BERALA PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2018 - TERM 2, WEEK 10



LET'S CELEBRATE SEMESTER 1

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Our students are tired. Our staff are tired. Our parents are tired. Tired but happy and proud. We are and should be proud of all our Semester 1 achievements in and beyond the classroom and our school. The opportunities our 850 + students have had since February are too many to list here but as a principal of a large learning community, I take immense joy in knowing what the Berala PS enable to happen every day we really are

empowering each and every students to be successful, creative and confident citizens in our global world. Keep reading about all our learning over the last fortnight.

Have a wonderful holiday I hope there's lots of relaxing, laughter, exploring and as always, lots of our students being given opportunities to try something new!

Dr A Mandel



CUMBERLAND RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2020

Cumberland Council invited students from Berala to participate in the Cumberland Reconciliation Action Plan consultation.

Fourteen students from Stage 1 to Stage 3 met with Aboriginal Educator, Aunty Cleonie Quayle, and sat around her yarning mat to discuss the meaning of reconciliation. The students shared some stories about themselves and Aunty Cleonie told a Dreamtime story to the group. The students then split up into workshop groups to brainstorm some suggestions of activities that would improve the equity for Aboriginal people and raise the awareness of Aboriginal matters in our school and community.

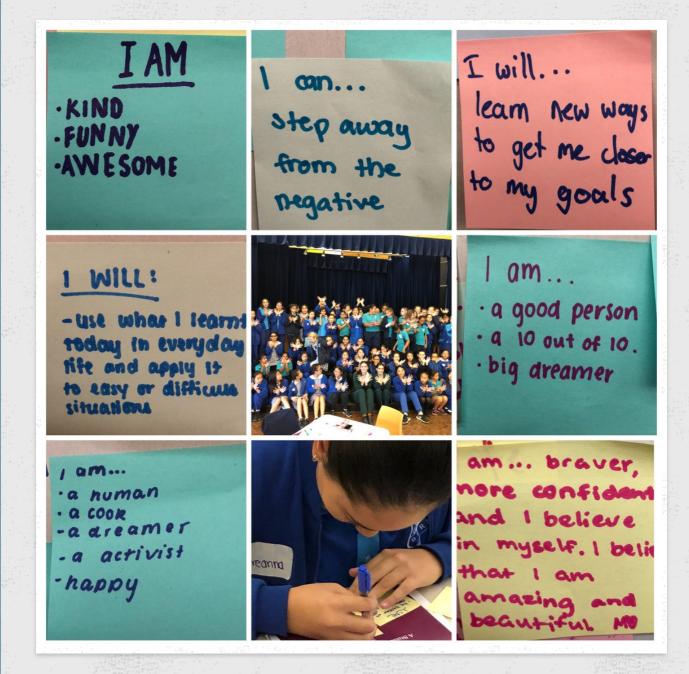
The meeting was a great opportunity for our students to become involved in these positive and inclusive discussions. We are looking forward to seeing the development of the action plan.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT DANCE FESTIVAL

Last week the Dynamic Dancers represented Berala Public School at 'In The Spotlight' Dance Festival 2018 with a contemporary dance called Silhouette. The intent of Silhouette is, as we move through life, sometimes the only thing visible is the shape and outline of our silhouette. The dance piece explored the emotional power of our shadows.

Our students danced superbly and comments were not only made on their exceptionally good behaviour but that the dance was of 'high school' quality! High praise indeed. The Dynamic Dancers will perform again at the Bankstown East Hills Festival in November ... we highly recommend you try and come to see this talented troupe!









BEING10 LEADERSHIP DAY

Our future is in good hands! It was absolutely amazing to observe thirteen Stage 3 girls from three primary schools lead 60 girls through a day full of activities to help all the girls see their potential and think about the steps they need to take to achieve their dreams. Our leaders needed to follow a script, ensure the accurate timing of activities, lead their tables and be proactive in trouble shooting any problems. An outstanding effort!

Here are some comments on the day:

One thing I will do as a result of today, is believe in myself more and build up more confidence and use my voice like Kylie Captain. *Jiaqi*

I learnt to never give up and dream big. Ayaa

I learnt to be confident and to be brave. Minkyeong

As a result of today I will help others feel more confident and socialise more with others. *Victoria*

I would like to learn more about being a leader because I want to teach others. Fiona

It was a great experience to meet girls my age from other schools. Breanna

You have to keep trying until you consider yourself a 10. Rose

Teach others to feel like a 10 every day, or even an 11! Bianca







BEING10 MEETS GRITTY GIRLS

Last Wednesday eight Stage 3 girls worked with girls from Revesby PS, Auburn West PS and Macquarie Fields HS through a series of activities from the Being10 and Gritty Girls program. As a result of this day, the girls will continue to collaborate to develop an empowered girls program for the three primary schools.



MULTICULTURAL SPEAKING COMPETITION

Our Stage 3 representatives Talia Hincal and Victoria Chen both spoke with great diction and enthusiasm on the topic of multiculturalism. Both students delivered a confident impromptu speech and entertained the audience with their original ideas and sense of humour. Talia was very deserving of a highly commended award for her efforts.

Mr Nair







COMMUNITY LEARNING

Last Wednesday afternoon over sixty staff including our SLSOs and community workers worked hard to consolidate and revise our CPR and anaphylaxis knowledge. We all received our certificates but were very tired after practising jabbing each other with Epi pens, giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the dummies and reviving the dummies after cardiac arrest!

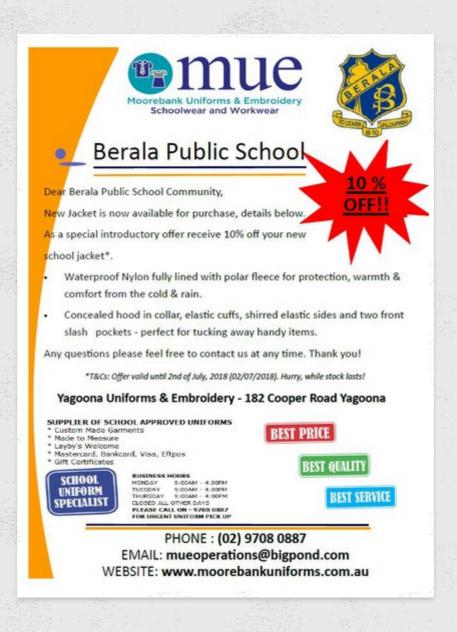


EXECUTIVE STAFF LEARNING

Last Friday and Saturday the executive team including Mrs Corish our SAM/Business Manager, worked hard during our executive weekend. Our main focus was on making connections between our purpose, emotional intelligence, our behaviours and between ourselves in order to create optimal learning environments for all at Berala Public School. Thank you to the executive for giving up their Saturday for learning.

ATTENTION: ADDITIONAL WATERPROOF SCHOOL JACKET AVAILABLE

As a result of many requests, families can now purchase school jackets. These are not compulsory.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 1

*Tuesday 24 July*Students return

Thursday 26 July

Cross-Network Performing Arts Festival - Drama group evening performance

Friday 3 August
100 Days of Kinder celebration

Thursday 9 August

Celebration of Learning and Book Week Celebration

Tuesday 14 August
P&C Meeting, 9am Staffroom - All welcome

Thursday 16 August
Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 21 August
Interrelate Program for S2 and 3 students and parents



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