

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.

Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 20 June all students travelled to Croome Sporting Complex for our school athletics carnival. We had a great day, with lots of fun and some great performances. Well done to the students who qualified for the district carnival on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 August. Those students will receive a note next term.



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Principal's Message

It only feels like yesterday that I was sitting here at my computer writing a welcome to Term 2 message and here I am writing the end of term message. Time has really flown!

Over these past 9 weeks the staff and students of Berkeley PS have really managed to fit in many activities, experiences, and lots and lots of learning! I have been visiting many of the teachers as they reflect on the learning that has undertaken this term and have been excited to hear of the great progress our students are making and the work they are producing. Next term we should see the results of our students in Years 3 and 5 for NAPLAN released. Our school executive use these results to work with teachers to analyse our school strengths and then assist in planning what our students need to further progress. All students will receive their Semester 1 reports today. It has been a pleasure to have read all 280 reports as it gives me a picture of the amazing work our students are doing each day and an insight of the kind and caring students who frequent our school. We look forward to welcome you all into the school next week for parent teacher interviews to discuss your child's progress.

Our hardworking P&C met with myself and Miss Davies at the beginning of the month. They have kindly agreed to donate an annual contribution of \$2000 towards the cost of our Stage 3 camps as they recognise the rising costs of camp for families and the increase of cost of living. They will donate this money each year starting this year to assist with bringing the cost of camp for each student attending. This year we have already created a costing for camp and distributed notes and payment information. As it is difficult for the office staff to make changes to the cost of an excursion we have discussed with the P&C that the donation will go towards the Year 6 Farewell for 2023 in reducing the costs of this event for families and in 2024 the donation will be put towards camp. We thank Dee and the ladies for such a generous offer in supporting our community.

Next term our teachers will return on Monday 17 July for a Staff Development Day. In this day of professional learning, teaching and support staff will be learning about managing behaviour and using behaviour plans to guide our response to students. This training will be delivered by our school Learning and Support Assistant Principal who supports our school from the Warilla Office team. In the afternoon they will be updating their CPR and Anaphylaxis training which is a mandatory component for staff. Students return on Tuesday 18 July.

There will be minimum staff changes for Term 3. Mrs Amber Quintal will be returning from maternity leave and we are so excited to have her back at BPS! She will be working on Djeera class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Beehag will still be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday. She will also be joining us on the intervention team for two days a week as well. We received the good news that we will have a full counsellor allocation and will have Lainie Ng from the Corrimal High School Team joining us five days a fortnight to support our students.

I would like to wish you all a safe a happy holiday break. Enjoy the chance to connect with your children and enjoy the slower pace of school holidays. The favourite part of holidays for me (besides sleeping in) is not having to make lunches each morning! It's the little things hey! Mr Osborne will continue his leave in Term 3 and I will continue the privilege of being the relieving principal for another term. I spoke with him yesterday and he is recovering well from his surgery. He sends a hello and said to say how much he misses the students, staff and parents.

Kind regards
Melanie Bowden
Relieving Principal



School Events

Friday 23 June

Sport Gala Day
Reports Home

Monday 26 June

Parent teacher interviews

Tuesday 27 June

Parent teacher interviews

Wednesday 28 June

PBL Reward
Pizza/Oodie/Onesie Day
Big Fat Smile Playgroup

Thursday 29 June

Parent teacher interviews

Friday 30 June

Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 18 July

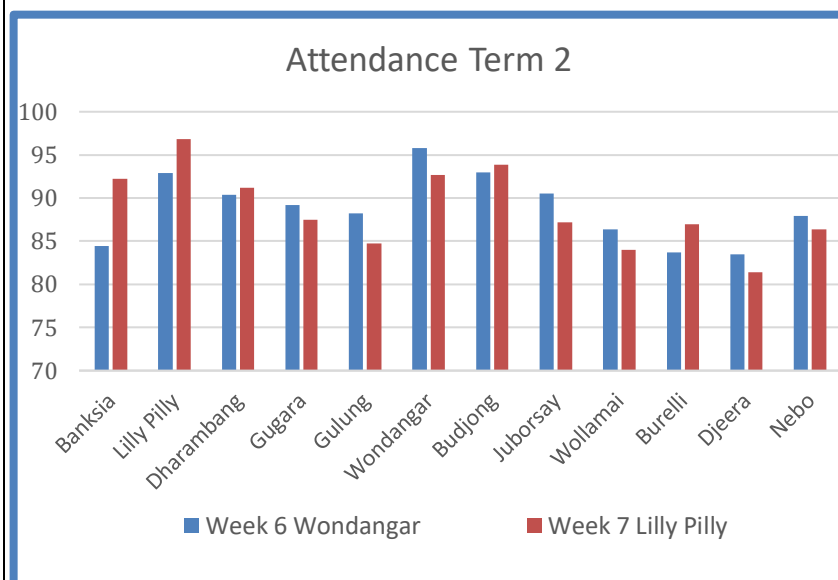
Students return to school for Term 3

Excursions and Activities Payments

If you need to make a payment for an excursion or other activity such as Southern Stars, we are happy for you to pay the excursion off over a number of weeks or months. All excursions and activities must be paid for in full before the event. Each student must have their own permission note. Please do not put two students on one note. The preferred payment method is POP (Parent Online Payment - <https://berkeley-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/payment.html#/student-details>), or you can also access this through the Berkeley Public School web page.hoc

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Attendance Matters



SOUTHERN STARS EMBRACE – Tickets on sale!

