**Principal’s Report**

**National Simultaneous Storytime**

*National Simultaneous Storytime* is now in its 15th successful year, was celebrated across the school today with the reading of ‘The Brothers Quibble’ by Aaron Blabey. I enjoyed being given the opportunity to read this book to a number of our students. My thanks go to Mrs Oliver and Mrs McCredie who coordinated this initiative which encourages the reading of quality, Australian literature.

**National Reconciliation Week**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. Our students acknowledged this important celebration yesterday with a combined NRW and ‘Sorry Day’ Assembly – I would like to congratulate the organisers of this assembly, our Aboriginal Education Team, our Aboriginal students and the wonderful school choir on a job well-done!

**Parenting Tips**

Children who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:


**K – 2 Workers of the Week**

**Term 2 Week 5**

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**3-6 Workers of the Week**

**Term 2 Week 4  3/4J**

Will B W we apologise for the omission.

**Term 2 Week 5**

| 3/4J | Talia R |
| 3L | Amelia E |
| 4M | Kalan V |
| 5K | T-Ja S |
| 6M | Geara B |
| 3H | Declan R |
| 4/5H | Aliya Heinzel |
| 5/6L | Jaylen O’S |
| 6D | Deakin L |

**Events Calendar – Term 2**

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Premier’s Sporting Challenge

This year Empire Bay Public School has entered the Premier’s Sporting Challenge which aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. Our school will also receive funding to purchase equipment to support school sport program. The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge. All children will receive a booklet, which is kept at school, where they record the amount of exercise they have participated in for each week. Children will receive a certificate after the 10 week program. All K-2 children receive a gold certificate but 3-6 classes can work as a class team to achieve higher levels. A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity. All record keeping will be done at school.

Our school plans to run the program in weeks 6-10 of this term and then the weeks 1-5 of next term.

Gosford Regional Gallery Reconciliation Art Exhibition

Earlier in the term Aboriginal students from Empire Bay and their friends worked together to create two great artworks to enter into the Gosford Regional Gallery Reconciliation Art Exhibition. This exhibition is currently open at the East Gosford Regional Gallery and running until 12 July 2015. Families are encouraged to take a trip to the gallery to view the works and celebrate Aboriginal art and culture. This is an annual art prize which provides opportunities for local indigenous and non-indigenous artists to showcase work about reconciliation. Well done to our Aboriginal Students who worked hard to produce a fantastic result.

Mrs Moore

5 Lands Walk Photography Display

Photographs selected for display at the Gosford Art Gallery which will be open to the public from 23rd May to 21 July. All of 6D’s photographs will be on display at MacMasters Surf Club on Saturday 20 June, the day of the walk.

Nichole Dempsey

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

The school band committee is holding a fun “Christmas In July-ish” event on Saturday 1st August to raise funds for the purchase of a range of new instruments for the Training Band. Please save the date. There will be lots of fun activities and prizes, a live band and a hot meal. More details to follow soon……..

Uniform Shop

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

FROM THE P&C

We will be holding a mufti day Friday 5th June

From the Canteen

PLEASE NOTE: Pizza Rounda’s and Vege Burgers have been taken off the menu. Salad Boxes and sandwich prices in most cases has been reduced to encourage more GREEN items to be ordered. NEW ITEMS: Chicken Tender & Salad Wrap $3.50 & Aqua ice (Mineral Water) $2.50. Please take care when placing orders and check to see if there prices have changed. Flexischools will be adjusted accordingly and the new Menu will be uploaded to the School Website.

Looking for a quick and easy way to order School Lunches - why not check our ON-LINE ORDERING AT FLEXISCHOOLS. It will take the hassle out of lunch orders and that school morning rush!

VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to go back onto the roster this term please drop in and see Gaye or Michelle to let us know.

Thank you.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK:

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

Become an Ethics Coordinator 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.ue to the size of the Stage 2 class, we need an additional volunteer Ethics Teacher to teach Stage 2. We also need a new volunteer to be the Ethics Coordinator at the school. Ethics Coordinators and Ethics Teachers are provided with training and support by Primary Ethics. Coordinating can mostly be done by email in your spare time and would take no more than an hour per week. Members of the school community are encouraged to apply. To find out more about becoming our next Ethics Coordinator or an Ethics Teacher, please visit:
Peninsula Occasional Childcare has vacancies for children 6 weeks to school age.
The Centre has qualified Educators with current working with children checks, Child Protection and first aid.
The Centre is located in the Peninsula Community Centre 93 Mc Masters Road Way Way.
The centre is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm. Children can be booked in on a permanent or casual basis. From 2 hours up to 6 hours per day up to 5 days per week.
The Centre operates under the Early Years Learning Framework. We also offer a transition to school program.

Please contact Educators on 43431991 for further enquiries.

**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs.

Our international exchange students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at www.acco.com.au or call us today on 1800 509 501. Request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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**School Banking is shooting for the stars.**

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their YouSave account. In just over two years, over $55,000 School Banking deposits were made across Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items

To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to order a reward item.

Invisible Ink Martin Pen

Interplanetary Rocket

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland

Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.

For more information visit canbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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**$50,000 REWARD**

**Bronte & Isabella Watter**

For information leading to the location of 8 year-old non-identical twins, abducted from Townsville in April 2014.

Believed abducted by non-custodial parent Catherine “Cassie” Watter (née Doubleday) in breach of court orders.

Previous findings of emotional abuse of the children by Cassie Watter.

Assessed as a significant psychiatric risk & hospitalised on day before the abduction.

Call 000 or CrimeStoppers to provide any information. You may remain anonymous.

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NSW Government Education & Communities
**Did you know?**

Parents are great role models! Show your children what to do - and move your own body every day!

Try these ideas:
- Walk or cycle to the local shops & other short distances
- Get up to change the channel on the TV
- Walk or play with your children outside before or after dinner
- Use stairs instead of the lift
- Park further away from your destination
- Sweep footpaths and driveways with a broom, not a blower!

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**Kids LOVE to be active**

Making physical activity a part of their daily routine is not only fun, but also healthy! Active kids are happier, healthier kids!

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**60 Minutes physical activity a day …..**

Children aged 5-12 need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

How can you help them?

Think of active alternatives when you hear “I’m bored.” Include physical activity in family outings. Give gifts or toys that promote physical activity such as bats, balls, skipping ropes, skateboards or bikes.

Simple measures can be taken to keep your child active and healthy. Everyone can take part, and enjoy themselves.