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From The Principal's Desk

Upcoming Events

Mon 2 Aug- Learning at home continues
Fri 27 Aug-

Our School Vision

"Providing quality teaching and learning in an environment of respect, responsibility and safety that will engage and motivate all students to learn, equipping them with the skills and knowledge for future success and wellbeing."

Learning from home continues

Unfortunately, as you are aware, the extension to the current lockdown means we are continuing to operate under the learning from home model. Thanks to all our families who are working with us to keep our community safe by keeping their children at home unless they are working. Currently, we have loaned over 100 computers to families to use at home and have more for anyone requiring one. All students are completing weekly units of work and attendance is being monitored through your child's engagement at home. Your child is marked present on the roll if they have communicated with their teacher during the day or have submitted **one piece of work during the day** through Class Dojo or Google Classroom.

Students who do not submit a piece of work for the day, or those whose families don't respond to contact made by teachers, are marked as absent and their attendance followed up through phone calls, the Home School Liaison Officer, the Department of Communities and Justice, or if necessary, wellbeing checks conducted by local police. All attempted phone calls, text messages, letters sent home are recorded and filed by teachers and executive.

Learning from home has been set until Friday 27 August at this stage and will be reviewed in line with health advice. **Only students of essential workers need attend school until further notice.** No one is to attend school if they are sick, feeling unwell or displaying symptoms. The school is being staffed by minimal staff, the majority of which are also working from home. All students in each class are participating in the same online work, that includes students of essential workers at school. They are not receiving any additional face to face teaching and are not seen by their own teacher.

COVID safe restrictions remain in place for schools which includes staff and authorised adult visitors wearing face masks indoors. Parents have been permitted to come to school only to safely collect computers and work packs at times set by teachers.

Hopefully some good news coming to our communities soon! Class Dojo, Facebook and the free school app 'Skool Loop' are your best ways of keeping up to date with what is happening with your child's learning.

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.

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 ahead. 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 **three lucky winners** from those parents who complete the survey for us!

To enter the draw for a chance to win one of three \$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/KGAC6aXZxiLYegJm8>

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 **Friday 20 August**. Good luck!

Principal's Award

Congratulations to Curtis B for receiving the Principal's Award this week for being a respectful, responsible and safe student at school and home this term! As well as his certificate, Curtis will enjoy a \$4.00



food voucher to spend at the canteen when we all get back to face to face schooling!

Congratulations Curtis!

Welcome!

Welcome to those new students that have recently enrolled at our school. We trust that you and your families have been made welcome both at school and in the wider community.

What is anaphylaxis?

Allergic reactions are common. They happen when the immune system reacts to something in the environment that is normally harmless: e.g. food proteins, pollens or dust mites. It can be triggered by an allergen coming into contact with the skin, eyes, nose, ears, lungs or the stomach/bowel.

Many allergic reactions are mild, but some can be severe and even life threatening.

The most common causes of allergy in children are eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, cow's milk, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish. Other causes are bee or other insect bites (wasp, jumper jack ant), some medications (antibiotics, anaesthetics) and latex (rubber).

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of an allergic reaction and is life threatening. Rates of anaphylaxis are not well documented, but are estimated at approximately 10 in every 1000 school children.

A reaction can develop within minutes of exposure to the allergen, but with planning and training, a reaction can be treated effectively by using an adrenaline injection (EpiPen®/EpiPen® Jr). An important aspect of anaphylaxis management is prevention and avoidance of the cause.

At Berkeley West Public School we have four students with severe allergies to peanuts, other nuts and eggs. Of these foods, peanuts are the most likely to be brought to school and therefore put our students at risk.

We ask all parents to keep peanuts, peanut products and eggs out of their children's lunchboxes.

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know.

If you would like more information regarding anaphylaxis and the significant consequences a reaction brings, please contact Mr Attard.

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.

Shapes All Around

When walking in the local area point out different shapes that you see. You may like to turn this into a game, e.g. "I spy with my little eye something with a rectangle." Older children may be able to identify 3D shapes, such as cylinders, cubes and prisms.

Starting Kindergarten 2022

Our school is now taking kindergarten enrolments for 2022! If you have a child starting kindergarten next year, or know someone with a child starting kinder next year, please let them know that they can ring the school to arrange collection of an enrolment form or complete an enrolment form online by visiting our school website enrolment page at-

<https://berkeleyw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

The important thing is that you enrol your child so that we know about new students and can keep you informed about upcoming orientation events.

Attendance Cup!

Congratulations to all the students who seem very determined at the moment to take out the Berkeley West Public School Attendance Cup. Well done 5/6H, 5/6LW who have won the cup over the last two weeks for the highest engagement in learning from home!



