PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The term has begun very smoothly thanks to the hard work of all the staff. All students are very settled in their new classes and are always engaged in their learning whenever I visit the classrooms.
The kindies continue to be an absolute delight, looking fantastic in their new uniforms and enjoying their learning time in the class and their play time in the playground. I must also thank all the Year 6 buddies who gave up their lunchtimes to help the new kindies settle into big school. Much appreciated!!!

Meet the Teacher
Over the next week classroom teachers will be presenting an information session to parents explaining how your child’s classroom operates. This is a good opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, and find out about upcoming excursions, units of work covered in class, homework and special programs that may be happening throughout the year.
If you have any individual matters you wish to discuss, it may be best to arrange another appointment time with your child’s teacher.

Volunteers
If parents and carers have any spare time during their day you are most welcome to come and help in your child’s classroom with reading and numeracy programs, or during sport time. A current working with children check is now a requirement for people who volunteer in schools.
These forms and relevant information are available from the front office.

Scripture
Scripture classes commenced yesterday. Students were placed in scripture classes based on the information provided on enrolment forms. Students in Year 1 to 6 were placed in the same scripture class as last year.

Uniforms
I would like to complement the students on how fantastic they look in their school uniforms and also thank all parents for sending their children to school looking so smart. Berkeley students are often complemented on their appearance by members of the community whenever they are representing their school.
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Mackellar House who were the champion house at the 2016 Swimming Carnival. Also, congratulations to the 23 swimmers who are competing at the District Swimming Carnival at Berkeley Pool today.

Approaching Children
If you have any concerns about your child in relation to any other child in our school, please see your class teacher or if the need arises, myself.
It is against Departmental policy for any parent to approach a child, other than their own.
This is an extremely serious concern and I trust that everyone will abide with these guidelines.

P & C Meeting
The P & C will be holding their AGM meeting on Monday 7th March at the new time of 6.00pm in the staffroom.
Please come along to support your school.

Leadership Team
Congratulations to our 2016 leadership team. I look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

School Captains:  Noah Duarte and Emma Whitton
Vice Captains:  Austin Trevisan and Lily Bugden
SRC Students:  Aleks Naumoski, Dakota Sansone, Jett Pertovt, Keiran Stevceski, Abi De Jesus, Anastasia Maneva, Emma Fraser, Sierra Sulevski, Bradley Wilman, Monique Paronetto, Bree-Anne Andersen, Riley Steen, Keira Vaughan, Anthony Stevceski Micah Leimbach, Seth McAllister, Natalia Cachia, Deni Dimov, Libby Myles, Liam Nyers Saunders

House Captains:  Kendall – Logan Dungay, Emma Whitton Lawson – Aleks Naumoski, Abbi De Jesus MacKellar - Jayden Le, Sierra Sulevski Paterson – Josh Minos, Anastasia Maneva

Have a great fortnight.
Vicky McGee
Principal
## STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for recent excellence.

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### PARENT TIPS

**Building your child's reading skills**

Here are some simple tips to encourage your child to become a strong reader and a book lover for the rest of their lives.

#### Share a book at home

Children love to hear a story read aloud. Try reading with different voices, lots of emotion, invented sound effects and funny faces. Change the tone in your voice and vary its loudness or softness. Have fun and enjoy it.

It’s a good idea to practice reading before sharing a book. Listen to your child talk about the story and the pictures. Try asking your child which parts of the books they found exciting, funny or different.

#### Research the internet

When kids use the internet they need skills and knowledge that are different from those found in books and other printed materials. These skills include such things as links, images, icons and searching.

The internet is a wonderful resource for finding things to support your child’s literacy development. If you are searching for a good book to read to your child, try entering a publisher or an author’s name into a reliable search engine such as Google.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Celebrate Attendance: Hints and Tips No. 1

Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – too provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

1. It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days.
2. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences.
3. It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations.
4. It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school.

If you have difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child’s absence, please contact the school Principal.
Stage 3 Bathurst Camp – Expressions of Interest Due

Just a reminder that ‘Expression of Interest’ notes and payment for the Stage 3 camp to Bathurst are due by Monday 22nd of February. We are unable to accept any notes or deposits after this date as student numbers will be confirmed with the bus company and accommodation on Monday. A final note for students attending the camp will be sent home later next week and will include the final balance of payment and a list of items to pack. If you have any questions regarding camp please contact your child’s teacher or the office staff for more information.

Parent Helpers – School Sport

We are looking for parent helpers for our Friday sport sessions for Years K-6. See the details below on the structure for each year group.

K-2 Sport
Students participate in rotational activities to build motor-skills, develop confidence in games and learn basic rules of some sports.

How you can help: Assist at activity stations and encourage students in their participation.

