Dear Parents and Carers

District Swimming
Congratulations to the 26 swimmers who represented Berkeley Public School at the Southern Wollongong District Swimming Carnival on Friday 20th February. All students were well behaved and gave their best effort on the day.

What a wonderful experience to represent your school at such a level. Special congratulations go the following students:
Emerson Dockett – Senior Girl’s Champion
Nicholas Pozzer – Seniors Boy’s Champion

Berkeley Public School was place 2nd overall at the carnival behind Port Kembla P.S.
18 of these students have moved up to the next level and will be competing in the Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto on Friday 6th March. Good Luck to all these participants and once again congratulations for reaching this level.

Lost Property
There are lots of jumpers, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles in lost property. If your child has lost any of these items, can you please go and have a look in the lost property.

Canteen
A reminder that our school canteen will NOT be open tomorrow, Friday 6th March. Students need to bring all their food from home.

Library
Our remodelled library looks fantastic and there are lots of new books for our students to borrow. Please remind your child to bring in their library bags on their library day. If they do not have a library bag, they can bring in a plastic bag as their library bag.
I would love to see all children using our library and borrowing books weekly!

Attention Year 6 Students
Wollongong High School of Performing Arts audition applications close Friday 6th March 2015.

Photo Day
Tuesday 10th March is the school Photo Day. Can all students please wear their summer uniform.

Debating Workshop
Mrs Clegg and eight Year 6 students attended a debating workshop at the University of Wollongong last Monday. Our students were spectators, watching high school students debating and learning about the process of debating. They then attended various workshops developing their skills in debating.
Congratulations to Mrs Lyons (formerly Ms Sciberras) who was married on Saturday 14th February. We wish the newly married couple all the best. Mrs Lyons will be working with 1/2N for the remainder of the term as Mrs Newton had to undergo shoulder surgery. We wish Mrs Newton a speedy recovery and look forward to her return in Term 2.

Harmony Day
On Friday 20th March we will be celebrating Harmony Day to acknowledge all the different cultures that co-exist harmoniously in Australia. On this day students can come to school wearing something orange.

School Cross Country
The Primary School Cross Country will be held on Thursday 19th March at Wollamai Point commencing at 12pm. Year 2 students turning eight this year are also invited to participate.
K-2 Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 24th March in the school oval. Parents are invited to come along and cheer their children on.

Dogs in School
Just a reminder that due to health and safety reasons, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Absences
To assist the school in maintaining accurate attendance reports, the following information for parents is important.
It is a legal requirement that all students are to attend school for full days, being present at the beginning of the school day for commencement of lessons. If any students are absent for a full, or part day, a written note is legally required to explain the absence. The process of sending a note to school upon return to school is the correct method of explaining an absence.
It is a legal requirement that parents accompany their children to the office to sign the forms when they are late to school, or if you wish to pick your child up early from school for a particular reason. A part day leave form needs to be completed at the school office.

Absence Notification Forms have been sent home today.

P & C
The Annual P & C AGM was held on Monday evening and all positions were declared vacant.
The 2015 P & C Committee is:
President Raz Duarte
Vice President Sladjana Cachia
Treasurer Kosta Stevceski
Vice Treasurer Dee Milosevski
Secretary Sonia Cachia
Vice Secretary Serije Dema

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.

School Vision
As discussed at Mondays P & C meeting our School Vision has been revised. I’m pleased to present to you Berkeley Public Schools’ Vision for the direction of our school and students.

Our Vision is to provide a safe, supportive environment where students develop self-confidence, resilience, establish high expectations and a love for learning.

We will foster an inclusive culture of tolerance and respect, enabling students to become positive and valued members of society.

Have a great fortnight

Vicky McGee
Principal
**School Attendance**

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, and staying home on birthdays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

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**It’s not OK to be away**

**It’s not great to be late**

A reminder that schools commences at 9.00am.

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**Parent Tips**

**Removing head lice and nits**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

## 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. 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

### Make Each Morning Count

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It is well known that children who eat breakfast everyday are more receptive to learning.

### 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.
Debating Report
By Emerson and Emily

On the 23rd of February, eight Stage 3 students were chosen to go to the University of Wollongong Debating Competition. We were able to experience what debating is like and participate in different workshops. The debates that we watched were very interesting and some of the topics included Harry Potter, The Hunger Games and more. It was a great opportunity and a fun experience.
Illawarra Sports High School allows students to combine their education with their love of sport. The Talented Sports and Development Program offers many opportunities that do not exist at other comprehensive high schools.

- Rugby league, Rugby Union, Football (soccer), Netball, Track and Field, Basketball, Girls All codes (RL, RU, Touch, Cricket), Baseball, Surfing, Tennis
- Exclusive Sports High only and Elite Level competitions such as GIO Schoolboy 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 TAFE
- Partnership with Physiotherapist
- Teacher Academic Mentors to ensure that schoolwork is the main focus
- Sports Leadership Program
- Targeted Academic Program
- Years 7 to 10 Academic Challenge and Excellence Program
- Rail Shuttle for out of area students.

Students applying for the selective sports program attend the Year 6 Trials
Day on Tuesday 10th March, 2015.
8.30am to 12.30pm

See primary school or contact ISHS for permission
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 $5410 + 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.

*Attention Parents*
When returning notes to school could you please use a new note for each child, not multiple children on one note. Also, if you are missing any notes, you can now find them on the school web page: [http://www.berkeley-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home](http://www.berkeley-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home), in the NEWSLETTERS AND NOTES tab.
BERKELEY NETBALL CLUB

Berkeley Netball Club can still take more players in the following ages, players turning 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 years before 31 December 2015. New players must have proof of birth. Training is on Tuesdays at 4.15pm, at Berkeley Netball courts. For more information phone 42712041 or email club at geraldineevry@outlook.com

FLIPOUT

Warrawong indoor trampoline arena

247 Shellharbour Road Warrawong (inside the Kemblawarra Business Park)
p: 4274 0730 e: warrawong@flipout.net.au

* Now offering Little Ninja Classes - We train to achieve the following: balance, co ordination, agility, left and right motor receptors helping the child react faster to prevent accidents. Only $12/class for term signup or $15/class casually. Registration fee of $30 applies which includes Ninja T-Shirt. Suitable for ages 3 through to 13.

* Mums n Bubs - Perfect way for parents to spend some bonding time with their child on the trampolines together. $15 for an hour includes both parent and child, and a FREE award winning Karmee coffee (weekdays between 9am and 3pm. Open to children 5 and under)

* After Dark - Come down after 5pm to enjoy the latest music and sensational light show while having fun on our trampolines and foam pit

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!!!