



# BERKELEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## From The Principal's Desk

### Upcoming Events

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

**Thurs 17 Nov-** 2.05pm School assembly in hall– 2023 Captain & Prefect nomination speeches– all welcome!

**Wed 23 Nov-** High school experience day for Year 6 students going to Illawarra Sports High in 2023– permission note required– bus to and from Berkeley West PS provided– no cost

5-7pm P&F Disco in the hall (students only)– permission note and payment required

**Tues 29 Nov-** Year 7 High School Orientation session for all Year 6 students and parents at their respective high schools– parents to transport and accompany their children to and from high school

**Wed 30 Nov-** 1.00pm Aboriginal Education awards presentation followed by Yarning Circle afternoon tea

**Thurs 1 Dec-** 2.30pm Whole school assembly in hall– all welcome!

**Mon 5 Dec-** 9-11am 2022 Annual School Presentation Day assembly in hall– all welcome!

**Wed 7 Dec-** 9.15-10.00am Year 6 Graduation assembly in school hall

**Thurs 8 Dec-** Inflatable obstacle course day for students– no cost– permission note required

**Mon 12 Dec-** School Swim School starts today and runs all week– non-swimmers 8 years and up– permission note required

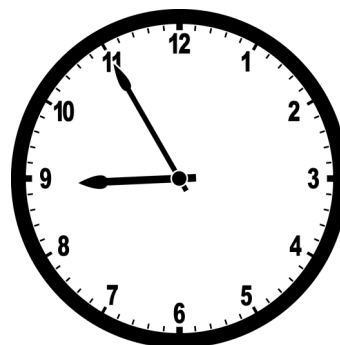
**Wed 14 Dec-** Semester 2 student reports sent home today

6pm Year 6 farewell– Dapto Leagues Club

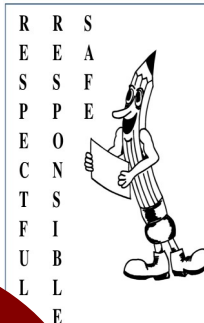
**Fri 16 Dec-** Last day of school for all students– free mufti– donate any second hand school uniforms

**Fri 27 & Mon 30 Jan-** Pupil Free Days– Teachers only return to school

**Tues 31 Jan-** Students return to school for 2023

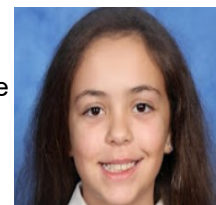


**PLEASE RESPECT THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS BY NOT PACKING EGGS, PEANUTS or PRODUCTS CONTAINING PEANUTS IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHBOX!**



### \*Principal's Award

Congratulations to Leticia R for receiving the Principal's Award this week for being respectful, responsible and safe at school. As well as her certificate, Leticia will enjoy a \$4.00 canteen voucher to spend at the canteen and she gets to sit on stage at this Friday's whole school assembly.



Nice work Leticia!

### Inappropriate Behaviour on Social Media

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.

### **Enrol now!- Kindergarten 2023**

Either come in and see us at school, or enrol online now at-

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=4180>

### **Thankyou & Goodbye Mrs Rowe and Mrs Sakun!**

This week we say goodbye to both Mrs Rowe and Mrs Sakun.

Mrs Rowe has worked as a casual teacher at Berkeley West after retiring from permanent teaching at our school 8 years ago. She has always been the most reliable teacher we could always turn to, particularly over the entire pandemic years. However, its time for Mrs Rowe to fully enjoy her retirement and family.

Also, after two and a half years as one of our school Learning and Support Officers, Mrs Sakun has made the tough decision to make a career change with today being her last day. Mrs Sakun too has worked through the tough pandemic years and has earned the trust and respect of staff and students, particularly those students with additional needs.

We wish both Mrs Rowe and Mrs Sakun well in the next chapters of their lives. Thankyou for your work and dedication to the students of Berkeley West. We will miss you!

### **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**

Our school hosts a free supported playgroup here every Friday morning during school term from 9.00-10.30am in our pre-school room. Come along if you have any 0-5 year olds or call 0439648778 if you have any questions or enquiries.

### **Attendance Cup!**

Well done to 1/2O & KJ 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.

## School Email List

If you would like to be included on the school's email list to receive any school news coming up, go to <https://forms.gle/2YoZKVa2yzsWGwwj7> to add your name to the list.

## 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:

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

**Slip Slap Slop Seek Slide**



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

Class	Student of the Fortnight	Reason
KJ	Marley Chapman	For always following the school rules and being polite and kind.
1R	Mason Drysdale	For using expression to make his reading sound more interesting.
1/2O	Zahra Koujan	For settling into Berkeley West Public School and trying her best in all of her classwork.
2/3F	Zakariah and Zein Koujan	For settling in well to our school and participating in all learning activities.
3/4M	Keira Wilson-Jones	For her consistent effort and application during maths.
3/4T	Carlos Nobrega	For his positive attitude in class and for his consistent progress in maths groups with Miss Gannon.
5/6H	Jaiden Halbert	For his enthusiasm during number and algebra lessons.
5/6LW	Taylan Cakmak	For planning an engaging narrative

# Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins  
per day

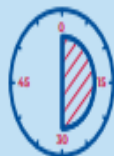


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**3** days

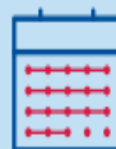


**30** mins  
per day



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**18** days



Patterns of lateness  
can have a serious  
impact on your child's  
education.

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