Principal’s Report

Reporting

Our teachers are well underway preparing our ‘new’ student reports for publication and distribution to students and parents over the next few weeks. Semester 1 reports will be sent home with each student on Monday, 22nd June. The reports will contain information about students’ progress from Term 1 and Term 2. Teachers spend a great deal of time gathering and analysing student assessment ‘data’. They also spend a great deal of time meeting with the other teachers to ensure a greater consistency in regard to the levels of achievement being awarded. My thanks go to staff for the time and effort they are giving to this process and for developing some thoughtful comments to compliment the assessment data.

Late for school?

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost. Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time!

Healthy Eating

Research has consistently shown that students who eat breakfast perform better at school. For parents and guardians, breakfast is an opportunity to introduce some really beneficial foods to children. Good ‘brain-food’ breakfasts include scrambled or fried eggs with wholemeal toast, or a bowl of porridge served with blueberries. When there’s simply no time for breakfast, a serving of nuts and a sliced orange make an ideal portable alternative.

(Hazel Key, Always Learning, VI Term 2, 2013)

P&C ‘Dress-Down’ Friday Fundraiser

I hope that everyone will be able to support the next P&C fundraising initiative and leave their uniforms at home on Friday to attend school more casually dressed. We only ask that if your child does come to school in ‘mufti’ that they donate a ‘gold’ coin to our P&C. Funds raised from this initiative will go towards paying for the new air conditioner units which have already been installed in our school library.

Public Holiday

I’m sure you don’t need reminding but just in case you’ve forgotten, next Monday is a Public Holiday and we can all look forward to a long weekend. If travelling away for the weekend, please stay safe on the roads and allow plenty of time to arrive at your destination!

Anzac Day Poppies

We would like to acknowledge the hard work by the following ladies who tirelessly hand knitted and crocheted the poppies for each of our students at our school Anzac Ceremony.

Our Thanks go to Elizabeth Holden, Clair Steel, Jan Consoli, Carina Caulfield, Pat Hall, Elizabeth Morgan, Marilyn Scott and the residents of the Peninsula Village.

We appreciate all your hard work.

Book Club

Issue 4 of book club must be returned no later than Friday 5th June. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you.

K – 2 Workers of the Week

Term 2 Week 6

KA Josh P Olivia S
KMC Billy-Jo P Alira B
KS Ryland W Tamika M
K/1M Jackson G Garrett L
1W
1S Lucy J Ellis A
2C Alice J Evan A
2SB Piper L Chloe G
2T Matthew W Kyah S

3-6 Workers of the Week

Term 2 Week 6

3/4J Dakoda K
3L Jimmy S 3H Rowan M
4M Mollie L 4/5H Isabelle E
5K Hayden B 5/6L Ben F
6M Jessica M 6D Tahnee B
### Events Calendar – Term 2

| 2015     | Week 7 | Friday 5th June | P & C Mufti Day  
|          |        |                | Gold coin donation  
|          | Week 8 | Friday 12th June | Jump Rope for heart  
|          | Week 10 | Monday 22nd June | Sydney Recorder Rehearsal  
|          |        | Tuesday 23rd June | Yr 4 Sydney Excursion  
|          |        | Thursday 25th June | Yr 3 Sydney Excursion  
|          |        | Friday 26th June | Last day of Term 2  
|          | Term 3 | Monday 13th July | Staff Development Day  
|          |        | Tuesday 14th July | Students return to school  

### Uniform Shop

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

### School Band Fundraiser Raffle

Winner will receive:
- 7 night’s accommodation at the Port Pacific Resort, Port Macquarie

Two bedroom apartment - sleeps up to 6 people

Check in Saturday 23 Jan. Check out Saturday 30 January

$10 per ticket.

Drawn at the ‘Christmas in July-ish’ event Saturday 1 August

Prize valued at $1200!

### 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

### Lost Property

We seem to have an abundance of lost property at the moment most without names. The pile is growing and the school looks very untidy. Thank you to Jody Sharma who has offered to wash all the unnamed items.

We have many parents coming in and looking for lost property and it is extremely difficult to give the items back to the owners if there is no name. Please make sure your child’s clothing and items have their name on them.

### From the P&C

We will be holding a mufti day Friday 5th June

### From the Canteen

**VOLUNTEERS:**

We are in desperate need of helpers.

If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated.

