

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE AND WHITE

NEWSLETTER

Respect	Responsibility	Safety	Cooperation
Respect means caring for and valuing yourself and sharing kindness and consideration for others.	Responsibility means being trustworthy and accountable for your behaviour.	Safety means protecting the well-being and security of everyone in our school.	Cooperation means getting along by working and playing together.

District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, 19 swimmers from Berkeley Public School competed at South Wollongong PSSA District Swimming Carnival. They all represented the school with pride with the following students being successful in progressing to the Regional Carnival, Luke Midgley, Eli Milosevski, Braxtyn Ferraro, Holly Nutland and Scarlett Scerri. Scarlett was also named Junior Girl age champion which is a fantastic achievement. As a school, Berkeley came 5th overall out of the 14 schools in our district.



CONGRATULATIONS

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Principal's Message

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us for the Meet the Teacher information sessions over the last weeks. It was lovely to have our community back together. At that session, teachers shared information about the stage and class programs for the year.

Playground update

There has been plenty of action with construction in the playground. The K-2 eating area has been completed and is now providing plenty of seating for the students. The play equipment and garden are nearing completion, so too the basketball court. Please see the latest pictures of the areas in this newsletter. It is hoped that once the fencing comes down and the area is mowed and leveled that the students can return to Area E and will have more space to play in.

School Photos

The school photos will be taken Tuesday 21 March 2023.

All students should be wearing full summer school uniform. Orders this year will be online, and you should have received an email from MSP Photography with your ordering code. If you did not receive an email please contact MSP on 4261 3009. The school office has a small number of cash envelopes if you are unable to complete an online order.

Clean Up Australia

On Friday 10 March all students at Berkeley Public School will be helping to keep our school and local community clean by picking up rubbish. Classes will be supervised by their teachers in designated areas after Lunch 2. All students are to bring their hat and disposable gloves. The school will supply disposable gloves to any child who does not have a pair.

Kind regards
Wayne Osborne
Principal



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Attendance Matters

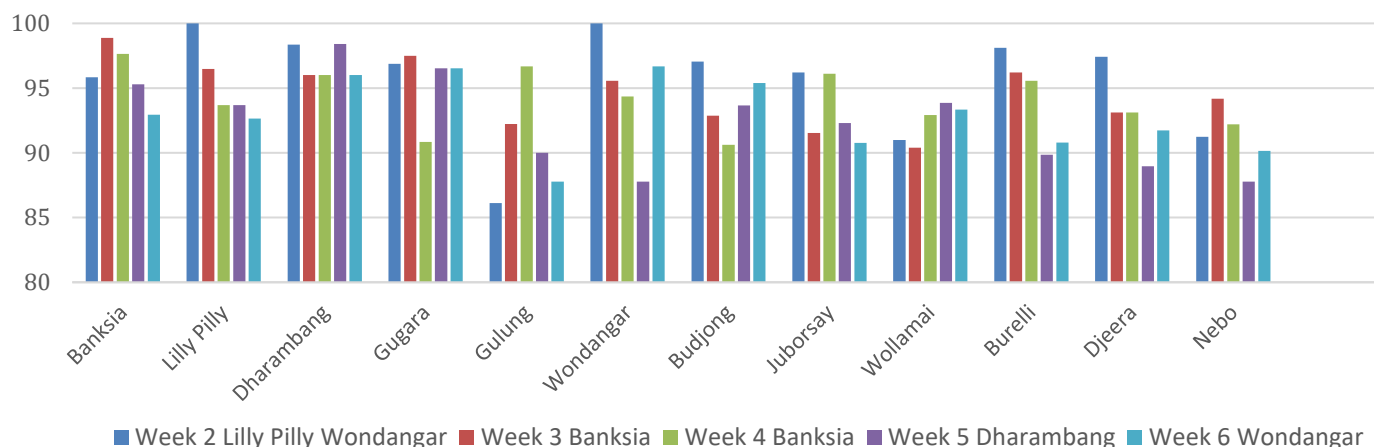


EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Attendance Term 4



Some Benefits of Regular School Attendance

For Student:

- The development of skills and attitudes such as self-discipline, punctuality, and being organised will optimise life choices.
- Regular attendance leads to making friends and learning how to maintain relationships over a length of time.
- Regular attendance leads to learning social skills necessary to live and work with others.
- It's safer at school than on the street.
- The more students attend, the more they will learn and the more they will like school.

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

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First Nations News

Term 1 Week 7

Yarning Circle Meeting

The Yarning Circle met on Monday February 20. Several topics were discussed:

- *Sports polo shirt:* Several polo shirt companies are to be contacted for ideas to include the children's artwork from the murals made with the Aunties at Coomaditchie. The idea is to include panels in the sportshirt.
- *Smoking Ceremonies:* These will be conducted for the opening of the new playground and the Aboriginal garden being created with Matt McKay.
- Planning for student cultural experiences to empower our First Nations students.
- *Term 2 Aboriginal Focused Staff Development Day:* Berkeley Public School staff will be participating in an on Country experience with Gumaraa at Killalea.
- *Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country professional learning* for staff in Term 2
- *First Nations Student focus groups K-6:* Parent suggestion of seeking student ideas and also ways to support students in achieving their cultural goals.
- Exploring the possibility of conducting a whole school walk for Reconciliation to the Healing Point.

