

# THE BAY NEWS



Term 1 Week 11

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

## SAVE THE DATE

### Term 2

**28<sup>th</sup>&29<sup>th</sup> April** – School Development Days  
**30<sup>th</sup> April** – Students return  
**7<sup>th</sup> May** – Mother's Day Stall  
**8<sup>th</sup> May** – SCOPE IT -Stage 3  
**9<sup>th</sup> May** – Mother's Day Breakfast  
**9<sup>th</sup> May** – ES1 Performance  
**16<sup>th</sup> May** – School Open Day  
**21<sup>st</sup> May** – AECG 3.30pm  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Zone Cross Country  
**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May** – Reconciliation Week  
**26<sup>th</sup> May** – National Sorry Day  
**27<sup>th</sup> May** – Stage 2 HPGE Challenge Day - BWSC

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 wrap up a fantastic Term 1 of 2025, we reflect on the many highlights, achievements, and moments that have shaped our start to the school year. Our students have already demonstrated incredible growth, resilience, and a love for learning—and it's only the beginning! Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. It's the support and partnership of families like yours that truly make our school a special place.

### Sydney North Swimming Carnival Results

A huge congratulations to our incredible boys – Jett, Wyatt and Sam – for their outstanding effort at the recent Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival! All three boys returned to school the next day very happy with their performance. It was great to hear about the PBs in their different events.



### Problem-Solver Learner Disposition Morning Tea

It was such a joy to host our first Learner Disposition Morning Tea of the year, celebrating students who have demonstrated excellent problem-solving skills. These students were recognised for their ability to approach challenges with a solution-focused mindset—an essential skill that will serve them well both in school and in life. I loved sitting down with each of these thoughtful learners and acknowledging their achievements. One shout out I'd like to make was Henley's response for being selected as the problem-solver from his class. He started by saying that first thing he does is to evaluate whether there is a problem or not. Great response Henley!



### ANZAC DAY

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April our school community paused to honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of our Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women at our Annual ANZAC Day Ceremony. This significant occasion offered our students a powerful opportunity to learn about the ANZAC legacy and reflect on the values that underpin it—bravery, mateship, endurance, and selflessness. The Empire Bay Progress Association will also hold their ceremony on April 25<sup>th</sup> and welcome students to walk in their march.



## **Mother's Day (and Carers) Breakfast – Save the Date!**

We are delighted to invite all Mothers, Carers, and Special Guests to our annual Mother's Day & Carers Breakfast on Friday, May 9th. Join us before school for a warm cup of tea, delicious treats, and the chance to connect with other families in our school community. As part of the celebration, guests will also be invited into classrooms for a short visit—providing a wonderful opportunity to see learning in action and share in the joy of the school day.

Further details, including RSVP information, will be shared early next term. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## **Student Voice Council – A Strong Start**

Our newly formed 2025 Student Voice Council has launched with great enthusiasm! With representatives from across the grades, our SVC has already made an impact by promoting student agency and collaboration. These passionate student leaders are working together to foster a culture where every student feels heard, included, and empowered to make a difference. They have already made some decisions about learning in the classroom which we will begin to work in Term 2.

We're also excited to announce the launch of a new initiative—the Student Ambassador Project—featuring five selected students from Years 5 and 6. These ambassadors will serve as key representatives for our school, supporting events, welcoming visitors, and helping lead student initiatives throughout the year. Their role is a reflection of our commitment to nurturing confident, responsible, and articulate young leaders.



Together, the SVC and our Student Ambassadors are building a strong culture of student voice, agency, and leadership across our school community.

## **Cross Country Carnival – A Celebration of Spirit and Sportsmanship**

Our Cross Country Carnival was held last Friday, and what a fantastic way to wrap up the term! The day was filled with energy, determination, and lots of cheering from our wonderful school community. This year we also changed the format based on parent feedback from 2024 where we split the K – 2 and 3 – 6 carnivals. This was well-received and ran very smoothly.

It was so heartwarming to see students give their best on the course while encouraging their peers with such genuine support. The level of sportsmanship on display was outstanding—from high fives at the finish line to cheers for every runner, regardless of their placing.

