

THE BAY NEWS



Term 1 - Week 10/11

Wednesday 11th April 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Term 1 – 2024

8th April – Stage 3 Reggie Rewards
9&10th April – Peer Support Training (Year 6)
11th April – Stage 1 & 2 Reggie Rewards
12th April - RAIDERS
12th April – School Cross Country
12th April – Last day Term 1

Term 2

30th April – Students return
1st May – ANZAC Day Service
2nd May – Isabelle Kelly Cup Girls 7's
3rd May – Cross Country backup
7th May – Peer Support Starts
9th May – Selective HS Testing
10th May – Rugby League Gala Day
10th May – Mother's Day Breakfast
14th May – St 3 Touch Footy Gala Day
14th May – Year 3 Zoo
14th May – BWSC Information Evening
14th May – P&C Meeting 7pm
16th May – Yr2 Reptile Park visit
17th May – PSSA Soccer Gala Day
24th May – Yr 1 Reptile Park visit
24th May – Zone Cross Country
27th – 31st May – Reconciliation Week
31st May – 'Wear it Yellow' Day
31st May – P&C 'Bogan Bingo' Evening

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

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up our first fantastic term for 2024, there have been so many highlights, achievements, and memories that have made these past few months. It has already been an incredible journey of learning and growth for all our students and we look forward to the terms ahead. Thank you for being part of our school community. Our families are what makes this school great.

Sydney North Swimming Carnival Results

A huge congratulations to our outstanding boys for their remarkable performance at the recent Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival! It's with great pride that we announce our senior boys relay team's impressive achievement of securing 5th place overall in the final. Amidst stiff competition, their determination and skill shone brightly. Additionally, a special shoutout to Leo S for his exceptional feat of making it to every final for the events he participated in on the day. We couldn't be prouder of our boys!



Problem-Solver Learner Disposition Morning Tea

Our first Learner Disposition Morning Tea with the Principal was held yesterday, exclusively for our Problem-Solving recipients. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with each of the selected students from their respective classes. Being a problem solver is an invaluable skill that benefits students in various aspects of life where they seek solutions rather than dwelling on problems, which then fosters a sense of empowerment and control over their circumstances.

ANZAC DAY

Our school will come together to honour and remember the sacrifices of our brave servicemen and women at our school's ANZAC ceremony on Wednesday, May 1st. This occasion provides an opportunity for our students to reflect on the significance of ANZAC Day and pay tribute to those who

have served our country with courage and selflessness.



Mother's Day (and Carers) Breakfast

Mark your calendars! We're excited to announce our upcoming Mother's Day Breakfast, held in conjunction with the 'World's Biggest Morning Tea' event. Mothers and Carers are warmly invited to join us for a delightful cup of tea and sweet treats on Friday, May 10th, before school. Stay tuned for further details early next term as we will also be inviting Mums and carers into the classroom for a visit.

New Student Voice Council

The Student Voice Council (SVC) has kicked off the year with resounding success as a new initiative at our school, amplifying the voices and concerns of our student body. Including passionate and dedicated representatives from across all grades with strength in the Social and Emotional domain, the council has emerged as a success in student empowerment and collaboration. Through regular meetings and open discussions, they have fostered a supportive environment where students feel heard, valued, and empowered to enact positive change within our school community.

Cross Country

Our school's Cross Country will be held tomorrow, our last day of term. We look forward to welcoming the community to this event as a wonderful way to end the term.

Department of Education's new Communication Procedure

Please find within the Parent Portal an important update regarding communication procedures within our school community. Attached is a letter outlining the new guidelines set out by the Department of Education concerning communication practices outside of school operational hours. These guidelines specifically address the best approach for staff to 'switch off' during their personal time. We believe that these updated procedures will contribute to a healthier work-life balance for our staff, ultimately benefiting the entire school community. Thank you for your understanding and support as we implement these changes.

