

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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.

Stage 1 Excursion Green Connect Farm



Yesterday Stage 1 went on an excursion to Green Connect Farm to learn about living things and their needs. We heard how the farm reuses and recycles to meet those needs such as the animals eating the vegetable scraps and then their waste being used to make compost.

With gumboots on we trekked through muddy paths to see vegetables growing, there were seedlings and mature plants. We fed chickens, pigs, fat-tailed sheep from Africa and goats. There were bananas hanging off trees, fruit trees and bees. It was so much fun and so interesting!



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Principal's Message

Nagangbi, hello everyone. This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week in our classrooms with this year's theme focused on 'Keep the Fire Burning. Blak, loud and proud'. Classes will be individually celebrating with activities during the week and next term our school will participate in cultural activities with Gumaraa.

This term our staff have been busy writing reports and preparing for parent teacher interviews. This term you will see some differences with the reporting format. This is because we are all now using new English & Mathematics syllabus. The other reason is that we are now using a new platform, School Bytes, which will see our report format change slightly. The reports will also be sent out to families through the School Bytes portal. If you require a paper copy, please make contact with the office and we can provide a printed copy. The interview time schedule went live on Tuesday this week and will stay open during the holidays for booking a parent teacher interview. If you need help navigating the School Bytes App please reach out for assistance. If you can't make the times provided by the teacher, contact the school. Please make sure we have your updated email addresses and that your email inbox is able to receive messages to ensure you receive updates from the school.

Students will be completing the 'Tell Them from me Survey' this week. If you do not want your child to participate in this please call the office.

Term 3 is just around the corner. Teachers will return on Monday 22 July and students return on Tuesday 23 July. Our teachers will be learning and discussing our wellbeing systems and practices, developing our 2025 School Improvement Plan and completing their CPR and Anaphylaxis training. Our school recently went through a process called External Validation, which is like receiving a report card for the school. It gives us guidance on areas we can improve upon and will guide the planning process for developing our new 2025-2027 school improvement plan. I will be reaching out to you all this year to have community input into our school directions.

I shared the exciting news with the staff and students last week that I was successful in gaining the permanent role as Principal at Berkeley PS. I am so excited that I will be staying on in this role for many years to come. I look forward to working with the staff, students and community in making this great school even greater! It has been a nice way to end the term and look forward to resting and enjoying my family after the process of merit selection takes up a lot of time.

I wish that you all have a safe and restful holiday. With so much illness circulating in the school at the moment, take the time to get well to be ready for the fun of Term 3. Next term we will be celebrating Education Week, Book Week and Science Week and this year we will be holding a book parade!

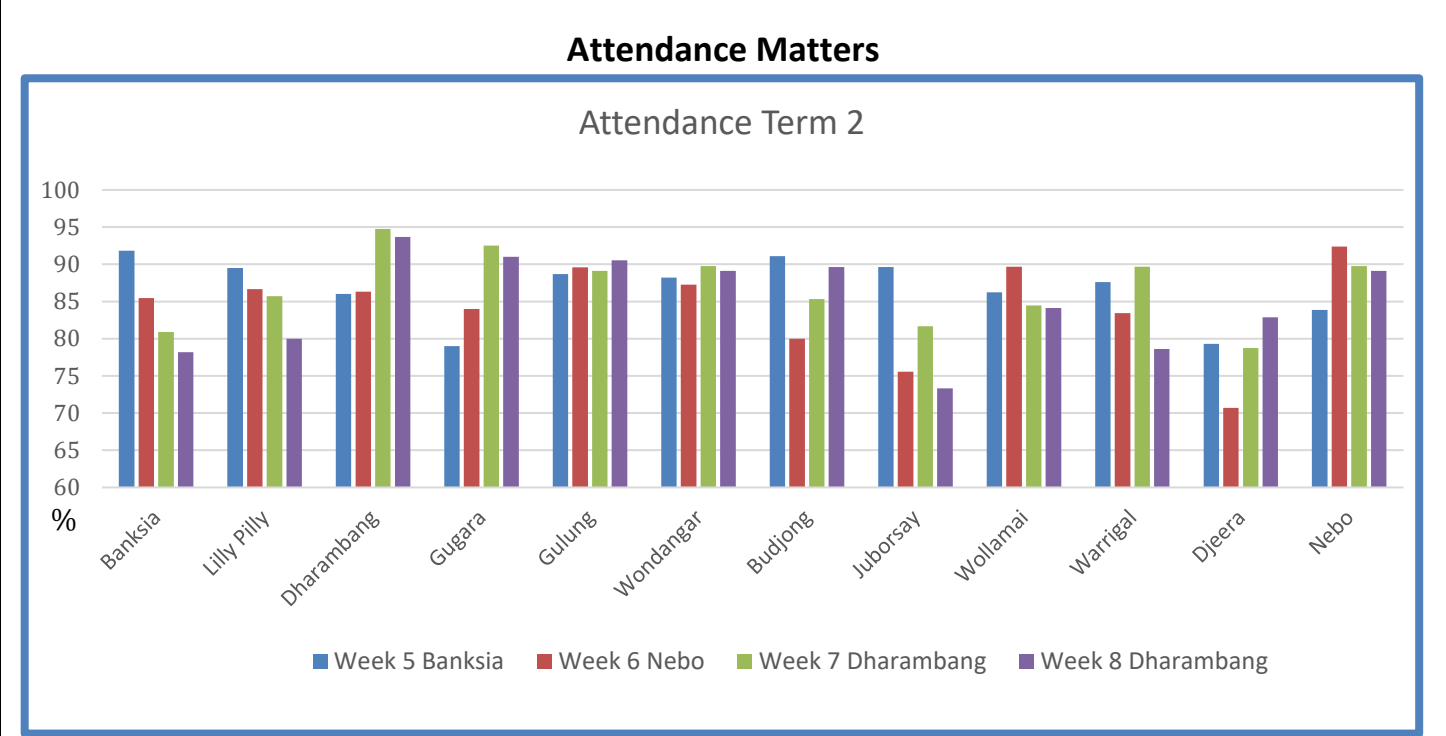
Spend time with your family, enjoy each other, have adventures, learn something new and I can't wait to come back and hear all about it after the break.

