

# THE BAY NEWS



Term 4 Week 10

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

## SAVE THE DATE

### Term 1

31<sup>st</sup> January – School Development Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> February – School Development Day  
4<sup>th</sup> February – School Development Day  
5<sup>th</sup> February – School Development Day  
6<sup>th</sup> February – All Students Years K-6 Return for 2025  
6<sup>th</sup> February – Years 2 to 6 Swimming Carnival  
28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Leadership Day  
27<sup>th</sup> March – School Photo Day

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

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we near the end of another remarkable year, the staff and I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful families. Your ongoing support and partnership have been instrumental in making this year a resounding success. Whether through parent-teacher interviews, school events, or countless other contributions, your involvement has greatly enriched our school community and supported the achievements of our students.

As we celebrate this year's milestones and accomplishments, we thank you for your unwavering collaboration. Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to continue our work in the school plan to build on the successes of 2024.

We wish you a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year. Students in Years K–6 all return to school on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please note this is also the day for our Swimming Carnival.

### Presentation Day

Our recent Presentation Day was an absolute joy, filled with excitement and pride. Held last Tuesday, the event was a true celebration of the hard work and dedication of our students. The hall buzzed with energy as students took the spotlight, showcasing their remarkable achievements across all aspects of school life, both inside and beyond the classroom.

What made the day even more special was the overwhelming sense of support and encouragement that filled the room. Peers cheered one another on, teachers beamed with pride, and parents admired the incredible growth and development of their children. It was a wonderful reminder of the power of community and collaboration, as we came together to celebrate these milestones.

Presentation Day is always a highlight of the year for me, and I extend my congratulations to the incoming student leadership team for 2025 – Matt, Brandon, Robbie, Alex, Daisy, Harlow, Lacey and Illah. I'm excited to work with them next year, especially with their passion for Student Voice.



## Parent Helpers Morning Tea

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!

## School Uniforms Review

This year, it was decided to phase out the white shirts over the coming years with 2027, the official year of no white shirts as part of the uniform. Next year, we will review the remainder of the uniform policy and will seek parent feedback on this during the year



## AWARD RECIPIENTS 2024

<b>Dux</b>	Elizabeth B
<b>English Award</b>	Ella T
<b>Maths Award</b>	Matias A
<b>HSIE</b>	Ryan R
<b>Science and Tech</b>	Cooper M
<b>Creative Arts</b>	Addison B
<b>Sports Person of Yr</b>	Leo S / Audrey L
<b>Citizenship</b>	Sidney B
<b>PD/H/PE</b>	Coco H
<b>Concert Band</b>	Declan K
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Eve P

<b>OTHER AWARDS Yr 3-6</b>	
<b>Environment</b>	Charlotte M
<b>Volunteer Of The Year</b>	Ebony B
<b>NSW P Sport Award</b>	Sienna H
<b>Public Speaking</b>	Jaspa C
<b>Library Monitor</b>	Tia-Jayne KI & Ivy N

<b>NEW AWARD</b>	
<b>Robertson Medallion/ Learner Disposition</b>	Mikayla Mc

<b>Ian Macey Award</b>
Kobe W

<b>Rose Award</b>	Riley F
<b>Learner Disposition</b>	Freddy H



*AWARD RECIPIENTS 2024 (continued)*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Elliot C, Maise D, Ivy D, Ryan B, Cali M, Kye C, Liam C, Olive D, Clementine I
<b>Year 1</b>	Isaac L, Anna B, Clara S, Riley O, Hudson G, Hudson C, Ashton I, Celeste VDL, Daniel J, Henry M, Bailey G
<b>Year 2</b>	Zahli C, Nina F, Benjamin C, Zoie R-H, Leonardo L, Lyla B, Wynnie F, Lyla W, Nash T, Evelyn D, Chloe H, Tilly S
<b>Year 3</b>	Amelia W, Ashton S, Abigail Mac, Lydia D, Tiahli E, Leo G, Xavier T, Jagger S, Greta F, Harrison H
<b>Year 4</b>	Piper O, Orlando C, Xanthe C, Nash C, Toby T, Joyce L, Loni L, Brett P, Jade S, William LM
<b>Year 5</b>	Alexis M, Tahlia S, Chevy T, Samuel T, Isabel A, Matthew D, Sasha C, Olive L, Daisy M, Alexander G
<b>Year 6</b>	Zoe c, Cylas L, Benjamin S, Indiana R, Evie S, Oliver D, Samuel Mc, Ava B, Frieda H, Zoe E



