



BERKLEY

NORMAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Vision Statement

Berkley Normal Middle School will provide pathways for students to mature into young people who:

Care - kía manaaki Share - kía tiaki and Dare - kía toa

Diary Dates

March

Mon	7	Focus - Rangahau
Wed	9	HPV & Boostrix catchup
Thurs	10	Welcome students from Makuhari
Fri	11	Room 11 Camp
Sat	12	Room 12 Camp
Mon	14	Room 1 Camp
Tues	15	Room 2 Camp Interschool Volleyball
Fri	18	Last Day for ICAS Entries
Tues	22	Makuhari students depart
Wed	23	Camp Parent Meeting 6 -7pm (Rangahau, Tainui & Te Aroha)
Fri	25	Good Friday
Mon/Tues	28/29	Easter
Mar/Apr	30-01	Yr 9 Leadership Camp at Camp Adair.



The pace of life for many of our students is beginning to increase.

Our camp preparation programme and dance festival are underway, and in addition, over 300 students have just started learning a musical instrument in our 'out of school' programme. This abundance of opportunity at Berkley is exciting and demanding but it is also important to monitor carefully these extra curricular commitments so students still have enough energy left to participate fully in their class programmes.

Home/School Communication

'Meet the Teacher' evenings were held recently and I would like to take this opportunity to convey a big thank you to those who attended these evenings. Our staff look forward to meeting parents in this informal setting as this helps personalise a relationship with students and their families.

The importance of having correct, up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses was really put to the test last week.

On Thursday families should have all received an email from the school informing them that an emergency evacuation procedure was carried out after Berkley had received a hoax phone call of a threatening nature. This was a similar phone call that had been received by other schools around the country.

The police responded promptly to this call-out and after all the necessary checks and safety precautions were followed students were released to enjoy a late lunch break.

This was a disruption to our day but we were very proud of the calm and measured way in which Berkley students and staff responded to this incident.

EOTC

Our biannual camp programme is about to get underway with Room 11 (Mr Donnelly) heading over to Aongatete on Friday 11 March. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the outdoors and participate in challenging and fun activities in the bush.

This programme would not be possible without the support of parent helpers and we extend our thanks to the many parents/caregivers who are able to give their time to provide Berkley students with this camping experience.

Student Opportunities

Food Technology

Kia ora.

My name is Matt Baker, I am the new Food Technology teacher here at Berkley and I need your help. One of my passions is to enrich the learning experiences of your children through story telling. I am currently putting together a collection of hunting and gathering stories to share with my learners. I would like to gather stories from the wider Berkley community about hunting, fishing, travelling, growing and harvesting your own Kai either here or abroad and publish these for school use only.

Either write, email or visit me in person to share your experiences. If your really interested, feel free to call me and we might even be able to arrange for you to come in and personally share these tales with our learners. If this sounds like something you might be interested in do not wait a moment longer and get in touch. My contact email is mbaker@berkley.school.nz

Homestays required for Thai Students

Saturday 30 April – Saturday 9 July (Term Two)

One 11 year old boy requires a homestay family for Term Two (10 weeks)

Friday 10 June – Friday 8 July 2016

Two girls and five boys from Thailand aged between 11 - 12 Years require a homestay family for four weeks.

Remuneration: \$250 per week. As a Signatory to the MoE Code Of Practice for International Students, all homestays need to be vetted by our Dean of International Students. This includes a Police clearance.

For more information please contact the school office – 856 6537 or email

judycampbell@berkley.school.nz

ICAS Exams

The 2016 ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools or formerly NSW Exams) are taking place this year in terms two and three. These exams provide students with an opportunity to test their academic knowledge in an exam environment. They are optional.

Digital Technologies	17 May	Science	31 May
Spelling	15 June	English	02 August
Maths	16 August		

Information and payment forms to enter these competitions has already gone home with your child. These forms are due back by Friday 18 March. Payments for ICAS must be made through the Berkley website using our online payment portal –**not** via internet banking. Cash or eftpos payments can be made through the school office. Please note we are not able to accept late enrolments for these competitions.



New Look Korero

In a few weeks we are changing the way we deliver the Korero to our Berkley community. The Korero will be sent to your email with a link for viewing, on the home page of our website www.berkley.school.nz, and our facebook page www.facebook.com/BerkleyNormalMiddleSchool.

