



# BERKELEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## From The Principal's Desk

### Upcoming Events

#### Everyday- School starts at 8.55am!

**Wed 18 Nov-** Yr 6 High School Experience Day for all Year 6 students going to Illawarra Sports High in 2021 who are not involved in the Targeted Sports program- permission note required- no cost- free bus to and from high school from Berkeley West PS - parent info via Zoom

**Thurs 19 Nov-** Kindergarten orientation visit #2- (More detailed information has been sent to new Kinder families)

**Thurs 19 Nov-** 2.10pm 2021 prospective Captain and Prefect speeches via Zoom- parents can watch at-  
<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69030107313?pwd=SEdUdGtXdtTVKWVWV3UkJPdEt5U3ZVdz09>

(Note- parents will need to download Zoom and register for a Zoom account before they can join the room.)

**Fri 20 Nov-** 2021 Captain & Prefect elections at school via Zoom

**Fri 27 Nov-** P&C Christmas raffle mufti day- students may be out of school uniform today in exchange for a gold coin to support the 2020 P&C Christmas raffle

**Tues 1 Dec-** Yr 6 High School Experience Day for all Yr 6 students going to Illawarra Sports High in 2021 who ARE INVOLVED in the Talented Sports Development Program- parents to transport their children to and from high school

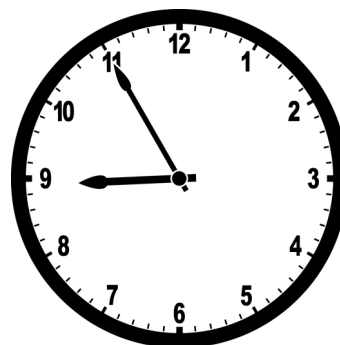
**Tues 1 Dec-** Yr 6 High School orientation day for any Year 6 students attending Warrawong High School in 2021

**Tues 1 Dec-** 3.15pm P&C meeting in the school community room- all welcome- COVID safe measures in place

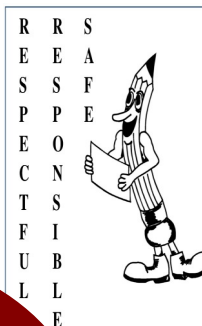
**Wed 2 Dec-** 2.30pm School assembly via Zoom- parents able to watch via BWPS Community Zoom Room- see link above

**Mon 7 Dec-** Swimming Scheme starts for Years 2 & 3 and runs for whole week

**Wed 9 Dec-** Semester 2 student reports go home



**PLEASE RESPECT THE  
HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF  
OUR STUDENTS BY NOT  
PACKING EGGS, PEANUTS  
or PRODUCTS CONTAINING  
PEANUTS IN YOUR CHILD'S  
LUNCHBOX!**



### Principal's Award

Congratulations to Nayah C-M for receiving the Principal's Award this week for being respectful, responsible and safe at school. As well as her certificate, Nayah will enjoy a \$4.00 food voucher to spend at the canteen and she will get to co-host the next school assembly with Mr Attard on Zoom!



Nice work Nayah!

### Inappropriate Behaviour on Social Media by Students

One thing schools shouldn't have to deal with is follow-up misbehaviour from students at school because of aggressive or hurtful behaviour taking place online from home. If parents are allowing their children to have social media accounts, there should be very close

monitoring of what their children are posting and who they are communicating with. How are you supervising your child's online behaviour?

If your Berkeley West child becomes the victim of any aggressive or nasty behaviour online, and has not been aggressive themselves in any way, you can screen shot what has been communicated and bring it to school for our information and possible disciplinary action. However, please note that the other child's family will also be invited to do the same if they have any evidence of inappropriate behaviour online.

If any online behaviour is seriously inappropriate, parents are advised to report matters to social media admins or if necessary the police.

### Online Enrolment Project

We are excited to announce that the new Online Enrolment System has been available to parents since Monday, 14 September 2020

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found at our school website.

### What is Numeracy?

Children develop numeracy skills when they use mathematical ideas in everyday situations. You may feel that mathematics is different from when you were at school or is taught in a different way, and you are probably right! There are still many ways that you can help and support your child at home in the development of their numeracy skills.

- Talk to your child about numbers, scores, totals, percentages, possibilities, prices, directions, weights, distances, shapes, patterns, sizes etc.
- Talk to your child's teacher about the classroom program and what you can do at home.
- Talk to your child about the mathematics they bring home from school.
- Support your child's teachers by attending parent-teacher interviews and information evenings.
- Encourage your child to ask questions like these to help them make sense of their numerate world:
- How much is there?

- Will there be enough?
- How many?
- How did you work that out?
- How do you know that?
- Does it fit?
- Is it likely to happen?
- What might happen if....?
- Which way will I go?
- How big is it?
- Could you work it out another way?