## Leader Roles 2025

School Leaders 2025	
<b>Boy Captain</b>	Alex G
<b>Girl Captain</b>	Daisy M
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Harlow M
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Robbie M
<b>Prefect</b>	Matthew D
<b>Prefect</b>	Lacey D
<b>Prefect</b>	Brandon B
<b>Prefect</b>	Ilah K

Sustainability Leaders 2025	
Zoe Mc	Olivia R
Tia-Jayne K	



MAGPIES	
Chevy T (C)	Tahlia S (C)
Nixon W (VC)	Sienna N (VC)
KOOKABURRAS	
Evie H (C)	Alexis M (C)
Mia W (VC)	
ROSELLAS	
Sam T (C)	Lily G (C)
Che F (VC)	Harvey S (VC)
BELLBIRDS	
Hayden P (C)	Ava L (C)
Noah F (VC)	Harper T (VC)

Cultural Leaders 2025	
Willow B	
Savannah D	





	<b>Merit Award</b>		<b>Recipients</b>
<b>KA</b>	Hunter W, Luna W, Hazel O, Ellie K, Maise D, Ryan B, Billie E, Mia P, Nicky R-G, Isla N, Fletcher C, Patrick T, Evie B,	<b>3D</b>	Iluka B, Matteo Q, Hazel D, Ashton S
<b>KB</b>	Sienna S, Jonathan M, Macie M, Louis W, Corbi R-H, Marley L, Logan Mc, Ivy K, Jasper J, Olive D, Kye C, Regan F	<b>3M</b>	Jesse S, Isabelle L, Michael T, Rachael S
<b>K/1W</b>	Bailey G, Zoe C, Ari F, Jovie B, Daniel J, Zahli P, Hazel S, Azalea D	<b>3/4R</b>	
<b>1C</b>	Celeste VDL, Eloise D, Riley A, Willa F, Heidi H, Lyes J A,, Coco P, Levi B, Arvhi D	<b>4H</b>	
<b>1R</b>		<b>4J</b>	
<b>1/2H</b>	Adele K, Amelia J, Dylan T, Banjo C, Finn Mc, Ethan F, Freddy H, Heidi L	<b>5L</b>	Lily G, Georgia B, Aiden W, Banjo T
<b>2C</b>	Louis W, Chloe H,	<b>5M</b>	Veronica R, Henry T
<b>2W</b>		<b>5/6C</b>	Leo S, Gwenyth S, Peyton M, Jasper K
<b>Library</b>	Willow B, Jonathan M, Lennox G, Grace C, Eden T, Lyla B	<b>6H</b>	Ava B, Charlie S
		<b>6W</b>	Benjamin S, Zayli B, Henry B, Zoe C



**Sustainability**



**At Empire Bay**

**5/6C Tackles Water Efficiency with Rumbalara Education Centre**

This semester, the students of 5/6C engaged in a Water Efficiency Program in collaboration with a teacher from the Rumbalara Education Centre. This initiative provided an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of water efficiency and the local catchment area.

