

THE BAY NEWS



Term 2 Week 5

Thursday 29th May, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Term 2

5th June – World Environment Day
9th June – King's Birthday Public Holiday
10th June – Sydney North Netball Trials
13th June – Sydney North Cross Country
18th June – AECG Meeting 3.30pm
19th June – Chess at Erina
25th June – CC Dance Festival Stg 1
30th June -2nd July – Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
1st July – Year 5 Taster Day at BWSC
1st July – CC Dance Festival Stg 3
3rd-4th July – Marramarra Art Exhibition
25th July – School Athletics Carnival

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

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Education

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The first five weeks have flown by and have already been jam-packed with a wide range of events, learning opportunities, and community connections. From classroom milestones to whole-school celebrations, it's been a dynamic start to the term – and there's still plenty more to come! Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your ongoing support and enthusiasm.

Upcoming Teacher Visit

Following the great success of our earlier visit from **Lyn Sharratt**, we're now proud to be opening our doors to showcase some of our amazing classrooms to Assistant Principals across the Brisbane Water network. This is a fantastic opportunity to share the impactful teaching and learning happening at our school, and a proud moment for our teachers to highlight the great work they're doing every day in their classrooms.

'Engaged' Learner Disposition Morning Tea

This week we celebrated our Engaged Learner Disposition with a special morning tea for a student from each class who consistently demonstrates focus, curiosity, and active participation in their learning. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and reward the positive learning habits we value so highly across the school. The morning tea was not only enjoyable but also a great chance to connect with students and celebrate their efforts in a relaxed and cheerful setting.



Mother's Day (and Carers) Breakfast – What a wonderful morning!

Our Mother's Day Breakfast was a great success, and it was heartwarming to see so many families join us to celebrate the special role mothers and carers play in our school community. We hope you also enjoyed the student performance—it was a lovely way for our students to express their appreciation and share their talents. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the morning so memorable.

Student Voice Council – Working with P&C

Our Student Voice Council has been hard at work, collaborating with the P&C to explore the possibility of getting goal posts for our school. As part of their project, they'll be submitting a video request outlining why the goal posts would benefit our school community and how they plan to maintain the equipment. It's a wonderful example of student leadership and initiative in action.

In addition, Ambassador Training is coming up on June 3, with five of our students taking part. We're also incredibly fortunate to have two of the Central Coast's facilitator leaders, Mrs McNally and Mrs Travers, based right here at EBPS to support and guide this exciting initiative.

Attendance Matters – Explaining Absences

In NSW, it is a legal requirement for parents and carers to explain their child's absence from school. Providing an explanation helps schools ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, monitor attendance patterns, and offer appropriate support where needed. Unexplained absences can affect student learning and may lead to follow-up by the school or external agencies. Timely communication ensures that we can work in partnership to support every child's educational journey. 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 every day count!

June Long Weekend – King's Birthday

A reminder that we have a long weekend coming up in June for the King's Birthday public holiday. School will be closed on Monday, 10 June, and will resume as normal on **Tuesday, 11 June**. We hope all our families enjoy the extra day to rest and recharge!

Uniform Committee

We've recently formed a Uniform Committee to review and discuss our current school uniform. The committee includes representatives from the P&C and two of our Assistant Principals. We're now inviting any interested parents or carers who would like to be part of the committee to get involved. If you'd like to express your interest or find out more, please contact the school office.

Leave on Thursdays

I am currently taking leave for family reasons on Thursdays. During this time, Mrs McGavin will be stepping into the role of Relieving Principal each Thursday. Thank you for your understanding and support, and I'm also grateful to those who have taken the time to check in and see how I'm doing.

NAIDOC Art Exhibition

We will be holding another First Nations Art Exhibition called **Marramarra** in Week 10 of this term, celebrating the theme 'The Next Generation, Strength Vision and Legacy'

Marramarra exhibition is a community event being held after school on Thursday 3rd July where parents, carers, families and VIPs will be invited to visit. The exhibition will then be open from 9am to 3pm on Friday 4th July for our teachers and students to see.





Congratulations Arlo and Kalani – selected in the Sydney North Touch Football Teams. Good luck.

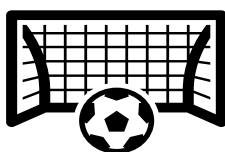


Congratulations Mia – selected in the Zone Netball Team



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Robbie, Alex and Chevy for being selected in the SCC PSSA Zone Team.



