Principal’s Report
Empire Bay Community Fete
I would like to congratulate and thank the Empire Bay Progress Association and our Student Leadership Team for the wonderful fete they organised and coordinated last Saturday. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the School’s Training & Concert Bands, the Recorder Ensemble and the Senior Choir and their supporters for the professional performances they delivered on the day – I felt very proud watching our students performing in front of our community. I would particularly like to mention the following people who made a really positive difference on the day of the fete through their efforts and support:
- Santo & Jan Consoli
- Kerryn Cooper
- JP Fleury
- Deniz Leslie & Kate Hickey
- Rod Thorncraft, and
- Members of our fantastic Student Leadership Team who sold raffle tickets throughout the day!

Staffing Update
Last week, I was formally offered a two year temporary appointment as Principal, School Leadership (PSL) x 2 days per week at Macquarie Park Office, a promotions position which I have accepted. I begin my temporary engagement as PSL on Wednesday 26th October for a period of time up to 27 October 2017. I retain right of return to my substantive full-time position at Empire Bay PS after that two-year period - this appointment may end earlier if extenuating circumstances arise. At this point in time, I anticipate working in the PSL role on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week. However, there may be occasions when I am required to work in schools, with principals on days other than these. The role of PSL is to establish professional relationships with other principals to assist them in developing organisational effectiveness and sustainable leadership practices.
I have, of course, consulted with my staff and can announce that Mrs. Deniz Leslie will relieve as Principal on my PSL days until the end of this year with a possibility of extending this relieving period into 2016/17. Mrs. Kate Hickey has been asked to relieve for Mrs. Leslie as Assistant Principal and Team Leader on Stage 2 until the end of this year. Ms. Bianca Small has been asked to relieve Mrs. Leslie from her classroom teaching responsibilities on the days she relieves as principal.
Mrs. Leslie and I will share the role of principal of this school for the remainder of this year and as a consequence some of my existing roles & responsibilities will be managed by Mrs. Leslie – essentially, Mrs. Leslie will now be responsible for Welfare, Communications and Events. I am very excited at the career opportunity that has been provided to me and pleased that it will also allow me to maintain my connection with Empire Bay PS.

Choral Festival
I enjoyed a wonderful evening last night attending the annual Central Coast Choral Festival at Mingara Club watching an amazing showcase of student singing. Our senior choir were members of the combined choir group which sang beautifully, performing several numbers over the two-hour performance. Additionally, one of our teachers Mrs. Kerryn Cooper and one of our students, Reuben Brough held significant positions on the right. Mrs. Cooper acted as conductor of the combined choir group on many of the items whilst Reuben shared the MC role with another student from Ettalong PS. I would also like to thank and acknowledge Mrs. Jane Moore who has coordinated the
senior choir group over the year and facilitated our participation in this year’s Choral festival.

**Student Supervision & Early Arrivals**

Just a reminder to all that our supervision of students begins at 8.35am every school morning with our first rostered duty of the day. Prior to 8.35am formal supervision is not provided, consequently, I ask that wherever possible parents do not drop their children off prior to that time. If you are required to drop your children off in the morning earlier than 8.35am I suggest that you contact the before & after school care group ‘Baycare’ which operates out of the school hall, they may be able to provide placement for your child allowing for their safe supervision prior to the school day beginning.

**Dogs on School Grounds**

Sometimes parents coming to collect children bring their dogs along for the walk. While this may be a good opportunity to give the dog a bit of exercise, unfortunately it is against the law to bring dogs onto school property. There are obvious safety reasons for this, both due to the danger that a dog (no matter how well trained or how well behaved) may become excitable or distressed when surrounded by noisy children, and of course there is the issue of dog droppings in the playground.

The NSW Consolidated Act states that dogs are prohibited from some public places. Section (e) of the Act specifically refers to schools and states that this applies to dogs whether they are leashed or unleashed. The exceptions are Assistance dogs trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired. I thank you for your anticipated co-operation in keeping dogs out of our playground.

**K – 2 Workers of the Week**

**Term 4 Week 2**

KA Archie P Olivia T  
KMC Sophie L Finn C  
KS Cody S Brooke H  
K1M Tahlee C Eva J  
1W Jarvis W Brayden R  
1S Mollie H Lucy C  
2C Phillip McA James G-C  
2SB Xavier R Piper L  
2T Jarvis O Kyah S

**3-6 Workers of the Week**

**Term 4 Week 2**

3/4J Tahila P  
3L Lillian P 3H Tiella C  
4/5H Max W 4M Eva S  
5/6L Zane S 5K Kiah C-D  
6D Keelie T 6M Jade N

**Baystart**

There were some very excited pre-schoolers and parents at our first Baystart session last Wednesday. This year our numbers are quite substantial with 3 full timeslots. These sessions will take place each Wednesday, concluding on 11th November. A huge Thank you, to those parents of our current Kindergarten students who provided morning tea. It was much appreciated!

**Gymnastics**

Last Monday, the Kindergarten students had a great time participating in their first Gymnastics lesson. This program will continue over the next 5 weeks and is led by an accredited gymnastics instructor. The students will have the opportunity to use a variety of specialist equipment learning gymnastic skills relating to balance, co-ordination, flexibility, tumbling and strength.