This digital online format will be a fantastic way of always being up to date with everything that is going on at Berkley. The online platform will have lots of new features we are sure you will like. If you do not have online access, please let your child's classroom teacher know so that we organise to have a paper version sent to you.

International Learning Experiences



International Educational Trips

Makuhari

Our Makuhari exchange students from our sister school in Japan arrive next Thursday 10 March and will be here until Tuesday 22 March. A big thank you to the all families who are hosting these students.

Each year at this time Makuhari students enjoy the experience of living in a NZ home, attending school and taking in some of our magnificent scenery and iconic tourist attractions.

A Sayonara party will be held in the Cultural Centre on Monday night (21 March) from 6.00 – 7.00pm to farewell these students before they return to Japan.

Students from Berkley have the opportunity to join students from other schools in the Waikato to travel to Makuhari Junior High for the exchange trip in September this year. There has been a lot of interest in this exchange trip and the students who are chosen to attend will all be notified soon. We are fortunate to be able to provide our students with this wonderful learning opportunity.

Noumea

In recent years a group of 10-15 students have spent a week in French-speaking New Caledonia. The theme is "Vive la difference".



For seven days students are immersed in a culture where another language is spoken 99% of the time.

Students stay in a resort that has its own food preparation facilities. Each day they shop at the supermarket and produce market for their daily rations. Most of this interaction requires them speaking some French and dealing in local currency (franc). They then participate in the preparation of their meals.

Other opportunities include visiting cultural events, adjacent islands, the Aquarium, shopping, using the local transport system and snorkeling (The water is approx 23/24 degrees).



Students going on this trip will have the opportunity to participate in French language learning classes later in the year. This year we are booked for 11-18 November. The price is approximately \$2400.00 and a deposit of \$200.00 must be paid by Friday 1 April.

If your child is interested in taking up this challenge, please contact the school office for further information.



Camp Aongatete

Our camping programme begins next week. Each camp is for 4 days – 3 nights and the cost this year is \$170.00. This payment can be paid either by our website payment system, internet banking, eftpos or cash to the school office.

The following teams will be attending camp in term one.

Kia Kaha		Aranui	
Dates	Room & Class Teacher	Dates	Room & Class Teacher
11 – 14 March	Rm 11 – Craig Donnelly	30 – 2 April	Rm 19 – Edwin Smith
12 – 15 March	Rm 12 – Jill Rimmer	31 – 3 April	Rm 22 – Natalie Walker
14 – 17 March	Rm 1 – Athena van de Ven	2 – 5 April	Rm 21 – Kathryn Hogg
15 – 18 March	Rm 2 – Nick Lorentz	3 – 6 April	Rm 20 – Hayley Newman
Mahi Tahī			
6 – 9 April	Rm 23 – Daniella Frogley		
7 – 10 April	Rm 24 – Rebecca Lovell		
9 – 12 April	Rm 25 – Duncan Haworth		
10 – 13 April	Rm 26 – Cindy Wihongi		

These teams will be attending camp during Term Two. A camp information meeting for parent/caregivers will be held on Wednesday 23 March at 6.00pm in the Cultural Centre.

Rangahau		Tainui	
2 – 5 May	Rm 27 – Rochelle Williams	9 – 12 May	Rm 18 – Shane Day
3 – 6 May	Rm 14 – Trinity Ahie	10 – 13 May	Rm 16 – Kirra Savill
5 – 8 May	Rm 28 – Karen Anderson	12 – 15 May	Rm 15 – Gareth Haman
6 – 9 May	Rm 29 – Amanda Carrington	13 – 16 May	Rm 17 – Susie Woolston
Te Aroha			
16 – 19 May	Rm 7 – Regan Aspden		
17 – 20 May	Rm 9 – Matt Cameron		
19 – 22 May	Rm 10 – Rachel van Heuven		
20 – 23 May	Rm 8 – Sarah Alloway		

Non-operation dates for the Berkley Bus

We use our school bus to support the camp programme to Aongatete. Instead of asking parents to help us transport students to the start of our Wairere Falls walk, at 6.30 am on the student's first day to camp, we use our Berkley bus.

On these occasions students will not be picked up on the Glenview/Melville run in the morning. We understand that this will cause some inconvenience but eliminates the transport factor when camp starts early in the morning. The Berkley bus will still be available for the afternoon runs. We really do appreciate your understanding and flexibility with this matter.