Years 3-6 Sport
The following sports are offered over the course of 2016: Cricket, Netball, Tennis, Soccer, Dragon Tag, AFL and T-Ball. During these sport sessions; students learn rules, strategies and skills to participate in a specific sport. Some sessions during Terms 1-3 are held at Fred Finch Park for PSSA sport.

How you can help: Assist teachers to coach a team at school/PSSA sport, assist with small groups in skill sessions and encourage students in their participation.

If you are available to help or share your expertise for any sporting activities, please see your child’s teacher or leave a message with the office staff.

What's happening in your local high school

Illawarra Sports High?

Illawarra Sports High is extremely proud of all our students and their achievements.

This week we celebrate our very own Bradley Hodges who has been chosen as NSW Junior Top Blokes Youth Ambassador.

Junior Top Blokes mentoring program is a 16 week interactive schools program for boy’s aged 14-17 that uses peer-mentoring to challenge young men to reflect on their behaviour and help them make positive life choices. They discuss issues that they themselves or fellow peers struggle with which includes risk taking, peer pressure and of course mental health.

Well done Bradley!

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 Eagles Junior Rugby League Club

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 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.

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Hooka Pt Park and Fred Finch Park Clean Up Australia Sunday 6th March

**Time:** 9am - 1pm

**Meet at:** Picnic table near Sussex & Holborn Sts carpark

*NB to register & collect bags etc*

**Bring:** yourself & family (all kids need a supervising adult with them), gloves, sturdy shoes/gumboots, hats, sunscreen, water etc. & strong wheelbarrow if you have one please

*Even if you can manage only half hr, please come, it all helps.*

We have registered with Clean up Australia and have the support of Wollongong City Council and WCC Neighbourhood Forum.
**ITALIAN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

ITALIAN CLASSES
MONDAY AFTERNOONS
4.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Classes run during school terms
FOR STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 12
Northern suburb of Wollongong

COST PER LESSON
$10 FOR FIRST CHILD
$8 FOR SECOND CHILD
$5 FOR THIRD CHILD
FREE FOR FOURTH CHILD

REGISTRATION FOR TERM 1 IS ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016 - 4pm to 5.30pm.
CLASSES START ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2016

IATI INC.
28 STEWART STREET
WOLLONGONG
PHONE: 4225 1144
EMAIL: iati@speedlink.com.au

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**Save the Date**

**Lymphoedema INFORMATION DAY & AGM**

DATE: Saturday 19 March 2016
TIME: 8:30am - 4:00pm
VENUE: Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93-103 Princes Highway, Dapto
COST: Members $25 Non-Members $35

**PROGRAM**

GUEST SPEAKERS
- Professor Neil Pillar
- Professor Phil Clingham
- Dr Desmond McGee
- Dr Helen Mackie
- Sandy Kent-Exim
- Elizabeth Petersen
- Andrea Mangion
- Jan Hunter

There will be concurrent programs for consumers and healthcare providers.

**REGISTRATION**

Full registration details will be posted on the Lymphoedema Support Group of NSW Inc. website www.lymphoedemapsupport.com in the next couple of months.

To become a member of the Lymphoedema Support Group of NSW Inc. go to http://www.lymphoedemapsupport.com/contact-us.php

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**REGISTER TO PLAY FOOTBALL**

TO FIND A CLUB
Visit www.footballsouthcoast.com

REGISTRATION
Online via myfootballclub.com.au

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GEORGE STREET, BERKELEY, 2506 | P 42711171 | E BERKELEY-P.SCHOOL@DET.NSW.EDU.AU
This year we'll be registering teams from U6’s (need to be turning 5 or 6 this year) through to U9s (8 turning 9 this year). Whether it is a potential player who hasn’t played before and wants to try it out, or if it’s a player from another club who wants to try somewhere different, we’re interested to speak to them.

Please contact Lence Leimbach on 0413 510 942 or you can register at www.myfootballclub.com.au/

Let’s Look at Lunches
Inspiration for fresh, fast & budget friendly lunchboxes from your local health service

Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly e-newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. Our school encourages healthy lunchboxes so we recommend you subscribe if you haven’t already. The feedback has been amazing! All you need to do is send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com, or
- Text to 0429 033 517, or
- click here

You can also follow us on Instagram @lookatlunches. We look forward to sharing ideas!

TECHTAH RUGBY UNION FAMILY REGISTRATION IS FREE.
SIGN UP AT TRAINING EVERY THURSDAY 5:30-6:30
Wollongong TAFE, Saunder’s Oval, Foleys Lane, North Wollongong
Have fun, make friends and be active. Get into Rugby Boys and Girls.
Under 5’s to 7’s two handed touch to prepare for tackle from Under 8’s up.
Call Dan Read 0414 628 926 or Paul Jeremijenko 0413 268 007 for more information.
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.