

THE BAY NEWS



SAVE THE DATE

Term 1 - Week 5

Thursday 29th February 2024

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1st March – 'Jersey Day' -Yr 6 Fundraiser
6th March – EOI Year 7 2025 Opens
12th March – Zone Swimming
13th March – 22nd March – NAPLAN
28th March – Easter Hat Parade
29th March to 1st April - Easter
2nd April – School Photo Day
12th April – School Cross Country
12th April – Last day Term 1

Term 2

9th May – Selective HS Testing
14th May – P&C Meeting 7pm

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

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year at Empire Bay Public School. We extend a heartfelt welcome to all returning students, teachers, and families, as well as extend a warm greeting to our new teachers, students and their families. We are delighted to have you join our vibrant community here at Empire Bay PS, and we eagerly anticipate your active involvement in your child's educational journey and in the various initiatives of our school.

We're thrilled with the smooth transition and settling in of our newest members, the Kindergarten students. Their arrival has added a wonderful energy to our school environment. Additionally, we take pride in witnessing the enthusiasm and positive mindset demonstrated by all our students as they embark on this new academic year. Here's to another successful and rewarding year ahead!

School Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival took place at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Monday, February 5th, and it was a fantastic day. The atmosphere was vibrant, with a great sense of excitement and camaraderie among participants and spectators. Congratulations to all the students who will be heading to the Zone Swimming Carnival on 12th March. Thank you to Mr Rippon and all staff who made the day a successful one with parent feedback very positive about how well it ran during the day.

Parent Information Sessions and Parent Interviews

Week 3 we held our Parent Sessions, which was organised earlier this year based on parent feedback suggesting they wanted to meet teachers earlier in the year. It was heartening to see the enthusiastic participation of numerous families attending. Looking forward, Parent Interviews are scheduled to take place during Weeks 7 and 8 of this term, commencing on Monday, March 11th. We strongly encourage every family to attend these sessions, which can be conducted either face-to-face, over the phone, or online, depending on individual needs and time available. Your active involvement is invaluable in fostering strong communication and collaboration as parent partner learners. This year we will be using Sentral to organise times so please keep an eye out from next week to book in.

Health Care Plans

If your child has a health condition that needs medication or specific management, parents are required to provide the school with a health care plan or asthma plan filled out in consultation with a doctor. They need to be renewed every year. Please contact the front office to update your child's Health Care Plan. We would appreciate your immediate attention to these plans, so that we can be sure we have up-to-date information if your child needs assistance with a health issue.

Nut Allergies

There are several students at Empire Bay PS who have severe reactions to nuts. Therefore, it is advised that parents please not send any nut products or food containing nuts to school with your children. We also ask that if your child is allergic to or has an intolerance towards certain foods that you speak to your child about not sharing any food with other students.

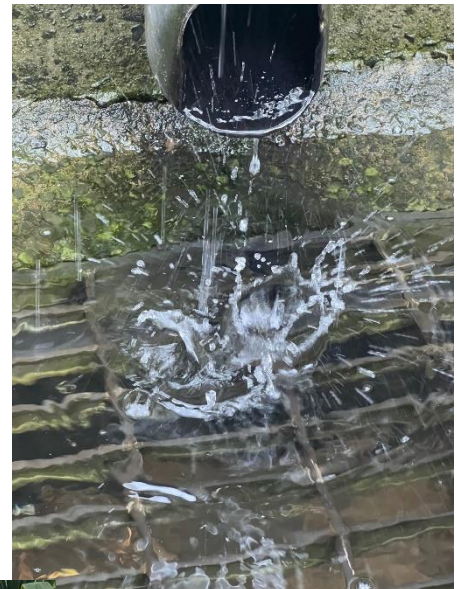
Bus Zone


Please remember that the Bus Zone is not an area for dropping off students, even in the wet weather. While it may seem quite innocent, it can be dangerous and harmful to our students. Just like most people, bus drivers want to do their job without unnecessary obstacles in their way.

New Vision Statement 2024 – 2027


As part of our school planning cycle we have a new Vision for the school. This still aligns to our old vision statement but also takes not consideration parent feedback from the Tell Them From Me survey last year and consultation with students and staff. Please look out for a PDF in your Sentral messages.