Upcoming Events:

Cooinda Playgroups - 10am - 12pm Friday at Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre

Free playgroups and morning tea for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged from birth to 5 years and their families/carers. Yarn, play and share culture with your kids. Run by Barnardos for more information 42758575.

Reconciliation Action Plan Meeting - March 17, 3:15pm Week 8

Our next meeting will be Friday March 1. We would like to invite all of our First Nations families to participate in the creation of our school Reconciliation Action Plan.

Personalised Learning Pathways BBQ - March 22, 3pm Week 9

Come and participate in creating your child/children's personalised learning pathway goals. There will be 4 goals; Literacy, Mathematics, personal and a cultural goal.

Bike Safety for First Nations students - April 4, Week 11

BIKE and FITNESS are again delivering Free Aboriginal Bike Safety Programs throughout the Southern NSW Region during 2022/23 on behalf of **Transport for NSW**. They will be at Berkeley PS on Tuesday April 4, after school. The Program consists of a 2 hour Bike Safety and Skills session which includes a bike safety check/repair(including some bike parts), an Aboriginal design bicycle helmet and water bottle, and snacks and refreshments. Bikes are supplied on the day for those not able to bring their own.

Georgia Garling
Coordinating teacher



Cooinda Playgroups
"Make Way For Play"

Free playgroups and morning tea for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged birth to 5 years, and their families/carers.
10am to 12pm during school terms.
Yarn, play and share culture with your kids.

Thursday

Lakeside Reserve,
Lakeside Dr, Kanahooka

Friday

Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre
Winnima Way, Berkeley



Please come along and join us or call for more information 4275 8575

Limited transport support for this playgroup may be available.

barnardos.org.au





KEMBLAWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

ASPIRE OSHC provide high quality care and education to school aged children at Kemplawarra Public School. We aim to provide a fun and creative age appropriate program based on the "My Time, Our Place" National Framework for school aged children.

ASPIRE OSHC provide Before and After school care programs and Vacation Care. These programs develop and nurture children's minds. ASPIRE OSHC promotes a healthy lifestyle through various activities for children to discover, learn and play. We create healthy habits by providing nutritional foods and a variety of opportunities to participate in active play.

Transportation available for Cringila PS, Lake Height PS, Port Kembla PS, Berkeley PS and Berkeley West PS.

SESSION TIMES | MONDAY - FRIDAY

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

7:00am - 8:30am

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

2:30pm - 6:00pm



CONTACT US

For more information or to register your interest please contact Kemplawarra's program manager **Teagan**:



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Did you know?

WE ARE CHILDCARE SUBSIDY APPROVED





GET MOTIV8TED during the APRIL School Holidays at the one and only Motiv8sports SUPER CAMP 2023.

Held only once each year, Super Camp is a sports festival designed just for kids. Way more than a sports dreamland, Super Camp is an energetic mix of sport, music, street culture, art and dance mashed up to create the ultimate atmosphere for kids who love having fun. Campers will be treated to an incredible array of our trademark team sports in an environment full of energy, motiv8tion and unbelievable guidance from our professional team of coaches.

Motiv8sports camps are designed for all abilities and focus on the energy and effort rather than a child's sporting ability. Children attending Motiv8sports Super Camp learn about sport, teamwork and sportsmanship in an environment fuelled by incredible leadership and constant motivation





Disabled Surfers

South Coast

Presents

Port Kembla 'Smiles on Dials Day'

Sunday 19th March 2023

Meet at Port Kembla beach near the pool, Olympic Boulevard, Port Kembla



Check-in no later than 9.00am - Group-care facility participants limit of 6 per facility

A fun day surfing experience for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging, with complete water supervision.

Registration for Participants is \$10 and all **participants** receive a bag of goodies,

Thanks to the local participating surf shops and businesses some gifts are provided.

Free registration for Volunteer Helpers and for giving up your time you will receive **FREE** Sausage Sizzle on the day.

NSW Health Covid restrictions apply

Please do not attend if	Please
You are feeling unwell.	Follow Social distancing where possible
Are awaiting a Covid Test	Use hand sanitizer (available on site)
Have recently received a positive covid test	Use a mask when out of the water and in groups (optional)
Have been a close contact to a positive test	Masks are not required due to this being an outdoors event, but appreciated for the safety of all

Or for more information and who to contact view

disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch or www.disabledsurfers.org

See you there putting "Smiles on dials"

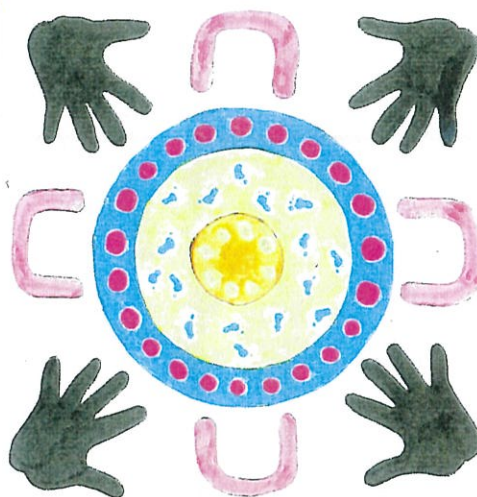
Kids Time and Cooinda Playgroups

for children 0-5 years with their families



Barnardos
Australia

We
believe
in
children.



Call 4275 8575
to find out more
*
or just come along

Join our free community playgroup -

Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre
Mondays 10am-12pm

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