

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.

Smoking Ceremony and Official Playground Opening



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to all our BPS community to Term 2. The warm autumn days we had during the holidays have left us and Winter has knocked on the door this week. Keep warm and remember to wear those school jumpers!

Mr Osborne has decided to extend his leave this term while awaiting surgery after his 5 week break last term. He will continue his leave for Term 2 & 3 and I will be in the relieving role for this time. As I will be filling in for Mr Osborne, my position will be filled for these two terms as well. Mrs Amber Haworth has joined us from Minnamurra PS to work in the Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction role 3 days a week. Mr Jack Dobinson will take the role for the other 2 days and Mrs Amanda Lipovic will be taking the Wollamai class on Thursday and Friday while Mr Dobinson is off class in the APCI role. We welcome all everyone to the new roles and look forward to the work they will be doing in preparing for implementation of the new 3-6 curriculum in 2024.

Miss Lauren Paterson will also be having a change to her role this term. Miss Paterson was successful in interview for the APCI position at Stanwell Park PS. She will be leaving us to take this role during the term. We thank her for all time here at BPS on the executive team and wish her all the best in her new adventure. We will be advised from staffing as to how her position will be filled.

This term is starting up to be an exciting one, Southern Stars Dance team and choir recruitment has begun. Children will have the opportunity to be part of this exciting performing arts initiative supported by our hard-working teachers. Congratulations to oage Alen who was successful in gaining a spot in the Southern Starts Dance Company. We look forward to seeing you perform on the night!

Congratulations to Mr Swinton who was successful in gaining a grant to help enhance our garden. This grant was through Woolworths and Landcare Australia, and we will receive \$1000 to help create our vibrant veggie patch. Mr Swinton is seeking any parent volunteers who would like to assist with the regular upkeep of our kitchen garden. If you can lend some time weekly or fortnightly, please let him know.

Finally, I would like to wish our mums and carers a happy day on Sunday. We thank you for all that you do for our school community and for amazing job you do in raising our beautiful Berkeley children.

Kind regards
Melanie Bowden
Relieving Principal

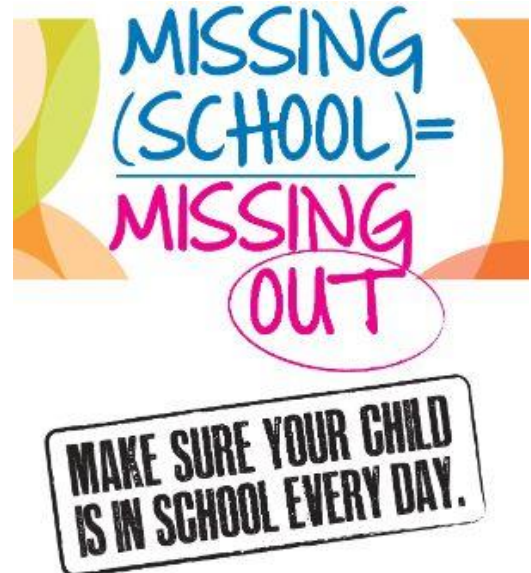
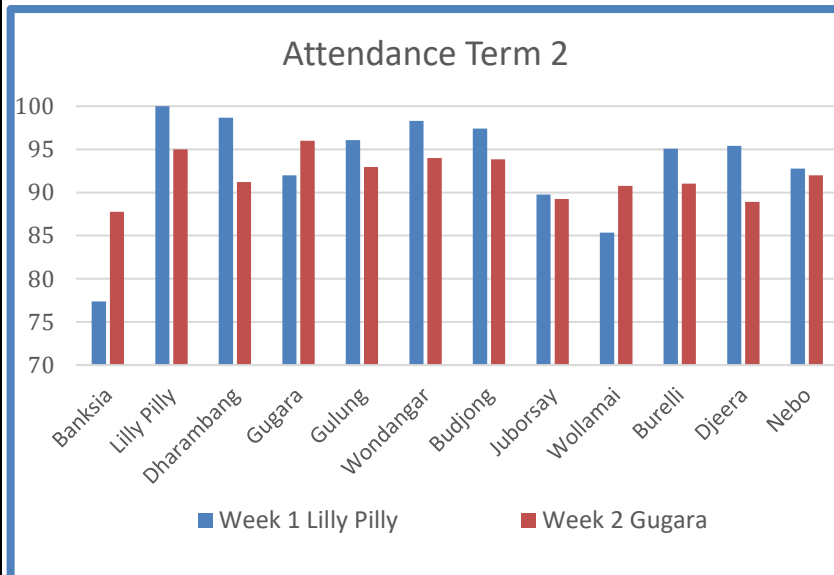
ANZAC Day Service

Our ANZAC Day service was held Wednesday 26 April. Students laid wreaths and flowers at the memorial and listened to a speech by our guest Mr Derek Howard from the RSL Association.
Lest We Forget



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Attendance Matters



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.

Check-in assessment for Year 4 & 6

Dear parents and carers,

During Term 2, students will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 4 & 6 students during Weeks 4-6
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.

Students are asked to **bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer** to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. Bluetooth headphones are discouraged.

If your child needs earbuds provided by the school, please contact Miss Davies.

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First Nations News Term 2 Week 3

Staff Development Day and Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country training

On Monday April 24, all NSW teachers participated in a First Nations staff development day. At Berkeley, staff participated in an On Country experience with Gumaraa at Killalea Regional Park. Staff learnt of the importance of Country, learnt about artefacts, Dharawal language, the impact of land being taken away and the Stolen Generation. The biggest impact on staff was when Tallara and Sam spoke about their personal experiences of racism as both students and young people.

