

EMPIRE BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Promoting Excellence in a Caring Environment

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Term 3 Week 9

Wednesday 9th September 2015

Principal's Report

From my Inbox

The Empire Bay Village Fair committee have asked if I could share the following with our school community:

The Empire Bay Village Fair will be held on Saturday, 17th October from 9.30am to 3.00pm. There will be a wide variety of stalls, with a display of digital photography from the students of EBPS. The school choir and band will be performing, along with Central Coast strings and Serendipity Ukulele Band. Ocean & Coastal Care Initiative (OCCI) will have an interactive display of coastal life, with activities for children. The RFS will be there with their fire truck, and we'll have Devonshire Teas from the kitchen. Coffee will be provided by Kings Cafe, and the BBQ will be run by the Fishing Club. We would appreciate some help on the day, and if anyone can spare an hour, please contact Jan Consoli 4369 3195.

Our Student Leadership Team is an active member of the Fair committee and also looks forward to your support via your patronage on the day and/or your willingness to give some time to help out during the day.

School Performance

Can I congratulate Mrs Dempsey, Mrs Jones and Mrs Hickey who wrote, produced and directed two-hours of singing and dancing for our students to showcase their talents. Their production has given so much enjoyment to so many people and, has contributed significantly to the development of a very positive sense of self-esteem in so many students – this has been a wonderful experience! I have acknowledged many individuals over the last week who also contributed to the success of this production and they know who they are – what is worth noting again, however, is that this has been a great team effort, a great example of everyone pulling together and working towards a shared goal – this alone has made me feel both very proud and very privileged to be principal of this fine school!

Australian Government App – Learning Potential

The federal Minister for Education and Training, the Hon. Christopher Pyne MP, has launched a new mobile app to encourage parents to get more involved in their children's education. "A key part of a good education is having parents involved and supporting their children's learning, and when schools and families work together, children do better and stay in school longer," Mr Pyne said. "The Learning Potential app offers inspiring ways for parents to become more engaged in their children's learning at any age – from high chair to high school." The free Learning Potential app is available to download now on Android and Apple devices, and is packed full of great articles and informative videos, tips and suggestions. You can find out more at www.australia.gov.au/learningpotential.

School Security

I ask all parents and friends of our school to monitor our school grounds now and over the holiday period. Unfortunately, we have evidence which suggests that some younger people have been on school grounds illegally over the weekend and have

caused damage to school property. If you see or hear any suspicious activity please do not hesitate in calling the **School Security Hotline on: 1300 880 021** or **Woy Woy Local Police on: 4379 7399** at any time of the day or night.

WH&S changes to the administration of medicine

Due to ongoing changes in DoE Work Health & Safety practices schools are now required to ask parents /carers to complete a 4 page document that details individual student medication administration procedures. This document must be completed and returned to our Admin team before staff can administer any medication to the students. If the school does not receive the completed document parents will be required to make alternative arrangements for the administration of medication to their children e.g. - you may be required to come up to the school and personally administer your child's medication. We would appreciate your early support and action in relation to these new changes. If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Dent our Senior Administration manager.

K – 2 Workers of the Week

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KA	Lainee P	Josh P
KMC	Elijah P	Finn C
KS	Reid R	Isaac C
K/1M	Thomas L	Noah I
1W	Brayden R	Davor M-B
1S	Ellis A	Arran F
2C	Chloe H	Layla P
2SB	Lily E	Damian S
2T	Jasiah M	Zane B

3-6 Workers of the Week

Term 3 Week 8

3/4J	Taydon R	
3L	Melissa B	3H Christopher B
4/5H	Vincent W	4M Charlize H-M

Senior Boys Relay

Who took part in the Regional Athletics Event held on Monday at Homebush. Cameron S, Mason j, Bailey H, Elliott E.



Woolworths EARN and LEARN

We ask that all stickers be returned by Friday of next week September 19. As we have to finalise numbers during the school holidays. Thank you for supporting the Earn and Learn Project for our school.
Mrs Archer

Central Coast Choral Festival Ticketing Information

A major change this year will be that tickets will ONLY be available for purchase ONLINE. The Agency handling the is Eventopia. www.eventopia.co. Tickets go on sale Monday September 14. There will be two performances for each show: **We are in Show A** on Tuesday 20th October 2015. Matinee performance starting at 3.30pm - ticket cost \$10 per ticket. Evening performance starting at 7pm - ticket cost \$15 per ticket. Once information is sent to your school, we advise buying tickets early to avoid disappointment - they sell out fast!
CCCF Committee

Spartan Challenge

On Thursday the 17th of September Empire Bay Public School will be holding our major fundraiser for technology resources for the school. We are very fortunate to have Spartan Race Australia as a fantastic sponsor for this event. All students will be participating in an exciting obstacle course put together by Max Delacy and his team from Spartan Race Australia. Max has generously put together the obstacle course and has donated both his time and money towards our fundraiser.

Last Friday notes and Sponsorship cards were sent home with all students. The entry fee will be \$15.00 per child and \$40.00 per family with 3 or more children. This payment is due on the 15th of September. Students are also given the opportunity to fundraise for this event and there will be fantastic prizes for all students who raise \$10 or more.

