Principal's Report
Parent Helper Morning Tea
The staff at EBPS prepared a delicious morning tea yesterday in honour of our parent and community helpers. 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 sporting 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 students’ education. Your work does not go unnoticed and the morning tea is just one way we can offer our thanks to the many who give their time so freely. On behalf of all the staff at EBPS, thank you-thank you-thank you!

News from BWSC
Mr Brent Walker, the Principal of Brisbane Water Secondary College – Umina Campus, contacted the school to inform us that one of our ex-students, Shaylan Petersen, was successfully elected as School Captain for 2016. Shaylan follows in the footsteps of many previously elected leaders at BWSC who have also been ex-students of EBPS. Congratulations Shaylan!

EBPS Student Leaders 2016
Our own Year 5 Student Leadership Team candidates delivered their speeches last Friday. It was great to see so many of our students deliver thoughtful and mature speeches. Whilst my congratulations and thanks go to all candidates, unfortunately, not everyone can be given the opportunity to lead and, as in any contest, there are those who are successful and those who are not. I urge any candidate who missed out on a position on the 2016 Student Leadership Team to not give up and suggest that they continue to look for other leadership opportunities as they arise next year. Our 2016 leaders will be announced at our Presentation Day Ceremony on Monday of next week.

The Sports House Captain speeches were held today and the names of the successful candidates will be announced at the Sports Presentation Ceremony on Tuesday of next week.

School Band
Our school concert band travelled to the Umina Peninsula Village facility last Wednesday to perform some Christmas songs. The band students performed there earlier this year and were so well received, they were asked to return to play again. One of the highlights of the afternoon was when Alfie, who recently turned 110, joined the audience. The band students managed to spend some time with Alfie and chat for a while before heading back to school. Thank you to Umina Peninsula Village for transporting our students in their mini bus and to Mrs Hickey for organising the excursion. The band students welcome the opportunity to play whenever they can and enjoy performing as much as the audience enjoys listening.

Creative and Performing Arts
Below are some photos from yesterday’s Creative and Performing Arts afternoon. All students were highly entertained with performances from the junior and senior choir, the training and the concert band, recorder group, the debating team, and the Stage 3 and Stage 2 dance groups. The afternoon was a great way to showcase the many talents of our students. Thank you Ms Murdoch and Mrs Davis for coordinating the afternoon.
School Reports
The Semester 2 school reports will be sent home with your child on Monday 7th December. Please take some time to sit with your child to read the report together and reflect on the last semester. My thanks go to all staff for the time and consideration they have given to preparing the reports. If you require clarification in regard to your child’s report, please do not hesitate in contacting your child’s classroom teacher.

Presentation Day – Monday 7th December, 9.30am 3-6, 11.30am K-2
I look forward to next week’s Presentation Day and Sports Presentation Day assemblies as they provide us with an opportunity to acknowledge student achievement from over the year. I hope that you can join with us on these two days of celebration as we present some major awards, summarise our achievements and announce the make-up of next year’s Student Leadership Team.

Reminder: 2016 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.

BWSC Science Day – Student report
On the 30th of November, 2015 it was Year 5 Science Day. The science teachers from BWSC along with some of their students helped us do some fascinating experiments such as; learning about a sheep heart, discovering how static electricity really works and using a microscope. On behalf of Year 5 we would like to thank all of the teachers and students that gave up their time to teach us about these amazing topics.
Seanna .H and Isabelle. E

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:
- 7/12 Presentation Day (Academic) both 3-6 from 9.30am & K-2 from 11.30am
  Semester 2 Student reports go home
- 8/12 Sports Presentation Day (3-6 only) from 9.30am
- 10/12 K-4 Movie Day
  Year 6 Farewell evening
- 14/12 Talent Quest
- 15/12 Talent Quest
- 16/12 Talent Quest / Yr. 6 Graduation 2pm
  Last Day of School for students
- 17/12 SDD # 1 (staff only) – last day of year for staff

Sports Photos
Sport Photos are now available for ordering online at www.advancedlife.com.au. You will need to enter the school code which is MRF LGW XAN. The images will be available for the next 14 days.

