

SAVE THE DATE

Term 4 - Week 5

Thursday 9th November 2023

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are halfway through the last term of 2023, and I know the next few weeks will go by very quickly. We have already participated in several community events such as the Empire Bay Fair where our choir performed, and Year 6 students fundraised \$206 for their school gift. We also hosted the Central Coast Edible Garden Trail one weekend where we had many visitors come to our school to see our bushtucker garden. Finally, the K – 2 Performance last week was so much fun and I thank Lisa Kirkman, the teachers and volunteers who make it so great!

Learner Dispositions Morning Tea

For the last Principal Morning Tea, teachers chose their own disposition for a worthy student in their class. It was pleasure to spend time with them to find out little more about how they do their work in the classroom. Our school is proud of its vision to develop lifelong learners and understanding Learner Dispositions helps every student at our school develop these essential skills.

Bay Start

The Bay Start program is a specialised program designed to prepare preschool students for a smooth transition into primary school. This program introduces young learners to foundational academic and social skills, ensuring they are well-equipped to thrive in their early educational journey. We have thoroughly enjoyed having our new students visit our school and welcoming new families joining our community. I thank Jess Lavers, Assistant Principal, for all her work

BayCare Sensory Garden

The BayCare Sensory Garden donated to our school is an engaging new outdoor space that provides our students with an opportunity to explore and enhance their sensory experiences. This thoughtful contribution from BayCare not only beautifies our school but also supports the wellbeing and sensory development of our students, creating a valuable resource for the entire school community. We sincerely thank BayCare for the donation.

Year 6 Mini-fete

The Year 6 Mini-fete was a fantastic event, even in the rain, that brought an abundance of fun and excitement to our students. With a variety of games and entertaining activities, it not only showcased the creativity and teamwork of our Year 6 students but also created lasting memories of joy for Years K - 5 who attended. Year 6 raised \$2005 for their school gift and Year 6 farewell.

Term 4

14th November – BWSC **Orientation Dav** 15th November - Genius Hour Presentation 16th November – Stage 2&3 Ball Games 16th November - K-2 Fire Truck Visit 21st November – P&C AGM 22nd November – Deadly Awards @ BWSC 4pm 23rd November - YBR4S @Woy Woy Sth Public School 9.30am 27th November – Volunteer Helper Morning Tea 29th November – Drama Club Show 5th December – Presentation Day 7th December – Year 6 Farewell -K-4 Movie Day - Stage 3 Fun Day 11th December- Talent Quest 12th December – Year 6 Graduation Day 13th December – Talent Ouest 13th December - Stage 2 Reggie Rewards 14th December – Stage 3 Reggie Rewards 15th December - Raiders 15th December – Last day for Students 2023

Please continue to check your Parent Portal Calendar for changes and updates.

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P&C Funding

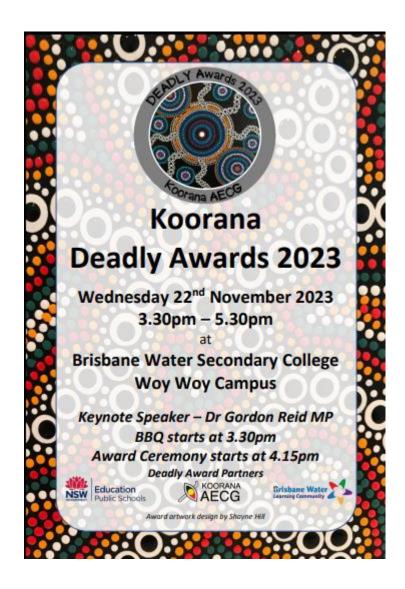
We extend our gratitude to the P&C for their generous donation, which has provided our school with much-needed books sporting equipment and sports shirts. Additionally, we appreciate the P&C's dedication in organising the K - 2 and 3- 6 disco. We also appreciate the time taken to complete a grant to improve the area outside the Year 4 classrooms which has included student voice in the design of the project.

