

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.

100 Days of Kindergarten

Last Friday, Kindergarten celebrated a huge milestone, 100 days of learning. During the last 100 days we have grown smarter and stronger and are on our way to becoming life long learners. A huge thank you to all parents who dressed students up as 100 year old people and for those who were able to make it into school for our classroom visit. It was a wonderful celebration of learning.



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Principal's Message

Dear families

100 Days of Kindergarten

Our littlest people registered their 100th day of school last week. To celebrate this milestone, they had a special day where they dressed up as 100 year old's and completed activities around the number 100. Parents came on site for the last session of this day to complete the 'how many' challenge. The children had to see how many sit ups, push ups, star jumps etc they could complete in 100 seconds.



Athletics carnival Ribbons & District Athletics carnival

Last Thursday athletics carnival sports ribbons were handed out to those students who placed first, second and third in carnival events. It was so nice to see our BPS pride shining with all our students who were successful in gaining a place. Several of these children went on to represent our school at the District



Athletics carnival also held last week. Four of the children who attended this carnival were successful in gaining first, second and third places in their events and were also presented with ribbons for this.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

On the last day of school in Term 2 BPS held a PBL rewards day for all students as the whole school had collected enough tokens for this to go ahead. Tokens are rewarded to students who teachers catch following school values. Each week the tokens are collected, and weekly winners are drawn to win canteen vouchers. The reward for last term was a pizza and movie day. The school provided pizza for every child and classes watched a movie and wore mufti to relax in. I don't think we have ever seen so many Oodies in the one space!

This term we are using the tokens to target our school values and students wearing correct uniform. This week students have received a token for wearing a school hat. We are also reminding students to wear hats in the playground or otherwise they need to play under the COLA.

Melanie Bowden
Relieving Principal

On my return to school this week I would like to thank the executive team and the office staff for all their work in keeping the school running during my unexpected absence. Many thanks to Ms Bowden and Ms Davies for their efforts and Mrs Oldfield leading the office staff.

We are still taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2023. If you know of anyone who hasn't enrolled yet, please remind them to come to the school as we need to put our numbers in for funding and staffing for next year. Also, the process of Kindergarten transition will be starting towards the end of this term and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out on this valuable experience.

You may have noticed the decking around the fig tree has been completed. It certainly makes a feature of this fine old tree. Students suggested that this area could now be used for our outdoor assemblies like ANZAC day. What a great suggestion!

We have a number of activities coming up this term including: -

- A gym program for Years 3-6 run by an outside provider free of charge to parents
- Southern Stars performances at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre
- Book Week parade – date to be advised soon
- Education Week activities which are now being held in Week 8 of this term.

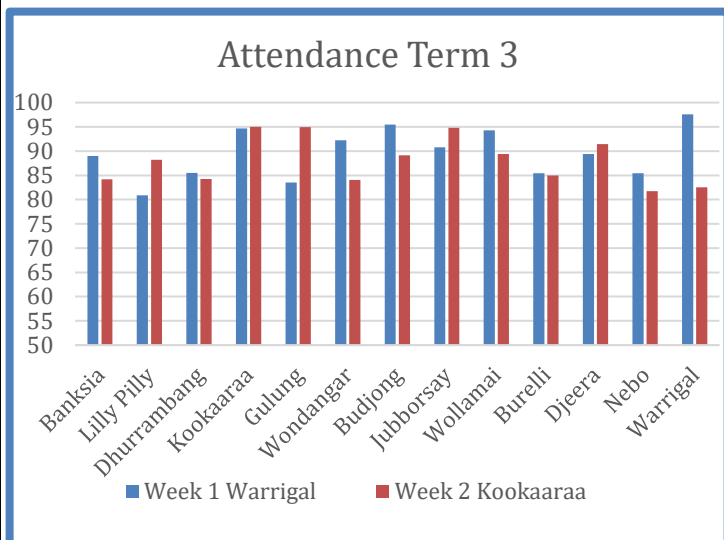
The cases of COVID within the school are on the increase. Both staff and students are being affected.

While we continue to face challenges, the wellbeing of our staff and students, and our students' education remains paramount. We will continue to implement our layered COVID-smart measures throughout this term.

Kind regards
Wayne Osborne
Principal

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Attendance Matters



School Attendance

Stay to the end for a good finish!

- Try and make all of your doctor, dentist, and other appointments after 4:00 p.m. The end of the day is just as important as the beginning.
- Newsletters and homework reminders and other information are distributed.
- Sharing/retelling and review of the day's activities often happen.
- Students may participate in various jobs to keep their classroom tidy.
- Students get into the habit of staying at school until dismissal time – again important in all aspects of life.
- Leaving 20 minutes early from school each day, is the equivalent of missing 11 school days in a year.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**School starts at
9am
DON'T BE LATE!**

Congratulations to Mutoni Bebe, Xzavier Ljubovic and Sailor Zeidler. These students will represent our school and district at the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held in Canberra later this term.

Southern Stars Matinee Show
We still have a few tickets left for the Matinee Show at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre. If your child would like to go, get your note in now.