Empire Bay Students trialled at the SCC Zone Soccer.



Year 6 Fundraising



Year 6 Fundraising-End of Year Farewell

A **HUGE** thank you to our school community for supporting the Year 6 Bake Sale on Election Day.

We raised \$1173.

Thank you also to Mrs South, Mr Hill, Mrs Travers, Mrs Hauraki and Mrs Maddick for giving up their time on a Saturday to support our students.

Mention also must be given to Lacey for her initiative to sell some keyrings which she made at home.

\$44 was raised from her creativity and resourcefulness.



Funds raised for our 'Wear it Yellow' day

Have reached just over \$300.

Thank you everyone for your participation

5 Lands Photography Workshop

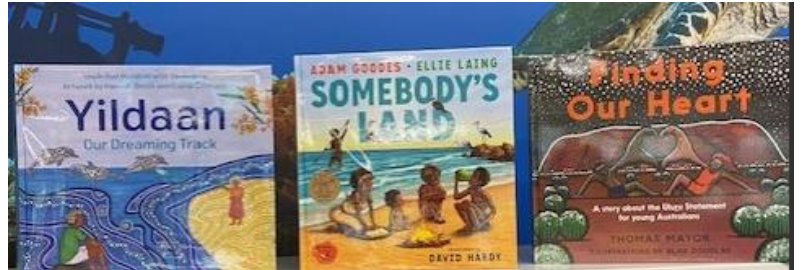


Stage 3 students had a fabulous time exploring photography and learning new skills, their enthusiasm and creativity truly shone through. The students' photographs will be showcased at the upcoming **NAIDOC Art Show (Marramarra)**

Reconciliation Week

Empire Bay recognised and celebrated Reconciliation Week, with

stories, art, discussion, writing and assembly.



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	Merit Award		Recipients
KA	Louna C-M, Noah H, Jack A Reg T, Regan V, Ezra V, Freddie F, Jovi F	3M	Marlie B, Ella R, Charlie B, Taj H
KC	Zyler W, Robert R, Joshua W, Vance F, Jude P, Aubrey A, Lilly R, Billie C	3/4R	Nash T, Xavier T, Evie P, Nina F
KM	Luca R, Amalfi V, Oaklee W, Samuel G	4D	Holly D, Ash R, Joshua N, Forrest B
1B	Isla N, Ivy K, Billie E, Liam W, Ellie K, Isla N, Fletcher C	4J	Abigail McD, Harrison H, Julian B, Iluka B
1H	Azalea D, Jasper J, Evie B, Louis W, Maise D, Olivia MZ, Logan M, Elliot C, Nicky R-G, Liam C,	5C	Isla G, Ollie J, Sebastian P, Hugo Mc
2C	Hugo H, Byron K, Mekai D, Flynn O	5M	Jaime A, Indianah A, Kobe H, Oscar W, Harley T, Romy G
2K	Alanna H, Rosalie M, Henry M	5/6H	Henry T, Tahlia S
2W	Ava I, Heidi H, Hudson C, Archer N, James L, Amelia J, Dylan D, Willa F, Atticus N, Charlie S, Coby L, Amarni Mc	6S	Lachlan M, Indiana S, Reo G, Sam T
3L	Hendrix W, Blake B	6T	Ziggy B, Ava L



Sustainability



At Empire Bay

Connecting with Country: EBPS Hosts Environmental Workshop

This week, EBPS proudly hosted several primary schools from across the Central Coast for an exciting and educational workshop. The event was run by Central Coast Council's Environment Education team and facilitated by Deadly Ed, a team of passionate and experienced Aboriginal educators who travel throughout NSW and Queensland sharing knowledge of traditional Aboriginal practices.



Students and teachers participated in a hands-on workshop focused on native Australian plants, their cultural and practical uses, and sustainable planting methods. A highlight of the day was a guided walk through our Bush Tucker Garden, led by the Deadly Ed team. Now two years old and thriving, our garden showcases how schools can create a respectful and educational space for our continuing conversation about culture and sustainable practices.

Thanks to the generous donation of several native plants by Central Coast Council, students had the opportunity to get their hands dirty and add new species to our growing garden. The experience was not only educational but deeply meaningful, helping to strengthen connections to Country and Aboriginal culture.



