

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.

Book Character Parade



Thank you to Mrs Vujasin for organising the Book Character Parade.

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Principal's Message

Dear families,

SASS Recognition Week

We have a range of School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) who work at Berkeley PS, they include office staff, library support, maintaining the school grounds and in the classroom supporting learning or the wellbeing of our students. We thank them for the valuable work they do each and every day and as the theme for this year states - they are essential to our school; they are essential to our community; they are very much part of our team helping our learners reach their full potential every day.

So, on Tuesday the teaching staff organised a special morning tea to show our appreciation for all the work they do.

Delayed Education Week celebrations

It was so good to have community back on site to show the work that we do here at Berkeley PS. We waited until we could have you back onsite rather than holding a virtual one.

On Thursday we had the Education Week assembly followed by open classrooms where each stage showcased an area of their current program in action. ES1 & S1 focused on numeracy games, S2 used technology in completing their culminating task and S3 showcased our 'Read & Respond' program which is helping to shift the standard of student reading and writing.

Book Week Celebrations

Every day is Book Week at Berkeley Public School where quality literature is used in each classroom to extend students' ideas and knowledge of the world. On Friday we had the famed children's author Nat Amore work with our students and talk about how she writes books and where her inspiration comes from. She was very entertaining and even organised time to sign books for the students.

On Wednesday we had the highly successful Book Week Parade. It was evident the time and effort that had been put into the costumes which brought a smile to all. Thank you to Carolina Vujasin for organising the day and to all the staff for the effort with their costumes. Another great community event.

Kindergarten Orientation

We started the first of our kindergarten orientation sessions this week. It is so pleasing that parents are allowed on site again. This is the first of 4 sessions and will culminate with the children visiting the farmyard animals with their Year 5 buddy. It was so great to see all the new students wearing their special Berkeley t-shirt which was presented to them on arrival. Also, they were able to meet the staff and go to the rooms they will be in next year. We have a few more surprises for them over the coming visits. Please see the pictures of the event over the page.

NAPLAN

The school has received the individual copies of Year 3 and 5 student reports from the 2022 NAPLAN tests sat earlier this year. This is the first time the school has sat the digital version of the test. Students should have delivered this home to parents earlier in the week. Please contact the school if you did not receive your child's results.

It is pleasing to note that the school has achieved its reading and numeracy targets this year and this is a great reflection of the teaching that goes on each day here at Berkeley PS.

Only one more week till the end of the term. Make sure your child has a chance to rest and rejuvenate over the holiday period and comes back to school refreshed for another term of learning.

Please note that next week the school is closed on **Thursday 22 September** due to the Public Holiday for the National Day of Mourning for the Queen.

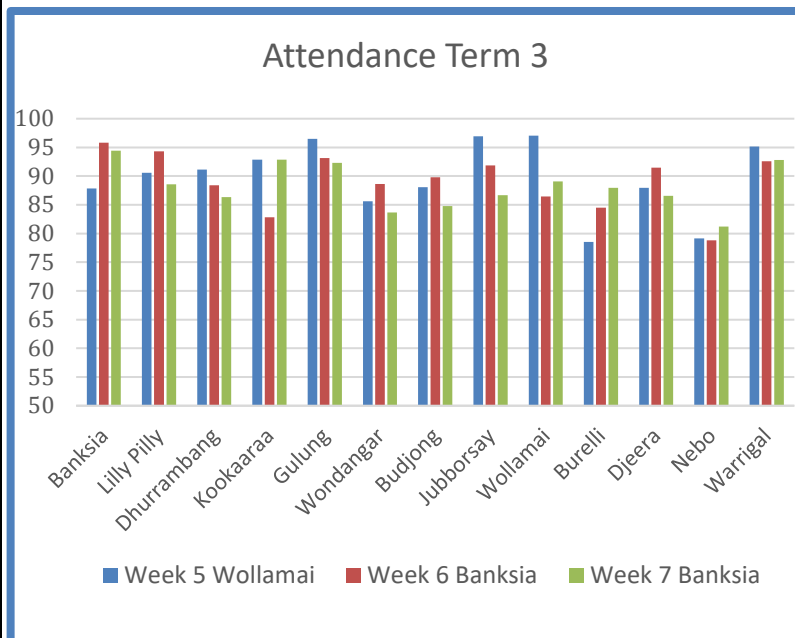
Term 4 resumes on Monday 10 October. (There is NO pupil free day at the beginning of this term).