If you worked it out another way could you still get the same answer?

The strongest message is to talk to your child and to create opportunities for them to use their mathematical knowledge in a variety of situations.

### Numeracy

#### Helping your child with measuring length and area

You can help at home with your child's understanding of length and area with the following activities:

- Use modelling dough to roll out two "snakes" of different length. Talk about one snake being shorter, and the other longer
- Roll out two snakes that are the same length. Turn one into a zigzag or curved snake. Ask your child, *which snake is longer?*
- Walk around objects and talk about how many steps it takes
- Draw squiggle patterns and ask your child to colour in the "closed" areas.

### Berkeley West Supported Playgroup

Although our **free** playgroup for children 0-5 years and their parents/carers that is normally open every Friday morning during school term from 9.30-11.00am at Berkeley West Public School can't take place due to restrictions, you can still meet together outside the school grounds and go for a walk!!

Call 0448254779 if you have any enquiries.

### Attendance Cup!

Well done to 1/2C and 2S for taking out the Attendance Cup over the last two school weeks! Can your class win the cup next week? Do your bit, be at school every day!



### Keep Your Children Safe This Christmas

Christmas trees, decorations & lights, small Christmas decorations are particularly fascinating for young children. Make sure they are kept out of reach as they may pose choking hazards.

Remember that Christmas trees can tip over when tugged. Christmas lights can also pose electrical hazards for inquisitive young children.

For advice on how to make your Christmas safe call Kidsafe on (02) 9845 0890.

## School Uniform

Just a reminder that all students must wear a hat at school. Students without a hat will not be permitted to play in the open and will be restricted to shaded areas under cover only.

## Starting Kindergarten 2021

Our school has been taking kindergarten enrolments for quite a while now for 2021 and our orientation program has commenced!

If you have a child starting kindergarten next year, or know someone with a child starting kinder next year, please come to school and pick up an enrolment form. Forms can either be completed at school or taken home and dropped off later. The important thing is that we know about new students so that they can be considered for class placements in 2021.

## School Email List

If you would like to receive special announcements, news, school newsletters and other school business from time to time via email, register online at-

<https://forms.gle/8WL7cvDQeVGmCcbz6>

## Holiday planning

Holiday camps are a great way for kids—7-12 years or 13 and over—to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

## Safety around school crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.

Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an unsupervised children's crossing when 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

## Speech Pathology Services in the Illawarra

To make a referral or for more information contact Port Kembla Hospital on 4223 8044 or Kids Cottage Warilla on 4297 1022.

## Have you been SunSmart at home too?

Don't forget to help your family be SunSmart too!!

**1. Slip** on sun protective clothing with collars and

sleeves

**2. Slap** on broad brimmed hats

**3. Slop** on 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen

**4. Use shade** as much as possible

**5. Wear sunglasses** if happy to do so

Go to the Cancer Council website to find out more:



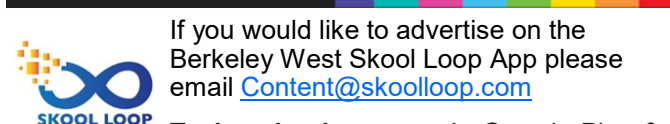
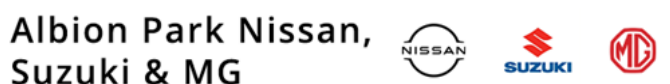
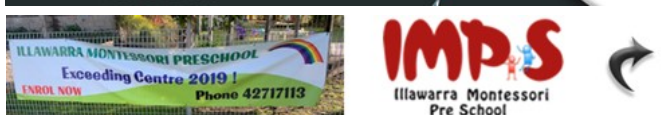
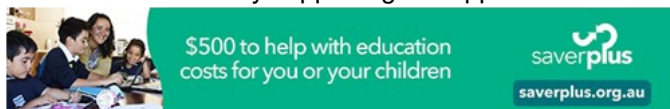
**Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer**

[www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary)

## Thankyou 'Skool Loop' App Business Sponsors

Did you know our school app, Skool Loop, does not cost us any money to use? That's because several local businesses have kindly sponsored/supported it's use in our school community.

Businesses currently supporting our app are-



**To download our app:** In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Berkeley West School once installed.

## What Works Best!

Our school is committed to ensuring that how we teach your child is based on what we know makes the biggest difference to their learning. In our school, we have a focus on using the 'What works best' eight



practices for effective teaching.

These practices include:

Having high expectations of your child. In our school we do this by...

Using explicit teaching in the classroom. In our school we do this by...

Giving effective feedback to your child on their learning. In our school we do this by...

Using data to inform how we teach your child. In our school we do this by...