Save the Date

- 21st November: P&C AGM
- 27th November: Thank You Morning Tea
- 5th December: Presentation Day
- 15th December: Last day of the year for students



	LEARNER DISPOSITION		
КА	Lillee C-A	3D	Xanthe C
КВ	Anna B	3R	Isaac S
КС	Celeste VDL	3/4W	Mikayla M
KL	Anastasia J	4J	Isabel A
1A	Charlie R	4M	lvy F
1K	Jesse G	5C	Dylan G
1R	Каі В	5L	Sam M
1/2H	Ruby C	5W	Angus G-R
2B	Michael T	6C	Taya S
2M	Forrest B	6Н	Luciana T



Year 6 - Save the Dates



Year 6 Farewell

When: Thursday, 7th December Time: 5.30pm (arrive at school for photos) 6.00pm start, 7.45pm finish Theme: Heroes/Idols

Year 6 Graduation When: <u>Tuesday, 12</u>th December Time: 9.30am Where: <u>School hall</u>



SUSTAINABILITY

The everyday routines in the classroom and around the school are very important to Sustainability at Empire Bay. It is often the conversation students and teachers have about what we are doing within our school that impacts our understanding of our natural environment. We have recently spotted a Wallaby in the school grounds and last year we had a visit from a beautiful Diamond Python (named Dorothy). As a result, this term during Green Week all classes discussed the wildlife in our school area including our frogs and microbats. We discussed the impact human development has on wildlife and looked at the Green Corridors that countries around the world are creating.



We are very excited to have received a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant and construction of a Sensory Path under our heritage listed tree has begun in the Kindy/Year 1 area. Children have been researching sustainable materials, path designs and native plants for the area.





ATTENDANCE

At primary school orientation

- Attend a school orientation or transition to school program and make sure you have the school's phone number.
- If your child attends an early childhood education service, talk to staff about their transition to school.
- · Ask the school for an enrolment pack.
- Ask for the date your child will start school, as some school timetables will vary. Write this date down.
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- If you need help with English, ask for an interpreter to be present at the orientation meeting. The school will arrange one if available.

Before Term 1 starts

- If your child takes medication—or has an allergy, a medical condition, disability or additional learning and support needs—inform the school as early as possible and make an appointment to speak with school staff.
- Take your child to your local community health nurse or doctor for a health check and make sure their immunisations are up to date. For more details, visit

health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

- Organise outside of school hours care, if needed.
- Talk about the plan for after-school pickup.

At home

- Support your child to develop independence using the bathroom—including urinals for boys—and practise good hand-washing techniques.
- Write your child's name on all their school things and involve your child in organising them and recognising their name. Make sure your child's name is not visible on the outside of anything they'll be wearing to and from school.
- · Read the book Daisy's First Day with your child.

Try this

- · set up a play date for your child to play with a friend
- check out the local library and let your child choose books to borrow
- take a ball to a park to throw, catch and kick together
- organise a picnic with a packed lunch and encourage your child to open it and eat the food by themselves
- putting on their school shoes and walking in them
- dressing in their school uniform
- packing and unpacking their school bag
- drinking from bubblers
- opening and closing their lunch box and identifying food that is for lunch and food that is for recess
- the daily routine of travelling to and from school –whether that's by car, walking, or public transport.



LIBRARY



Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be distributed in the coming weeks for those that have completed the challenge. Borrowing will conclude in week 7 of Term 4. It is important that all books are returned by this date as stocktake will be taking place from week 8 onwards. If you are unable to locate an overdue book, please inform myself so I can assist in locating the book. Alternatively, if you would like a list of overdue books feel free to contact me melinda.travers@det.nsw.edu.au, or come and see me in the library.

Mrs Travers

P&C NEWS



AGM and General Meeting: Tuesday 21st November 7pm in the school library and online. Come along and hear about what is happening at our school. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

P&C Committee

At our AGM all P&C executive committee positions will be declared vacant and a new committee will be voted in for 2024. We'd love to see some new faces on the team and encourage you to contact the P&C if you'd like to be involved.