Stay safe

Kind regards
Wayne Osborne

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Attendance Matters



School Attendance

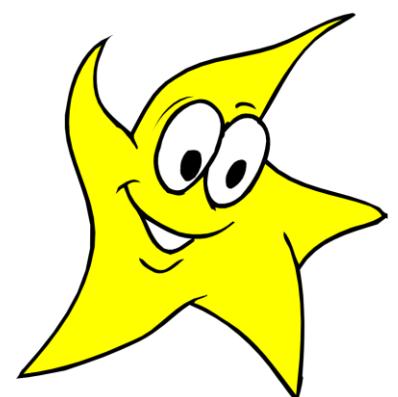
Parents and carers are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, and staying home on birthdays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Class Awards Term 3 Week 8

Congratulations to the following students on their recent excellence.

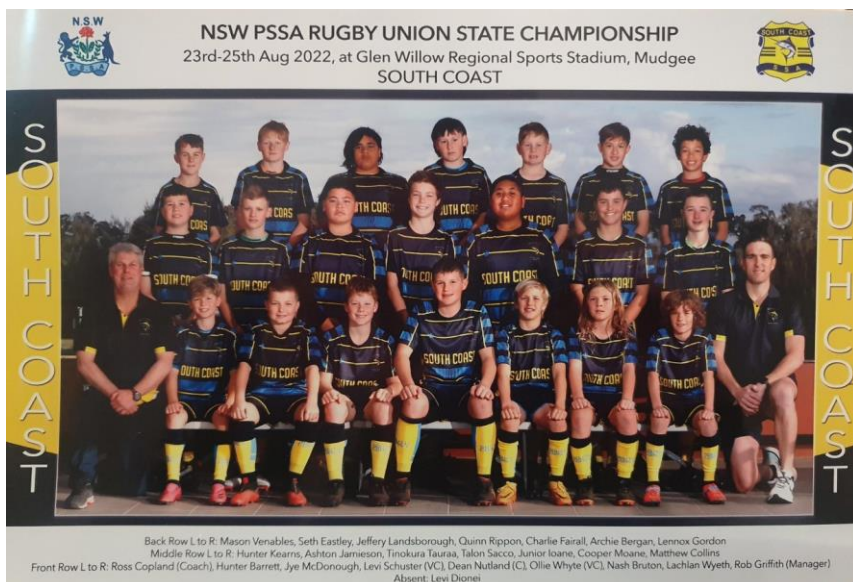
Class	Weekly Class Merit Award		PBL Award
Banksia	Leonardo	Laila	Drew
Lilly Pilly	Tyler	Emery	Henry
Dhurrambang	Knox	Amelia	Theodore
Kookaaraa	Takai	Tynan	Nixon
Gulung	Andre	Fausto	Alannah
Wondangar	Mason	Ria	Parker
Budjong	Harpah	Charlie	Ceyda
Jubborsay	Adalynn	Lilly-Rose	Ethan
Wollamai	Lilly	Sebastian	Harlee
Burelli	Bojana	Lina	Sebastian
Djeera	Ambrose	Brody	Tahlia
Nebo	Audry	Flynn	Jacob
Warrigal	Eli	Korbi	Ashliegh



I'm a PBL Star



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Well Done Dean Nutland

Dean recently competed at the NSW PSSA State Rugby Union Championships in Mudgee.

The South Coast team finished runner up at the carnival. Dean captained the team and represented our school and region with a lot of passion and he should be very proud of his achievements.



Regional Athletics

Recently, we had two students from Berkeley Public School compete at the South Coast PSSA Regional Athletics Championships in Canberra.

Sailor Zeidler competed in the Junior Girls Shot Put and Xzavier Ljubovic competed in the 11s Boys High Jump.

Both students represented their school and district with pride. Congratulations to you both on your efforts!