In our inclusive and innovative community, we nurture high expectations, amplify student voice, and empower all individuals as lifelong learners.





	Merit Award			Recipients	
KA	Felicity C Hunter W	Ryan B Maise D	3D	Amelia W Matteo Q	
KB	Marley L Kye C	Jonathon M Olive D	3M	Isla D Harrison H	Ellen R Albie M
K/1W	Zoe H Henry M	Harrison Y Hazel S	3/4R	Ruby H Tiahli E	Henley B Mikayla M
1C	Flynn O Ava I	Coco P Hudson G	4H	Tilda C Kalani R	
1R	Savannah N Harley M	Giavanna V Emil R	4J	Rhyland M Frankie L	Romy G Isaac S
1/2H	Riley F Banjo C	Adele K Alanna H	5L	Wyatt B Willow B	Chevy T Ziggy B
2C	Henry M Evie D	Zev H Ivy-May C	5M	Isabel A Reo G	Marlee B Robbie M
2W	Marlie B Lewis S	Nina F	5/6C	Rosie A	Zac H
Library			6H	Evie S	Maison C
			6W	Willa M Jack Mc	Angus G-R Cylas L




NAPLAN 2024 parent and carer information

Suggested school newsletter or email content

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2024 will take place from **Wednesday 13 March** to **Monday 25 March**.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will undertake activities to help students become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) is available to see the types of questions, tools and functions used in the NAPLAN tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/parent-information>).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

SUSTAINABILITY



We have started up all our sustainable systems in these first few weeks of Term 1. All students deposit their empty 10cent return drink containers into blue bins around the school and The Green Team is sorting and recycling for our Return and Earn program. The Green Team is watering gardens and caring for our sensory path area under the Heritage Tree in our Year 1 area.

Year 5 students are feeding, watering and collecting eggs up in the chicken coop.

All classes are sending their food scraps up to our 3Bay compost area and Year 6 students are adding Carbon to the Nitrogen for what we hope will be a highly productive compost!

The Bush Tucker Garden has had some impressive growth over the summer and students are helping with weeding, watering and a general post-summer tidy up.



We are looking forward to new projects in sustainability at EBPS this year. We have received a T4L STEM kit consisting of 2 Aeroponics Garden Towers. Students in Years 1-6 have planted seeds in the aeroponics system and in soil and they will compare growth rates and water usage.

We are also really looking forward to welcoming the Black Soldier Fly back to EBPS! We will be receiving a BSF Life Cycle Kit from Arc Ento Tech and students will observe and compare life cycles. Students will discuss the resources and benefits we create when we divert organic waste from landfill using the Black Soldier Fly larvae.



LIBRARY

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun!! The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature! Students in 3-6 will read their 20 books independently and will need to return their permission note in order to begin logging their readings. Students in K-2 will have their 30 books read to them during class and library sessions and will only need to return a note if you wish to withdraw your child from participating. At the end of the challenge, students that complete the required readings will receive a certificate. They may also have their name appear on The Premier's Reading Challenge Honour Roll if they have completed 4-7 years of completion.



Borrowing in the library is in full swing! Please remember to send your child with a library bag on their allocated day so they can continue to borrow. If you have not already, please put your child's name on their bag to ensure it makes its way back to them if they lose it. Our borrowing limits are as follows:

Kindergarten - 1 book

Stage 1 - 2 books

Stage 2 - 3 books

Stage 3 - 4 books

Mrs Travers



Next Meeting: Mark your calendars for Tuesday 12th March, at 7PM! Join us either in person at the school library or online. Hear the latest updates and initiatives happening at our school. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Meet & Greet Recap: A big thank you to everyone who stopped by our Meet and Greet during the Parents Information Session. It was wonderful to catch up with familiar faces and meet new ones!

Floor Games Galore: We're thrilled to see students enjoying the new floor games and teachers incorporating the activity track into their classes. It's all about fun and active learning!

Easter Raffle: Get ready for some egg-citing news! Our annual Easter Raffle is just around the corner, with tickets available for purchase from Monday 4th March. Stay tuned for more details coming your way soon.



School Disco: Get your dancing shoes ready because DJ Andy is back for our first disco of the year on Tuesday 19th March, in the school hall. More information coming soon – it's going to be a blast!

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!

