PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The first couple of weeks of the school year have been very busy and productive. The classes have all settled in very quickly. I am particularly impressed with how well our new kindies have settled in, how confident and independent many are, and how engaged they are in their learning.

Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival was held on Friday 9th February and what a great day was had by all. The competitor’s showed great sportsmanship and perseverance whilst our spectators showed their support by cheering their team mates on. My thanks to Mrs Ruzzene and Mrs Hollick for co-ordinating such a great day.
District Swimming Carnival
The school has entered a number of our students in the district carnival. These swimmers were chosen on their times and will compete against all the Southern Wollongong schools at Berkeley Pool on Friday 20th February.
Good luck to all these swimmers. I am confident that they will be great ambassadors for our school.

Parent Information Sessions
These sessions have commenced this week and will continue throughout next week. This is an important meeting as parents can meet their child’s teacher, and each teacher can explain the working of the class explaining routines, organisation and expectations.
If you were unable to attend please ensure you receive an information sheet from your child’s teacher. Each child should bring an information sheet home.

2015 School Leaders
On Monday a special assembly was held to officially induct our new 2015 School Leaders, and present them with their new badges, which they have been wearing with pride.
It was great to see so many parents and relatives there to show their support.
All the students elected are a great group of kids and I am looking forward to working with them.
Our school leaders are:

Captains
Samuel Nicholls and Emerson Dockett

Vice Captains
Dylan Teixeira and Emily Vaughan

Senior SRC
5/6H Piper Missingham, Zac Ford, Trenton Dema and Brody Dean
5/6T Remi Morgan and Madison Hart
5/6B Harmony Langley

SRC

Sports
Kendal Mya Krstevski and Jay Thomas

Captains
Lawson Shayli Collins and Nicholas Pozzer
McKellar Remi Morgan and Zac Ford
Paterson Taleah Parisi and Ruben Longley

Change of Date - School Development Day
Our school, along with Berkeley West, Farmborough Road, Warrawong and Woonona East will be joining together on Thursday 2nd April for our staff development day (Pupil Free).
This means that students do not come to school on Thursday 2nd April. They start their Easter break one day earlier but then return to school in Term 2 one day earlier than most other schools, on Monday 20th April.
This is a change of routine for this year only and has been organised for some whole school Professional Learning for teachers on Visible Learning. During the day the staff will be looking at research done on how, we, as teachers can maximize students’ learning. Please contact the school, as soon as possible, if these arrangements cause concerns.
Student Information
Forms have been sent home with your children for the updating and collection of data regarding photos being used at school and any changes to student details. Please ensure you fill these in and return as soon as possible.

Parents Approaching Students
A reminder that no parent should directly approach another person’s child within the school grounds. If there are any issues between your child and another child, and you have concerns please see their class teacher or myself. Under no circumstances should you approach the other child.

P & C AGM
The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant.

Absences for Holidays During School Time
Previously if your family was going on holidays during school time you could apply for exemption from school and this period of time was not counted as an absence. This no longer applies. Exemptions cannot be applied for as the DEC is trying to encourage families to take vacations during school holiday periods. Please be aware that any periods of time away from school on holidays will now be counted as an absence on the roll.

Road Safety Issues Around the School
A number of parents are breaking rules at school to drop off and pick up their students, and also parking their cars illegally whilst waiting for their children after school. This is very dangerous and puts all students and family members at risk.

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal

Celebrate Attendance: Hints and Tips
No. 2 Teaching Good Habits

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after young children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at schools is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when teachers explain new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.

PARENT TIPS
SMART FOODS TO BOOST LEARNING

At a glance

- If you want your child to think more clearly, give them a breakfast high in protein such as eggs and milk.
- Mother Nature is full of foods that help children and adults think and feel better.
- Exercise is good for thinking because it supplies oxygen to the brain.
- Avoid white squishy things like chips, white bread and cakes
### TERM 1 PLANNER

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#### Year 6 - High School Enrolment Applications

All Year 6 students should have received a High School enrolment application titled 'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school 2016.' The application form will state the designated local school for your child based on your address. Further information and details on how to complete the form, along with due dates, will be sent home with the enrolment form. This is an exciting time for Year 6 and we encourage students and their parents to attend open nights held at your preferred High Schools. Information regarding the open night for our local feeder high school, Illawarra Sports High, can be found in this newsletter.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's application to High School please contact the school and speak to your child's teacher or Mrs McGee.