A big thank you to our families who came along to support and to the staff who helped make the day such a success. We're proud of all our students for their enthusiasm and effort—it truly was a day to remember!

## **Attendance Matters – and We're Improving!**

We're pleased to share that our whole-school attendance rate is currently 93.3%, an increase of 2.7% from the same time last year! This positive trend is a testament to the efforts of our families and students in prioritising attendance—and we thank you for your continued support.

A special shoutout to all students and families who have maintained 0% unexplained absences this term—an outstanding achievement!

Just a reminder: If your child is absent, please notify the school **within two days** of the absence, either through the Parent Portal or by contacting the office. This ensures accurate records and helps us provide the right support for your child.

Let's keep working together to make everyday count!

## **Wishing You a Safe and Happy Holiday**

We hope all our families enjoy a well-deserved break full of fun, rest, and quality time together and a very Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday, April 30th. Please note: Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup> are professional learning days for staff.

Thank you once again for a wonderful start to the year.



**Wyatt's Results: an INCREDIBLE achievement**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Boys 8-13 years 100 Freestyle
- 1<sup>st</sup> Boys 11-13 years 200 IM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys 12 years 50 Freestyle
- 1<sup>st</sup> Boys 12-13 years 50 Butterfly
- 1<sup>st</sup> Boys 12-13 years 50 Breaststroke
- 1<sup>st</sup> Boys 12-13 years 50 Backstroke

Also, congratulations to Jett and Sam for qualifying.  
**Good luck at Sydney North Championships!!!**

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*Leader Roles 2025*

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**Leadership Day - Sydney**



**Year 6 Fundraiser- Jersey Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Year 6 fundraiser for the year.  
It was wonderful to see the students in their favourite sporting team jersey.  
**We raised \$385.** This money will go towards the Year 6 farewell at the end of the year.



## Empire Bay School Cross Country

Congratulations to the placegetters in each age group and to everyone for participating.

### Kindergarten

Boys Crixus T, Dustin H, Reggie T, Robert G, Noah H, Aubrey A.  
Girls Addie W, Harriet M, Winnie Mc, Ruby S, Lily R, April L.

### Year 1

Boys Ryan B, Elliot C, Jonathan M, Logan Mc, Liam C, Fletcher C.  
Girls Billie E, Tully L, Ivy D, Olivia M-Z, Macy Mc, Imogen K.

### Year 2

Boys Hunter D, Isaac A, Hudson G, Atticus N, James L, Byron K.  
Girls Heidi L, Lyla W, Rosie M, Anna B, Zoe C, Mia T.

### 8/9 Year

Boys Nash T, Cohen H, Finn C, Blake H, Dylan T, Lewis S.  
Girls Estelle F, Adele K, Isla D, Riley F, Harper G, Jannali B.

### 10 Year

Boys Albie M, Declan T, Josh N, Iluka B, Leo G, Lennox G.  
Girls Frankie L, Ivey M, Rachel S, Evie P, Greta F, Leia C.

### 11 Year

Boys Kalani R, James L, Zac R, Oscar W, Kobi Ho, Kobe Ha.  
Girls Soul H, Ivy C, Hannah F, Mila D, Olivia H, Anna S.

### 12/13 Year

Boys Alex G, Harvey S, Nixon W, Max A-B, Wyatt B, Zac H.  
Girls Lily G, Ilah K, Indi P, Sasha C, Lacey D, Indi S.

