

# THE BAY NEWS



## SAVE THE DATE

Term 4 - Week 9

Friday 8th December 2023

### Term 4

15<sup>th</sup> December - Raiders

15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day for  
Students 2023

### Term 1 – 2024

30<sup>th</sup> January – School Development

31<sup>st</sup> January – School Development

1<sup>st</sup> February – Students return  
Years 1-6

5<sup>th</sup> February – School Swimming  
Carnival

29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter

2<sup>nd</sup> April – School Photo Day

12<sup>th</sup> April – Last day Term 1

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

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Education

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a great turn out to the Helpers Morning Tea and a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together. Our school is fortunate to have a team of amazing parent helpers who dedicate their time and energy to various facets of our community. From assisting in the classroom to managing the bustling canteen, supporting the Book Fair, orchestrating the Mother's and Father's Day stalls, actively participating in P&C meetings, and coordinating successful raffles, these dedicated individuals are the heartbeat of our school. Their commitment and selfless contributions have not only enriched the educational experience for our students, but also fostered a sense of unity and pride within our school family. A heartfelt thank you to our extraordinary parent helpers for making 2023 a year to remember!

### Reports

Reports will be sent out electronically on Monday. If you wish to discuss anything from the reports, please arrange to meet with the teacher over the following few days. If you require a hard copy of your child's report, the office staff will be more than happy to print one out for you.

### Presentation Day

What a delight it was to share the excitement and pride that filled the air during our recent Presentation Day. The event held last Tuesday was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students. The hall buzzed with anticipation as students took centre stage to showcase their incredible successes across all areas of schooling within and beyond the classroom. What also stood out was the supportive and encouraging atmosphere that enveloped the event. Peers cheered each other on, teachers beamed with pride, and parents marvelled at the growth and development of their children. It was a day where achievements were celebrated, and the spirit of collaboration and community shone brightly. Always a favourite event of mine for the year. Well done to the incoming student leadership team for 2024. I also look forward to working with them next year, especially with Student Voice as a key initiative.


### School Uniforms Review

P&C, student voice (SRC) and the staff have discussed this year that it is time to review our current school uniform which will begin in 2024. P&C and the school need to work closely as we work through this process, in line with DoE policy. One of the first things we will need to do next year is audit what items we have as part of our uniform so that we can define what needs to be reviewed. P&C has also raised the 'Senior' white shirt needing to be highlighted as a target area for future consideration and the place it has in our current Uniform Policy. Please keep an eye out next year for to engage the whole community as part of the process.

## Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

Appreciation goes out to the parents who took the time to participate in our recent survey. Out of a possible 471 surveys, we received 74 submissions, providing valuable insights into our school community's thoughts and experiences. As we reviewed the feedback, it became evident that enhancing our visibility as an inclusive school and improving engagement with families are priorities. While 53% expressed satisfaction with communication, we are grateful for the constructive suggestions that will guide our efforts moving forward. Despite challenges with Sentral this year, we are optimistic about improvements in 2024. Looking ahead, we also aim to streamline our survey process for a more comprehensive understanding of the school community's voice. In the coming year, our new Vision Statement, shaped by input from staff, students, and parents, will further reflect our shared aspirations. Thank you for being vital contributors to our ongoing growth and improvement.



	2023 Class Award		Recipients
<b>KA</b>	Leonardo L, Henry M, Heidi L, Lincoln A	<b>3D</b>	Jaspa C, Henley B, Kobe W, Billie H
<b>KB</b>	Saxon M, Alexis J, Heidi H, Anna B	<b>3R</b>	Charlotte F, Hannah F, Isaac S, William LM
<b>KC</b>	Ethan F, Lyla W, Blake H, Amelia J	<b>3/4W</b>	Mikayla M, Tilda C, Matthew D, Olivia R
<b>KL</b>	Hendrix T, Daniel J, Carter H, Savannah N	<b>4J</b>	Isla S, Daisy M, Chloe H, Zoe M
<b>1A</b>	Ella R, Nyah M, Eddie S, Ivy-May C	<b>4M</b>	Maia T, Edward P, Will M, Harlow M
<b>1K</b>	Sunny M, Dylan T, Finn M, Harlo W	<b>5C</b>	Elizabeth B, Declan K, Freida H, Coco H
<b>1R</b>	Oscar T, Wynnne F, Miller M, Hayley R	<b>5L</b>	Zoe E, Peyton M, Rosie A, Cylas L
<b>1/2H</b>	Riley F, Freddy H, Evie P, Ruby C	<b>5W</b>	Zoe C, Jasper K, Angus GR, Chloe C
<b>2B</b>	Olivia B, Radha C, Lennox G, Michael T	<b>6C</b>	Madison M, Gemma L, Nino P, Lily D
<b>2M</b>	Steven C, Cooper T, Estelle F, Jessika H	<b>6H</b>	Mia S, Jack D, Luciana T, Evie L
	<b>Learner Disposition Award</b> - Rafael L <b>Rose Award</b> - Leo G		<b>Ian Macey Mathematics Award</b> - Alex G