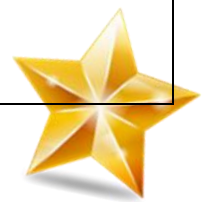
Happy Holidays

Wishing all our families a fantastic holiday break filled with joy and relaxation! We eagerly anticipate your return on Tuesday, April 30th. Please note that our school's professional learning day will be held on the preceding Monday. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.





	Merit Award		Recipients
KA	Isla N, Douglas B, Elliot C, Billie E Luna W, Fletcher C, Nicky RG, Tully L	3D	Harlem H, Hazel D, Leon L, Ivey M, Ashton S, River H
KB	Sienna S, Logan M, Ivy K, Liam W Liam C, Mackenzie S, Jasper S, Annika L Louis W, Cali M	3M	Greta F Jagger S Dusty T Finn C
K/1W	Carter H, Alirah-Jayde C, Clementine I, Stevie S Blake H, Isaac A, Imogen K, Jovie B Zoe C, Zahli P, Stasi J, Azalea D	3/4R	Forrest B Oscar W Jade S Charlotte F
1C	Celeste V, Ashton I, Alaska P, Hunter D Lillie C, Levi B Hudson C, Eloise D	4H	Elsie L Kobe H Piper O
1R	Charlie S Isaac L Joni T Leilani J	4J	Frankie L Toby T Joyce L
1/2H	Sunny M, Hendrix B Lyla B, Lyla W Freddy H, Rosalie M Nyah M, Leo L Lincoln A, Alexis J	5L	Tahlia S Lacey D Aiden W Banjo T
2C	Nash T, Tilly S Connor N, Kai B	5M	Evie H Jordan W Dylan R, Ella B
2W	Charlie B, William M, Lewis S, Korbin F, Zailee M, Macy M, Hayley R	5/6C	Alexander G Indiana P Chloe GP Ivy F
Library	Rhyland M, Alannah T, Tilly S, Sidney B Harper T, Arvhi D, Maia T, Henley B	6H	Taylor E Chloe C Ebony B
		6W	Paige G Cooper M

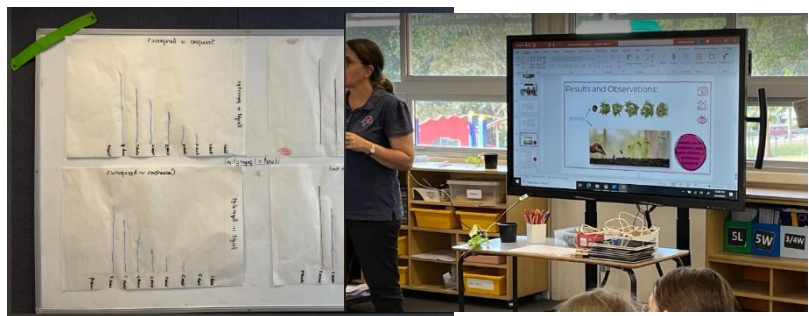




Aeroponics vs Soil



Our Scientific investigation into food sustainability and alternative growing methods is well on its way across Year 1 to Year 6. Students have planted cucumbers, snow peas, basil, lettuce and spinach in the Aeroponics tower and in soil and are making qualitative and quantitative observations. Our aim is to discover which method will perform better. We are following the steps of an observational investigation and learning how to collect and present data. Younger children are measuring using informal measurement and older children are creating reports, tables and graphs with formal measurement using a variety of technology platforms.



LIBRARY

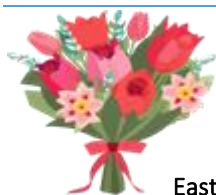
The Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway at [E.B.P.S!! Congratulations](#) to those of you that have started. Students in 3-6 will read their 20 books independently and the students in K-2 will have their 30 books read to them during class and library sessions. The competition does not end until 23rd August, 2024. At the end of the challenge, students that complete the required readings will receive a certificate.



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 14th May, 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!

Easter Raffle: Thank you to our school community for making the Easter Raffle a successful fundraiser event. We hope the winners were egg-static with their Easter Hamper!