The roles available are:

President	
Leadership	* Lead P&C objectives* Engage with the school community
Meetings	* Chair effective meetings* Set meeting agendas with the Secretary
Communication *	Establish good relationships with P&C members * Establish good communication with the school Principal * Establish good communication with school staff and community * Act as the spokesperson for the P&C * Communicate P&C objectives and outcomes
Other	 * Ensure the P&C takes part in the school decision making processes * Follow up on actions from previous meetings * Ensure the effective management of the school canteen * Ensure good succession planning * Signatory on all bank accounts * Mentoring
Vice-President x 2 Meetings	* Chair meetings in the absence of the President
0	* Act as backup to the Secretary and Treasurer as needed
Communication *	Establish good relationships with P&C members * Assist in engaging the school community
Other	 * Support the President, Secretary and Treasurer * Support volunteers * Signatory on all bank accounts
Secretary	
Meetings	 * Prepare meeting agendas with the President * Take notes at meetings to draft minutes for approval * Table correspondence
Communication: *	Establish good communication within the P&C * Establish good communication with the school and community * Record P&C correspondence * Forward relevant information to P&C members * Issue meeting notices, agendas and minutes * Assist in engaging the school community
Other	 * Administration to support the P&C * Maintain membership records * Signatory on all bank accounts * Support volunteers

Treasurer

Meetings	 * Produce and presenting financial reports * Receive membership dues and issue receipts 	
Communication * Establ	mmunication * Establish good relationships with P&C members * Assist in engaging the school community * Liaise with Bookkeeper and External Auditor	
Other	 * Administration of P&C funds and bank accounts * Maintain financial records * Budgeting and cash flow management * Organise the annual audit of accounts * Ensure financial management processes are adhered to * Ensure the financial viability of the school canteen * Signatory on all bank accounts * Support volunteers 	
Fundraising Committee		
Meetings	 * Report on fundraising events * Discuss fundraising opportunities and options * Present even budgetary requirements for approval 	
Communication * Establ	ish good communication with the P&C executive committee * Liaise with Secretary and school to communicate events * Provide leadership at P&C fundraising events * Coordinate volunteers	
Other	 * Maintain calendar of P&C fundraising events * Administration and organisation of P&C fundraising events 	

How do you contact us?

To contact our P&C please email ebps.pc@gmail.com or leave a message at the school.



Join us on Facebook!

We now have our own Facebook Page - Empire Bay Public School P&C We'd love you to like the page and follow us to keep up to date with all things P&C and Canteen. See you soon!



Farewell Michelle McNamara!

We wish Michelle all the very best as she leaves us to begin her retirement. Michelle has been a part of the EBPS canteen team for over a decade, first volunteering when her children attended our school, then as an employee for the last 12 years. Michelle has always been a hard worker, had the school and student's best interests at heart and was a wonderful instructor for our staff and volunteers. Thank you for your service Michelle, we'll miss you!

Special Order - Sushi: Wednesday 22 November Order online through Flexischools by 9am Friday 17th November.



Volunteers needed!

Term 4 is always very busy in the canteen and we would love to have a volunteer help for an hour or two each day. If you'd like to give it a try you can just call in on a day that suits you or sign up at: <u>https://signup.zone/ebps-canteen-roster</u> We look forward to seeing you soon!

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus: Term 4: Weeks 5-10



Eating Time/Grounds/Computer Room

Sit down – eat your food only, NO sharing (Allergy Awareness) Put rubbish in correct bins Stay in bounds Safe use of equipment and utensils Line up before entering Keep food and drink away Log off and tidy area before exiting



Please reinforce the above expectation at home with your child

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful







WHAT A PERFORMANCE!!!! CONGRATULATIONS









FROM THE COMMUNITY





DON'T MISS OUT. LAST 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE LIVE SHOW

** if you have already ordered tickets please do not reorder **FREE MAGIC SHOW** Hosted by The Lions Club of Wyoming - East Gosford Centennial. Proudly sponsored by your local businesses.

Niagara Park Stadium, Sunday 12th November at 11am and 2pm

Contact Diana - 0432 633 582