In order for the obstacle course to run we will need over 30 parents/ helpers to guide and supervise students along the course and to help set up the day before. Please indicate your availability to help on the permission note. More information will be sent out in a note in Week 9 and please check the school's website, app and Facebook page for more information.

Events Calendar – Term 3

2015		
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Week 9	Thursday 10th September	Year 3 -6 Performance Thursday Evening 6.30pm
Week 10	Thursday 17th September	Spartan Challenge K-6

From the Canteen

HELP WANTED: As little as ONE HOUR of your time in the mornings when you drop your children to school is a BIG HELP to us in the Canteen. Please consider becoming a volunteer if you have an hour to spare now and then. Your time is much appreciated!

Looking for a quick and easy way to order School Lunches - why not check out ON-LINE ORDERING AT FLEXISCHOOLS. It will take the hassle out of lunch orders and that school morning rush!

Work Health & Safety requires anyone working in the canteen to wear closed in shoes so your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

Uniform Shop

- **Opening Hours**
- **Tuesday 8.30am–9.00am**
- **Thursday 2.30pm – 3.00 pm**
- **Uniform Shop is behind the hall**

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION THERMOMETER

\$15,000	
\$10000	
\$8500	
\$7500	
\$6,500	
\$6,000	
\$5,500	
\$5,000	
\$4,500	
\$4,000	
\$3,500	
\$3,000	
\$1000	

Become an Ethics Teacher at Empire Bay Public School

We currently have ethics classes for K-6. Ethics classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. <http://www.primaryethics.com.au> or contact Jenni Bourchier, Regional Manager - Gosford Region, Primary Ethics for more information: gosford-region@primaryethics.com.au or call her on 0411 198 483. We need an additional volunteer for an **Ethics Teacher within the school**. Members of the school community are encouraged to apply.



SEPTEMBER TENNIS CAMP NOTICE

Where: Peninsula Tennis, Umina
When: Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October
Time: 9am-3pm (gates open @ 8am) ½ day 9am-12.30pm
Cost: Wk \$75, ½ Day Wk \$40, Full Day \$25, ½ Day \$15
Included: Racquets, Sausage Sizzle Thursday, Prizes Friday

The camp will be predominately tennis with other activities such as soccer, cricket, basketball etc to keep the children occupied. The camps are held wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Bookings recommended but aren't essential. All enquiries can be made by phoning Kristy **0410 828 278**.

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association are pleased to announce we will be starting an ALL ABILITIES netball programme during our twilight season this year. After doing much research we have found there is not a lot around the area for children and young adults with disabilities and it has now become our passion to be able to provide a FUN, SAFE environment to coach and mentor these young children and adults. We have identified the need to make the game of netball more welcoming and accessible to the diverse needs of our area and surrounding suburbs.

The all abilities programme will be for those in ages 5-15 and 16 and over and will be broken down into groups accordingly depending on numbers. The players will be taught basic skills, following the net set go programme and play modified netball games.

For all enquiries please contact Lisa Coakley at wwpna@bigpond.com
 Melissa McRae
 Secretary WWPNA
 0400 279 916

MacMasters Beach SLSC Nippers & Seniors Registration

Registration Sunday 27th September, 10am – 3pm @ MacMasters Beach SLSC,
 Sunday 11th October First day of Nippers 10am – 1pm
 Further information contact Matt Ryan 0408 407 558 or Les Cousins on 0413 742 922 or visit the website below for details
www.macmastersbeachslsc.com



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Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

Register for Woy Woy Little Athletics

All registrations are **online**, log onto our website at www.woywoyplac.com.

Uniform Day

Saturday 12 September 2015
Between 8am – 11am at

Woy Woy South Primary School
Waterloo Avenue Woy Woy

Registration packs can also be picked up during this time. Please bring birth certificate, passport etc, for new members.

First competition night is Friday, 9th October 2015 at 6pm

For more information visit our website www.woywoyplac.org or contact;



Season 2015/2016 Registration Days

Sunday 13th & 27th September

9am – 12:30pm

In the Surf Club, upstairs – 509 Ocean Beach Road, Umina
Proof of age required for new members
EFTPOS available

For fees and further information visit - www.uminaslsc.org.au
Email enquiries to admin@uminaslsc.org.au

Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.



We're bringing the exciting news that an interactive Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Rewards, giving students who get their regular savers a chance to win amazing prizes.

- 20 x iPod mini's (W.H. ILUGH)
- 175 x Books by Dr. Don Foltz - Haaphonias
- 200 x \$50 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarsmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win!

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more Regular Saving deposits during Term 3 and they will be automatically entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also contribute a Money Memento, commbank.com.au/prizeportal to contribute their chance of winning a prize. Please note, to qualify you must start the Money Memento at any time but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning!

Win books for your school library

We're also giving schools participating in the Regular Saving program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for their school library valued at \$200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal



2015/2016 Nippers registration**Date: Sunday 13th of September and
Sunday 27th September 2015****Time: 10.00am till 12.00pm****Copacabana SLSC**

Nippers is about learning , confidence and having fun in a safe beach environment. For nippers, the beach is the classroom. They gain confidence by passing the 'test' of swimming, body boarding, beach sprints, dolphin-diving, spotting a rip, having fun with new friends and discovering things about themselves. The skills gained in nippers will stick to the soul like sand from the beach and be carried for life.