**Principal’s Report:**

**Sport Update**

Our students have enjoyed great success in a variety of sporting fields over recent weeks – here is a brief update:

- Congratulations go to Jake M, Joel W and Patrick D who have been selected in the BW Opens Rugby League combined side, they will go to the Sydney Nth trials in April.
- Boys Cricket – through to the 3rd Round of PSSA competition,
- Girls Cricket – successful in 1st Round of PSSA competition,
- Girls Softball - successful in Round 2 of PSSA competition.
- Zone Swimming – Tyne S, Nixon S and Joel M have made the Sydney North Swimming carnival

My congratulations go to our talented sporting stars!

**School Cross-Country Carnival**

I look forward to the running of our annual Cross-Country carnival scheduled for this Friday (20 March). This event presents an opportunity to those students who have the stamina and fitness to run a greater distance over varied terrain. Just a reminder to parents of children in Kinder, Year 1 and most of Year 2 – your children will not be running the longer course, outside of school grounds. The longer, outside course is for students in Year 3 to 6 plus those Year 2 students old enough (and with the necessary skills) to complete this additional distance. Students in K, 1 & 2 will be running around the school oval. My thanks go to Mr McCredie who is coordinating this whole-school event.

**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 excitablc 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.

**P&C Update**

My thanks go to those parents who were able to attend Monday’s P&C meeting. I was pleased to be able to present my ‘Principal’s Report’ and provide an opportunity for those attending a chance to put some questions to me. The P&C has generously approved for the purchase and installation of two much needed new air-conditioners in the school library. The library is used by everyone during the school week with many learning sessions and workshops being held there after school hours. The installation of two new units by ‘Air Effect’ will greatly enhance our ability to maintain a comfortable work environment as the existing air-conditioners are ineffective and noisy.

**Resource Levy**

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the Resource Levy (the old text book fee). This levy includes a range of student resources not just limited to text books. Digital apps for computers and iPads have been purchased for all the students to use.

$30 per student K-6

For those parents who have already paid $12 for text books for Years 3 & 4 the balance is $18 and for those with children in 6M the BYOD class the outstanding balance is $10.

Thank you in anticipation.

**School Sporting Teams**

At our school we are very fortunate to be involved in a number of PSSA sports. Try outs and selections for these teams will be carried out by the teacher responsible for each team and students need to look at the student notice board regularly and to listen carefully at Assembly for any messages in regards to try outs and training sessions. Notes are generally sent home when the selected team has a game or gala day to attend. Generally preference is given to Year 6 students as this is their last chance to be involved in our school sporting team. In regards to selection for Zone sporting teams, students must be of a very high standard for example, playing representative sport or in division 1 of their sport. Again preference is given to Year 6 students as there is a limit to the amount of students each school in our zone can nominate. This is a decision made at the PSSA level unless there is a younger student of an exceptional level. The nominations are made with the consultation of Mrs Dempsey and Mr Hill, the school PSSA representatives and the teacher coaching the school team.

**Boys Choral Workshop**

Yesterday nine Empire Bay boys went along to the boy’s choral workshop at Holgate Public School to work with accomplished choral director Peter Lehner. It was choral boot camp! The boys learned seven different songs, from African chants to pop songs and everything in between. Most of these were in two or three part harmony – an amazing achievement. Boys who were a little unsure at the beginning were singing out proudly and even ad-
libbing by the end of the day. The sound of eighty boys singing so confidently in harmony was incredible. One of the funniest moments of the day was when Peter said “This song is NOT from Frozen” and eighty boys cheered!

Some reviews:
“It was fun – we got to perform in front of the whole of Holgate Public School.” - Riley
“Such a great experience and a fun day had by all” – Luke
“Epic” – Joel
“Some of the songs stuck in my head.” – Riley
“It was awesome” - Dre.

K – 2 Workers of the Week

Term 1 Week 7

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3-6 Workers of the Week

| 3L  | Melissa B |
| 3/4J| Ryan H    |
| 4M  | Ethan S   |
| 5/6L| Luke H    |
| 6M  | Jade N    |

| 3H  | Rasmus M-B |
| 4/5H| Grace E    |
| 5K  | Tyne S     |
| 6D  | Mia K      |

Events Calendar

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Q4:H2O for years 3 & 4 children only from Monday 23rd March. The cards will need to be returned to school on the following Monday, 30th March.

P&C News

Help Needed - Making Poppies for Anzac Day

Stage 2 students will be doing a one week activity called Q4:H2O this term to promote healthy drinks.

Students will be learning the importance of drinking water and reduced fat milk, rather than sugar sweetened drinks such as soft drink, cordial or fruit juice.

Each student will receive a Q4:H2O card to record their information. We encourage you to support your child by helping them with these healthy drink choices, and signing their card at the end of the week.

Thank you for your support.