On the following mornings the Berkley Bus will not be operating –

March

Friday 11th; Monday 14th; Tuesday 15th; Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st.

April

Wednesday 6th; Thursday 7th.

May

Monday 2nd; Tuesday 3rd; Thursday 5th; Friday 6th; Monday 9th; Tuesday 10th; Thursday 12th; Friday 13th; Monday 16th; Tuesday 17th; Thursday 19th and Friday 20th.

General

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing the correct Berkley uniform. We appreciate your full support in maintaining our uniform standards.

Uniform Shop

All uniform items are now in stock and can be purchased from the uniform shop. Our uniform shop is managed by Direct Group Ltd. The opening times are:

Tuesdays: 8.00 – 9.00am
3.00 – 4.00pm

Please make all cheques out to 'Direct Group Ltd'. Eftpos facilities are available.

Holidaying During Term Time

It is essential that parents seek the school's approval before planning a holiday that extends beyond school holiday time. Students by law must attend school and an explained absence, prior to taking leave, is a requirement and common courtesy. Some classes have several students away at a time and this can have a big impact on programmes and achievement.

It is important that there is a written record (email is fine) of such occurrences as it can have staffing and funding implications. This is particularly so for the July holiday period. If students are marked absent around these holidays then we need written evidence that these students will be returning to our school for audit purposes.

Keeping Us Informed

Students who need to leave the school grounds during the day **must** present a note from their parent/caregiver on each occasion, and sign in and out at the school office. **All students must be collected from the school office.**

Student Attendance

If your child is absent from school due to sickness or for any reason, it is important that you contact the school before 9.00am that morning. Our preference is that you email the school office – absence@berkley.school.nz If this method is not possible then please ring our message line – 856 5956 to leave a voice message. If your child is absent for more than one day a note is required upon their return to school.

Contact Phone Numbers and Email Addresses - If your contact information changes – please inform our office. In an emergency this is often the only way in which we can make contact with you.

It is essential that our records are up to date and accurate. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Writer's Camp 26 – 29 April

Does your child love to write stories? Do they dream of being an author?

We are excited to let you know that our students will have the opportunity to attend a school holiday camp for young writers, called "Write like an Author".

During the camp, each participant will develop and write an original creative story under the guidance of well-known author and writing coach Brian Falkner.

The camp will be held at Southwell School during the April school holidays, starting on Tuesday 26 April through to Friday 29 April from 9am – 4pm each day.

The camp is for enthusiastic young writers to develop their natural writing and story-telling talents. It is ideal for young people who have a dream of becoming a published author or anyone who wants to improve their writing skills.

Students will need to bring their own device (a laptop or tablet to write their stories on). The course fee is \$395.00 with discount for early registration.

For more information and to register please visit www.writelikeanauthor.com

Sports News

Interschool Swimming Results

On Monday 29 February, the Berkley Interschool Swimming team travelled to Cambridge Pools to compete against nine other Waikato schools. We arrived and left in the rain. It was almost as wet outside the pool as it was in the pool, but students were enthusiastic and supportive throughout the competition.

After swimming the morning heats, things were looking promising, with Berkley featuring in every finals event. Some of the standout (provisional) results are as follows:

Year 7 Boys

- Dylan Wales: 2nd Junior Boys 50m Freestyle
- Ben Allen: 1st Junior Boys 50m Backstroke, 1st Junior Boys 50m Breaststroke
- Mitchell Keightley: 3rd Junior Boys 50m Breaststroke

Year 7 Girls

- Trinaka Kenny: 2nd Junior Girls 50m Backstroke, 2nd Junior Girls 50m Butterfly
- Bronwyn Parry: 2nd Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke

Year 8 Boys

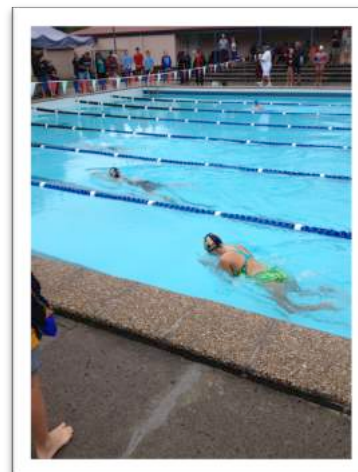
- Kyle Smith: 3rd Senior Boys 50m Breaststroke
- Liam Cavanagh: 1st Senior Boys 50m Butterfly

