

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.

NAIDOC Week Activities



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 3! It is so nice to start to see the longer days. I appreciate that sunlight when driving home from work rather than arriving home in the dark. Mother sun is shining that little bit harder each day to remind us spring is just around the corner, and we are almost ready for Ngoonungi, the Dharawal season where the weather gets warmer and the flying foxes begin to gather.

It has been a busy first three weeks and our staff and students have managed to fit so much into them. Week 1 saw us celebrate NAIDOC Week. The theme this year highlighted the importance of connecting with our local elders and celebrating the importance they play in our children's lives. We celebrated with an assembly and activities. It was a great day of learning and fun.

This week we celebrated Education Week. The theme this year was celebrating 175 years of public education in our state. It was so nice to see community visiting to see our Kindergarten recognise 100 days of school. So many great costumes! Wednesday saw the amazing school performance at the choral festival at Wollongong Town Hall. Thank you, Miss Newton and Miss Buckley, for the work with the choir. Thursday, we read to our parents and carers and Friday saw a dress up of what I want to be when I grow up. The money raised from this mufti day will go towards the Year 6 gift to school. We are so grateful we could celebrate this week with all our community recognising that many of our parents also attended Berkeley PS as children and are still supporting the great public school we have!

Notes have gone home for a free dental clinic this term. This will be held over Week 5 starting Monday 14 August. If you would like your child to participate in the free service, please send the notes back in.

NAPLAN results have also been released to families. Inside the envelope there is a note explaining the changes to NAPLAN reporting. The executive team will be meeting this term to discuss our school results and how we can improve our teaching based on the results of the Year 3 and 5 students. If you have any questions or concerns from your child's report, please contact your child's teacher to make a meeting.

Well done to the Year 1 students who participated with Ms Garling this semester as part of her intensive reading program. I had the pleasure of awarding them with their certificate this week.



Lastly, Djeera students with Miss Quintal took part in painting a surfboard as part of Education Week celebrations at Stockland Shellharbour. The class was assisted by Mr Rob Naylor, a local artist who worked with the students to paint and decorate the project.

The finished surfboard is on display at Shellharbour Square if you would like to see it.

Kind regards
Melanie Bowden



School Events

Monday 7 August

P & C Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 9 August

Surfsense Yr 2, 4 & 6

Thursday 10 August

Assembly 12.40pm
District Athletics Carnival

Friday 11 August

District Athletics Carnival

Monday 14-Friday 18 August

Dental Clinic

Monday 21-Friday 25 August

Book Week

Friday 1 September

Regional Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 5 September

Yr 6 Bakesale fundraiser

Thursday 7 September

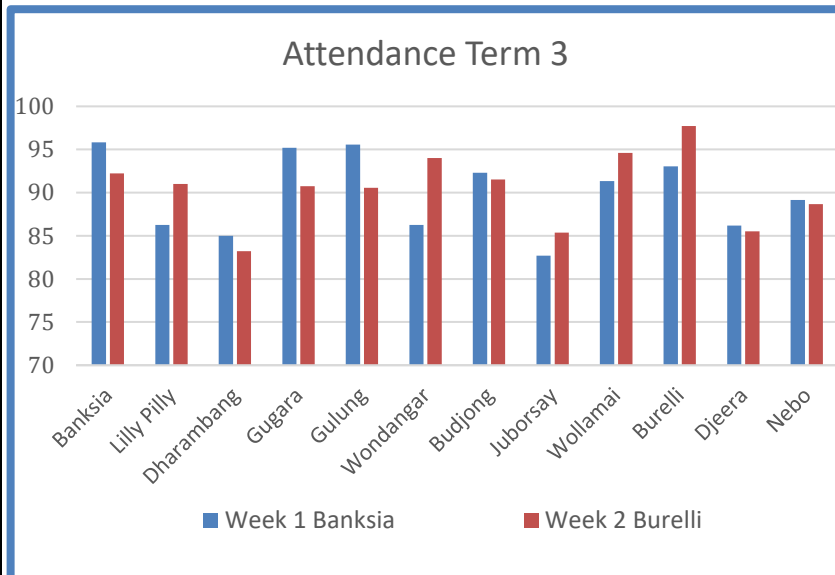
Kinder Orientation 9.30am
Assembly 12.40pm

Friday 15 September

Sport Gala Day

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Attendance Matters



It's not OK to be away

- Attendance every day at school is important for your child's progress. It helps build friendships, life-long work habits and makes sure learning takes place.
- Wherever possible, dental and medical appointments should be made out of school hours.
- If your child is absent from school, please contact the school or write a brief note to explain your child's absence. You must state the reason why your child has been absent, eg type of illness or reason for leave. Saying my child "was away" is not good enough.
- **An explanation must be provided to the school within 7 days of an absence.**

First Nations News Term 3 Week 3

NAIDOC week - For Our Elders Ceremony and Activities

On Thursday 20 July, Berkeley celebrated NAIDOC. Elders and community watched our First Nations students take part in several dances with Layne Brown and Uncle Peter Button on yidaki. Aunty May Button delivered a Welcome to Country and later with Uncle Peter cut the cake at the morning tea.