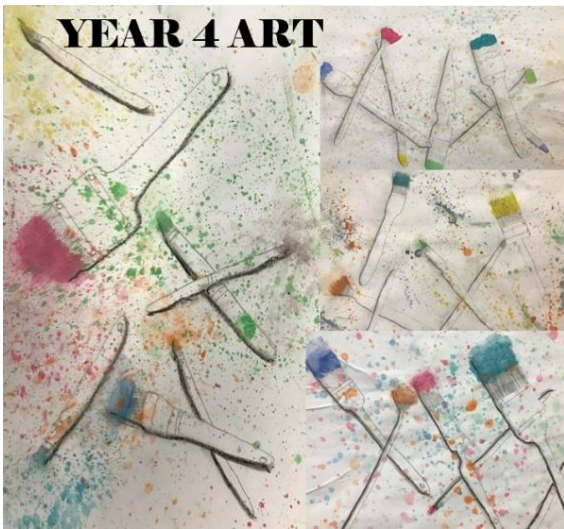
One of the highlights of the program was conducting a comprehensive water audit of our school. The students identified areas where water use could be improved and developed actionable plans to enhance water efficiency. Their ideas were brought to life in a practical Water Efficiency Improvement Plan.

To extend their learning beyond the classroom, students participated in a walking excursion to Cockle Bay. Here, they tested water for pH levels and turbidity, gaining hands-on experience in environmental science and reinforcing the importance of maintaining water quality in our local waterways.

In addition to their practical efforts, the students shared their newfound knowledge with the wider school community. They created informative videos and posters to raise awareness about water efficiency, encouraging everyone to adopt more sustainable water practices.

Through this program, 5/6C not only strengthened their scientific and analytical skills but also made a meaningful contribution to our school's sustainability goals. Their dedication and hard work serve as an inspiring example of how young people can take action to protect our environment.





The Chapman Bridge



The Friendship Eye

Artwork by 5M based on the story of

August and Jones.



Friendship, Love, Understanding, Communication, Unity and Differences



Stars of Light – is an artwork based on the scan Jones had when checking off cancer within her eyes.

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### LIBRARY

Our Premier's Reading Challenge certificates are due any week now! These will be delivered to the students once they arrive. Just a reminder to please return all books that you have at home. It is a good opportunity to clean out those bookshelves to check for an Empire Bay Public School barcode. Borrowing will cease at the end of week 7.

Mrs Travers




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### Positive Behaviour Learning Focus

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus: Term 1: Weeks 3 - 6

### Establishing Relationships, Whole School Expectations, Classrooms.

Walk only on concrete, keep your hands and feet to yourself, follow teacher's instructions, listen to others, take care of your belongings, be on time, expectations on being green.

Use equipment properly, keep workplaces tidy, use your manners, support your classmates, have equipment ready, take pride in your work. Sustainability- different bins in your room.

Please reinforce the above expectation at home with your child

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

As we wrap up 2024, I would like to say 'Thank you' to everyone who has helped in the canteen, whether it be by supporting us through lunch orders, over the counter sales or by volunteering. We wouldn't be able to operate every day if it wasn't for the support of the whole school community. We appreciate each and every one of you!



**Lunch Orders:** We will be running down our stock for the end of the year and some things may become unavailable as they run out. They will be back next year! Thank you for understanding.

**Frozen Snacks:** With the hot weather, slushies are going quick! Order your child a slushie to ensure they don't miss out! The children have been enjoying the frozen slushie cups, frozen fruit, yoghurt and custard too and with prices starting from just 20c, there is something for everyone to keep cool!

**Late Orders/Cancelled Orders:** The cut off time for orders on Flexischools is 8.30. If you have missed the cut off time, please call the school before 9.00am to speak to the canteen. Orders cannot be taken after this time due to time frames with cooking and preparing for lunch at 11.00am.

If your child has forgotten their lunch, they can see the office ladies who will give them a slip for the canteen with a choice of a vegemite sandwich, a cheese sandwich or a cheese and ham roll for lunch. You will then receive a note home with amount owed.

If you have placed an order and your child is away, please contact the school and speak to the canteen before 9.00am. Due to time frames with cooking and preparing, it is not possible to cancel the order after this time, however, we can hold onto drink/snack items for the next day.

**Special order days:** We will be back next year with our special order Sushi, Meatball Subs and Winter Warmer days. Thanks,

**Michelle and the Canteen Team**





# AWARDS 2024

## Kindergarten To Year 2



### Medication at school

Parents/carers of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request, this can be obtained from the front office.