Year 8 Girls

- Corinna Decker-Thorburn: 2nd Senior Girls 100m Freestyle
- Emma Maultsaid: 1st Senior Girls 50m Freestyle
- Stella Coombes: 2nd Senior Girls 50m Freestyle
- Hannah Morgan: 1st Senior Girls 50m Backstroke (new record of 34.15s), 3rd Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke

The Non-Championship 6x50m Freestyle mixed relay team consisting of Riley Carrington, Jessica Eyeington, Bronwyn Parry, Hayley Sharpe, Nicholas Hayward and Ben Allen had a fantastic race and came in second.

The Championship Girls 6x50m Freestyle relay team consisting of Emma Maultsaid, Hannah Morgan, Stella Coombes, Nicole Smith, Corinna Decker-Thorburn and Trinaka Kenny swam a superb race and took out first place by 0.4 of a second after 300m of intense swimming.



Badminton Competition

An Intermediate school competition is being run in Hamilton in Term 2 from 1 May until the end of June for any interested players. Due to our camping programme commitments, Berkley staff will be unable to provide supervision for any players entered in this competition. Peter McAuley our teacher in charge of sport will act as the school coordinator.

More information can be found at www.waikatobadminton.co.nz/info/schools or call the school office on 856 6537.

Community Sports Notices

Hillcrest United Football Club Grading

All new and returning football players welcome. Please register online before coming to grading day.

Check www.hillcrestunited.co.nz for further information.

Where: Berkley School Fields

When: Sunday 6 March

- 10:45am for 9th grade
- 11:45am for 10th grade
- 12:45pm for 11th grade
- 1:45pm for 12th grade*
- 2:45pm for 13th grade*
- WaiBOP have replaced Open grade with separate 12th and 13th grades

Sunday 13th March: 2:45 - 4:30pm

There will be a second grading day for all 12th and 13th grade players and any players who missed the previous week's grading.

Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby

2016 Registration and Weigh-In Sunday 13 March 2016 (1.30pm - 4.30pm)

Marist Rugby Clubrooms - Old Farm Road - Hamilton Grades 6-9 from 1.30pm Grades 10-13 from 3.00pm

New Players - A Copy of Birth Certificate or Passport required to confirm age

(If you have children in various grades you are welcome to bring them all at the same time.)

Coaches & Managers also required for teams

Subscriptions: \$50.00 per player, \$80.00 for two siblings, \$105.00 for 3 or more siblings

For more information: **Phone:** Jo Sanders on 022 040 3053

Cambridge Junior Rugby Muster

CJRS will be holding their muster for Intermediate players on Sunday 13 March 10.00am to 1.00pm and Wednesday 16 March 6.30pm - 8.00pm. This will be at the clubrooms, Memorial Park, Taylor Street, Cambridge.

Any player wishing to play for CJRS in Intermediate grades for 2016 must muster on one of the above days or contact CJRS, cjrsclub@gmail.com. Online registration should be completed before attending the muster if you do not have a link sent to you by email go to www.cjrs.co.nz and online registration tab, complete this form. You can do it at the muster but this will delay you getting through the process quickly.

CJRS are intending to enter teams in 11th, 12th and 13th intermediate grade competitions this season.

All players should attend with a Parent or Caregiver to help complete registration forms, order shorts and socks and make payment for subs, only CASH and EFTPOS (No Cheques or Credit Cards). Players will have their photo taken and be weighed at muster.

Melville Junior Rugby Weigh-ins

Melville Junior Rugby Weigh-ins - Sunday 6th March 11am-2.00pm and every Wednesday of March 4.30pm-6.00pm at Melville Rugby Club, Collins Road.

Fees \$35 for an individual \$55 for a family.

All are welcome. Any enquiries phone Mark 021 2856973

Candace Mayall Dance School

Dance Classes available for 3 year olds to adults. There is Jazz, Ballet, Musical Theatre,

Hip Hop and Lyrical,

Classes are held at Berkley Normal Middle School (Berkley Avenue)

Phone: 021 120 5013

Email: candace.mayall@gmail.com

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