

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Respect

Respect means caring for and valuing yourself and sharing kindness and consideration for others.

Responsibility

Responsibility means being trustworthy and accountable for your behaviour.

Safety

Safety means protecting the well-being and security of everyone in our school.

Cooperation

Cooperation means getting along by working and playing together.

Colour Run



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Principals Message

NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition

Well done to our two Year 6 Berkeley PS representatives, Chaniqua and Timika who attended the Regional NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition this week in Milton. The girls presented a fantastic speech and finished third with only one point separating the top three placegetters.

Thank you to Miss Quintal for organising and assisting and to Mrs Hollick for her support in taking the girls to Milton.

Excursions

We had some tired but very happy students return from their excursions last week. K-2 students attended the Discovery Centre and Wollongong Botanical Gardens. I've had lots of conversations with the students telling me about the fun activities they participated in throughout the day.

Also last week, Stage 2 students attended the Nan Tien Temple where all of the teachers received positive comments from their tour guides throughout the day including one who said, "This is the best group we have ever had come to visit us." Well done to all the students who attended and represented Berkeley Public school in such a great way. We are very proud of you all.

Staffing

Next term we have a number of staff members taking leave and some staffing changes.

Mr Alexander will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank him for his hard work throughout the year and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Replacing Mr Alexander will be Mr Max Bailey. Mr Bailey has already met the class and he will be working alongside Mrs Batley in Weeks 1 and 2 next term on Monday and Tuesday to ensure a smooth transition for the students.

We have a number of staff members taking leave during the start of next term.

Mr Osborne and Mrs Truskett will be on leave until Monday of Week 3.

Mrs Clegg will be on leave until Monday of Week 2. Mrs Lawson will remain on Kinder Lilly Pilly until she returns.

Have a fun and safe holiday. Term 4 resumes on Monday 15 October. (There is NO pupil free day this term)

Melanie Bourne
Principal

The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey

The survey window is open until Friday 26th October for parents to respond to the 'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. We currently have a very low response rate for this survey and would appreciate further responses from our school community.

The parent survey can be completed by going to the following weblink:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/berkeley2018>

There is also a link to this website on our through our BPS SkoolBag App. (See notifications)

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

2020 - Selective High School Applications

This week information was given to year 5 students who expressed an interest in applying for a selective academic High School in 2020.

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level.

Selective schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Smiths Hill High School is our local selective High School.

The High Performing Students Unit administers Year 7 placement in a selective high school. This is a separate process to that of specialist high schools such as performing arts or sports high schools.

Applications for entry to Year 7 in 2020 open on 9 October 2018 and close on 12 November 2018. You must apply online by the due date. No late applications will be accepted.

Information on the application process and links to the online application can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

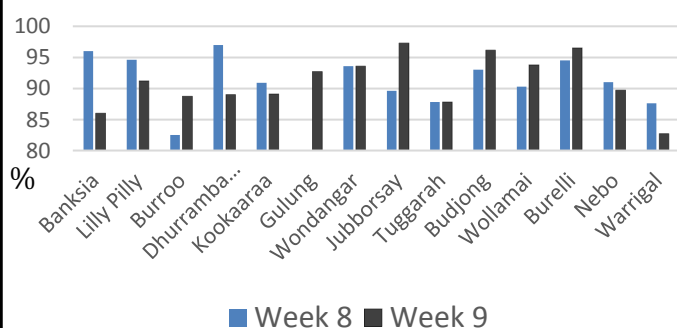
You can contact the High Performing Students Unit for assistance before 12 November.

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Coming Events – Term 4

Week 2	
Thursday 25 October	Kindergarten Orientation Session 3 School Assembly
Week 3	
Tuesday 30 October	In2Uni – Year 6
Wednesday 31 October	Halloween Disco
Thursday 1 November	Grandparents Day
Friday 2 November	Kindergarten Orientation Session 4
Week 4	
Tuesday 6 November	Garden Opening
Thursday 8 November	School Assembly Cricket Gala Day
Friday 9 November	K-2 Gymnastics
Week 5	
Wednesday 14 November	Stage 3 Berry Camp
Thursday 15 November	Berry Camp
Friday 16 November	Students return from Berry Camp
Week 6	
Thursday 22 November	School Assembly
Week 7	
Wednesday 28 November	Helper Morning Tea Final Scripture
Thursday 29 November	Kidzwhish Concert K-2
Friday 30 November	Gymnastics
Week 8	
Monday 3 December	School Swimming Scheme starts for a fortnight
Tuesday 4 December	High School Orientation
Thursday 6 December	School Assembly – Captains elections
Week 9	
Monday 10 December	Presentation Assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 12 December	Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 13 December	Christmas Concert
Friday 14 December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2.15pm Swimming Scheme ends
Week 10	
Monday 17 December	Class Fun Day Reports home
Wednesday 19 December	Students last day of school

Attendance



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to Dhurrambang on winning Week 8 with 97% and Jubborsay winning Week 9 with 97.3%.

