

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.
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Family Maths Games and Pizza Afternoon

What a great afternoon! Thank you to all the families that came along and participated in the maths games. Who knew that their children were so clever. We look forward to our next learning afternoon.



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Principal's Message

Wow, this term has flown by! What a busy but exciting term we have had! Our staff and students have managed to fit in so many amazing learning experiences and extra activities such as performances, excursions, and activities. Thank you to our P&C who have helped us to end the week on a high with the Fun Fair Day. Our supportive P&C have charged children only \$10 for ride tickets to make it more affordable for families. This will see the P&C fund over half the cost of this day. Thank you to the team organising behind the scenes, we all say thank you for making of end of term so much fun! Please see our Facebook page for all the photos.

Last week you may have heard that we had a long black and red visitor come to our kitchen garden area. The warm weather has not just seen people flocking outside but our reptile friends too. We called Illawarra Snake Catchers to assist us with relocating the red bellied black snake, but they were unable to locate it. They will keep returning in the coming weeks to see if it returns. In the meantime, we have spoken to staff and students about keeping ourselves safe around snakes and what to do if they spot one. We think our school is opening and inclusive and the wildlife do too!

We have previously shared information about our new finance system that the school is using. The Department of Education has asked all schools to use a third-party app to manage the payments for excursions and banking we do in the office. The company we have chosen is School Bytes, an Australian based company. Online payments will look a little different from now on and there is a parent portal app that you can download to make payments and complete digital permission notes and next year complete absence notes online. Please look out for instructions on our social media pages for how to download this app.

We would like to thank you all for all your contributions and efforts over this term. Hopefully you all get a chance to recharge, spend time with families and rest and recharge for Term 4. I know in my house we enjoy sleeping in and not having to pack a lunch box each day! School commences Monday 9 October next term. The Staff Development Days will be held at the end of term next time on Monday 18 December and Tuesday 19 December.

To all our beautiful Berkeley children, stay safe, play nice with your brothers and sisters, don't annoy mum and dad too much, and have a fun break with lots of time for play and joy. See you back next term.

Kind regards
Melanie Bowden
Relieving Principal



School Events

Monday 9 October

Term 4 starts – all students return to school

Thursday 19 October

Kindergarten Orientation Session 2

Thursday 26 October

Halloween Disco

Wednesday 1 November

Kindergarten Orientation Session 3

Wed 1 – Fri 3 November

Canberra Stage 3 excursion

Tuesday 28 November

Kindergarten excursion

Thursday 7 December

Presentation Day Assembly

Mon 11 – 15 December

Swim Scheme

Wednesday 13 December

Year 6 Farewell

Friday 15 December

Year 6 Graduation

First Nations News - Term 3 Week 10

PLP Barbeque

Thank you to all the families who came to talk with teachers about their child's PLP goals on Wednesday afternoon.

School Holiday events:

During the school holidays there will be two NAIDOC celebrations

- NAIDOC Family Fun Day - Darcy Wentworth Park, Tues September 26
- IAMS NAIDOC - Dapto Showground, Wednesday October 4

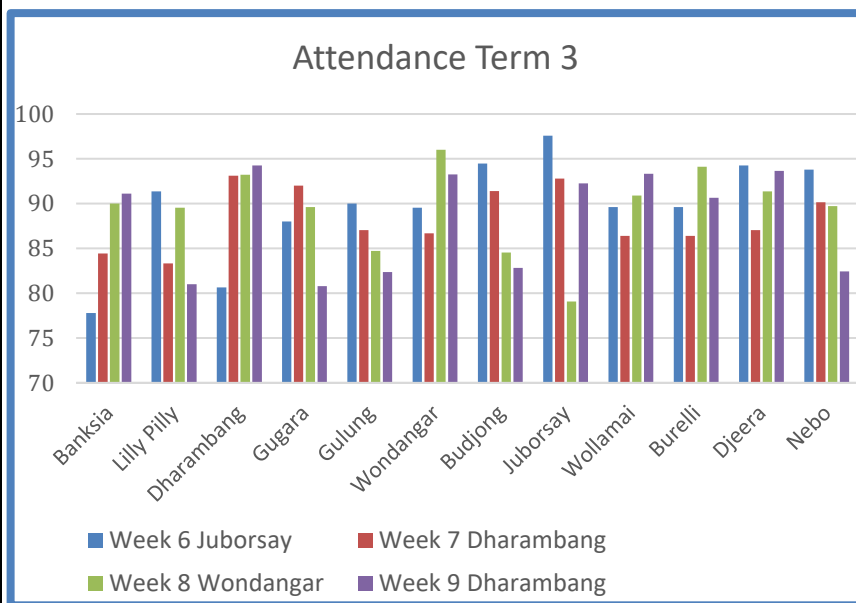
First Nations Sports Shirts

A group of First Nations students took part in a lunch time session to create designs for the sports shirt with Miss Quintal and Miss Garling. All designs created by parents and the community need to be returned to school so that a short list of designs can be created.