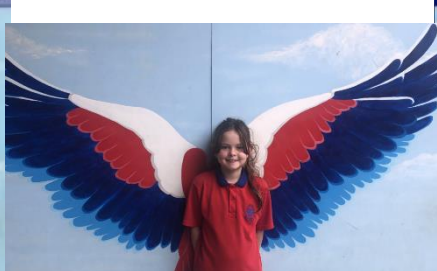




	Merit Award		Recipients
<b>KA</b>	Kanoa J, Sophie R, Jack A, Winnie Mc, Regan V, Ezra V, Mia P, Nixon O	<b>3L</b>	Chloe H, Louis W, Lewis S, Nyah Mc, Lachlan D, Finlay S
<b>KC</b>	Blythe A, Caio F, Penny B, Lilah L, Ruby S, Jude P, Luca G, Charlie G, Jaxson B, April L, Lilly R, Fynn S	<b>3M</b>	Harvey E, Henry M, Zoie R-H, Connor N
<b>KM</b>	Dustin H, Robbie G, Daisy H, Safia A, Crixus T, Adi W, Ari L, Amelie S, Eden H, Joey H, Eli A	<b>3/4R</b>	Tiahli E, Sunny M, Evie D, Cooper T
<b>1B</b>	Sienna S, Mia P, Jonathon M, Ryan B	<b>4D</b>	Matteo Q, Rachael S, Jessika H, Milo B-M
<b>1H</b>	Hunter W, Corbin R-H, Charlotte N, Annika L, Douglas B, Kye C, Imogen K, Ivy D, Freya S, Felicity C	<b>4J</b>	Greta F, Ethan Mc, Leia C, Leo W, Hazel DdM, Felix R, Lleon LB
<b>2C</b>	Hazel S, Gigi V, Carter H, Blake H, Savannah N, Eloise D, Lennox S, Emil R	<b>5C</b>	Billie H, Brett P, Frankie L, Ollie J, Isla G, Lewis B
<b>2K</b>	Harrison Y, Anna B, Lincoln A, Isaac A, Banjo C, Maia T, Lyla W, Evie G, Arvhi D	<b>5M</b>	George K, Mila D,
<b>2W</b>	Luke H, Zane B, Ciara S, Saturn P	<b>5/6H</b>	Henley B, Alexis M, Nixon S, Ivy F, Alexander G, Harlow M
<b>Library</b>		<b>6S</b>	Wyatt B, Jordan W, Mia W, Harvey S, Indianna S, Lacey D
		<b>6T</b>	Lily G, Isabelle Mc

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At EBPS, sustainability is imbedded into our daily routines. The Green Team is a group of approximately 30 children who volunteer to do daily jobs to create a greener, cleaner school environment. These jobs rotate throughout the year to give all children an opportunity to be involved.

One of the Green Team's biggest daily chores is recycling. Students collect and sort recyclables, ensuring that paper, plastic, and other materials are properly recycled instead of ending up in landfill. EBPS students deposit 10c return and earn drink containers into blue bins in 9 different areas around the school and the Green Team collects, stores and counts these containers for Envirobank pick-up. Money earned in this program goes toward future sustainability programs.

Green spaces are essential for a thriving ecosystem, and the EBPS Green Team takes great pride in caring for the school's gardens. Armed with watering cans and plenty of enthusiasm, they ensure that our veggie gardens, sensory path area, bush tucker garden and bee garden remain healthy and vibrant. Their hard work helps create a more beautiful learning environment while also promoting biodiversity and sustainability.



All classes are composting their fruit scraps. Scraps are delivered to a 3-bay composting area where Year 6 Green Team care for the composting process. Year 4 students take care of 5 worm farms. These processes create rich, organic resources for the school gardens and are great examples of how we can keep organics out of landfill. It's a fantastic hands-on way to see sustainability in action!

Our Green Team demonstrates how working together and both big and small changes can create a positive and lasting impact on the environment.



## **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus: Term 2: Weeks 1 - 6**



### **Classrooms, Library, Bus Lines/To and From School**

Use equipment properly, keep workspaces tidy, use your manners, support classmates, have equipment ready & BYOD expectations. Take pride in your work, put rubbish in bins.



Line up in lines, use equipment, computers and seating correctly. Return borrowed books, put items away correctly, take belongings back to class.

Keep away from the road when boarding, sit in correct bus lines, hat, balls and equipment in bags. No food and have bus pass ready. Sit in the correct place on the bus, walk into school. Walk your bike across the road and along the footpath in front of school

Please reinforce the above expectation at home with your child

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

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### *CANTEEN*

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**As always:** Thanks to our wonderful community for supporting our school canteen. Without the support we have, we wouldn't be able to open.