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Southern Stars 2022

On Friday and Saturday, 26 and 27 August, 26 excited students from Berkeley Public School took to the stage to perform in the Southern Stars Arena Spectacular. After being cancelled and postponed in 2020 and 2021, all students and staff involved couldn't wait to take part this year to 'Celebrate: The Young, The Brave, The Powerful'. Our school was involved in 3 items in the show; the first half finale 'I'm Still Standing', the full time finale 'Born to Be Brave' and our school item 'All Fired Up'. We also had 2 students who were part of the Yanggaa Garaba Aboriginal Dance Ensemble, and 1 student, Paige Allen, who was a member of the Primary School Featured dance ensemble. It was a very busy show week with rehearsals and performances but as always it was an amazing experience for everyone involved. Miss Buckley and Miss Newton would like to congratulate the students of BPS for their outstanding behaviour and attitude throughout the long days of rehearsals and performances. They were all fantastic representatives of our school.



Southern Stars Matinee Show



On Friday 26 August some children were fortunate enough to attend the school's matinee performance of Southern Stars for 2022.

The children were very well behaved and were a credit to themselves and Berkeley Public School. They all appeared to enjoy the show with some of the children singing, clapping and waving their arms in the air along to some of the songs.

Thank you to the teachers at the school who are involved in Southern Stars and the hours of work they do to give the children of Berkeley Public School an experience that they will never forget.

Barbara Clegg and Josh Swinton

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First Nations News

Term 3 Week 9

Reconciliation Action Plan

The first meeting of the Reconciliation Action Plan group took place on Friday afternoon. The group completed the Reflection Survey. If you would like to be a part of this please email berkeley-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au The next meeting will be in Term 4, Friday October 28, 3:15pm.

First Nations murals

Kristy from Coomaditchie contacted to say that the Aunties have finished work on the murals made with our First Nations students. I was lucky enough to see them when I dropped in earlier in the week. They look amazing! All that's left to do now is arrange to pick up the murals and work out when the Aunties can fit in coming to Berkeley to present them next term.

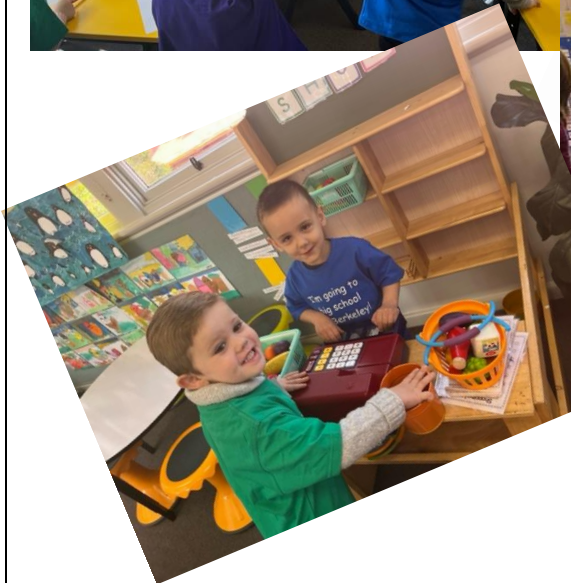
Smoking Ceremony

The new date for the school smoking ceremony is Monday October 10, the first day of Term 4. Layne Brown and our Stage 3 First Nations students will be involved. The ceremony will take place at midday and may also include Aunty Lorraine and Aunty Narelle presenting the finished murals to the school.

Georgia Garling

Coordinating teacher

Kindergarten Orientation



Day 1 of our Kindergarten transition to school program took place this week. We welcomed many new families to our school, and all had a fun morning. We look forward to seeing our new friends and their families again next term.

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Education Week – Assembly and Classroom Visit