Aboriginal Education Team

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Attendance Matters



Be "ON TIME" to get a great start!

- Students have a chance to unpack their belongings and to play with their friends.
- Students are ready to start school with the class without being rushed or feeling frustrated.
- They are present to hear important morning announcements and the day's routine.
- Teachers and students who have already begun work are not interrupted.
- Students get into the habit of punctuality, which is important in all aspects of life.
- Arriving 20 minutes late to school each day, is the equivalent of missing 11 school days in a year.



Check-in Assessment Term 4

Years 3, 4 & 5 will participate in the Check In Assessment during Week 2. Students will participate in reading and numeracy assessments. **Students are required to bring headphones from home.**

Creating Chances Sports Day ISHS

11 & 18 October - Year 6 and some Yr 5

Year 5 Transition to High School Premier Sporting Challenge at ISHS

25 October

Week 8

School Captain 2024 Final Round candidate speeches

Tell Them From Me - Students Survey

Students in years 4-6 will complete the Tell Them From Me Survey after Tuesday 10 October. If you do not wish your child to complete this survey please fill in the opt out note that your child brings home this week.

The survey is anonymous and will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

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Regional Athletics

Well done to the athletes who participated at the recent Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra. Holly finished 5th and Natalia finished 9th in the junior girls shot put, Darnel finished 6th in the 100 metre 10 years boy final. Sailor – 11yrs girls shot put, Mana – 11 yrs boys shot put, Eli Simpson – 13 years boys 100 metre also performed well. Congratulations to all our athletes for your excellent performances and behaviour.

Crazy Hair Day and Talent Show

On Wednesday 20 May the SRC held a Crazy Hair Day and Talent Show. We would like to thank everyone for participating in our fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish-Foundation. We raised \$283.10. Everyone looked great in their crazy hair and the student performances in our talent show were amazing!





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Parent survey

We are seeking your feedback

Have
your say

Parents, guardians and caregivers are invited to take 10 to 15 minutes to participate in the **Tell Them From Me** parent survey. The survey will help us understand your perspectives on your child's school experience and will be used to make practical improvements to our school.

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to complete the survey. It is completely confidential and is available in 23 languages.

**Survey is open until
20 October 2023**



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FOR OUR ELDERS

New location! Darcy Wentworth Park
33 Carlotta Crescent, Warrawong

NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Tuesday 26 Sept 2023
10am-1pm

Celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures

For more info contact Kristy
by phone 4274 7477 or email coomaditchie@gmail.com



IAMS NAIDOC 2023

Wednesday 4th October
@ Dapto Showground from 9am

Entertainment
Yummy food
Rides
Stalls
& Whole lotta culture!



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EVENTS EXPO

PLAN YOUR ENTIRE EVENT
under one roof

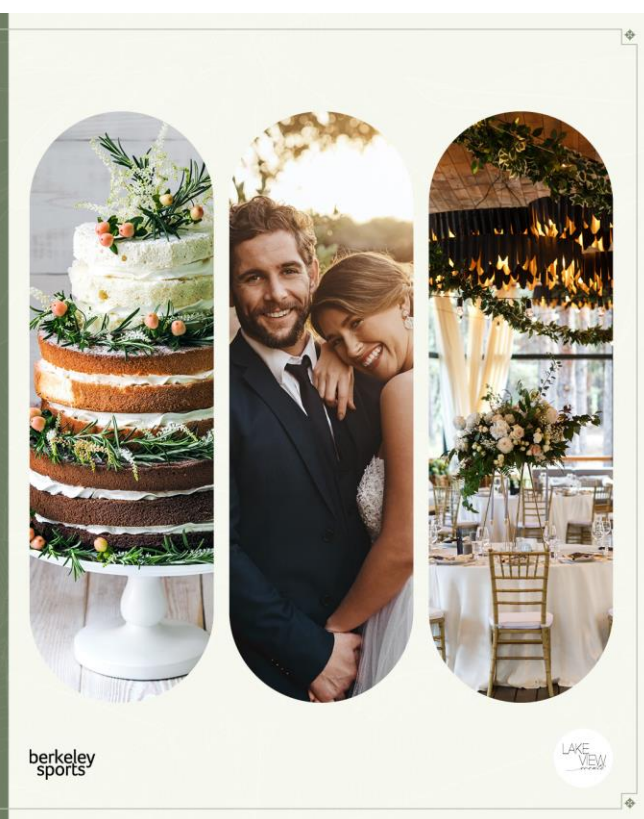
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 11AM - 3PM

LOCAL EXHIBITORS • FREE ENTRY

Vendors

All Occasion Flowers Florist • Destination Dancefloor DJ and MC
Let Us Shine for You Light up letters • Little Explorers Soft Play • Tears of Joy Celebrant
Illawarra Bridal and Formal Wedding Dresses • Illawarra Photo Booths Photo Booths
South Coast Party Hire Event Hire • Styled by Ava Designs Signage and Backdrops • and more

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