, it takes small children a long time to eat a large apple, orange or pear and they can be quite messy, especially if they're fresh and juicy.

Now that the delicious winter fruit is available, try and choose small to medium pieces of fruit to send for Crunch & Sip. Or you could chop up a large piece into smaller, more manageable pieces for your child to enjoy.

Do you cross Northcliffe Drive on the walk to school?

A parent has recently written to council about the dangers for children crossing at the Northcliffe/Nolan St traffic circle intersection. If you'd also like to have a say, please send road safety concerns to Wollongong Council at council@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Breakfast Club is back!

When: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday .

Time: 8:30 am until 8:50am

We provide cereals, toast, juice and fruit when available.

Class	Student of the Fortnight	Reason
KJ	Corban Davis	Huge effort in writing and achieving his writing goal.
K/1S	Eli Bailey	Staying on task during independent learning.
1/2C	Hope LeServe	Always being on task and demonstrating independent learning.
2S	Ruby-Lee Brown	For fantastic work in maths.
2/3F	Cailyn Springhetti-Sharpe	For a consistent effort in mathematics.
3/4DW	Hayden Hodges	Now competently attempting Stage 2 outcomes due to consistent effort and an inquisitive nature.
4/5B	Ruby Hayden	For using her addition and subtraction strategies in mathematics and her application when completing set tasks.
5/6H	Grace Ngadhla	For her ongoing diligence in class and being respectful, responsible and safe in the playground.
5/6L/N	Matilda Miles	Consistent and valuable contributions to class discussions.

LAKE ILLAWARRA ATHLETICS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

2020-2021 Season Registration Information

Registrations open on the 15th August 2020 and all registrations must be done online at
<http://www.lakeillawarralac.net.au/registrations/>

COST

August Early Bird—\$120.00 Per Little Athlete

From the 1st September

Tiny Tots—\$120.00

Under 6-17's—\$150.00

17+ - Contact us for more information

We accept NSW Active Kids Vouchers

COME AND TRY NIGHTS

Come and try our centre before registering on the following nights:

Friday 21st August 2020 from 5.15pm

Friday 28th August 2020 from 5.15pm

Myimbarr Community Park, Flinders

These nights are designed to give all athletes the chance to try events they may not know or do at school and for parents to ask questions of the committee. We will also take payments for online registrations.



WHO CAN DO ATHLETICS?

We cater for all the family, with our Tiny Tots (must be at least 3 years old) through to our Seniors and Masters

We are a diverse centre that caters for athletes of all abilities and backgrounds.

We are an athletics centre for all the family.

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