Smoking Ceremony for the opening of the New Playground areas

Layne Brown guided many of our First Nations students in the making of a Smoking Ceremony for the opening of the new playground areas. Many students also choose to participate in several dances. Layne and the students shared their knowledge about Smoking Ceremonies.



Upcoming Events:

National Sorry Day May 26

National Sorry Day will be marked in classrooms with students learning about the history of the day at an age appropriate level. Students will also be making Sorry Day flowers.

Reconciliation Week May 27 - June 3: *The Voice of Generations*

Reconciliation Week will be celebrated in classrooms with students participating in lessons from the Healing Foundation. Reconciliation Week will also be celebrated in the Thursday assembly.

Children will be asked to “wear it yellow for Children’s Ground” on Friday June 2 to support First Nations children and bring a gold coin donation.

First Nations Polo shirt designs

In the coming days all First Nations students will be asked to help choose between four polo shirt designs. The successful design will become the school’s new sport polo shirt.

Georgia Garling
Coordinating teacher

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FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023
SAVE THE DATE
 National Walk Safely to School Day

Do you want ideas on how to support your child's development through play?

Come along and engage with your child in play experiences that focus on your child's development.

Get tips and ideas on how to extend play to continue to support your child's ongoing development.

All experiences are planned using common household objects so that they are able to be replicated and repeated at home. Experiences are aimed for children from 0-6 years

Berkeley Public School

George Street, Berkeley

Term 2 Dates

Wednesday 3rd May – Social

Wednesday 7th June – Emotional

Wednesday 28th June - Numeracy

All groups are free

For more information contact: John Walsh at john.walsh@bigfatmile.com.au or 0421 877 300; Angela Lyons at angela.lyons@bigfatmile.com.au

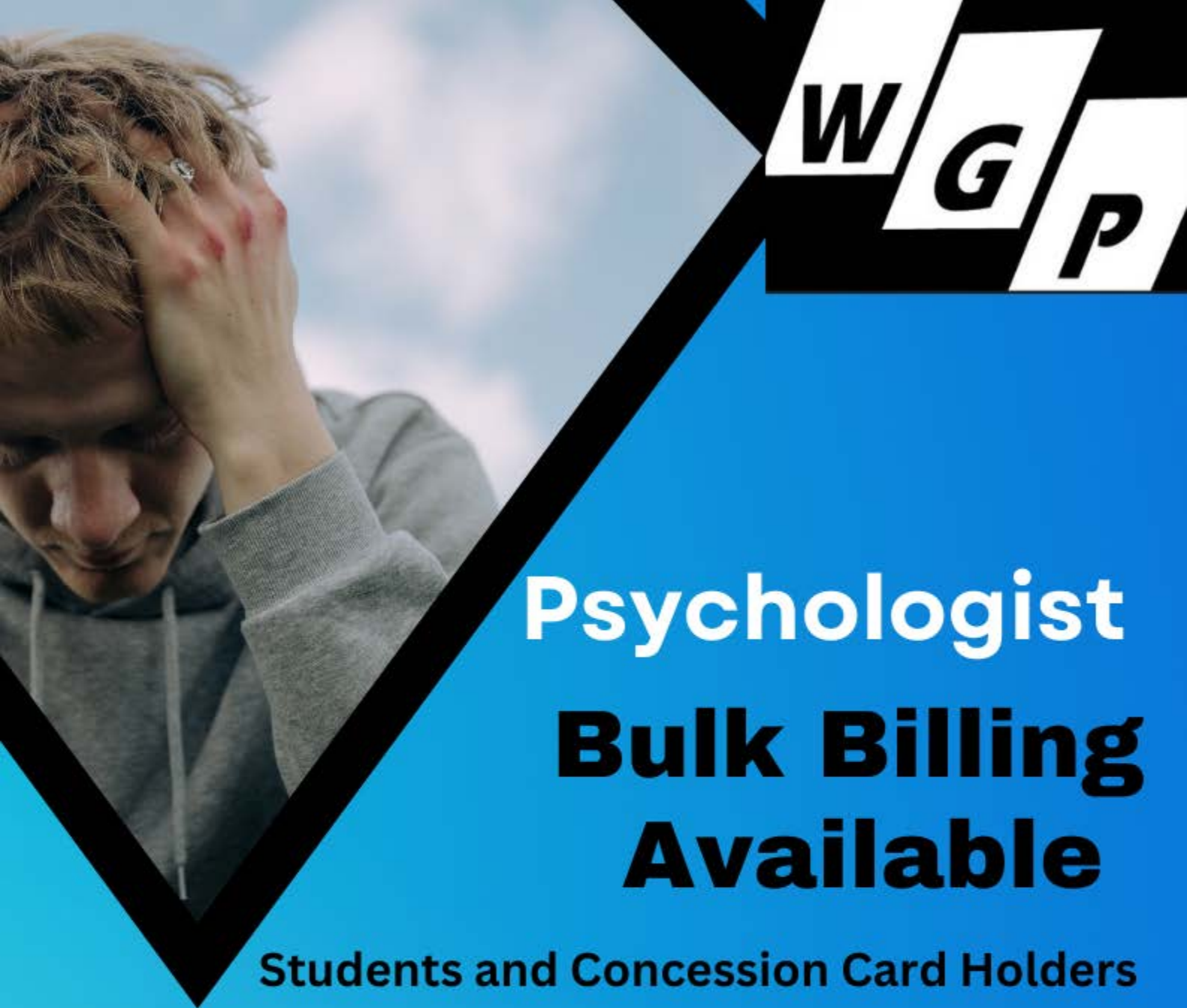
Facilitated by Transition to School Program and Transition to Early Childhood Education and Care Program



Communities and Justice



Education



Psychologist Bulk Billing Available

Students and Concession Card Holders

Consult our GP & Psychologist

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