Principal’s Report

Reporting

Student reports can bring mixed feelings for many parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but concern when their children are not progressing as hoped. Reports can also bring on anxious times for children – “will my parents be disappointed or proud of me?” Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

When reviewing your child’s report please try to keep the following points in mind:

**Expectations:** Expectations can be tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Parents need to pitch their expectations in line with a child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report may provide you with a good yardstick.

**Different rates of learning:** Keep in mind that there are late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so try to avoid comparing your child to their siblings, your friends’ children or even yourself when you were young. Instead, look for individual progress within the individual context.

**Safeguard confidence:** Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so parents need to be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible however different your first impressions might be. Concerns about your child’s report can be raised with your child’s teacher at another time where further clarification can be sought. Semester 1 reports will be distributed from Monday 22nd June.

**Safety Door**

Your car’s ‘Safety Door’ is the rear left hand side door, the rear door closest to the kerb, footpath or gutter and the one which is away from the road. Families can keep children safe by helping them to use this door consistently. We should be putting safety over convenience at all times.

**Term 3 School Development Day**

Our next School Development Day (SDD) will be held on Monday 13 July, 2015 – beginning of T3.
School Band Fundraiser
Be Quick only 120 tickets to be SOLD and only available from the school office. Raffles and Auctions ( Del Piero Jersey - Sydney FC and Signed Mariners Soccer Ball) will be held on the night.
Get into the spirit and dress Christmassy.
Raffle - 500 tickets only
Winner will receive:
1st Prize: 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.
Prize valued at $1200!
2nd Prize: Whipper Snipper + extras
3rd Prize: TBA
$10 per ticket.
Drawn at the ‘Christmas in July-ish’ event Saturday 1 August

Jump Rope for Heart
Sponsorship money for Jump Rope for Heart needs to be returned to school no later than Wednesday 17th June 2015. We would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraising event.

PSSA Cricket Report
Yesterday the senior school cricket played their round three match of the PSSA cricket competition against Erina Heights at Paul Oval, Matcham. Erina Heights batted first and scored 95 runs in their 25 overs. After a shaky start our boys managed to recover and score a respectable 60 runs in our allotted overs. Despite the loss, the boys played well and, most importantly, played the game in the right spirit. They supported each other in an extremely positive manner and congratulated Erina Heights on their performance. A special mention should go to Joel who captained the side extremely well. He also opened the batting and only retired in the final over to allow all our batsmen some time at the crease. Well done, Joel.
A big thank you goes out to all the parents who provided transport for the team and stayed to watch the boys for the whole game. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Boys Softball
Recently the Boys Softball team played Point Clare in the PSSA Knockout Round. It was a very exciting game with some excellent fielding from both teams. In the end, it came down to one point in the last innings with Point Clare taking the win 8-7. Mr Cashmim from Point Clare and our umpires said it was the best softball game they had seen for a long time and were very proud to be part of such a thrilling game. These boys were great representatives for our school. Well done! Mrs Dempsey

Lost Property
Thank you to Jody Sharma who has washed all the unnamed items. A very big job.
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.

Lotus making
As part of the celebrations for Buddha’s birthday the Buddhism Scripture students in K-6 made paper lotus flowers. This took a lot of patience and skill and the results were beautiful. Some examples are in the school’s foyer. Thank you to our Buddhism Scripture teachers for providing this opportunity.

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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION THERMOMETER

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From the Canteen

VOLUNTEERS:
Thank you to Lily, Mel, Natalie and Lisa for their help with Green Day yesterday. The day ran smoothly with your assistance. Once again THANK YOU.

We are still in 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:

Wonderful Workers of the Week: Jane (Monday).

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. Dttp://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:

http://www.primaryethics.com.au
**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015**

**Important Information**

1. You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 21 August 2015 (12.59 pm) to complete the Challenge.
2. You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

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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. 3-5 & 5-6 students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.
6. In a series on the PRCBooklist, 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,**

Mr R. McCredie and Mrs L. Oliver
Library Librarians.

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**FREE School holidays activities!**

Come and join OCCI-CC on a Rock-Pool Rambles

and learn about some of the marine critters that live on our local rock platforms.

**Bookings are essential!**

**Dates:**
Monday 29th June - Terrigal Haven 10:45am
Tuesday 30th June - Norah Head 11:00am
Friday 3rd July - Terrigal Haven 1:00pm
Sunday 12th July - Tourooim Bay 10:00am
To book ring 4940 999 999.

Meeting place and time will be revealed on booking.

Suitable footwear obligatory – no thongs.

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**Fellowship of Australian Writers New South Wales Inc**

**2015 Hilary Lindsay Young Writers Short Story Competition for School Children**

Entry Form

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**Closing Date:** 31 August 2015

**Entries to be sent to comcapervisor@faewa.org.au as a PDF or Word Document.**

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For more information:

Phone: 02 4341-1138 (ab only)