Wishing Tree
Once again, our Christmas tree is located in the office foyer, we would love to see many donations of gifts under our tree so we can help underprivileged children in our area.
If you would like to make a donation please wrap your gift and label it Boy / Girl and the age the gift is appropriate for e.g. Boy 9-10 years.
We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

K – 2 Workers of the Week
Term 4 Week 8
KA Phoebe W Aspen B
KMC Ashton D Alira B
KS Max H Mindiah S
K/1M Alyssa H Noah I
1W Ash S Jett T
1S Beau H Liam C
2C Evan A Chloe H
2SB Nash R Ryder M
2T Nathan M Cody P
Premiers Sporting Challenge

Following the students’ involvement in the Premier’s Sporting challenge we received a grant to purchase a variety of resources to further enhance the students’ physical activities. Included in the purchases is the above Gym- I-nee which the students are seen enjoying.

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Events Calendar – Term 4

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School Banking

The last day for school banking will be Thursday 3rd December this is also the last day to order your rewards. There are limited rewards available please select from the items below.

From the Canteen –

There will be a special Xmas Lunch Order Day on Tuesday Dec 15. Order forms will go home later this week. There will be a variety of “RED” snacks available on this day in the Canteen e.g. Jelly, Zooper Doopers, small bags of chips.
Orders will need to be returned by Wednesday 9th December. No late orders accepted.
Workers of the Week: Sue, Sue, Sue, Lisa.
Thank you

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.

Baycare

Our beautiful handmade Christmas Banners are back this year at Baycare. They are available from the Baycare Staff in the hall before 8.30am and after 3pm for just $20.
Please help support our Service.
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.

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**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL:** To book, phone OCC on 0450 990 995

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**FREE ROCK POOL RAMBLES by OCCI-Central Coast, January 2016**

Come and explore the rock pools with OCCI's expert guides and learn about the fascinating creatures who live there. Limited numbers. Walks are most suited to ages 5 years to adult.

- **Friday** 8th at Terrigal Haven 1.30 pm
- **Saturday** 9th at Norah Head 2.00 pm
- **Sunday** 10th at Toowoon Bay 2.45 pm
- **Friday** 22nd at Terrigal Haven 1.30 pm
- **Saturday** 23rd at Umina Beach 2.15 pm
- **Sunday** 24th at Toowoon Bay 3.00 pm

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**XMAS HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP NOTICE**

Where: Princeton Tennis, Umina
When: Mon 4th Jan 2016 to Fri 8th Jan 2016 & Mon 18th Jan 2016 to Fri 22nd Jan 2016
Time: 9am-3pm (gates open at 8am) 3½ day 9am-12.30pm
Cost: $35 Wk 5, $30 Wk 6, Full Day $60, 3½ Day $15
Included: Racquets, Sausage Sizzle Thursday, Prizes Friday

The camp will be predominately tennis with other activities such as soccer, cricket, basketball etc to keep the children occupied. The camps are held out of line with indoor activities provided. Bookings recommended but aren't essential. All enquiries can be made by phoning Krissy 0410 828 278.

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**ORDER YOUR LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE TODAY!**

- Date: 8th December 2015
- Time: 9am - 3pm

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- Q: Do you accept cheques?
  - A: Yes, we accept cheques.

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**FUN FOR ALL**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES** Dec/Jan 2015-16

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**Christmas Lights in The Gardens**

At Penrith Gardens 15-27 December 2015, 5-9pm

Come along to see the stunning lights display on the Central Coast.

- Natural reindeer decorations
- Mistletoe trees
- Christmas trees and real cones
- Merry Xmas with all your own friends
- Christmas lights and real trees
- Face painting with our team
- Free Santa’s grotto with Santa and more
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