This week Southern Stars 2023 **EMBRACE** was launched at the BlueScope Visitors Centre in Wollongong, where Executive Producer, Paul Roger, announced the theme, welcomed our new Presenting Partner – NSW Teachers Federation - and declared that tickets were officially on sale!

There were some fantastic performances from our featured artists offering a sneak peek of some of the great items from this year's show.

Once again over 3,000 students from over 120 schools across Illawarra, Southern NSW, and around NSW will take part in a world-class two hour arena style variety show that will feature music, dance and drama that will appeal to all ages.

EMBRACE includes circus troupes, audience favourites the NSW Public School Millennial Marching Band, a 500 strong choir, Yanggaa Garaba, the Rising Stars, a massive student orchestra, 2000 dancers, and amazingly talented featured artists.

As in past years, school and community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows.

It doesn't matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy spectacle which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students, is something not to be missed.

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 25 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 26 (1pm and 7pm) - make sure you are one of them!

Please note that tickets should be purchased **only** through the official ticket booking site of Ticketmaster.
<http://ticketmaster.com.au>

You can stay informed about what's coming up in the show, by visiting our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernStarsArenaSpectacular> and Instagram @southernstarsareaspectacular. Please like us and share the stories and pictures with all your friends and family.



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First Nations News Term 2 Week 9

NAIDOC Week - For Our Elders

This year's theme is For Our Elders. NAIDOC is celebrated from July 2 to July 9, during the school holidays.

Events	Date
Coomaditchie Last Minute Gallery	Saturday 1 - Sunday 9 July, 10am - 3pm daily
Shellharbour Council NAIDOC Community Day, Shellharbour civic centre	Monday 3 July, 11am - 2pm
Greene St NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Darcy Wentworth Oval, Warrawong	Tuesday 4 July, 10am - 1pm
Careways NAIDOC Event, Koonawarra Community Centre, 36 Fowlers Road	Thursday 6 July, 10am - 2pm
Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre	Friday 7 July, 10am - 2pm
Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy (SPATE) NAIDOC Day, Sandon Point, Bulli	Saturday 8 July, 10am - 4pm
NAIDOC Cabaret, Wollongong Town Hall	Saturday July 8, 6.30pm

School NAIDOC celebrations

In the lead up to our school celebrations, students will be learning about the importance of First Nations Elders. Students will be learning about several First Nations Elders in class.

School NAIDOC celebrations will take place on Thursday 20 July, 10.30am in the new hall. Celebrations will include an assembly and dance performance with Layne Brown and our First Nations students for our community Elders. An invitation is extended to all First Nations Elders. Everyone is invited to attend. This will conclude with a morning tea afterwards.

After lunch students will participate in 4 NAIDOC group rotations across K-6. Students will participate in a sport, art, language and cooking activities.

Georgia Garling
Coordinating teacher

Breakfast Club

If you would like to volunteer to help in the Breakfast Club, held every morning between 8.30 and 9.00am, please contact Miss Burnett. You would be helping to prepare food and wash and clean up afterwards. All help is much appreciated.

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KINDERGARTEN 2024 TRANSITION INFORMATION

at Berkeley Public
School

COME AND JOIN US!

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
9:30AM - 11AM

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER
9:30AM-11:30AM

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
9:30-11:30AM

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER
11:40-1:40PM

ENROL NOW FOR
KINDERGARTEN!

Berkeley PS would like to invite you
along to our transition to school
sessions in preparation for
Kindergarten 2024.

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

Please call the office on 42711171
with any queries.

We cant wait to meet
you!

berkeley-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/



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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

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Port Kembla Youth Project is conducting Splash Swim Program

*Water Babies, Water Confidence,
Learn to Swim and Stroke Correction*

Enrolment Essential

Program commencing Term 3

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons

\$14 a lesson

Phone our Swim Coordinator on 4276 1229
or email team@pkyp.org.au for enrolments



School Holiday fun!

There are plenty of things to do at IPAC and Wollongong Town Hall during the School holidays. Kids aged 5 - 12 can jump into our popular Merrigong Creativity Camp (10 - 14 Jun) for a week of confidence-building drama games. Fans of Andy Griffith's book series will be over the moon when ***JUST - Live on Stage*** (14 - 15 Jul) finally comes to Wollongong with all the crazy, annoying, silly antics of Andy, Danny, and Lisa. And for preschool kids (and the young at heart), embark on a hilarious rocking musical extravaganza about working together and finding friendship in ***Hiccup!*** (Wed 19 Jul).

For more information and to book tickets, visit merrigong.com.au or call our Box Office on (02) 4224 5999.



