

# Berkeley Vale Public School

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## Newsletter

Monday 12th October 2015 – Issue 16

### Diary Dates

PBL Cake Stall  
Stage 3  
Thurs Oct 15

Central Coast  
Choral Festival  
Wed Oct 21

Berkeley Vale PS  
Centenary Dinner  
Fri Oct 30

Berkeley Vale PS  
Centenary Festival  
Sat Oct 31

Our 100 year celebrations are fast approaching and the students and staff at BVPS are excited.

We need your help to make this day a success.

We would like to show and highlight our achievements and successes over the timespan, therefore we need items that you may have at home that we can borrow for the day. It is surprising what you or your family may have that others would love to see and reminisce over.

The students of Berkeley Vale are busy this term learning about the history of BVPS. Students have been amazed to hear about the way our school has changed over the last 100 years, Students are learning about similarities and differences, and comparing the present with the past.

Lessons include:

- Exploring the history of BVPS using a selection of sources including photographs and data.
- Using oral histories to tell us about the past. Students looked at a case study of our oldest known ex-student and what school was like in the early days when she attended. Children will also ask their elders what school was like for them.
- Learning about how BVPS has changed over time – size, location etc. This will involve all students participating in a mini excursion to the old school site.
- Looking at the principals who have contributed to the changes over time.

### School Facts

Berkeley Vale Public School was first known as Tumbi Umbi School.

When the school opened in 1915 it operated on a part-time basis with teacher, Mr Dagg, also teaching at The Entrance Public School. Tumbi Umbi School was first located on a site between Wyong Road and Shannon Parade, now called Berkeley Vale Old School.

The school began with an estimated enrolment of 12 students.

Berkeley Vale Public School at Pindarri Avenue was officially opened in October, 1979.

### CENTENARY COUNTDOWN

#### Old Classrooms

In the Centenary Festival selected classrooms will be set out to represent classrooms from earlier times. You may be able to assist by supplying items such as wooden rulers with inches, handwriting books with old style writing, sewing samples, rubber stamps showing times tables, maps or a clock face.

#### WANTED:

Driver with large van or small truck willing to transport school furniture from the Schoolhouse Museum, North Ryde, to Berkeley Vale Public School prior to the Centenary Festival (and return in the following weeks).

Please contact teacher, Simon Bauer, if you can assist.

#### Memorabilia Displays

Requests for school memorabilia for the Centenary Festival on 31 October are ongoing. Items such as Year 6 commemorative shirts,

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**Days until  
Berkeley Vale  
Public School's  
Centenary  
Celebrations!**

newspaper articles, sports team photos and programs for special events , would be much appreciated. If you can help, please leave your memorabilia (clearly labelled with your name and phone number) at the School Office Mondays to Thursdays during Weeks 2 and 3. Your items will be returned as soon as possible after the event.

To celebrate this momentous milestone, we invite all families to come to our Centenary Festival on 31 October from 10am to 2pm. This festival will be an opportunity to step back in time and take a walk through classrooms that will be converted to replicate those from eras passed. Our history of Performing Arts will be celebrated with live entertainment and costume displays. Past photos, sporting memorabilia and vintage cars will be on display and there will be a number of trips to the Old School site taking place throughout the day. Our Devonshire Tea Café will provide an opportunity for families and friends to relax and catch-up or you may wish to reminisce and play some old games on the oval. This is sure to be a day to remember. We hope to see you there!

### **Staff Development Day Variation**

Recently, the school staff undertook important curriculum training updates in two lengthy after-school sessions. This training was organised during term three to replace our last staff-only day on Friday 18 December. This will not affect students as no students are scheduled to attend school on the last Thursday (17/12) and Friday (18/12).

### **Enquiries**

Would you like to know more?

In the first instance, please contact the class teacher to clarify an issue related to the class. For grade or stage-related issues please refer to our stage supervisors listed below:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Mrs Sharon Hoult

Stage 1 (Grades 1 & 2) – Mrs Kim Murray

Stage 2 (Grades 3 & 4) – Miss Hannah Rossington

Stage 3 (Grades 5 & 6) – Mrs Janelle Chapman

For whole school information please contact the front office or speak to Deputy Principals Mrs Lucie Norman (Mon-Fri), Mr Darrell Keirnan (Mon-Wed) or Mr Chad Tsakissiris (Thur-Fri).