If your child has **Asthma, Allergies** please check expiry dates and supply new medications as required.

In some cases, a medical practitioner may not write a prescription for a medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that 'over the counter' medication may still be harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for non-prescribed medications as for prescribed medications, so we will require a written request and appropriate pharmacy packaging for this also.

### Holidays and Leave

If you are taking your family on a holiday outside of school holidays and it will be 5 school days or longer, please be aware that as a government school we require a leave application to be completed including where you are going, the dates and any itinerary. This is Department of Education requirement. The principal will consider the application. If approved, we will issue your family with a certificate of extended leave.

### Safety Around the School

School grounds must be safe for all students, staff and visitors.

Just a reminder, please do not enter the staff parking areas after 7:30am or prior to 4pm.

The bus bays are for turning around safely and not for parking or dropping off. We have recently been advised that buses are sometimes unable to drop off students promptly and therefore blocking traffic waiting on access to the bus stop.

### Transporting Students

Parents or close relative volunteers who take students other than their own children to school activities are considered specified volunteers. These volunteers need to have at least an unpaid volunteer Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance and fill out the Declaration for Child-Related Workers. The school needs to submit a verification request through our DoE system, and the principal must confirm that the WWCC has been verified in the system before the excursion date.

This process is only if students are collected from school and driven to an activity or event. Students that are taken directly to the destination prior to coming to school do not need to complete these steps.

### Change of Arrangements

If you require to change the after school arrangements for your child/ren, please ensure you contact the school by phone prior to 2pm and we can ensure they receive your notification before the end of the school day.

### Upcoming Payments Due:

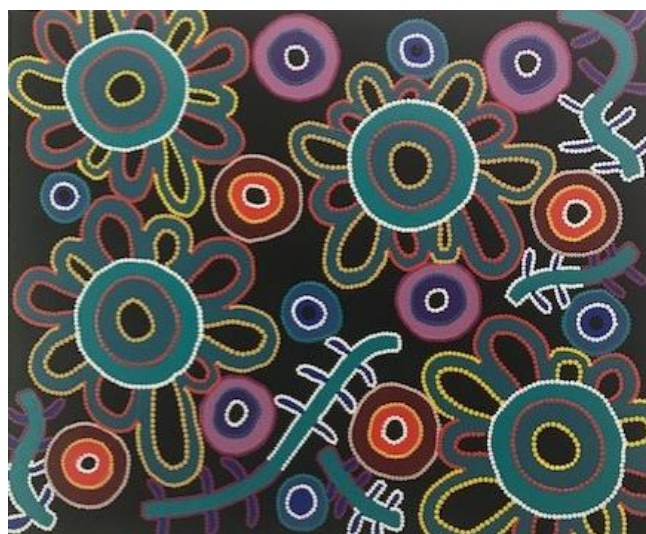
Please refer to School Bytes for consent form and payment.

School Swimming Carnival – February 6<sup>th</sup> (first day for students return) – Cost \$12.00. All students Years 3 to 6 and students turning 8 years of age in 2025 that are competent (50m) swimmers. All other students will remain at school as normal.

**Thank you** all for your support throughout 2024

Merry Christmas from the school office team 🎄

Mrs Rudd, Mrs Hillmann, Mrs Miller and Mrs Lane





The P&C would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2024. We have a wonderful community and your involvement with the school greatly benefits all of the students and staff. We look forward to 2025, have a safe and happy holiday.



Join us on Facebook!