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First Nations News



Term 3 Week 3

Smoking Ceremony

Term 3 was going to start with a Smoking Ceremony with Layne Brown and our Stage 3 First Nations students to cleanse and welcome everyone back after the holidays. This will be rescheduled for the beginning of Term 4.

School NAIDOC day: Stand up! Get up! Show up!

The whole school participated in NAIDOC activities. Students were placed into mixed groups led by our Stage 3 students. Everyone participated in four activities including one fitness activity - Indigenous games or Move it Mob style dances; one cooking activity - Johnny Cakes, lemon myrtle biscuits, Wattleseed ANZAC biscuits or Wattleseed damper, art activities and cultural activities including ABC's Little Yarns, Dharawal Language and Culture app and local Dharawal Dreaming stories.

Juborsay AECG Meeting @BPS

Last Thursday, our school hosted the Juborsay AECG meeting. We presented a slideshow of our involvement with community from the Flag survey to having the Torres Strait Islander flag flying at Berkeley, the start of the Yarning Circle which continues to meet monthly, Stage 3 First Nations students' involvement with Layne Brown for the Reconciliation Smoking Ceremony, designing and painting our four murals with Aunty Lorraine and Aunty Narelle at Coomaditchie Aboriginal Corporation and our NAIDOC day. We were praised for our work by Racheal Morgan the president of Juborsay AECG.

Aunty May Button

Last term, Elder Aunty May Button spoke to staff as a member of the Stolen Generation about her experience. This week Aunty May came in to talk to many of our Stage 3 students as part of our Kitchen Garden program about First Nations use of plants and trees. It was great hearing Aunty May share her knowledge about local plants and native gooseberries that were tasted by a lucky few.

PLP Barbecue

Thank you to all the families that came along to our second PLP barbecue. Personalised Learning Pathways aim to bring families and teachers together to enable your child to reach their goals. Teachers will be phoning parents who were not able to attend the BBQ over the coming weeks.

IAMS Dental Visits rescheduled

If you have already handed in your child's note the dental visits will now be on:

- Wednesday 10 August
- Thursday 11 August
- Wednesday 17 August
- Thursday 18 August

Aboriginal Education team



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Kitchen Garden

Stage 2 and 3 will have the chance to participate in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program over the next two terms. They will be using fresh fruit and vegetables grown in our garden to make delicious meals with Ms Burnett. Some favourite recipes to come out of the kitchen have been mini pizzas, salad sandwiches, spinach & fetta triangles and zucchini bread. We hope some of the students use skills they have learnt in the Kitchen Garden at home!

With Spring creeping up on us we will be working hard in the garden to get ready for the warmer weather. Cucumber, zucchini, capsicum, eggplant and plenty of herbs will be planted ready for the hungry mouths of Berkeley students.

Joshua Swinton

Stage 3 and Kitchen Garden Teacher
Berkeley Public School



KINDERGARTEN 2023

At Berkeley Public School

COME AND JOIN US!

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

9:30AM - 11:40AM

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

9:30AM-11:40AM

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

9:30AM-11:40AM

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

11:40AM-1:40PM

ENROL NOW FOR
KINDERGARTEN

Berkeley PS would like to invite you along to our transition to school sessions in preparation for Kindergarten 2023.

Come along and learn all about our amazing school, meet the teachers and students.

Please call the office on 42711171 with any queries.

We can't wait to meet you!

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BUNDALEER SALT WATER FESTIVAL



Artist: Kooriaani Dunn - Title: Salt Water Dreaming

FREE
EVENT!

Amusement Rides
Live Music Art Exhibition
Food & Entertainment

Wednesday 28th September 2022

10am - 2pm

Howard Fowles Park, Warrawong
(Bundaleer Park, across from Illawarra Yacht Club)

Alcohol free - family event



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Free Tutoring and Homework Help

Small Group Programs open to:

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Junior Secondary Students

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or phone us on 02 4276 1229

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Swimming Program

- ✓ Water Confidence
- ✓ Learn To Swim
- ✓ Stroke Correction
- ✓ Parent and Baby
- ✓ Adult beginners

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AustSwim/Swim Australia Qualified Instructors

Swim Lessons run Thursday and Friday Afternoons

Indoor Heated Pool

Located in North Wollongong

**Contact Swim Coordinator at
Port Kembla Youth Project
Email us at team@pkyp.org.au
Call or Text on 0434 938 480**





BASEBALL 2022

Training and Games
held at Fred Finch Park
Berkeley.

Tball ages 4 - 7

Zooka ages 8 - 9

Pitch ages 10 - 16



Register your interest here

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for children 0-5 years with their families



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to find out more
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or just come along

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Warrawong Child and Family Centre
Greene St
Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Bundaleer Community Centre
Northcliffe Drive Warrawong
Wednesday 10am-12pm

Berkeley Community Centre
Wednesdays 10am-12pm

Aboriginal playgroups
Lakeside Reserve Kanahooka
Thursdays 10am-12pm
&

Berkeley Community Centre
Friday 10am-12pm

Play Ranger Dapto 
Park based playgroup
Lakeside Reserve Kanahooka or
Dimond Bros Dapto
Tuesdays 10am-12pm

* playgroups operate during school terms