



# Berkeley Vale Public School

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## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8

What a busy couple of weeks we have had ... the students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the Michael Salmon author incursion with many students excited to learn how authors and illustrators come up with ideas. Students enjoyed watching him create cartoon characters and some students even had the chance to draw a cartoon of Michael Salmon.

Many thanks to all the fathers who joined us for the Father's Day BBQ, the rain did not dampen anyone's spirit and everyone enjoyed the afternoon's events. Many deluxe sausage sandwiches were consumed by our fathers and children. Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with the event.

Last week Years 4 and 5 ventured off on their Outdoor Education Camps. Year 5 attended camp at Forster and Year 4 at Morisset. Both students and teachers enjoyed the experience and a lot of fun was had by all. Many students overcame their fears as they were challenged to step out of the comfort zone and try new things at camp such as flying fox or rock climbing.

Kindergarten students were also out on their Outdoor Education excursion last week, attending Walkabout Wildlife Park. Students learned about shelters for animals and people and enjoyed working together to build their own shelter.

This week Year 3 are extremely excited to perform in the performance. The matinee shows will be held on Wednesday and Thursday and a night performance on Thursday night. You can purchase your tickets <https://www.trybooking.com/XOLQ>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Next week the Kindergarten KNX program begins. This is an opportunity for 2019 kindergarten students to get to know our school and our teachers. They will engage in some fun learning activities, visit classrooms, the canteen and library over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to meeting all our 2019 kindergarten students and getting to know them before they start school next year.

Thank you to all our fantastic staff who gave up their time with their families to take students on camps last week.

Narelle Armour - Principal

### THE TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY (TERM 3, 2018)

This Term, our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks **all parents and carers (K-6)** questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 27 August and 21 September. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

Please visit the following link to complete the parent survey:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bvps2>

### K-6 WRITING FOCUS

Throughout the year, the staff at Berkeley Vale Public School have participated in ongoing professional learning focussed on improving students' writing skills. All students from K-6 completed a writing task last week to assess improved student outcomes, with a particular focus on 'punctuation'. Based on the new data analysed, our next K-6 writing focus will be 'vocabulary'.

**So why is a rich vocabulary important to your child's success?**

**It gives your child the ability to say what he or she means.** By having several words at their disposal for describing an event or emotion, they can be explicit when sharing their ideas and opinions. This can also be transferred to their writing.

**It helps your child understand what other people are saying and what she/he is reading.** Vocabulary is the foundation for comprehension. Unfamiliar words become holes in the text, preventing your child from completely understanding what he or she has just read.

**It bolsters their ability to grasp ideas and think more logically before applying it to writing.** The greater number of words your child has, the more he or she can interpret ideas from others, and express their own ideas both verbally and in writing.

**It boosts your child's power of persuasion.** Having a rich vocabulary will help your child communicate in a more engaging way. Relying on one or two words to describe an idea will be repetitive and not as persuasive, as relying on a vocabulary of 10-15 similarly descriptive terms.

## PARENT/CAREGIVER CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Berkeley Vale Public School has also reviewed and implemented the Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct Policy. This policy aims to support all parents and carers in the education of the child/ren. A code of conduct for parents and caregivers ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

Parents and caregiver are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
- Ensure their child/children are punctual to class
- Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference
- Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures
- Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

**No parent should directly approach another person's child on the school grounds, on the way home or at an offsite event**

To further improve communication with the school, a

'Teacher Appointment Request' form is now available from the office so that the appropriate staff member can support any concerns.

*For further information regarding the policy, please see the Berkeley Vale Public School Website.*

## BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club brochures for Issue 6 went home 2 weeks ago. Remember you only have until Thursday of this week (**Thursday 13 September**) to have your order in. No orders will be able to be processed after that. Orders are paid online directly to Scholastic. **Unfortunately no money can be accepted at the school.**

Thank you for your support

*Mrs Fuary*

## UNIVERSITY TESTING 2018

Students from Year 3-6 who elected to sit the University Testing Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling and Writing assessments in May and June this year were presented with their certificates last week. We congratulate all students who participated and are proud of their results.

We look forward to more students participating in 2019!