**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!

**Special Order Days:** We are having our next Sushi day on Wednesday 14th May 2025. This is week 3 in Term 2. The cutoff for this is on Friday 9/5/25 at 9.00am. No late orders can be taken. This will be available to order from 1/4/25.

**Winter Treats:** We will begin to bring back our Winter treats and snacks from Term 2 as the weather cools down. Look out for some new, delicious snacks!

**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.

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 to drop off or pick up your child after 7:30am or prior to 4pm.**

There is signposting on the road along both sides of Empire Bay Drive for stopping and parking, please only stop or park in these locations.

The bus bays are for turning around safely, **please do not stop, drop off your child or park in that area.**



### Working with Children Check 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, these can now be completed electronically.

### 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. Please do not email the school with change of plan arrangements.

### Upcoming Payments Due:

Please refer to School Bytes for consent form and payment.

**Choral Festival** – Select Students only \$30 - Due by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) - Scope It** : \$49 - Due by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**Year 4 -Great Aussie Bush Camp** – Deposit Due by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**Year 6 – Canberra Camp** – Deposit Due by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Kathy Rudd

School Administration Manager



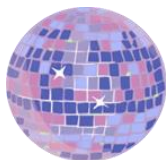
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### P & C NEWS

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**Next Meeting:** Mark your calendars for **Tuesday 13th May, 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!



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**School Disco Volunteers:** A big heartfelt thank you to all our amazing volunteers who helped make the School Disco such a success! These events wouldn't be possible without your invaluable support. The P&C truly appreciates the time and effort you dedicate to making these nights memorable for the



**2025 Egg-ceptional Easter Raffle:** Win 1 of 12 Easter hampers packed with terrific treats! Ticket sales are now open online at <https://rafflelink.com.au/ebps2025easter>. The draw takes place at the Easter Hat Parade on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. Don't miss your chance to hop away with a sweet prize!



**Mother's Day Stall:** Get ready for our annual Mother's Day Stall on **Wednesday 7th May!** Students will have the opportunity to pick out beautiful gifts ranging from \$5 to \$10. This event is always a favourite, with the kids excited to show their love and appreciation for the special women in their lives. Stay tuned for more details.

**How do you contact us?** To contact our P&C please email [ebps.pc@gmail.com](mailto:ebps.pc@gmail.com).



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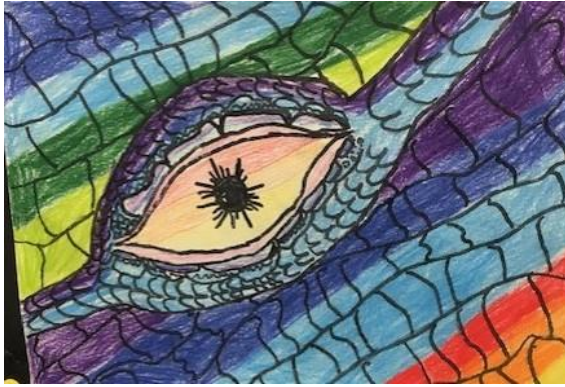
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## Easter Hat Parade and Raffle Winners!

Lennox & Luca G, Ethan Mc, Alice S, Korbin & Regan F, Tia-Jayne K, Milo B-Mc, Alexis M, Jack B, Jacob & Connor S, Kathy R, Rachel & Hazel S





**Dragons Eye  
Art – 5M**



**Caring - KA**



**Still Life Art – 2K**

Empire Bay Progress Association

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2025 DATES

JANUARY 19TH	JULY 27TH
FEBRUARY 23RD	AUGUST 24TH
MARCH 23RD	SEPTEMBER 28TH
APRIL 27TH	OCTOBER 26TH
MAY 25TH	NOVEMBER 23RD
JUNE 22ND	DECEMBER 6TH TWILIGHT

HEAZLETT PARK FORESHORE  
9AM - 2PM



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### UMINA TENNIS & SOCCER CAMP NOTICE

Where: UMINA TENNIS, Umina  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 9am-3pm  
Cost: Day \$35

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.