Principal’s Report

It’s been yet another exciting week here at EBPS! Our P&C organised for Star FM duo, Craig and Rabbit, to come to EBPS to broadcast their morning show. Although it was an early start for all, students, parents, family and community members were all brought together for fun and entertainment. Several of our students were lucky enough to speak on live radio, and even some teachers too. Santa also came to visit, thanks to Ettalong Memorial Club. The P&C did extremely well and raised $1853.45 by holding a raffle, selling cakes and providing a BBQ breakfast. Newcastle Permanent kindly presented the P&C with a cheque for $500. Below are the people from our school community and our wider community who we would like to thank and acknowledge for donating the raffle prizes and assisting on the day:

Newcastle Permanent
Summary Candles
Alicia Mae $100 voucher
Hair by Cass
Alpine Beach Surf Shop
Tree Top Adventure Park
Ettalong Memorial Club

Well done to Liz and Emma, members of the P&C for another successful fundraiser.

Leichardt PS School Band

Leichardt PS band were invited to come to EBPS to perform for our students. Their band included 78 students, in years 3 – 6. It was an inspiring performance and since then, we have received more interest from parents to attend our own school’s 2016 Band Information Evening, which is to be held tomorrow at 6pm, in the school library.

Kindergarten Farm Visit

On Friday of last week, our kindergartens were very excited to travel by bus to Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy Campus. They were able to see many of their farm animals up close. It was lovely to see so many of our ex-EBPS students taking leadership roles as tour guides for the kindergartens.
Baystart

Last Wednesday, our "Baystart" transition to school program concluded with our new 2016 Kindergarten students excitedly performing on the stage for their parents. Over the past 5 weeks the pre-schoolers have met their buddies and interacted with other children whilst their parents were given important information to prepare their child for "big school". Parents will receive letters in the coming weeks with appointment times for Best Start Assessments in the new year. We look forward to welcoming our new students and their families to EBPS. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs South and her colleagues; Mrs Archer and Mr McCredie in preparing and facilitating this valuable program.

Deadly Awards

Yesterday members of our Aboriginal Education Team attended the Brisbane Water Learning Community ‘Deadly’ Awards Ceremony held at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus. The DEADLY Awards recognise the achievements of our Aboriginal students across the Primary and Secondary schools in our Brisbane Water Learning Community.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to our Aboriginal students who received awards in the academic, cultural, sporting and attendance categories. We are so proud of you Ava, Taiyin, Djahana, Mindiah, Tasia, T-Ja, Billy-Jo, Connor, Chris, Shania, Kiah, Tory, Sanjay, Demi and Lily.

Reminder: 2015 School Planning/Enrolment

At this time of year extensive planning is being undertaken for the following school year. If you know that your family are planning on leaving our school next year or one of your children will not be continuing at EBPS, could you please notify the office as soon as possible to assist with this process.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

Our school is very lucky to enjoy the ongoing support of so many parent volunteers. On any day, I can walk around the school and see parents – mums and dads, listening to our students read, helping in the canteen, coaching a sports team, assisting a teacher with a group activity or sharing their particular skill or talent with our students. In an era when so many of us are unable to help due to work commitments, it is encouraging to see so many of you engaging in our student’s education. Your work does not go unnoticed and our “Parent Helper Morning Tea” scheduled for Tuesday 1 December is just one way we can offer our thanks to the many who give their time so freely. I look forward to meeting with you on this morning and to be given the chance to offer my personal thanks.

Important Dates for End-of-year celebrations

As we near the end of the current school year I would like to remind members of our school community of some important school dates:

- 8/12  Presentation Day (Academic) both 3-6 & K-2 from 9.30am / Semester 2 Student reports go home
- 9/12  Sports Presentation Day (3-6 only) from 9.30am
- 10/12  Year 6 Farewell evening
- 15/12  Talent Quest
- 16/12  Talent Quest
- 17/12  Talent Quest / Yr. 6 Graduation 2pm / Last Day of School for students
- 18/12  SDD # 1 (staff only)
- 19/12  SDD # 2 (staff only) – last day of year for staff

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K – 2 Workers of the Week

Term 4 Week 6

| KA | Liam M | Annabelle B |
| KMC | Jessica N | Eloise F |
| KS | Koen M | Danielle C |
| K/1M | Tahlee C | Amalia S |
| 1W | Samuel J | Nash R |
| 1S | Oliver B | Courtney B |
| 2C | Lily C | Ethan M |
| 2SB | Connah H | Liliana W |
| 2T | Leila C | Nathan M |

3-6 Workers of the Week

Term 4 Week 6

| 3/4J | Djahana M |
| 3L | Melissa B | 3H | Lily S-W |
| 4/5H | Isabelle E | 4M | Charli G |
| 5/6L | Luke H | 5K | Nicholas C |
| 6D | Mia K | 6M | Harmony D |

Brisbane Water Secondary College- Umina Campus

Year 7 2016

There will be an 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.

---Events Calendar – Term 4

| 2015 | Term 4 | Wednesday, 18 November 2015 |
| Week 9 | Tuesday 1st Dec | Parent Helper Morning Tea |
| Week 10 | Monday 7th Dec | Presentation Day (Academic) both 3-6 at 9.30am & K-2 at 11.30am. Semester 2 Student reports go home |
| | Tuesday 8th Dec | Sports Presentation Day (3-6 only) from 9.30am |
| | Thursday 10th Dec | K-4 Movie Day to Avoca Year 6 Farewell evening |
| | Monday 14th Dec | Talent Quest (Year 5 and 6) |
| | Tuesday 15th Dec | Talent Quest (Year K - 2) |
| | Wed 16th Dec | Talent Quest (Year 3 and 4) Yr. 6 Graduation 2pm / Last Day of School for students |
| | Thurs 17th Dec | SDD (Staff Only) last day for staff |
Book Club  Issue 8
Please return to school by Monday 23/11/15. No Late orders will be accepted. Thank you

From the Canteen — “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.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION THERMOMETER

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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 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.
**Term 4 - Week 7**

**Wednesday, 18 November 2015**

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**Mary Mac's Monster Festival**
5th December
100 Blackwall Rd
White Elephant BBQ
Face painting
Children's BARGAIN STALLS
Christmas Girls Plants

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**Christmas Lights in the Gardens**
18-22 December 2015
8:30-9:30pm
MT Penang Gardens

Come along to see the stunning lights display on the Central Coast.
- Theme: Interactive light displays
- Visit: Head Hunters and Gardens' thanes
- Visit: Ice Cream frozen treats
- Christmas music and drum circles
-نبذة: جمعية الأطفال
- Join: Special needs support session
- Face painting, jumping castles, food stalls

$15 PER FAMILY (Free 2 adults & 3 children under 15. Must bring ID)
Buy your tickets at the gate:
Facebook: MG Penang Gardens, Mt Penang Gardens
Get your tickets in advance:
Call: 0444 5500 to buy tickets in advance.

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**Summer Fest**
2016
JAN 4-8
9:00-3:00

**Why Kids & Parents LOVE T20 LAST**
Milo T20 Blast gives girls and boys the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting.

- For kids: T20 matches
- For adults: Fun cricket games
- All games last up to 1 hour
- All games are played in pairs
- Equipment provided, including dress code
- Delightful, accredited coaches
- Friendly atmosphere

Kids receive a Milo T20 Blast player pack after registration.

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**Join us at the Massey Hill Country School**

**More info & registration online:**
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peninsulabv.com