Berkeley PS
opens up to
our community



Berkeley Blokes

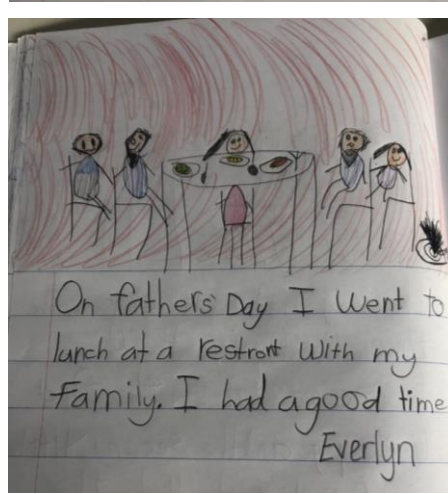
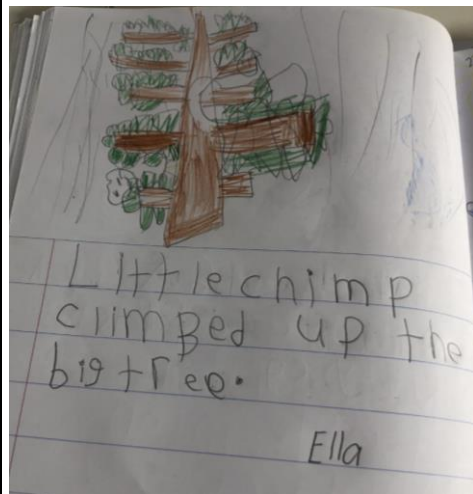
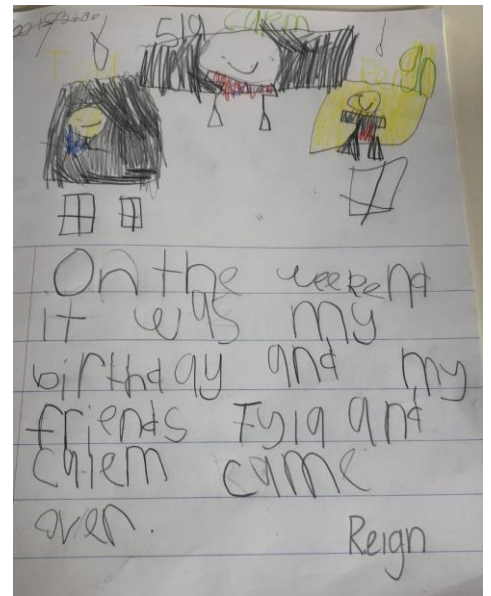
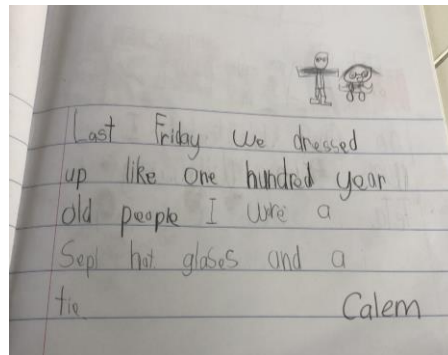
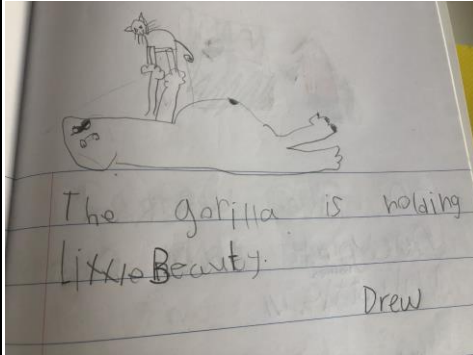


We had a great afternoon and a great turnout for our Berkeley Blokes Trivia and Pizza afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many dads and father figures at the school to enjoy a fun and entertaining afternoon with their children. Thank you Josh Swinton and Clayton Whitfield for organising the afternoon.

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Writing by K Banksia

Students in Banksia have been working very hard on their writing skills. Well done on your wonderful work!



Author – Nat Amoores Visits BPS

Author Nat Amoores visited Berkeley Public School on Friday 9 September. Nat is the author of *Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire*, *The Power of Positive Pranking*, *The Right Way to Rock* to name a few. Nat entertained the students with stories of writing and creating such wonderful and funny characters featured in her books.



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Police Visit Cyber Safety Talk

On Monday 12 September, Senior Constable Steph Burton came to talk about cyber safety to Stage 3. She discussed all things social media and gave information to students about how to protect themselves online and how to behave responsibly. Steph told students that they should not have usernames that include their real name or birthday. She said to include a favourite animal, feeling and number e.g. crazybee22. Students were also shocked to find out that the average person online gaming is a 34-year-old male. Children here would not play with adults in the playground, so it is important that they remember they are not always gaming online with people of a similar age. Please keep a close watch over your child's online presence and ensure that if they are under 13 they are not on apps such as TikTok, Facebook and Snapchat.