# 2023 School Award Recipients



<b>DUX</b>	Billie D
<b>English Award</b>	Matilda C
<b>Mathematics Award</b>	Maxwell B
<b>HSIE</b>	Abbie N
<b>Science and Technology</b>	Riley W
<b>Creative Arts</b>	Imogen S
<b>Sports Person of the Year</b>	Makai P Lily H
<b>Citizenship</b>	Finn S
<b>PD/H/PE</b>	Sophia N
<b>Concert Band</b>	Harriet M
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Maya M
<b>Major Awards</b>	<b>Years 3 - 6</b>
<b>Environment</b>	Indi G
<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	Lilly K
<b>NSW Premier's Sport Award</b>	Kyra D
<b>Public Speaking</b>	Saxon F
<b>Library Monitor</b>	Peyton M
<b>Training Band</b>	Savannah D
<b>Robertson Medallion - Learner Disposition</b>	Loki J

# 2024 School Leaders

<b>Captain – Boy</b>	William G-C
<b>Captain – Girl</b>	Freida H
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Henry B
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Coco H
<b>Prefect</b>	Declan K
<b>Prefect</b>	Ava B
<b>Prefect</b>	Maison C
<b>Prefect</b>	Chloe L
<b>Sport Captains/Vice Captains - 2024</b>	
<b>Magpies</b>	Audrey L, Clive F, Eve P, Mason H
<b>Kookaburras</b>	Callie L, Leo S, Chris P, Benjamin S
<b>Rosellas</b>	Chloe C, Jack M, Zoe C, Taylor E
<b>Bellbirds</b>	Harper I, Dylan G, Indiana R, Oliver D
<b>Sustainability Leaders</b>	Ella T, Cooper M, Layla B, Charlotte M
<b>Cultural Leaders</b>	Zayli B, Ebony B



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## SUSTAINABILITY

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We would like to thank the sustainability leaders this year for helping with many of our sustainability areas. We know these leaders were able to focus on their own leadership qualities and skills. We hope they bring these skills out into the world and keep working toward improving our natural environment in the future.

We would like to welcome our 2024 Sustainability Leaders and with their help, we are really looking forward to another year of improving all our sustainable practices.



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## YEAR 6 2023

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CLASS of 2023

We wish you all the best for your future schooling and life endeavours.

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## LIBRARY

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Premier's Reading Challenge certificates have all been distributed. Well done to all of the students that had completed the challenge! If you have any overdue books at home, a letter will be coming home in week 10. Please return your books before the school holidays. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas! I am looking forward to another amazing year in the library in 2024.

Mrs Travers





Thank you to all our students, school community and staff of EBPS for your support of our events and fundraisers over 2023!

This year we had a fundraising profit of \$12,885 from our stalls, discos, raffles, Election day BBQ/Cake stalls, Crazy Camel fundraiser and Brickfest. We thank our hardworking committee and amazing volunteers for running these events and hope the students enjoyed them.

With our fundraising profits and previous years savings we were able to purchase \$12,000 in Home Readers and Literacy Resources for our students, and contributed \$31,959 towards Smart Boards for our classrooms.

Thank you to our outgoing President, Belinda Koukas, who has been an active member of the P&C for the last 7 years. We appreciate your camaraderie, leadership and service to our school.

The new committee for 2024 are:

President: Genevieve Page

Vice Presidents: Kelly Overhaul and Shari Casey

Secretary: Ceridwen Foster

Treasurer: Krystine Brisbin

Being part of the P&C is a rewarding experience and we hope to welcome even more new members next year. Come along to a meeting and see for yourself what it's all about! Our next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday of Week 3 in Term 1 2024.

Wishing all our families a very happy holidays from the P&C Team

#### **How do you contact us?**

To contact our P&C please email [ebps.pc@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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### *CANTEEN*

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#### **Canteen Trading Term 1, 2024**

The canteen will be closed for the first two days of Term when school resumes in 2024. We will re-open on Monday 5th February and look forward to seeing all our students then. Wishing all our families a happy holidays from the Canteen Team!

# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus: Term 1: Weeks 1-5



## Establish relationships/Whole school expectations/Classrooms

- Walk on concrete/Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Follow teacher instructions/Listen to others
- Take care of your belongings/Be on time
- Use equipment properly/keep workplace tidy
- Use your manners/support your classmates
- Have equipment ready/take pride in your work
- Sustainability- different bins in classrooms



Please reinforce the above expectation at home with your child

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

## Administration and Payments

Office Hours: 8.30am to 3:15pm

Office re opens Term 1 on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### School Communication Apps/Notes Home/ Payments

**Sentral** - Receive messages and notifications from teachers, report absences.



#### School Bytes -

Receive permission notes, give consent for an event, secure payments.