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

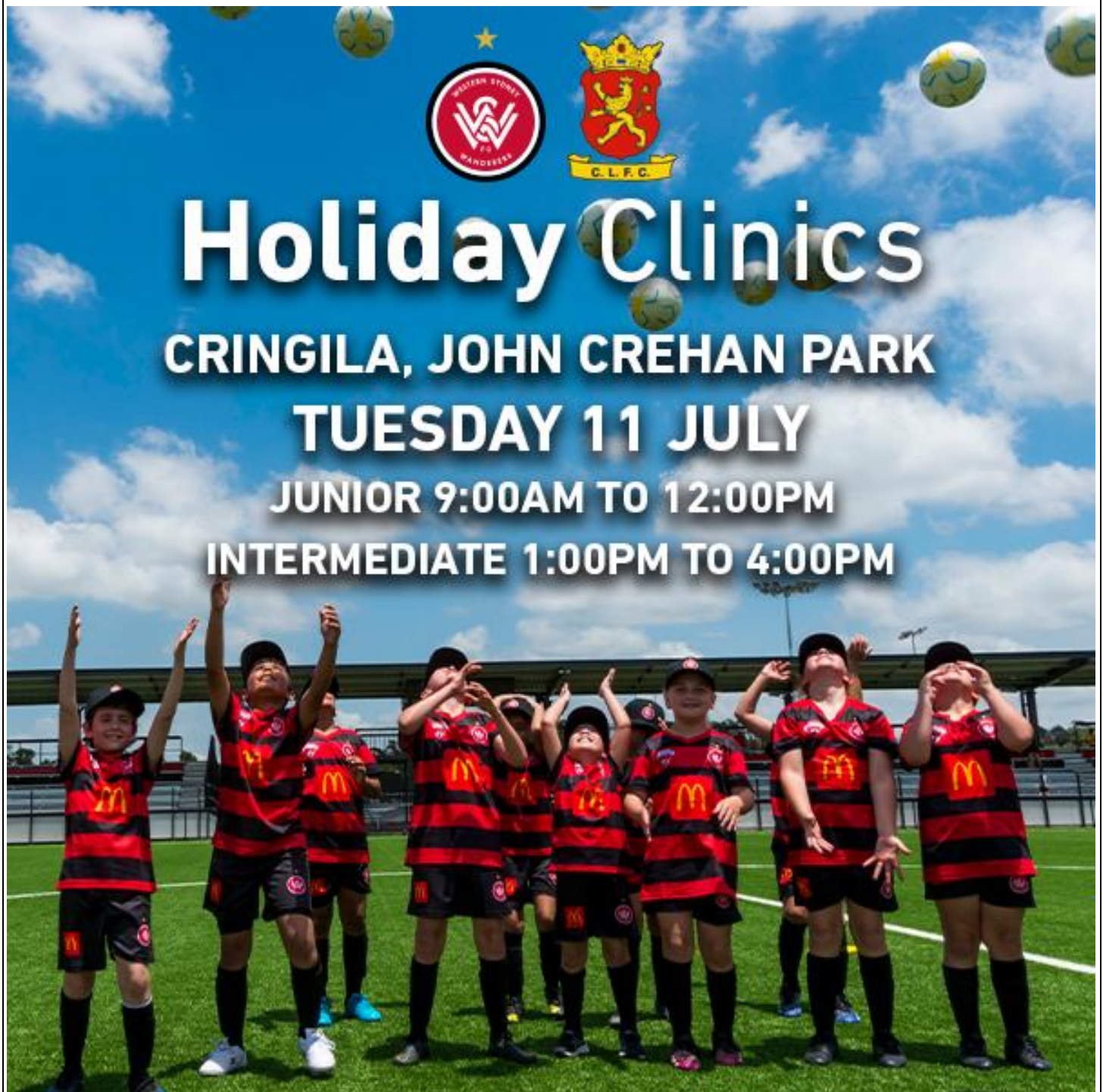
Kind regards,



Ms Green

Learning Support Coordinator



Australian Government





Holiday Clinics

CRINGILA, JOHN CREHAN PARK
TUESDAY 11 JULY
JUNIOR 9:00AM TO 12:00PM
INTERMEDIATE 1:00PM TO 4:00PM

HEALTHY FOODS & ACTIVE PLAY

are what growing bodies need

RIDE &
WALK



CRUNCH
ON FRUIT
& VEG



PACK
FRESH



DRINK
WATER



SWITCH
OFF



GET
MOVING



CLICK ON EACH TOPIC
FOR MORE INFORMATION

There are programs available to help you and your child.

GO4FUN
HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS

A 10-week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7 to 13 years who are above a healthy weight. It runs each school term and is available online.
Call 1800 780 900 or visit go4fun.com.au

get healthy
Information & Coaching Service

A free telephone health coaching service that provides the help and motivation you need to help reach your goals.
Call 1300 806 258 or visit gethealthynsw.com.au



**HEALTHYEATING
ACTIVE LIVING**

Healthy Living is about making small lifestyle changes that can make a big difference to your health.
Visit healthyliving.nsw.gov.au



HEALTH PROMOTION
Illawarra Shoalhaven

The Health Promotion Service works with schools, early childhood services and community groups to improve your child's health and wellbeing.
Visit islhd.health.nsw.gov.au



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Illawarra Shoalhaven
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