Using regular and effective assessments so we know how your child's learning is going. In our school we do this by...

Supporting the wellbeing of your child by looking out for their mental, physical and emotional health. In our school we do this by...

Managing the classrooms well so they are safe, positive and stimulating environments for learning. In our school we do this by...

Making sure our teachers collaborate with each other, and experts outside the school, so teaching practice continuously improves. In our school we do this by...

In addition, research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning. It is for this reason that we are focused on continuing to foster the partnership between our school and parents.

The Department of Education has now released a 'What works best' resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. You can visit the department's Parent Hub where you'll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update>

### **Before and After School Care Survey**

We want to offer families more flexibility with their work commitments and child care arrangements and to create more opportunities across the whole community. Having Out of School Hours Care available at local schools is a great way to achieve this.

As part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Before and After School Care (BASC) commitment, parents at all NSW schools were recently invited to complete a Have Your Say survey. The survey asked parents to tell us how they are using Out of School Hours Care, how much it costs them, whether they plan to keep using it, and what difficulties they experience in accessing it. The survey results have helped us to better understand the needs of families and what's important to them.

We are now asking all parents to complete a quick follow-up survey by **Friday 27 November 2020**. You can access the survey at

<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>.

This information will help us to target the rollout of more before Out of School Hours Care services in the right areas

If your child does not require Out of School Hours care, we ask that you please still complete the first section of this survey as it gives us important information about the level of demand at your school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the BASC Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au)

### **BWPS Community Zoom Room**

We are looking to be able to allow parents to watch the 2021 nominees for school captains and prefects, give their speeches tomorrow Thursday 19 November at 2.10pm via Zoom. As always, technology can be very unreliable, so we would like to test the link with you.

First you will need to have the Zoom client software on your computer or Zoom app on the device you will be watching from. You should be able to download it for free from the internet and then will need to create or register an account.

The Community Zoom room has been set up so that anyone outside the school will be able to watch only, you will not be seen or heard by the students here at school.

I will test the link and open the room again tomorrow morning, Thursday 19 November at 9.30am. If you are interested, once you have downloaded and registered for an account for Zoom, try using the link below for the test tomorrow at 9.30am.

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69030107313?pwd=SEdUdGtXdTVKWWV3UkJPdEt5U3ZVdz09>

### **Berkeley West Public School Situational Analysis**

During Terms 2, 3 and 4, we have been offering teachers, students and parents opportunities to provide feedback in regard to a wide variety educational and management practice areas to help continually improve our school and inform our 2021-24 School Improvement Plan.

We have reflected and analysed a large amount of data not only from online surveys, but from other sources such as external and internal student performance and attendance data, the current school plan and last year's External Validation process. The collation and analysis of this data has been put together into our draft situational analysis. Findings of this analysis will help inform future directions of our 2021-24 School Improvement Plan.

You are able to view and download our draft situational analysis and findings at-

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vteQUmqHNwVWpO7vZ2-oh4gi7jvy1XwA?usp=sharing>

At the end of the situational analysis is another link inviting you to leave any questions, comments or feedback regarding the findings.

Class	Student of the Fortnight	Reason
KJ	Travis Elliot	Huge improvement in effort, engagement and progress in all learning tasks.
K/1S	Zavier Cook	Great engagement in all key learning areas.
1/2C	Charlotte Bunting	Persistence in all literacy activities.
2S	Hel Nay Htoo	For fantastic progress in reading.
2/3F	Samuel Wrench	Working collaboratively with his peers.
3/4DW	Phoenix Forster	For being a polite and caring student.
4/5B	Jaryck Smith	For his consistent effort and application across all subject areas.
5/6LN	Cooper Smith	Improved effort and engagement in learning tasks.
5/6H	Isaac Ghannumi	Improved attitude towards all aspects of his learning.

### PSSA Refund

For the students who have not already collected their PSSA Term 1 refund, it will be available for collection at the office from this week, -your child will be asked for their signature on collection. Any parent who does not want their child to collect it will need to contact the office.

### P & C News

Raffle tickets have been sent home today and Tickets are \$2.00 each, prizes are eftpos cards. All raffle books are due back Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 sold or unsold. More tickets are available at the office or uniform shop.

Thank you for getting behind our raffle.

### Berkeley West Public School Works Notification 20 November 2020

Upcoming planned maintenance works at Berkeley West Public School will require working with asbestos containing material. Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

As a precaution, the area has been cordoned off and will remain out of bounds to students and staff until remediation is completed.

The area will be remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The material is scheduled to be remediated on Saturday 28 November 2020. All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours.

Testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is open to students and staff. We will keep you informed if further material is found which requires removal.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Please be assured that the removal of this material will not pose a risk to the local community. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

### For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW

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Phone: 1300 482 651

[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