### Writing

Gemma Fletcher	Distinction
Samantha Fletcher	Distinction
Isabella Pex	Distinction
Luke Evans	Credit
Cadence Foster	Credit
Addison Goldie	Credit
Matilda Jacob	Credit
Lauren Lee	Credit
Zali Morgan	Credit
Tahlia Wale	Merit
Bella Brown	Participation
Hannah Brown	Participation
Hayden Cox	Participation
Malachi Foster	Participation
Holly Hopkins	Participation
Paige Jackson	Participation
Maddison Jacob	Participation
Chase Knott	Participation
Jacky Li	Participation
Bethany McNicol	Participation
Charlie Rawnsley	Participation
Summer West	Participation

## Science

Rhys Wale	Distinction
Reilly Fenton	Credit
Gemma Fletcher	Credit
Samantha Fletcher	Credit
Zali Morgan	Credit
Byron Etchells	Merit
Kyden Riddle	Merit
Charli Gaul	Participation
Dylan Green	Participation
Lauren Lee	Participation
Rohan McConaghey	Participation
Matilda Renda	Participation
Alisha Sawatske	Participation
Elizabeth Wilson	Participation

## Spelling

Reilly Fenton	Distinction
Gemma Fletcher	Distinction
Samantha Fletcher	Distinction
Isabella Pex	Distinction
Bella Brown	Merit
Annabelle Wilson	Merit
Owen Clark	Participation
Hayden Cox	Participation
Cadence Foster	Participation
Malachi Foster	Participation
Paige Jackson	Participation
Chase Knott	Participation
Lauren Lee	Participation
Jacky Li	Participation
Bethany McNicol	Participation
Sophia Pex	Participation
Elizabeth Wilson	Participation

## Digital Technologies

Gemma Fletcher	Distinction
Rhys Wale	Distinction
Elizabeth Wilson	Credit
Jacob Wilson	Credit
Isabella Pex	Credit
Samantha Fletcher	Credit
Hayden Cox	Merit
Charli Gaul	Participation
Alex Baldoza	Participation
Summer West	Participation

## P & C

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at our Fathers Day stall and to those who supported our raffle at the Fathers Day barbeque. Thank you to Shelley Beach Golf Club for donating a golf voucher which was donated as the first prize in our Fathers Day raffle.

Thank you to all families who purchased and/or sold baked goods in our Thompson pie drive.

**The next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 20 September at 7pm in the school library. All welcome to attend.**

Please save the date for the following P & C events.

### Saturday 20 October

A shopping trip to Birkenhead Point. The cost is \$50.00 per persons and pickup/drop off will be from the school at a time to be advised. Notes will be sent home in the coming days.

### Friday 30 November

Is Carols by Candlelight. We have secured professional audio/visual and the students will be providing some wonderful entertainment. We also have some wonderful prizes to raffle from some generous local businesses and will be providing a barbeque, treats and merchandise for sale. There will also be a visit from Santa and Mrs Claus. Save the date notices will be sent home in the coming days.



Berkeley Vale Public School are hosting their very own Coles Mini Shop Swap morning!

You've no doubt heard about the craze sweeping through schools and homes across the country. We thought we would do our part to help you complete your set.

**On Thursday 13 September 2018 from 8:15am** students and families are invited to join us on the CoolZone stage where we will facilitate swaps. We welcome donations from anyone who has completed their set and has a surplus of items they would like to get rid of. All swaps will be monitored and completed by an adult.

## YEAR 3 PERFORMANCE

Tickets are still available for the Year 3 Performance

Wednesday 12 September at 11.40am

Thursday 13 September at 11.40am and 7pm

Available on line at <https://www.trybooking.com/XOLQ> or <https://www.trybooking.com/414014>. Some tickets will be available at the door.

## WALKABOUT PARK

On Tuesday 4 September we went on a bus to the Walkabout park. We learnt about different shelters for animals and people. We made a humpy using sticks and leaves. It was a rainy day but we still had fun.

By KH



## WE ARE DESPERATE!!

We no longer have any track pants, trousers and shorts or underwear in our emergency supply.

We are asking for donations of :

- Grey trousers or shorts
- Blue tracksuit pants
- Blue sports shorts
- Boys and girls undies/sox

### All in sizes 4 to 8

Help us look after our littlies when they have an accident. All donations gratefully appreciated.

We also ask that if your child has an accident at school and they are provided with a change of clothes that these are laundered and returned to the school office.




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## TERM 3 ENROLMENTS

Last chance to claim your \$100 Active Kids Voucher

Classes at Berkeley Vale School

Thursday

- 3:15 PM - 5-12 Yrs Jazz Technique
- 3:45 PM - 5-12 Yrs Jazz Concert
- 4:15 PM - 5-12 Yrs Contemporary Technique
- 4:45 PM - 5-12 Yrs Contemporary Concert
- 5:15 PM - 5-12 Yrs Hiphop Concert



Come try your first week FREE - Classes from \$5.50

Term 3 is the Perfect time to Join! All of our classes start brand new routines in the lead up for our end of year show. Our Shows are affordable, with costume hire options!

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