Stay safe,

Melanie Bowden
Principal



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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.

First Nations News Term 2 Week 10

NAIDOC Week

We would like to wish our First Nation Families all the best for NAIDOC Week next week. This year’s theme is ‘Keep the Fire Burning. Blak, loud and proud’. At Berkeley Public School we aim to follow the themes by listening, learning, and engaging in meaningful dialogue with community today, tomorrow and in the future always. The students will be participating in various classroom activities this week with their teachers, and we look forward to sharing these learning experiences with you throughout the week. As a whole school Berkeley PS will be celebrating NAIDOC Week in Term 3 with the support of Gumaraa and we can’t wait have community in to share and celebrate the oldest living culture in the world.

Cultural Programs

As a part of the PDP process, we have applied to run some in school Cultural Programs to support our students in understanding and celebrating their history and culture. Some programs include the Gumaraa Didgeridoo Program, Cultural Imersion Day and the Language, Art and Dance (LAD) Program. Keep an eye out for permission notes for your students. We will have more information closer to these programs starting. We can’t wait to see the students and community participate in these programs.

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Berkeley's Premier's Debating Challenge Team Round 2

On Monday, Joni, Alira, Alexis and Gabby, who are part of our debating team, had their 2nd debate against Barrack Heights Public School. It was a gripping debate to watch and exciting to see how our team were quick to think of ideas to rebutt the other team's points. They all did an amazing job, and our team was successful in winning!

Ms Thompson and Miss Janeska congratulate the team on all their efforts.

There are 2 more rounds of debates to go against Balarang's 2 team's next term.

Go team Berkeley!



Kindergarten Excursion



The Kindergarten students had their first excursion to the Discovery Space at Uni of Wollongong and the Botanic Gardens on Tuesday 25 June. All the children had a lovely day and enjoyed the fun activities



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Stage 2 Excursion Stanwell Park Beach Reserve

On Wednesday Week 8, we went to Stanwell Park. We went dip net fishing to check our environment is clean. We barely even caught anything, so the lake is not clean. After that we went bug catching! There were loads of bugs. I saw a cockroach. It was all black with a white tail. I caught a big worm. I showed it to the instructor, and I got my face painted. I was scared of the bugs. Next, we went to play with water and see how our environment is with these things; soap, sunscreen, oil and dish washing liquid. Lastly, we made habitats with sand! We had buckets to make little sandcastles. My group and I made a sandcastle with a moat. That day was the best day.

By Lorina



In Week 8 we went to Stanwell Park, and we went net fishing and bug hunting. One bug that we saw the most was a massive silverback centipede. We also went to the beach to make habitats and we got to see different animals like a saltwater crocodile. My favourite thing about the excursion was when we went bug catching.

By Logan C



KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Tuesday 9 July 2024 10am-1pm

Darcy Wentworth Park

33 Carlotta Crescent, Warrawong

Celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures

Includes St George Illawarra Dragons football clinic. Register here

Thanks to our major sponsor **SOUTH32** Illawarra Metallurgical Coal

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

This National NAIDOC Week Activity is funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency



JIRRAWICH CULTURAL CAMP / ACTIVITY DAY

- Looking for some fun for the kids to attend during the school holidays!
- Jirrawich have a camp for the kids to join as we share cultural activities and fun learning programs?
- We have limited places left on our camp/cultural activity days:

17th – 19th July (School Holidays)

Contact our page for or email rodbroad@jirrawich.com for further details.

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Lisa Dhaliwal is a Mother and Speech Pathologist who practices Montessori and Evolutionary Parenting. She is passionate about helping families find the space for children to be in nature where they can thrive.



Lisa has seen her three children's creativity and independence blossom with more time in nature from practicing screen-free living and can help you do the same.