CANTEEN

Opening Hours: Open every day for online lunch orders to be placed with Flexischools by 8.30am. Also open at lunchtime with counter service for drinks, snacks and frozen treats.

Menu Price Increase: Term 1 2024 -There has been a small price increase on some of our menu items due to the increase costs passed on by our suppliers. We would like to reassure our families that we will continue to keep our prices as low as possible.



Sushi Day - Wednesday 6th March: We are running our first special order Sushi Day for the year! All orders need to be placed online through Flexischools by 8.30am Friday 1st March.

Volunteers: Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! We would love to welcome volunteers to the canteen in 2024. No experience is necessary, just wear enclosed shoes and join our canteen staff from 9am to 11.30.

To sign up please use the online Canteen Roster at: <https://signup.zone/ebps-canteen-roster> We look forward to seeing you soon!



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

School Bytes
Parent App
Available now!

Key Features

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history

Available on the **App Store** and **Google Play**

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Key Features:

- Keep up-to-date with the school calendar of events
- Stay informed with your targeted news feed
- Receive school newsletters
- Absences, advise the school, respond to unexplained absences
- Message your child's teacher
- Browse school documents and resources
- Receive your child's report electronically
- Book and manage parent/teacher night interviews

Hey Parents! Instantly place school orders through our app.

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Available on the **App Store** and **Google Play**

Key Features:

- Order your child's school canteen lunches
- Pre-order for Canteen Special Order days
- Order your child's school uniforms
- On-line, easy to use

5 Lands Photography Workshop

On Tuesday 20th February, selected students from Stage 3 were given the opportunity to participate in the 5 Lands Photography Workshop with Sally Mayman from www.turtlepictures.com.au.

The school grounds became a blank canvas for students to try out their new skills and take photographs using different light, perspective, line, shadow, filters and more.

Thank you to Sally for coming in and making sure each student was able to capture an amazing photo.

Students will now choose their favourite photo taken on the day to be displayed at the 5 Lands Walk.



Kincumber Colts

Junior Rugby League Football Club

REGISTER NOW FOR

Season 2024

MINIS (U6 - U9) \$170

MODS (U10-U12) \$200

INTERNATIONAL (U13-U17) \$200

FEMALE TACKLE (U11, U13, U15, U17) \$200

FEMALE LEAGUE TAG (U14, U16) \$200

FEMALE TAG (U14, U16) & TACKLE (U11, U13, U15, U17)

(combined - playing both) \$225

Please contact our registrar Amy on 0401 313 728
to coordinate combined Tag & Tackle registration

www.kincumberecolts.com.au



2024 Active Kids Vouchers
are now available to eligible families
via Service NSW



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

Piano Lessons

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Let's make music!
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Autumn School Holiday Activities

COST: \$55 per day or \$32 half day
AGES: 5-12 years
TIME: AM 8:30am-12:30pm
PM 12:30pm-4:30pm

BOOK NOW



ADDITIONAL INFO: Please make sure you bring a water bottle,
morning/afternoon tea, lunch, enclosed shoes

Mon 15th	AM Painting + Floor is Lava PM Archery + Tramp
Tues 16th	Meet My Squad Day AM Team Gym + Collaborative Art PM The Amazing Race
Wed 17th	AM Free G + Giant Battleship PM Bowling + Minute to win it
Thur 18th	AM Escape Room PM Mini Golf & Hotty Beads
Fri 19th	AM Bingo + Dance Party PM Science + Tramp
Mon 22nd	Earth Day AM Poppy Flower Art + Tramp PM Multi sports
Tues 23rd	AM Outdoor Activities PM Gymnastics + Bingo
Wed 24th	AM Cookie Decorating + Tramp PM Archery + Free G
Thur 25th	CLOSED
Fri 26th	AM Laser Tag + Craft PM Dodgeball
Mon 29th	Healthy Heart Day AM Fitness Scavenger Hunt PM Gymnastics + Laser Tag

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JOIN THE FUN!

**CENTRAL COAST
"GIRLS ONLY" AUSKICK**

THURSDAY 22nd, 29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st March 4pm-5pm

Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 5 weeks of Skills and games,
which includes an Auskick starter pack, all at Saratoga Oval. Targeted at Girls
aged 5-12, within the Southern End of the Central Coast.

Scan the QR or use this link - <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/71fe26>



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