It's not OK to be away
It's not great to be late

A reminder that schools commences at 9.00am.

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WAGOLLS

Informative Text Paragraphs

Burelli have been developing strategies to write effective informative paragraphs with topic sentences (leading sentences) and supporting their writing with clear explanations and evidence. Students in Burelli collected written notes from a variety of visual and written research to complete these paragraphs.

You may wonder what terracotta warriors are? As professional archaeologists have discovered, the Terracotta Warriors were hidden under the ground in a burial site for Emperor Chin (an ancient Chinese ruler). 8000 strong, clay, 6ft warriors were found row upon row by farmers in 1974. Many tourists wonder if there are still more to discover?

By Leonita



Chin was the first emperor of China because he defeated all the warlords in the country. The emperor of China decided to call the country after himself, China. When China died they buried him in a manmade mountain where they later found the Terracotta Warriors.

By Riley

Reading books is a wonderful way to expand your vocabulary and imagination. It can help build your knowledge of words and reading. Some popular books for children are Pig the Pug, Pig the Fibber, Pig the Elf, Captain Underpants and Dork Diaries.

By Taysha

Weather is the name given to the daily condition experienced in particular place. Weather includes different temperatures, rainfall and changes in the atmosphere. In some places weather can cause tornados and strong winds that can blow you away.

By Caitlin

Deep beneath the ground are 8000 beautiful, hand painted masterpieces from the past, one third the size of a human, dressed in silk and created with a different status. Who knows, maybe in the future we will find more of these terracotta statues.

By Nevada

The Taj Mahal is a magnificent structure. It is a famous tourist attraction in the country of India. It is well known for the extraordinary symmetry and ivory white marble. The Emperor Shah Jahna built this eye-catching structure for his wife who had unfortunately passed away so he built a tomb for his wife to remember her.

By Rihana



The one and only Taj Mahal (tomb) was built in 1632. It is located in the wonderful country of India. This popular building is very special especially to the Shah Jahna (The emperor who built it). Each and every side of the building is similar on all sides. It is ivory, white and marble in colour. To this day it is a popular place for people to visit.

By Taleisha

Thailand is known for amazing food, lovely wildlife, kind people and a wonderful countryside. With a population of over 69 million it is located in South East Asia. It is the 51st largest nation in the world.

By Mia



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Nan Tien Temple

Last week, students from Stage 2 attended an excursion to the Nan Tien Temple. We walked from the school to the temple and while we were there we participated in Tai Chi, Calligraphy and ate a delicious meal (some of the students even went back for seconds and thirds).

We would just like to commend the students on their exceptional behaviour on the day. The guides were so impressed with our students and commented several times on their outstanding behaviour. So a very big thank you to the Stage 2 students for beautifully representing Berkeley Public School and showing the community how amazing we are.

Kathleen Batley, Rennae Cox, Sue Hollick, Amber Quintal and Bryan Alexander



Rumble in The Jungle

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 8 – FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER
10AM TO 1PM DAILY**

**MEET AT THE DUCK POND FOR
THE TREE MUSKETEERS PLAY
JUNGLE TREASURE HUNT
RUMBLE TUMBLE CRAFTS**

**Cost: \$13 per child,
\$24 family (2 or more children)**

Book at wollongongbotanicgarden.eventbrite.com.au



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- This is not a learn-to-swim program. Minimum swimming ability 33 metres.
- Children 7years and under are Free



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PORT KEMBLA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

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WIN Network School Holiday Clinics

WEEK 1
October 2nd-5th
WEEK 2
October 8th-11th
Ages 5-13



Week 1 - Thirroul, Albion Park, Balgownie
Week 2 - Dapto
9am-12

\$95 (includes training jersey)
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