Mother's Day Stall: Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held in Week 2 next term. This event is always a big hit with the kids who love to spoil the special women in their lives. More details to come.

How do you contact us?

To contact our P&C please email ebps.pc@gmail.com.



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.

Easter Raffle 2024 – Prize Winners!

Jade S 3/4R, Harley M 1R, Will G 6W, Isla G 4J, Isaac L 1R, Freddy H 1/2H, Charlotte N KB, Lilah H 4H.

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.

Firstly, I'd like to say thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers for their time and help in the canteen! It is very much appreciated. We welcome all volunteers to the canteen and even half an hour at drop off helps immensely. If you would like to come in, just pop in any day or sign up on the roster at: <https://signup.zone/ebps-canteen-roster>



We will be having 3 special order days in term 2! Week 3 – Sushi Day, Week 6 – Meatball Sub Day, Week 9 – Sushi Day! Keep an eye out on the P&C Facebook page and Sentral for more details closer to the dates.

We will be trialling some new snacks next term for purchase over the counter at lunch. Watch out for our promotion posters out the front of the canteen.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus: Term 1: Weeks 6-10



Playground/Transitions/Eating Time/Anti-bullying

- Stay in bounds/use equipment correctly and return it/wait for Duty Teacher/No Hat No Play.
- Remain with your class, take a buddy/ Stay to the left of the paths/
- Remain quiet to minimise noise near classrooms/Go directly to where you need to be
- Set positive examples for others.
- Sit down while eating/Eat your food only- NO sharing –Allergy danger.
- Raise your hand if you need the teacher's attention and to be dismissed after the bell
- Put rubbish in correct bins and put your belongings in your bag.
- Walk away from uncomfortable situations/Ask for help from someone you trust.
- Say NO to Bullying/Report any incidences
- Don't be a by-stander, be an up-stander

Please reinforce the above expectation at home with your child

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

ADMINISTRATION

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.

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. As winter is approaching, please check and update your child's/children's Asthma Plan and medication supplied at school.

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.

Working with Children Declaration

If you are wishing to volunteer and assist in your own child's classroom or canteen, please see the office for a Working with Children declaration form.

Change of Arrangements

If you require to change the after school arrangements for your child/children, please ensure you contact the school by phone prior to 2pm to allow ample time to relay your information before the end of the school day.

Upcoming Payments Due:

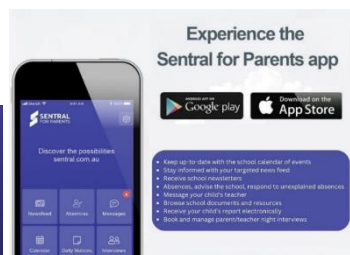
Please refer to School Bytes for consent form and payment.

Stage One (Years 1 and 2) only

Australian Reptile Park : \$29

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) only

Scope IT : \$56





HEADLICE

They are always about and school holidays is a good time to check and treat



FROM THE COMMUNITY

SHINING BRIGHTLY
HEALTHY MINDS + STRONG BODIES + RESILIENT KIDS = HAPPY FAMILIES

CENTRAL COAST KIDS DAY OUT

at NARARA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday 5th May

cckdo.org  **10am-3pm**

**AGENCIES
 STALLS
 SPECIALISTS
 ACTIVITIES
 SPORTS**

**FREE
 RIDES
 & SHOWS**

All day entertainment for the whole family!

ADULTS \$20 KIDS \$10 FAMILY \$45 2 ADULTS+ 2 KIDS KIDS UNDER 1 FREE



CENTRAL COAST KIDS DAY OUT 2024 IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



PLEASE NOTE: Event will proceed RAIN, HAIL or SHINE. Entry cost is non-refundable. Program subject to change, please refer to cckdo.org

CENTRAL COAST KIDS DAY OUT CONNECTING FAMILIES TO SOCIAL SERVICES



Central Coast Holiday Programs

16 APR

LAKE MUNMORAH HIGH SCHOOL
 REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/CRICKET-AUSTRALIA/REGISTER/5C05D5](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/5c05d5)

23 APR

HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL
 REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/CRICKET-AUSTRALIA/REGISTER/5C05D5](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/5c05d5)

BOTH PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR KIDS AGES 5-10 AND ARE FREE!

