

THE BAY NEWS



Term 1 Week 5

Thursday 27th February, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Term 1

28th February – Year 6 Leadership Day
3rd March - Yr 7 EOJ Online Open
10th to 21st March – Parent/Teacher Interviews
11th March – Zone Swimming Meet
12th to 24st March -NAPLAN
17th to 21st March – Harmony Week
25th March – P&C School Disco
27th March – School Photo Day
1st April – Sydney North Swimming Carnival
2nd April – High School Information Night
4th April – School Cross Country
8th & 9th April – Peer Support Training (Year6)
10th April – Stage 2 Reggie Rewards
11th April – Cross Country Back-up
Easter Hat Parade
Last Day Term 1
28th&29th April – School Development Days
30th April – Students return

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

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited to begin another fantastic year at Empire Bay Public School and extend a warm welcome to all our students, families, and staff—both returning and new. A special welcome to our newest students, and their families—we're delighted to have you join our amazing school community.

It has been wonderful to see our Kindergarten students settle in so smoothly, bringing their energy and excitement to the school. Equally, we are proud of the enthusiasm and positive attitude shown by all our students as they embrace the opportunities of the year ahead.

We look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and shared success. Here's to a fantastic 2025!

School Swimming Carnival

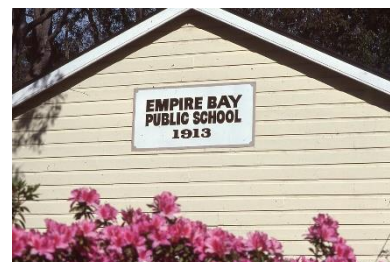
The school swimming carnival took place at Gosford Pool on Thursday, February 6th, the very first day of school. The atmosphere was vibrant, with a great sense of excitement and camaraderie among participants and spectators. We thank everyone for making the process as easy as possible given the timing of the carnival. Congratulations to all the students who will be heading to the Zone Swimming Carnival in March. Thank you to Mr Rippon and all staff who made the day a successful and well done to the 'Student Team' who beat the teachers this year!

Parent Information Sessions and Parent Interviews

In Week 4, we held our Parent Sessions, and it was pleasing to see so many families actively participating and engaging with their child's learning journey.

Looking ahead, Parent Interviews will take place in Weeks 7 and 8, beginning Monday, March 10th. We strongly encourage all families to attend, with options available for face-to-face, phone, or online meetings to suit individual preferences and schedules. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to strengthen communication and collaboration as partners in learning.

This year, bookings will be managed using the School Interviews system we previously used, so please keep an eye out next week for the booking details. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to connecting with you.



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.

NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

A reminder that NAPLAN 2025 will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March. NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

Sport

Swimming Carnival Results - Winning House – **ROSELLAS**

Age Champions:	Jnr 8-10 Boys	Jett Bradley
	Jnr 8-10 Girls	Tiahli Evenden
	11yrs Boys	Kalani Robinson
	11yrs Girls	Jade Spinks
	Snr Boys	Wyatt Bradley
	Snr Girls	Tahlia Smith



Good Luck to Zone Competitors!

Leader Roles 2025

School Leaders 2025	
Boy Captain	Alex G
Girl Captain	Daisy M
Vice Captain	Harlow M
Vice Captain	Robbie M
Prefect	Matthew D
Prefect	Lacey D
Prefect	Brandon B
Prefect	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	



	Merit Award		Recipients
KA	Leo H, Cora B, Harriet M, Reg T	3L	Charlie R, Heath C
KC	Blythe A, Lilah L, Caio F, Penny B	3M	William M, Toby M
KM	Tilly S, Delilah G, Hazel G, Robbie G	3/4R	Riley F, Jagger S
1B	Marley L, Xander N, Ceezha M, Willow-Rose M, Boston R, Macie Mc	4D	Ashton S, Isla D
1H	Hunter W, Corbin R-H	4J	Greta F, Ethan McF
2C	Blake H, Carter H, Gigi V, Hazel S	5C	Xavier W, Soul H
2K	Anna B, Isaac A, Lincoln A, Harry Y	5M	Nash C, Charlie S
2W	Lani J, Harvey H, Harley M, Mali M	5/6H	Chevy T, Jade S
Library		6S	Olivia R, Wyatt B
		6T	Evie H, Will M



SUSTAINABILITY



At the end of Term 4 all classes at Empire Bay had a cooking session, with our garden group providing homegrown vegetables for our delicious dishes whenever possible. Our goal is to show children how easy, healthy, fun, and sustainable planting and cooking can be.

Through hands-on cooking experiences, children not only develop essential skills like knife handling and recipe reading, but they also get to apply their maths knowledge to measuring ingredients and planning meals. Most importantly, they create memorable dishes to share with friends.



Our budding chefs made a variety of tasty treats, including rice paper rolls, fried rice, zucchini and carrot muffins, and coleslaw. Year 6 students made pizza dough and together we whipped up an impressive 40+ vegetarian pizzas!

We're excited to continue our cooking journey, fostering creativity, collaboration, and healthy eating habits along the way.



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

CANTEEN

Welcome Back!!

Welcome back for 2025! Thank you for supporting our school canteen. We will have lots of new things to try this year with new products, snacks and of course our special order days.

Awards: Our canteen was awarded a 2024 apple sticker for our Central Coast Healthy Schools Canteen Award board. This is awarded for providing and promoting everyday food and drinks for the year.

Special order days: We will have a special order Sushi Day on Wednesday 19/3/2025. The cut off is Friday 14/3/25 at 9.00am. No late orders can be accepted.

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!

Volunteers: Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! If you have some time to spare, come in and help out in the canteen! Even if it's 30 minutes at drop off, it is a huge help. Come in anytime from 8.30am – 11.30am. If you are thinking of volunteering in our canteen this year, new government legislation states that everyone must hold a 'Food Handler Basics Training' certificate from 8/12/24. This is a free course and can be found at <https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/training/food-handler-basics-training>. If you could complete this course and either email or print out and bring the certificate in, we can add it on file. This only needs to be done once. Thanks again for your support!

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 non-perishable drink/snack items for the next day.

Thanks, Michelle and the Canteen Team



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:

Kinder to Year 2- Reading Eggs is now due - \$20.00

Annual Permission to Publish/ Local Walks/Movies/Consent Form is available, please complete at your earliest convenience.

Please refer to School Bytes for consent form and payment.



Mrs Rudd, Mrs Hillmann, Mrs Miller and Mrs Lane



Next Meeting: Mark your calendars for **Tuesday 12th March, at 7PM!** Join us either in person at the school library or online. We'll be sharing exciting updates and new initiatives at the school. Everyone is welcome, so we hope to see you there!

Meet & Greet Recap: A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Meet & Greet after the Parent Information Sessions. It was fantastic to reconnect with familiar faces and welcome new ones to our community!

School Disco Term 1: Get your dancing shoes ready! DJ Andy is back for the first disco of the year on **Tuesday 25th March** in the school hall. More information coming soon – it's going to be a blast!

Easter Raffle: Get ready for some egg-citing news! Our annual Easter Raffle is just around the corner. Keep an eye on our Facebook page or Sentral for more details. Stay tuned!

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Pete Cromer
Bird Artwork
By 5/6H



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Parents and carers of Year Seven 2026 students are invited to attend Brisbane Water Secondary College's Transition to High School information evening

When: Tuesday, March 11th 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Where: Umina Campus Gym