Upcoming payments:

Swimming Carnival: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Cost: \$12.00



#### Flexischools - Uniform shop orders

**Quickly place lunch orders online & make cashless payments**

Flexischools is our school's online ordering and payments partner. You can use the Flexischools app to easily place school orders online!

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# AVOCA Xmas TWILIGHT MARKET

SATURDAY 9 DEC 4PM-9PM

Featuring  
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RUBY & HER GROOVY DOOBIES

FAIRPLAY SIX STAR 104.5

## AVOCA BEACHSIDE MARKETS 2024 DATES

JANUARY 28TH	JULY 28TH
FEBRUARY 25TH	AUGUST 25TH
MARCH 24TH	SEPTEMBER 22ND
APRIL 28TH	OCTOBER 27TH
MAY 26TH	NOVEMBER 24TH
JUNE 23RD	DEC 7TH TWILIGHT

HEAZLETT PARK FORESHORE  
9AM - 2PM

FAIRPLAY SIX STAR 104.5 CENTRAL COAST MUSIC & ARTS



## Join our new Swim & Sport Program these school holidays

Only \$44 a day

For children aged 7-12 years  
9am-3pm

20th, 21st, 22nd December  
8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 17th January

A fun-filled day of indoor sport, swimming, pool inflatable, Splash Park, teamwork games, life skills activities and more.

Bring your lunch, snacks, water bottle, sun-safe swimwear and a hat.

**Children must be competent swimmers.**

Enrol now via reception or online

Central Coast Council Leisure Centres

# Wyld BY NATURE

## KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS in Ettalong Beach

Selected dates in January  
Limited places available

For bookings visit  
www.wyldbynature.com.au

For more information, contact Erica  
hello@wyldbynature.com.au

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Kid's school holiday workshops

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**SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN @ THE ART HOUSE WYONG**

**THE OWL'S APPRENTICE + PLAYING WITH LIGHT: SHADOW PUPPETRY WORKSHOP**

JOIN POOT POOT THE OWL IN HIS QUEST TO GAIN WISDOM IN AN OUTBACK ADVENTURE COMBINING PUPPETRY AND PHYSICAL COMEDY.

THE OWL'S APPRENTICE:  
WED 10 JAN - 6PM  
THU 11 JAN - 10AM & 3PM  
FRI 12 JAN - 10AM

WORKSHOP:  
THU 11 JAN - 11:15AM  
FRI 12 JAN - 11:15AM  
FRI 12 JAN - 10AM

TICKETS:  
ADULT: \$15.00  
ENCORE MEMBERS: \$12.00  
CHILD UNDER 12: \$12.00  
WORKSHOP & SHOW PACKAGE: \$22.00

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MONDAY 6PM SHOW INCLUDES A PYJAMA PARTY. SO COME DRESSED IN YOUR COOLEST AND COMFIEST PJS!

MON JAN 15 - 6PM\* PJ PARTY  
TUE JAN 16 - 10AM

TICKETS:  
ADULT: \$20.00  
ENCORE MEMBERS: \$15.00  
CHILD UNDER 12: \$15.00  
FAMILY (X4): \$60.00

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**MADA'S MAGIC MARVELS + WORKSHOP**

**AN INTERACTIVE MAGIC SHOW THAT'LL HAVE THE KIDS IN DISBELIEF!**

MADA'S MAGIC MARVELS:  
WED JAN 17 - 6PM  
THU JAN 18 - 11AM  
FRI JAN 19 - 11AM

WORKSHOP:  
THU JAN 18 - 1PM  
FRI JAN 19 - 1PM

TICKETS:  
ADULT: \$20.00  
ENCORE MEMBERS: \$15.00  
CHILD UNDER 12: \$15.00  
FAMILY (X4): \$60.00  
WORKSHOP: \$20.00

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**THE VEGETABLE PLOT + MAGIC GARDEN MUSIC & SONGWRITING WORKSHOP**

**A BUMPER CROP OF CATCHY TUNES AND COLOUR CHARACTERS. PART OF THE ABC KIDS MUSIC FAMILY!**

SHOW:  
TUE JAN 23 - 6PM  
WED JAN 24 - 11AM  
THU JAN 25 - 11AM

WORKSHOP:  
WED JAN 24 - 1PM  
THU JAN 25 - 1PM

TICKETS:  
ADULT: \$15.00  
ENCORE MEMBERS: \$12.00  
CHILD UNDER 12: \$12.00  
FAMILY (X4): \$50.00  
WORKSHOP + SHOW PACKAGE: \$22.00

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