9.30AM-3.30PM



Piano Lessons

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technical skill and creativity.



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Umina Tennis & Sports Club SUMMER CAMP

**Tues 16th April- Fri 19th April
TENNIS - SOCCER - MULTI SPORT

(9am - 3pm)
\$30 per day

\$100wk

UMINA SPORTS PRECINCT MELBOURNE AVE UMINA BEACH
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE THEATRE!

CIRCUS | LIVE MUSIC

FAMILY



TEMPO by Flying Fruit Fly Circus
19-20 APRIL

SCIENCE | COMEDY

KIDS
5+



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22-24 APRIL

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Central Coast Autumn Holiday Junior Chess Tournament (ages 6 to 17)



Before entering,
please email me
for the full flyer

For NSW country players. Limited to 140.
Please don't pay until entry confirmed.

Entry fee \$10

For full entry details
please email, not text:
Gary Losh

glosh6090@gmail.com

0432 453 726

Monday 22 April

Must pre-enter by Saturday 20 April

Central Coast Grammar School
9.30am – 4.00pm

Minimum ability: Must know how to move the
pieces and complete games independently.

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

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MATT CURRAN – Central Coast

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currantelectrical@gmail.com



FREE healthy lifestyle program



10-week program for 7 to 13-year-old kids and their families*
Go for healthy eating advice, active games and positive changes for the whole family. Most importantly, go for fun!
*contact us to see if it will suit your family



Programs run every school term
Register now: call 1800 780 900 or visit go4fun.com.au



GO4FUN

Go4Fun is a **free**, 10-week healthy lifestyle program for children between 7–13 years old to enjoy along with their families.

- Group activities and games
- Feel good about eating healthily
- Reduce screen time and make new friends
- Rewards and prizes for the kids
- Positive health changes for the whole family

Term 2 programs will take place at:

- Lake Haven Recreation Centre, Tuesdays 4–6pm, starting 30th April (Aboriginal program for everyone run by Bungree Aboriginal Association)
- The Entrance Community Centre, Wednesdays 4–6pm, starting 1st May
- Gosford Olympic Pool, Thursdays 4–6pm, starting 2nd May
- Go4Fun online

To find out more information or register, visit go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900. Places are limited, so get registering now!



FREE 5-14 Years Age Group*
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Program week 1
APRIL 2024



Monday 15.04.24
9.30am-11.30am
MIXED SOCCER
Coached by the Indij. Soccer Team
Morning Tea Provided
Please wear sneakers & bring a water bottle.
Equipment supplied.

Oval: Umina United Soccer Club
Etta Road, Umina Beach



Thursday 18.04.24 and/or
Friday 19.04.24
10am-12pm
Intro to Junior Tennis
Includes free sausage sizzle
Please wear sneakers & bring a water bottle.
Equipment supplied.

Empire Bay Tennis Club

LIMITED SPOTS Available - Please request a registration form to: admin@mingaletta.org.au
*Parental Supervision Required.
All Facilitators hold current Working with Children Checks



FREE 5-14 Years Age Group*
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Program week 2
APRIL 2024



MONDAY 22.4.24
2pm-4pm
CULTURAL WEAVING
with Aunty's Elaine, Linda & Rell
(beginner level)
Onsite @Mingaletta



TUESDAY 23.4.24
2pm-4pm
Fun Art & Craft
with Jen & Jem
Onsite @Mingaletta



WEDNESDAY 24.4.24
2pm-4pm
Cultural Art Day
with Kim visiting from
Gosford CDB Hub
Onsite @Mingaletta



MINGALETTA
6 Sydney Avenue
Umina Beach

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