### **Changes to First Aid Procedures**

New policy developments from the Department of Education in relation to First Aid have been implemented in all NSW public schools recently. These changes have included:

- Mandatory completion of first aid plans by doctors for students requiring medication at school including asthma and anaphylaxis; and
- Limitations in treatments provided to students

These changes are being implemented at Berkeley Vale PS this term and we thank all parents in regard to understanding and acknowledging these changes. If you have a child who requires medical attention at school due to a medically diagnosed allergy or ailment then you need to have a first aid plan completed by your family doctor or physician as soon as possible for any medications to be given to your child.

The other change that has been implemented is the treatment offered to students in relation to everyday issues. Our wonderful office ladies will not be able to apply any ointments or creams for injuries obtained by students. This includes antiseptic creams like Savlon and anti-sting treatments like Stingose. The limit to treatment will be water, cleaning a wound with an antiseptic wipe, and applying a bandage or band aid. This is due to the amount of students who may have a reaction to the products used to treat injuries. Child safety, health and wellbeing is very important to our staff and we will continue to contact parents in the event of an injury that we feel requires additional attention.

Thank you for your understanding of this change in our daily operations at school.

### **Working with Children Check**

Many thanks to those parents who have completed the free registration as a person recognised to work with children within the school setting by obtaining their WWCC. Information has been forwarded home over the last few weeks about this process and the mandatory guidelines that our school must follow in relation to safety procedures and child protection. All parents who assist in

our school in any way are required to have an up to date WWCC. Please read the information that was sent home last term and contact the school if you require any further assistance with this process. Thank you for your continued support of our student and school.

Chad Tsakissiris  
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students:

**Week 1**

KB	Toby Pitt	Miriam-Jean Ham
KD	Max Bretherton	Jack Burke
KH	Dylan Jackson	Lillian Lyon
KL	Kieran Hoole	Remi Morrison-Shorrock
KS	Kayden Craven	Sarah Smith
KV	Abbie Dumas	Riley Little
1F	Jade Holdsworth	Noah Weatherly
1L	Jarred Pellett	Korbin Heathwood
1N	Cadence Foster	Mathew Pellow
1M	Leeroy Johnson	Miya Knebel
1W	Zali Morgan	Soriya Loro
1/2K	Sharni Morrison	Bryce Caswell
2H	Ella Furner	Jackson Keegan
2M	Natalie Savage	Mackenzie Hitchell
2RH	Tom Weigand	Rachel Harvey
2S	Scarlette Yea	Indyanna Parkin

**Weeks 8-10**

5B	Natalie Donovan	Alanna Nagi
	Alanna Bennett	Tynan-Eyre Preston
	Amira Graffen	Olivia Laney
	Mackenzie Gaddes	Zander Johnson
	Natalie Barr	Samuel Sutherland
	Candice Holton	Summer-Rose Carter
	Chloe Tandy	

**Fitness Groups for 6-16 Year Olds**  
**Monday – Thursday from 4.30pm**  
**389 The Entrance Rd**  
**Long Jetty NSW 2261**  
**4332 6001 or 0450 507 174**

**P & C NEWS**

The readers that the P & C donated money for have arrived. If you are able to help with unpacking and stamping, please let the office know.

The next Events Meeting is Tues Oct 20 at 6pm in the staffroom. The next P & C Meeting is Tues Oct 20 at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

**CANTEEN**

The new pricelist went out last week. Please note tomato sauce sachets were omitted from the list. They are 30c per sachet.

**School Banking**  
**is preparing for touchdown.**

As we launch into the final term of School Banking, students are one small step away from completing their savings mission on Planet Savings.

**Two new out-of-this-world reward items**  
For every 10 deposits made through the School Banking program, students can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range. With the withdrawal of the Lunar Light Band this term, we are releasing an alternative reward item in Term 4, together with the new Outer Space Savers Money Box. Students will be able to test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider reward item which will be available for order while stocks last.

**You could be taking one giant leap to California's Disneyland**  
Don't forget, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits this year will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. If you haven't already reached 25 or more deposits, now is the last chance before we touch down!

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**TERM FOUR TO-DO LIST:**  
 - pay for Amy's school excursion  
 - buy James new cricket shoes  
 - find out more about Saver Plus!

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. The Smith Family is looking for new participants in your local area.

To be eligible you need to have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular household income, e.g. you or a partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work.

Contact Geoff Hynd your local Saver Plus Worker:  
 4322 2900 / 0428 282 900 or  
[geoffrey.hynd@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:geoffrey.hynd@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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