**WHAT A WEEK**

Our stage 3 children had a great opportunity on Monday as they went to Young Leaders’ Day in Sydney. It is a great experience to meet thousands of other primary school students and to see Sydney from the train.

There were not many people at the P&C meeting this week but those that were there worked very hard to organize the fundraising events that are coming up soon.

We also had a brief discussion about the strategic directions of the school plan.

Information about that will go home to parents next term.

Our intention was to send home our student reports by the end of this term but teachers have been unable to do the required assessments.

Teachers will work during the holidays to have the reports ready to go home week 2, Term 2 and parent/teacher interviews will be shortly after.

All teaching staff completed their anaphylaxis training on Wednesday after school and 2 hours later we had all passed. We still need to do a practical session with a training epi pen however.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Cross Country! We would not be able to run unless teachers were prepared to do extra work in their own time and parents were prepared to help out too!

Thanks to Vicki, Cheryl and Renee for making sandwiches and organizing cakes and drinks. Great job!

Thanks for you donations for the Easter Hamper raffle. We will have lots of amazing prizes for you to win.

Next term we will have a Mother’s Day raffle thanks to some terrific prizes being donated. I wouldn’t mind winning the spa voucher myself. More information will be out early Term 2 with the tickets.

Don’t forget to order your coins if you would like one – they are selling fast!

I hope that lots of people are able to help out at the Election BBQ and cake stall!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Week 10**

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**Can People Be Banned From The School Premises?**

**YES – Under the Inclosed Land Act**

The Department does not expect its staff, students and other visitors to departmental premises to accept the following behaviours.

- Physical assault or threats of assault
- Inappropriate behavior
- Threats of physical violence using the phone, text messages, websites or other social media, emails etc.
- Behaving in a way that causes alarm
- Using offensive language
- Persistently interrupting the learning environment by entering classrooms or staff room without permission.

Parents need to understand that entry onto the school site is a privilege not a right and the principal has the authority to control access and prohibit entry.

Anyone that breaches the ban can be arrested and charged by the police.

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**NOTES SENT HOME**

- Getting to and from school safely – OVERDUE
- Anzac Coins – Money due Monday, 31st March
ASSEMBLY AWARDS


CROSS COUNTRY

A fantastic effort from 98% of our students!

More photographs are on the website.

CROSS COUNTRY

It was very fun and enjoyable. The thing I liked best was the jelly cup competition.

I don’t know who won though. I’m pretty sure it was Waratah! They are the best team but I am in Acacia, they are good too. But then there is Banksia who are also good.

I can’t wait till next year to do cross country again. By Dale

ELECTION DAY

Nothing is better as a fundraiser than a good cake stall and BBQ!

We need lots of people to send in some cakes for the cake stall – just bring them up on Saturday morning please.

The stage 3 children will be running the stall but it would be much appreciated if family members could spend a bit of time helping at the BBQ or supervising the cake selling.

Would someone be able to make cappuccinos to go with the cakes – we have one machine, some pods, milk and cups but no barista (or anyone who can use the machine).

We need helpers for the barbecue. P&C and stage 3 parents will be there but we could use some more helpers if at all possible. Come up when you can and just stay for an hour – this will enable us to keep the BBQ going longer and will give workers a bit of a break.

We hope to have bbq food available from 8a.m. – 2p.m.

WHITE RIBBON

Everyone at the school made the following pledge before pegging their white ribbon to a tree:

I PROMISE TO TRY TO TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT AT ALL TIMES. THIS IS MY OATH.
ATTENDANCE

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGULAR ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON EVERY DAY THAT THE SCHOOL IS OPEN.

If your child is absent from school parents and carers are required to:

- Provide an explanation within 7 DAYS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF ANY ABSENCE. (a phone call, written note, text message or email is acceptable)
- Let the school know if there is any issue which will impact on their child's attendance at school.

When do parents need a doctor's certificate?

- Where frequent absences are explained as being due to illness
- When the principal has concerns with the explanation provided
- Where there is a history of poor attendance

What is unsatisfactory attendance?

- Regular absence without explanation
- Regular absences and explanations that are not acceptable to the principal

Acceptable reasons for absences are:

- Too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness
- Has to attend a serious or urgent family situation
- Has to attend a special religious ceremony

Leave for holidays in term time MUST be applied for in writing and approved by the principal.

All these policies and procedures are mandatory in all government schools to support student learning, safety and wellbeing.

If parents are contacted about any attendance concerns it is because we want to help you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

LATENESS AND LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY REQUIRES THE SAME LEVEL OF EXPLANATION AND SHOULD BE FOR THE ABOVE REASONS ONLY.

EASTER

Anyone who can help to make up the raffle hampers is most welcome to come up to the Parents' room on Monday at 2p.m

Our Easter Hat Parade is on April 2 starting about 11a.m. Details will go home week 9 but don't forget to bring your grandparents too.

There will be food available for morning tea and lunch as well as the hat parade. The raffle draw will be after lunch.

Tickets have been sent out so please sell as many as you can to family and friends. More books of tickets are available from outside the office.

IF PARENTS WANT TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN HOME EARLY AFTER THE HAT PARADE THEY MUST LET THE CLASS TEACHER KNOW AND HAVE THEIR NAME MARKED OFF ON A CLASS LIST.

Children can only go home with their own parents unless we have written permission for a different arrangement.

DOMINOES

If you shop at Woolworths and are asked if you would like the dominoes that are offered please say yes!

If you cannot use them at home we can use them for maths games at school.

We will be sending home the instructions for some games that you could play at home with your children to improve their number skills.

But we could also use them at school as well!

Thank you!

YOUNG LEADERS' DAY

On the 23rd of March I had to get up at 5.00am in the morning for Young Leaders' Day. We went to the Sydney Entertainment Centre on a train.