[NSW Health Central Coast Local Health District]

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For the 100 year Anniversary of Anzac Day, we are having poppies crocheted and knitted, BUT, we need help to ensure every child receives one. Patterns will be supplied.

If you are able to help please contact Marilyn Scott on 4369 3703.

We also need donations of black buttons 10mm-15mm in size, if you have any black buttons you are willing to donate please bring them into the school office.

Thank you in anticipation.
Our meter is going up slowly, thank you to all those who have paid their voluntary contributions. Remember, the fees equate to only 25 cents per day your children are at school. Thank you in anticipation.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION THERMOMETER**

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**Fundraising News**

**Easter Raffle**

We have some amazing prizes for our Easter raffle that will help entertain the children during the school holidays. Please support our fundraiser. Thank you.

**School Disco**

We will be holding our first school disco for the year on Tuesday 24th March 2015 in the school hall. We will be using a different format this year, Session 1 will be K-3 at 4:30 – 5:50pm. Session 2 will be Years 4-6 at 6pm – 7:30pm. The cost is $5-00 payable on entry to the disco and includes a drink and a glo wristband.

**Election Day Markets**

We have a state election being held on Saturday 28th March. The school will be used for a polling booth, so there is a great opportunity for us to hold a market day. If you are interested in holding a stall or helping with the sausage sizzle please leave your name at the school office.

**From the Canteen**

Red day is on Wednesday April 1st. Order forms will go home this week and must be returned to the canteen by Thursday 26th March.

Wonderful Workers of the Week: Friday – Shannon Monday - Jane

Work Health & Safety requires anyone working in the canteen to wear closed in shoes so your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

**Uniform Shop and Canteen – Flexischools**

Save Time……….Order Online

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- Enter your email and follow prompts
- You can then charge up your online account and place orders from home.

- Online orders are already paid for, so you do not need to bring money to school.

**Uniform Shop**

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

**Empire Bay Winter Jacket - ORDER FORM**

We will be taking orders for school winter jackets up until Monday 30th March 2015. The jacket will be available on an **ORDER ONLY** basis and will not be available to purchase from the uniform shop.

The jacket is made from waterproof nylon, fully lined polar fleece with zip up front and hood. It will be available in royal blue with school emblem in 2 styles. The jackets are available in sizes 4 to 16. Both styles will cost $42 each.

- **Style 1: Dry & Cosy Jacket:** a longer styled jacket.
- **Style 2: Flying Jacket:** has an elasticized waist band.

If you would like to look at either jacket they will be on display in the office from this Wednesday.

To order please fill out the order form below and return to the school office **WITH FULL PAYMENT** (please make cheques payable to Empire Bay Public School Uniform Shop) by Monday 30th March 2015.

I would like to order
Name:__________________________________________

Phone:__________________________________________

Child’s Name:____________________________________

Class:_________________________ Size:______________

– Dry & Cosy Jackets

……………… (No. of jackets) ………………… Size(s)

- Flying Jackets

……………… (No. of jackets) ………………… Size(s)

Amount enclosed…………………………… ($42 each)

Signed………………………………………………

Jackets and older style chinooks cannot be ordered online using the Flexi-School system.

If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter sent home please fill out the slip below and return to the office. Newsletters are available in the school office and can be obtained on the school website or School App each week. Thank you

Child’s Name:____________________________________

Class:__________________________
We will also be taking orders for royal blue older style chinooks (no zippers) up until Monday 30th March 2015. The chinooks will be available on an ORDER ONLY basis and will not be available to purchase from the uniform shop. They will be $37-00 each.

I would like to order

............... (No of chinooks) ...............Size(s)
Name:...........................................................................
Phone:............................................................................
Child’s Name:.................................................................
Class:........................................... Size:.................................
Amount Enclosed.......................... $37-00 each
Signed.................................................................

Umina United Soccer Club still have some spots in the Women’s 12 and the 8’s, 9’s and 11’s mixed Junior teams (for players turning this age in 2015).

Further enquiries can be made to our Registrar, Kel Schultz on email snrregistrar@uminaeagles.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS
TUES 7 APRIL
10am - Moss Ball Making
2.15pm - Terrariums

FRIDAY 10 APRIL
10am - Crafting with Felt
2.15pm - Aloe Rain Sticks

TUES 14 APRIL
10am - Pot Portraits on Ply
2.15pm - Neon Dream Catchers

FRIDAY 17 APRIL
10am - Cheese Leading Pom Poms
2.15pm - Pat Rocks and four Homies

All workshops are $30 includes materials, take home masterpieces and refreshments.

Workshops run for 1.5 hour appox.
To book email contact@maskusneys.com.au - Karen - 0421 088 859
www.muskunzey.com.au - workshops suitable for kids aged 5 and up......

More tickets are available from the office.