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**Brisbane Water Secondary College- Umina Campus**  
**Year 7 2016**

Reminder for Parent / Carers  
BWSC Umina Campus is holding an orientation evening for 2016 Year 7 Parents and Students.  
The evening will be on **Wednesday 18th of November 2015 at 6-7pm**, in the school gym. The evening will provide the opportunity to acquaint your family with our school culture and spirit, while students can familiarise themselves with our school campus.  
We look forward to welcoming your family to our wonderful school community.

There will also be an additional information evening held for Parents of students that are in the S, CAPA & AVID classes for 2016  
This evening will be on **Monday 30th November 2015 at 6-7pm**, in the school Library.  
Should you have any questions regarding the transition process please don’t hesitate to call Susannah Murray, 6-7 Transition Coordinator on 4341 9066.

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**--Events Calendar – Term 4**

| 2015 |  
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| **Term 4** |  
| **Week 2** Monday 12th Oct – 16th November | Kinder Gymnastics  
| **Week 3** Friday 23rd Oct | Yr 6 Mini Fete  
| **Week 4** Monday 26th Oct | School Disco  
| | K-2 4-5.30pm  
| | 3-6 5.30 – 7pm  
| **Tuesday 27th Oct** | Group Photos  
| **Thursday 29th Oct** | Kindergarten Responsible Pet ownership  
| **Friday 30th Oct** | Ball games – selected  
| | Year 3 & 6 students  
| **Week 5** Friday 6th Nov | Kindergarten farm EXCURSION  
| **Week 6** Monday 2nd Nov – Friday 13th Nov | Year 2 Swim School  

**Uniform** - Please remember to send your child in the correct footwear each day. Black shoes are to be worn on regular school days and joggers are to be worn on PE and sport days. Canvas shoes are not appropriate for school as they do not provide support or protection for students’ feet. The uniform policy is set by the school P&C committee and it is expected that all students attending a public school will abide by the uniform policy of their school.

**From the Canteen** – For all of those children who like SUSHI we are going to have a **SUSHI DAY** on **Thursday 29th October**. The Sushi will be ordered from a School Approved Supplier called “BIG CRUNCH SUSHI”. Big Crunch Sushi is an exciting new grab-and-go sushi range – 100% Gluten & Dairy Free and endorsed by Coeliac Australia! Roll your own sushi in seconds to experience a delicious new taste sensation with crunchy-fresh seaweed. You can choose from a big range of Sushi Rolls or Munch Boxes including vegan options. **Orders must be returned by Monday 26th October**. A minimum of 40 orders is required for this day to go ahead.  
*We now have Margarita Pizza Slabs available for lunch orders @ $3.80 ea.

**HELP WANTED**: As little as ONE HOUR of your time in the mornings when you drop your children to school is a BIG HELP to us in the Canteen. Please consider becoming a volunteer if you have an hour to spare now and then. Your time is much appreciated!

**Looking for a quick and easy way to order School Lunches - why not check out ON-LINE ORDERING AT FLEXISCHOOLS. It will take the hassle out of lunch orders and that school morning rush!**
Work Health & Safety requires anyone working in the canteen to wear closed in shoes so your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

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Uniform Shop

- Opening Hours
- Tuesday 8.30am–9.00am
- Thursday 2.30pm – 3.00 pm
- Uniform Shop is behind the hall

Become an Ethics Teacher at Empire Bay Public School

We currently have ethics classes for K-6. Ethics classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. [http://www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact Jenni Bourchier, Regional Manager - Gosford Region, Primary Ethics for more information: gosford-region@primaryethics.com.au or call her on 0411 198 483. We need an additional volunteer for an Ethics Teacher within the school. Members of the school community are encouraged to apply.

Attention Catholics: The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a program for baptised catholic children, who have been confirmed, to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. An information night for parents will be held on Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy. For enquiries please contact Dorothy Fulton (Sacramental Program Coordinator) 4341 7610 or the Parish office 4341 1073.

Meditation for Families - The Buddhist Centre at Wamberal is holding an afternoon for families to help deal with stress and anxiety. This course will help both parents and children deal peacefully with everyday problems that life presents.

On October 17th at 2.30 – 5pm at Khedrubje Buddhist Centre, 165 Willoughby Road, Wamberal. For further information and bookings please contact 4385 2609 or centralcoastmeditation.org.
ETTALONG BEACH ARTS & CRAFT CENTRE
Annual Christmas Exhibition & Sale
A fun and friendly place to find the perfect hand made gift!
Come for the amazing artworks and stay for the delicious coffee and cakes
Saturday 14th November 9am-4pm & Sunday 15th November 10am-3pm 2012
WHERE? The Peninsula Community Centre Corner Ocean Beach Rd & Mcmasters Rd Woy Woy.
See you there!
Kind Regards
Sue Sullivan (Secretary)
www.ebacc.com.au

Woy Woy SaCC
In the grounds of Woy Woy Public School
Registrations: Contact Philippa on 0417 317862 or philippa.skipperd@nsw.edu.au

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School Banking is preparing for touchdown.
As we approach the return of School Banking to the Centre, we are looking forward to providing the banking service once a month.

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting at 2pm on 27th October.
Reasons: For catering purposes by sending an email to reception@kincumberbandc.com.au or telephone 02 4363 1044

It’s back on, Kids Yoga with Heidi
Funded by Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre, this term we have kids yoga back. Helping to keep our kids healthy - great value at $5 per child or $8 per family. 5-12 year olds. Monday afternoon 3.45 - 4.45.

Would you like more information? Click through to our website here or ring reception on 02 4363 1044 to book your children and their friends.

Can’t wait to see you at KNC!