We listened to five speakers which were: Mike Martin, Michael Baird, Bindi Irwin, Rachael Leahcar, James Norton and Dylan. I liked James and Dylan the best because they threw paper planes.

All up it was a great day.

By Joe
Although we were small in number at the meeting we were able to organize several upcoming events.

A brochure will go home soon about an interesting fundraising activity.

Entertainment books will be sold for $55. If you pre order NOW you will receive bonus vouchers. We do not want you to feel under any pressure but if you are into entertainment or dining opportunities it is worth the money.

We would love to see lots of volunteers for our Election Day BBQ - Saturday 28 Mach if you can come for any length of time!

This money will go towards a special sport program in Term 3. This sport program promises to be an amazing experience for our children!

We will need lots of support to make this happen.

Uniform shop opens Tuesday mornings 8.30-9am. Please see Angela in the office a Tuesday.

Primbee PS Uniforms
BSB -062636
Account -1039694

March 20, 2015  National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

In conjunction with the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence we are launching a new app designed to stop and report bullies on mobile phones.

BullyBackOff is a password protected mobile phone app with built in settings to block and report messages classed as threatening. It sends out a strong message that the threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.

Local IT specialist and child safety advocate, Kerry Hurst, designed the new app says it will notify parents/guardians when bullying could be occurring. It will also notify the person suspected of bullying that they have been reported.

Latest research shows that cyber bullying is escalating at an alarming rate, but much can be done to stop it before it results in tragedy. When it comes to child safety, the potential of technology is huge and so far we are only scratching the surface.

“When BullyBackOff is installed on a phone, its settings will detect a text message suspected of excessive language. The message sender and the message receiver are notified by text that the message has been blocked, reported and saved for future reference.”

“A nominated third party, such as a parent, guardian, school authority, school counsellor or law enforcement officer, will be notified of the suspected threat.”

BullyBackOff also blocks outgoing excessive and threatening language.

The app, which is currently available on Android, can also be used by adults to detect threats in domestic violence situations.

A live demonstration of BullyBackOff is available at 151 Hamilton Rd, Wavell Heights, Brisbane.

YouTube videos about the app are available: BullyBackOff for Kids  on YouTube BullyBackOff for Adults  on YouTube

The app is available on Google Play. BBO for Adults  BBO for Kids

For more information about BullyBackOff or how to protect yourself online, please contact Kerry Hurst 07 3256 6377.  @BullyBackOff

Facebook:  facebook.com/kcc151

CAPTAINS SPEECH

It was great to see everyone having fun and great to see Kindergartens having fun and doing their best for their first Cross Country.

A big thank you to all the parent helpers and to all of our teachers and to those who brought in food for our cake stall.

Congratulations to all those who participated doing their best effort and for striving onwards.

By Sariah
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Berkeley club can still take more players in the following age groups: players turning 6yr, 7yr, 8yr, 9yr, 10yr, 11 yr and 12yr this year.

New players must have proof of birthday.

Training is on Tuesdays at 4.15pm, at Berkeley Netball courts

For more information phone 42712041 or email club at geraldineevry@outlook.com

Parent Line NSW

Free professional help for Parents and Carers

1300 1300 52

9am – 9pm Monday –Friday

4pm – 9pm Saturday-Sunday

Book Club

LOOP is the new scholastic book clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy. It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Long in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the iPhone/iPad app from the App store.

• For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time.
• Select school and your child's class
• Add your child's first name and last initial
• Enter the item number for the brochure
• Books will be delivered to the school if you order by the closing date.
• There is no need to return the paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

Fun Fridays
Fridays 4pm - 6pm
(throughout school term)

PCYC Lake Illawarra is proud to announce the return of our Fun Friday's program.

Fun Fridays is a fun activity for primary school aged children between the ages of 5 and 12, where different games will be played each week. The program will run from 4pm until 6pm each Friday afternoon throughout the school term.

This program is free of charge.
Grasshopper Soccer

Soccer Fun For Girls & Boys Aged 2 to 12!
TERM 2, 2015 PROGRAM

Starting from May 8th
Call Now! To Secure Your Place

Micro E Soccer (2-3 yrs)
A great introduction to soccer! Children will
have fun with our
instructors who will
teach basic skills
and develop
motor skills.

35 minute classes
$120 for 8 weeks

Micro F Soccer (4-5 yrs)
Children will have fun
in a safe and
supportive environment.

50 minute classes
$150 for 8 weeks

Intro to Micro (5-6 yrs)
This age group is
an introduction to
soccer. Children will
learn basic skills in
a fun and
supportive environment.

50 minute classes
$150 for 8 weeks

Micro (7-8 yrs)
Children will
improve their
skills in a
supportive and
fun environment.

50 minute classes
$150 for 8 weeks

Micro Plus (9-12 yrs)
Children will
improve their
skills in a
supportive and
fun environment.

50 minute classes
$150 for 8 weeks

Micro Mixed Gender Soccer
Children will
improve their
skills in a
supportive and
fun environment.

50 minute classes
$150 for 8 weeks

South Coast Region
DISCOVERY
National Parks & Wildlife Service
Autumn Holiday Program
April 2015

What is Discovery?
National Parks and Wildlife Service's environmental education program is called Discovery. Through our weeks, talks and tours we aim to foster a greater appreciation for our natural and cultural heritage conservation and recreation.

Note to participants:
Bookings are required to ensure places in the activities. Please book early. Activity times are approximate and may be moved or cancelled due to weather. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult (the child rate is for children aged 2-10 years and is for 1 adult and up to 3 children).

Venue entry fees apply in some cases.

To book phone 02 4887 7270

For further details or more Discovery activities across NSW visit:
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au
For National Parks and Wildlife Service general information phone: 1300 361 967