All notes need to be returned by Friday 13th March.

Kind Regards

Miss M Bourne
Assistant Principal – Stage 3

### BULLYING

#### 3 Step Bully Program

1. Say “STOP! I don't like it”. Walk away.
2. Repeat, “Stop it, or I will tell the teacher.”
3. Tell the teacher in a calm way.

We will not tolerate any bullying at Berkeley Public School. These steps are displayed in every classroom and all teachers have spoken to their classes and are aware of the processes we use.
Berkeley Public School
Merit System

10 Certificates = Super level ribbon

20 Certificates = Tremendous level ribbon

30 Certificates = Awesome level ribbon

40 Certificates = Radical level ribbon and medallion

Awards will be achievable in a stage (2 year) cycle. Students who reach 40 certificates in the stage cycle will be awarded a medallion. If they attain another 40 certificates they will be awarded a stage badge.
ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
SUPPORTING EXCELLENT ATHLETES THROUGH EDUCATION

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TERM 1 WEEK 4
19 FEBRUARY 2015

BLUE AND WHITE

ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL allows students to combine both education with their love of sport.

The Talented Sports and Development Program offers many opportunities that do not exist at other comprehensive high schools.

- Hockey league, Rugby Union, Football (soccer) Netball, Track and field, Basketball, Squash, Netball, Volleyball, Surfing, Tennis
- Exclusive sports High and Delta Level competitions, such as IGA Schoollov Cup
- Fully qualified, high quality, external coaching during school hours
- Access to fully equipped strength and conditioning facility as well as personal training sessions
- Exclusive pathways with the University of Wollongong and THS
- Partnership with Physiotherapy
- Teacher Academic Mentor to ensure that schoolwork is the main focus
- Career Leadership Program
- Targeted Academic Program
- Years 7 to 10 Academic Challenge and Excellence Program
- Also admits to out-of-district students.

Students applying for the selective sports program around the Year 8 Trials Day on Tuesday 10th March, 2015.
8.30am to 12.30pm

See primary school or contact ISES for permission notes and info.

Community Preschools
- Warrawong • Port Kembla

Warrawong Community Preschool: 0-5 year olds
Open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 6.30pm
99 Shellharbour Road, Port Kembla

Port Kembla Community Preschool: 2-5 year olds
Open Monday to Friday from 7.00am to 6.00pm
Church Street and Military Road, Port Kembla

Community-owned and not-for-profit, we have served children and families with distinction since 1981. We are industry leaders in children’s education and care.

Port Kembla Junior Football

Early Wintonworth Park, Warrawong

If you are interested in playing soccer call
Chef on 0406809040

Give Hockey A Try
Junior Gala Day, 21st Feb
Always wanted to try hockey??
Come along to Figderra Hockey Clubs fun day & give it a go. Meet some other kids & see if you would like to play with our club this season.

Ages 9-18
10.00 - 11.30 am
ICU Hockey Stadium
Waples Rd, Unanderra
Bring: mouthguard, shin pads & a stick (if you have one)
Supplied: BBQ & Drinks, stick if you need one
www.facebook.com/FigderraHockey

Call Jane: 0422764229 or Sherree: 0421985421

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What is Community Carnival about?
Our school recently had a visit from the St George Illawarra Dragons Adam Bezzina and NRL Development staff to talk to our students about the importance of healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

The Dragons players and staff shared key social messages with our pupils, focusing on healthy eating habits, nutrition, regular physical activity, appropriate levels of sleep and mental health. Our school is one of almost 100 schools the Dragons and NRL will see between 9th and 27th February, engaging with close to 30,000 students from Narooma in the south to Arncliffe in the north.

If you would like to find your local rugby league club visit PlayNRL.com for everything you need to get started in Rugby League.
SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are NO APOLOGIES for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children’s lives at risk. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:

**NO STOPPING**
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.
(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

**NO PARKING**
You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must stay within three metres of our vehicle. You must not stop for more than two minutes.
(Penalty: exceeds $170 + two demerit points)

**BUS ZONE**
You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.
(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

**CHILDREN’S CROSSING**
You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing
(Penalty: exceeds $410 + two demerit points)

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked at the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.
(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU

Please do not stop to drop off children at the crossing or on the corners of the surrounding streets.