After the morning tea for Elders and community, students took part in four rotating activities learning how to make Johnny cakes, played Indigenous games with help from Illawarra Sports High First Nations students, learnt Dharawal names for plants and animals in our four school murals and made animals from local Dharawal Dreaming story 'Goon Na Ghun and Wondangar'.

Stockland Shellharbour Surfboard painting with Rob Naylor

Last week Rob Naylor, a local First Nations artist worked with Djeera students to paint a surfboard for Education Week to celebrate 175 years of education. It will be on display at Stockland Shellharbour.

Aboriginal Garden update

Matt Mackay and the Aboriginal team are looking at other proposed sites for the garden that will make it more accessible and safer for all students.

Thank you

Aboriginal Education team

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'100 Days of Kindergarten'

This week, Kindergarten celebrated a huge milestone in their first year of schooling here at Berkeley Public School. To mark this 100 days, students celebrated with lots of fun activities, dress ups and a teddy bear picnic. Thank you to parents and carers who came along to this event, and for the magnificent costumes students wore. We are so proud of our Kindergarten students and can't wait to see what the next 100 days of success will look like.



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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

WEDNESDAY 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 can't wait to meet
you!

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



FOR AGES
0-6 YEARS



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

EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:30-3:00PM

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For more information contact: John Walsh or Angela Lyons
john.walsh@bigfatsmile.com.au or 0421877300;
angela.lyons@bigfatsmile.com.au

Early literacy event

PAINT THE GONG REaD!

URNS 10!

Join BrightSpark, Billy Backpack
and our special guest star story
tellers for our annual reading
day to celebrate Book Week!
All families with children 0-5
years are invited!



STORIES,
ACTIVITIES,
READING TENTS,
MUSIC MAT,
ABORIGINAL
ART+MORE!

Thursday 17 August
9.30 - 11.30am
Warrawong Plaza
Meet at centre stage



Join us for the
Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation's
Culture and Craft Mornings
A BYO Craft Event

Have a craft that you're working on?
Want to yarn to others while you craft?

Bring your supplies for knitting, weaving,
drawing, painting, or anything else!

Where: Cultural Centre, 22 Kenny Street, Wollongong
When: between 9.15 AM - 12.15 PM on



- Saturday, 5 August
- Saturday, 2 September
- Saturday, 7 October



*No craft supplies or teaching will be supplied, just
time and space to work on personal projects



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Tickets:



MAGGIE DENT PARENTING SEMINAR

Saturday 19th August | 2:00-4:00pm

Topic: Exploring Children's Anxiety

Location: Shellharbour Civic Centre

The landscape of childhood and childhood stress is changing, and anxiety is now much more prevalent for our children.

In this seminar, Maggie Dent will explore what anxiety is and what we as parents and educators can do to help reduce anxiety and fear in today's kids.

As well as helping you better understand anxiety, Maggie will share many highly practical, helpful and simple strategies to support a calmer home or classroom and, ultimately, calmer, happier kids.

*All proceeds from event will go to Illawarra Women's Health Centre



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

SESSION TIMES

Monday to Friday

Before School Care

7:00am - 8:30am

After School Care

2:30pm - 6:00pm

CONTACT DETAILS

To enrol and make a booking please visit our website aspire-oshc.com.au

Have a question? or request a parent handbook, please contact our Program Manager Benjamin:

✉ kemblawarraps@aspire-oshc.com.au

☎ 0447 880 637

ASPIRE OSHC provide high quality care and education to school aged children at Kemblawarra 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.



Confident Carers Cooperative Kids

A Parenting Program for Parents and Carers Raising 3-12 year old Children with Problem Behaviours



Learn to increase your child's positive behaviours through:

- Mindful play & positive engagement
- Effective praise & rewards
- Effective instructions, household rules and routines
- Preventative strategies
- Managing difficult emotions



Where: Northfields Psychology Clinic, UOW

Dates: 27th July to 14th Sept 2023 (8 weeks)

Time: Thursdays @ 6 - 8pm

Cost: \$120 standard / \$60 concession

Contact: 02 4221 3747 or nfc-uow@uow.edu.au (pre-group meeting required)

Free Event for Children and Families!



Family Fun Day

In celebration of Child Protection Week

Thursday, 7th September 2023
9:30am - 11:30am

Come along to our free event in celebration of Child Protection Week. The day is a great opportunity for kids to play, learn, read and families to get more information on local agencies and the services they provide. We have fun activities, entertainment, lucky door prizes and visits from special guests!

Dapto - Dapto Mall - Cnr Princes Highway & Moomba Street, Dapto (top of escalators)
Warrarong - Warrarong Plaza - Cnr King St & Cowper Street, Warrarong (Centre Stage)
Nowra - Stockland Nowra Shopping Centre - 32/60 East St, Nowra (Centre Court)



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