We thank Central Coast Council and Deadly Ed for making this incredible learning experience possible



Cultural Continuum visit to BWSC



Choral Festival 1st Performance Rehearsal



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus: Term 2: Weeks 7 - 10



Toilets/Computer Room/Bubblers

One person at a time, open and close doors with care, wait your turn, leave toilets clean and tidy - don't waste hand and toilet paper. Allow privacy, wash your hands, be water wise, return promptly to class.



Line up before entering, keep food and drink away, leave space between you and the person in front. Wait your turn when sharing computers with a partner, do not remove any equipment from the room. Turn off lights when exiting, log off and tidy your area.

Turn the bubblers off when finished, use water wisely – drinking only.

Please reinforce the above expectation at home with your child

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

CANTEEN

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 a Meatball Sub Day on Tuesday 3rd June 2025. The cut off for ordering this is Thursday 29/5/25. After that our next Sushi Day is on Wednesday 25th June 2025, with a cutoff date of Friday 20/6/25. Just a reminder that no late orders can be taken for special order days.



Winter Treats: We are trialling some new snacks and things for term 2 and 3! We will be having pizza scrolls, noodles, baked beans and spaghetti cups all coming up! Keep a lookout for the signs at the canteen and on Facebook for when these will be available!

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**.



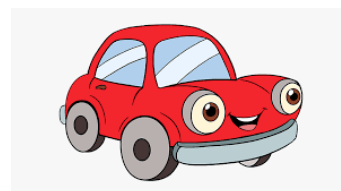
Working with Children Check Declaration



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 student to school activities are required to have completed a WWCC Declaration. The school needs to submit a verification request through our DoE system and be 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 after school 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** by phone 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.

Payments Due: Please refer to **School Bytes** for consent form and payment.

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) - Scope It: \$49 – Payable now (Creative Kids Vouchers accepted)

Year 4 - Great Aussie Bush Camp – Deposit Due now, balance can be paid in instalments by June 13th

Year 6 – Canberra Camp – Deposit Due now – balance can be paid in instalments

Kathy Rudd
School Administration Manager

Central Coast Dance Festival Rehearsal Day



P & C NEWS

Next Meeting: Mark your calendars for **Tuesday 10th June, at 7PM!** Join us at the school library. We'll be sharing exciting updates and new initiatives at the school. Everyone is welcome, so we hope to see you there!

Mother's Day Stall Recap: Thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped on the day and thank you to our school community for supporting our fundraiser by purchasing gifts.

Special Order Day: The canteen will be serving mouthwatering Meatball Subs on **Tuesday 3rd June**. You can order now via the Flexischools app. Orders must be placed by 8:30am on Friday 29th May.

Sustainability Garden Update: The Sustainability Garden and Seating project is underway near the Year 2 area, led by Amanda Cooper. Several parents have been engaged to support the work, and planning is well in progress. The project is scheduled for completion by August 2025.

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



Calling All Community Reading Volunteers!

We are seeking parent, grandparents or family and community volunteers to support our Pathways to Success reading program. This valuable initiative involves working with students in short, 10-minute rotations, helping them complete quick, targeted activities designed to build their reading skills and confidence.

We would love volunteers to be available for at least a 30-minute block—at a time that suits you. Whether you can help in the morning, during the day, or in the afternoon, your support will make a meaningful difference.

All resources and guidance will be provided by our teachers, so no experience is necessary—just a willingness to support our students on their reading journey!

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information, please contact the school office. Together, we can help every student thrive.

**Words
on the
Waves**
WRITERS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE | 9AM - 2PM
FAMILY FUN DAY!

PENINSULA RECREATION PRECINCT
UMINA BEACH

Ripples
Kids & Schools Program

FREE!

Come along for a fun-filled day of craft activities, storytime, face-painting, book launches, bubble blowers and more!

AUTHOR TALKS!

BOOK LAUNCHES!

STORY TIME!

CRAFTY FUN!

Save the planet with Lee Constable, host of Network 10's science show *Scope!* or pick a side in our EPIC illustrator showdown!

Mick Elliott **VS** Serena Geddes

ILLUSTRATION DEMOS!

See who won the 2025 Ripples Short Story Competition!

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Do not stop near a No Stopping sign.

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No Parking
2 min to drop off or pick up, stay within 3m of vehicle.

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+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS



Bus Zone
Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

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AVOCA BEACHSIDE MARKETS

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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