Can your class win the cup next week? Do your bit, complete your daily work at home and get it to your teacher!

Communicating

Of all the living species on our planet, humans are the luckiest; we have a spoken and written language which allows us to share our thoughts and feelings with each other and record them for others to read in the future. Sometimes saying what we really mean isn't easy and can be made even harder when others just don't seem to understand what we are trying to say. We all need a little help communicating at different times in our lives! Talk to your children about these ideas:

If you are the speaker, try to remember:

- use eye contact as much as possible,
- choose your words carefully if you are upset or angry,
- ask the listener if they understand what you are saying,
- give the listener time to respond; don't dominate the conversation,
- speak with respect; treat others in the way you wish to be treated,
- try not to 'waffle' on; be specific and get to the point,
- use an appropriate tone and volume for the situation,
- your body is speaking at the same time as your voice!

If you are the listener, try to remember:

- not to interrupt,
- don't pretend to understand; ask for clarification,
- look at the speaker,
- not to give advice unless it is requested,
- to focus on the content as well as their feelings,

- give the speaker your full attention; keep your mind on the conversation,
- your body is listening at the same time as your ears!

Good communication results from saying what you mean and meaning what you say. It is also about being a good listener.

Healthy Habits

Did you know???

6 to 12 hot chips (100g) have around 3 teaspoons of fat and 1000kj. Compare this to a small baked potato (100g) with a light spray of oil has less than ¼ teaspoon of fat and 400kj. The main difference is added fat, hence the added energy or kilojoules.

Here is a quick, easy and delicious way to make healthy hot chips

Ingredients

2 large potatoes, cut into chips or wedges

1 teaspoons canola oil

1 teaspoon soy sauce

Method

1. Place a large tray or baking dish into the oven and preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Place all ingredients into a small plastic bag and shake.
3. Take hot tray or baking dish from oven using an oven mitt, and empty bag of potato lightly coated with oil and soy sauce onto the hot tray, discarding the plastic bag. You can cover tray with a piece of oven paper if you wish.
4. Return to oven to cook for about 12 minutes or until potato is golden brown and cooked, then serve.

Class	Student of the Fortnight	Reason
KJ	Cleo Lee	For her wonderful work and very cute photos to help Miss James smile during home learning.
K/1F	Scarlett Hopkins	For great reading during home learning.
1/2O	Jordy Jasinski	Consistent engagement in Home Learning and for trying new things such as baking.
2/3F	Cailyn Springhetti-Sharpe	For her continued engagement in all areas of her learning whilst working from home.
3MS	Amelia Cooper	For her engagement and dedication to her work during home learning.
4/5T	Kobe Quintal	For his positive attitude and dedication during home learning.
5/6H	Jaryck Smith	For his consistent, positive attitude towards completing assigned tasks in home learning activities.
5/6LW	Annaleigh Cunningham	For excellent effort and application to at home learning activities.

Berkeley West Public School Canteen Licence

Tenders are called for the license of the school canteen for the school year commencing on 31 January 2022 for a term of approximately 3 years with an option to renew 2 years. Annual school enrolments will be approximately 190-200 students.

General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:

Mr Andrew Attard

Telephone: (02) 42711478

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential - School Canteen Tender" and sent to:

**The Principal
Berkeley West Public School
45 Nolan St
Berkeley NSW 2506**

Tenders close at **3pm on Friday 3 September, 2021.**

A tender visit and briefing session can be organised by phoning the school.

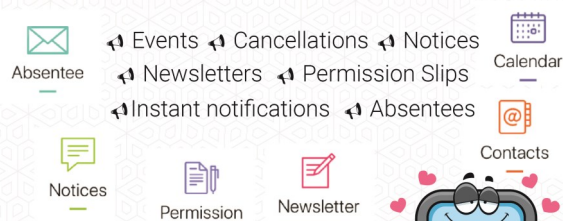
All applicants must make themselves familiar with clause 2 of the tender offer.

Be A Cool Cat

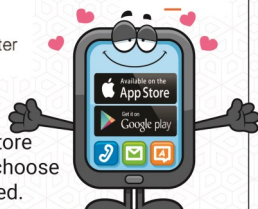


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search 'Skool Loop' & choose
our school once installed.



Stay COVID safe



Our school is open for those students:

- ☒ **who cannot be educated at home**
- ☒ **whose parents and carers are essential workers.**

There is minimal supervision available on site to support these students.

All other students must stay at home, learning from home, as directed by the NSW Health Public Health Order.

Thank you for supporting our teaching and school community to stop the spread of COVID-19.



Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell.



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