I am able to help:

- Once a week [ ]
- Once a fortnight [ ]
- Once a month [ ]
- Once a term [ ]

Times:

- [ ] 9-11.25
- [ ] 9-1.10
- [ ] 9-2pm
- [ ] 11.25 – 2pm

Name: __________________ Contact details: ________________

**NOTE:** All sandwiches are made on Wholemeal Bread with no butter unless otherwise requested.

**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.
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. Due 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: http://www.primaryethics.com.au

PENINSULA OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE
- 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 Master Road Woy Woy.
- 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 43831091 for further enquires.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child/children are invited to take part in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a state-wide initiative aiming to encourage students to read every day. K-6 students are encouraged to read the number of books, from the PRC booklist, before 21st August, 2015 and complete a validated online reading record to qualify for a certificate and publication of their name on the honour roll.

Students are required to enter the books they read onto the PRC website at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/pcr/index.html. They use their DEC login (the one they use to log on to the internet at school) to record books onto their student reading record. If students are having difficulty logging on for the first time or have any questions they may email Mrs McCready (Mon-Tues) or Mrs Olifer (Wed-Fri) at the library.

Students are required to read a certain number of books according to their grade. A list of Premier’s Reading Challenge books is also available on the website https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html. A range selection of books can be found in the school library for students to borrow.

Important Information

1. You must complete your online student reading record by 21st August, 2015 (11:59 pm) to complete the challenge.

2. You must read a certain number of books to complete the challenge:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Challenge</th>
<th>Number of books you must read</th>
<th>Minimum number of PRC books</th>
<th>Maximum number of Personal Choice books</th>
<th>PRC booklist you can read from</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>K-2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3-4, 5-6, 7-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3-4</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3-4, 5-6, 7-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5-6</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5-6, 7-9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3. Books you read after the Challenge closes can count towards the next year’s Challenge.

4. K-2 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.

5. 3-4 & 5-6 students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

6. In a series on the PRC booklist, you can read any two books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

For a detailed list of the rules and more information please refer to the Premier’s Reading Challenge Website.

Happy Reading,

Mrs R McCreedy and Mrs L Oliver
Teacher Librarians.
Fellowship of Australian Writers New South Wales Inc
2015 Hilarie Lindsay Young Writers Short Story Competition
for Australian School Children

Entries are sought in the following categories:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SECTION</th>
<th>Years</th>
<th>Words</th>
<th>Prize</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>10, 11, 12</td>
<td>up to 2500</td>
<td>$150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>7, 8, 9</td>
<td>up to 2500</td>
<td>$150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>6 &amp; 5</td>
<td>up to 1500</td>
<td>$100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>4 &amp; under</td>
<td>up to 1500</td>
<td>$50</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Entrant’s name must appear on the entry form ONLY.

The entry fee is $2.00 (please note that entries that do not include the fee will be disqualified).

Entries to be typed on A4 paper, double spaced in 12 font.

Entries may be sent as a PDF or word document to comconvenor@fawsw.org.au
(preferred method). Email must contain the entry, the entry form, and a copy of the direct deposit receipt.

The details for direct Deposit are as follows:

BSB: 082-936    Account 17238-9833    Account Name Fellowship of Australian Writers.

Please use the competitor’s name, and the competition as the payment details (eg. Hilarie Lindsay), and attach a copy of the receipt to the entry form.

Where the competitor does not have access to email, then the entry may be mailed to the Competition Convenor at the address on the bottom of the entry form. Payment may be made by cheque, money order, or direct deposit. Cheques and Money Orders are to be made payable to FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS.

Entries must be student’s own work, unpublished and not having won any competition at time of entry. Normal Competition Conditions apply.

Closing date for the competition is 31st August 2015.

Prizes for Sections 1, 2 and 3 will be presented at the FAW NSW Annual Presentation Luncheon in November.

Section 4 will be presented at the winner’s school.

Results will be published in Writing Voice and on the FAW NSW website. Please note that handwritten entries will not be able to be published.

Fellowship of Australian Writers New South Wales Inc
2015 Hilarie Lindsay Young Writers Short Story Competition
for School Children

Entry Form

Student’s Name

School

Student’s Address

__________________________

State Post Code

Grade  Section Entered

Title of Work

Closing Date: 31 August 2015

Teacher/Parent/Guardian:

I hereby declare that this entry is the student’s own work:

Signed

Please print name

Entries to be sent to comconvenor@fawsw.org.au or by PDF or Word Document. If contestant does not have email access then forward entry to:

The Convenor

Hilarie Lindsay Young Writers Competition

C/- 515 Bogas Road Booker Bay NSW 2257

Entry fee $2.00 by cheque, postal order, or direct deposit

BSB: 082-936    Account 17238-9833    Account Name Fellowship of Australian Writers.

For more information:

Email: comconvenor@fawsw.org.au
Phone: 02 4341-1138 (ah only)