Like our Facebook Page - Empire Bay Public School P&C to keep up to date with all things P&C and Canteen

FROM THE COMMUNITY

**UMINA TENNIS & SOCCER CAMP NOTICE**

Where: UMINA TENNIS, Umina  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec (via booking only)  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jan & Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan**  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan (via booking only)  
Time: 9am-3pm  
Cost: ~~Wk~~ \$100, Day \$30  
TO BOOK YOUR SPOT PLEASE MSG 0410828278  
**WALK INS WILL BE TAKEN SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY ON THE DAY**  
Included: Prizes & Presentation Thursday  
Rackets etc provided  
The camps are held  
wet or fine with indoor activities provided. We Accept Active kids vouchers.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH**

Ages 5-10  
 2312204 Monday  
 9:00am - 3:00pm  
 Errol Highschool, 152 The Entrance Rd, Errol NSW 2250  
 \$49

REGISTER HERE

Come and have a bash at cricket. Fast paced, no equipment required. Lots of skill development activities and modified game based play

For more information contact Emily.Watts@cricketnsw.com.au

**SHARE OUR SPACE**

FREE PROGRAM

- ✓ Perfect for boys and girls aged 5-12
- ✓ Develop fundamental cricket skills in a fun and inclusive environment

Gosford East Public School Share Our Space Program  
 Saturday 21st of December  
 9:30am Arrival - 3:30pm Pick Up  
 Please register via the QR Code or this link:  
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/b7cdf>

Ballney Strays are proud to be a Share Our Space activity provider. Share Our Space is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education.



**REGO OPENS  
2ND DECEMBER**

# REGISTRATION

## Costs

MINI LEAGUE- \$60\*  
 MOD LEAGUE- \$85\*  
 INTERNATIONAL (13'S) \$85  
 INTERNATIONAL (14'S & OVER) - \$185

\*Price after \$100 rebate from Wyong Leagues Group

Costs includes Playing Kit and Training Gear for each player.

### MINI LEAGUE AGES

U5 - U9 BOYS & GIRLS  
 U/5 years - Turning 4 or 5 years in 2025

### MOD LEAGUE AGES

U10 - U12 BOYS & GIRLS  
 Including U11's all girls team

### INTERNATIONAL AGES

13-17 BOYS & GIRLS  
 FEMALE LEAGUE TAG TEAMS FOR U14 & U16  
 FEMALE TACKLE TEAMS FOR U13, U15, U17

Contact Us

[registrar.woywoyroosters@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.woywoyroosters@gmail.com)

**summer fest 2025**  
 JAN 6-11  
 9-11:30AM

a school holiday event that's fun for kids... and relaxing & informative for parents!

ONLY \$7 PER CHILD  
 \$12 PER FAMILY PER DAY

Held on-site at Woy Woy South Primary School Waterloo Avenue

[www.sfest.org](http://www.sfest.org)

GRACE CHURCH

**THIS GREAT HOLIDAY PROGRAM INCLUDES:**  
 Games, drama, sports, singing, flashbacks and lots of fun in a safe environment! All school aged children are bring a hat and 'Slip, Slip, Slap'.

**ROCKETS (Yrs K-2) 9-11:30am**  
 Calling all junior detectives! Detective YOU!R help to crack this case- "Who is the all Rockets for a fun filled time of games, music, craft, puppets, challenges and more!"

**BOOM (Yrs 3-6) 9-11:30am**  
 Join us this summer at the Academy where Boom agents will undergo special training. We'll be going deep, deep, deep undercover to unearth the truth about the man from the Lake files. It'll be an epic time with huge challenges, games & prizes. The truth is out there! If you want to find it, register quick!

**KIDS & YOUTH PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH KIDS CONCERT & CARNIVAL: 5PM**  
 Featuring jumping castle, games, BBQ, and concert starring the kids... heaps of family fun!

**SUMMER SALT (Yrs 7-12) 5:00-7:30pm**  
 Want to make the most of the Summer nights. At Adventure Island we'll be on the "Sawtooth" to unlock the island treasures before time runs out. Heats, challenges, BBQ nights, water bomb, colour run, good times and loads more. Don't miss it this January.

**CHRISTMAS Hope for the weary**

Join us to celebrate the hope that Christmas provides through Jesus.

Grace Nights Christmas 5pm December 22nd  
 Peninsula Community Centre, Hope for the weary

Christmas Day 8am December 25th

To learn more visit [www.gracechurchpeninsula.com.au](http://www.gracechurchpeninsula.com.au)

