PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our families to the 2016 school year at Berkeley Public School. A special welcome to our new students from other schools and their families. You have come to a great school.

Also a big welcome to our new 2016 kindergarten children and families.

I would also like to welcome new staff members to our school. Ms Batley who is the Stage 2 Assistant Principal, and teachers Ms Bonney and Mr Dobinson.

Kindergarten
We were very excited to meet all our 69 kindergarten students who commenced “big school” today.

The kindergarten students have all completed their Best Start Assessments and will be together, as a large group until Friday 5th February. They will start in their new 2016 class on Monday 8th February.

2016 Classes
Our enrolment numbers as of today are 341 students.

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School Learning Support Officers
Mrs Edwards, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Stephenson Ms Clifford, Mr Luke McKay and Mr Jarrod McKay

General Assistant
Mr Coomb (Tues and Thur)

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.

School Events
This Fortnight…

Monday 8th February
11.45am Assembly

Tuesday 9th February
ISHS Staff visit Stage 3

Friday 12th February
School Banking resumes

Tuesday 16th February
Induction Assembly
Running Club 8.30am

Thursday 18th February
District Swimming Carnival Berkeley Pool
Meet the Teacher Information Sessions
All teachers will be holding an information session for their class. Parents are invited to come and meet their child/children’s 2016 teacher, find out about class routines, homework expectations and programs they will be running throughout the year. Information regarding times and dates will be coming home shortly.

2016 Leaders
House meetings were held last week where sports captains were elected. Our sports leaders are:
   Kendall   Logan Dungay and Ruby Mejia
   Lawson    Aleks Naumoski and Abii De Jesus
   McKellar  Jayden Le and Sierra Sulevski
   Paterson  Josh Minos and Anastasia Maneva

SRC
Classes are in the process of electing an SRC representative for their class.

Induction Assembly
We will be holding our Induction Assembly on Tuesday 16th February at 9.15am, where our 2016 school leaders; Noah Duarte, Emma Whitton, Austin Trevisanut and Lily Bugden, Sports Captains and SRC representatives will be officially acknowledged by the school community and will receive their badges.

Picking Up Early, Dropping Off Late
A reminder to all parents and carers if you need to take your child from class early, you must come to the office first and sign them out.

*Signing children out from school for an ‘early mark’ is not a legitimate reason under attendance guidelines. Please only sign children out early if there is a need, eg. Doctors Appointment.*

Also, parents need to report to the office and sign their child in if they are running late. Children should NOT be reporting to the front office by themselves. This is a legal requirement and is recorded in school rolls.

It is also very important that children bring in an absentee note when they return to school after being absent. Absentee booklets are available in the office and will also be sent home with your child in the near future.

Also all emergency contact details need to be updated. Information sheets will be sent home soon with your child. Please return them as soon as possible. *Thank you for your support.*

Wollongong Academically Gifted Class – Year 5 Only
Applications close Friday 5th February.
All year 5 students were given information about the Gifted and Talented Class. The aim of the academically gifted program is to provide enrichment for academically gifted students to assist them to optimize their learning, social and thinking skills.

Interested students are asked to complete the expression of interest slip and return to school by Friday 5th February.

P & C – New Starting Time
The P & C will be starting at a new time of 6.00pm as from their next meeting.
They will be holding their AGM meeting on Monday 7th March at 6.00pm. You are all invited to attend and support the school.

School Mosaic Panels
During the holidays Mr Coomb mounted on the old hall, the 13 mosaic panels depicting our local area over a period of one hundred years. They look amazing. Please come and have a look. We also had a “kitchen” installed where our students can prepare “healthy meals” with the variety of vegetables and herbs grown in the vegetable garden.
Can’t wait to do some tasting!

Reminders
*Sport on Fridays – Children may wear their sports uniform. Hats must be worn every day.*
*Uniform Shop – Open Tuesday and Friday between 8.45 and 9.15am.*
*Breakfast Club – Starts on Monday 8th February. It will open every morning at 8.30am. Thanks again to Mrs Clifford for volunteering her time.*
*Please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher if there are any concerns. Teachers on duty are in the playground to supervise children.*

Have a great fortnight
Vicky McGee
Principal
Skoolbag App keeps you update with the latest news via push notifications. Never miss an event or newsletter again.

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone, Windows and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name Berkeley Public School in either the Apple App Store, Windows store or Google Play Store.

Or check out the Skoolbag live feed here on our website.

OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SKOOLBAG

2016 School Bus Information

Your child may be eligible for free subsidized travel on public transport between home and school, as part of the School Student Transport Scheme.

From Term 1 2016 Transport NSW will be issuing School Opal Cards to students eligible to travel. Most parents, guardians and students won’t need to apply for a School Opal Card if they have already been given a student travel pass, and will automatically receive a School Opal Card in 2016.

For more information visit:

http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students

or ask for information available from the school.

UNIFORM SHOP

We are now located at the top end of the school in Block H, the last building on the left before the back playground.

Opposite Kindergarten rooms.

Berkeley Public School Uniforms

Winter

Opening Hours
Tuesday and Friday
8.45 – 9.15am
Illawarra Sports High School will be hosting a Year 5 / 6 Expo Night on Monday 15th February starting at 6pm in the school hall. Come along, speak to the teachers and find out what our great school has to offer. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts**

Selected Auditions – 2015 for Year 7 Placement – 2017

Applications can now be submitted for a place at WHS in 2017. Applications must be returned to Wollongong High School by Friday 4th March 2016.

Application forms can be collected from the School Office.
Berkeley Sports Football Club

2016 Junior Registration Day
Saturday 30th January
Berkeley Sports and Social Club (On the ground) 10am - 2pm

All players welcome!

Berkeley Sports FC would also like to give every parent the chance to win back their child’s registration fee. How? Simply register online and pay BEFORE Saturday 30th January 2016 and go into the draw to registration win back your fee. For more details head to berkeleyfootball.org

Registration Days

Saturday 30th January 10am to 2pm
Tuesday 2nd February 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Val Curran Centre, Berkeley Netball Courts
Hooka Creek Rd
First training and extra registrations Tuesday 9th February 4.00pm
New players must bring proof of birth date
For more information phone Gerry on 42712041 or email geraldineevry@outlook.com
Berkeley Eagles Junior Rugby League Club

Chairman: Howard Burgess

Senior President: Richard Ford
Junior President: Daniel Jopp
Senior Secretary: Paul Morris
Junior Secretary: Peter Hartnett

Hi There, want to play Rugby League this year?
The Berkeley Sports Eagles Junior Rugby League Club is looking for young players from Under 6s right through to Under 17s for the season 2016. So if you would like to play we would really like to see you.
Registration is FREE, with a $30 fund raising levy per player. This includes a free club singlet. If your parents are members or choose to become a member of Berkeley Sports Club the fundraising levy will be only $20 per player. The fundraising levy will go towards our fundraising efforts for 2016.

Registration Day will be on Saturday 27th February 2016 at the Berkeley Sports Club from 11am to 1pm. If you cannot make this day registration can still be done at Berkeley Park in Burke Way, Berkeley (Behind Illawarra Sports High School).
To register, your parents need to bring the following items -
Berkeley Sports Club Membership Card (if they are members)                                                                Medicare Card and Birth Certificate (very important).

Please Contact The Berkeley Sports Club on 42607000 for information on joining the Club.
If you are interested or want anymore more information contact Peter Hartnett on 0422305327 or email hartnett1961@hotmail.com.
There are exciting times ahead at the club so be a part of it.

Yours in Rugby League
PETER HARTNETT
Junior Secretary.

Have you ever wanted to have a go at BMX racing?
Feel the thrills of having a go at the newest Olympic Sport.
Well here is your chance.
Southlake/Illawarra BMX Club is the only BMX Club in the Illawarra area and is located in the CROOME ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX located on CROOME ROAD, ALBION PARK
We are having a FREE Come and Try Day.
Saturday 20th February 2016  From 10am to 1pm

We have riders ranging in age from 4yrs to 65yrs so anyone can come and have a go.
For safety reasons all participants must wear a FULL FACE HELMET, gloves, long pants, long sleeved top, shoes and socks.
Please bring a road worthy bike with working brakes.
We will have limited helmets and gloves available to use or you can bring your own.
Full canteen facilities will be available.
For all enquires contact
Andrea Dallinger 0418 245 268
Russell Robeille 0411 645 644
Tim Robson 0450 095 150

Dapto Specsavers is having a FREE children’s vision screening testing day on Saturday 13th February, between 9.00am and 3.00pm.
OUR Mosaics
Term 1 2016 swimming will commence on Monday 1st February and run weekly until Monday 4th April 2016.

Cost is $11 per lesson per child and concessions are available if required.

The lessons will be held in North Wollongong in a heated pool.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4276 1229. My office hours are Monday and Thursday 11am – 4pm.