Principal’s Report

I would like to offer my congratulations to our students who have much to celebrate over the next week. I have enjoyed the opportunity to read everyone’s semester 1 reports and I am very impressed with the progress so many of our students have made!

I was also very impressed with the advice our teachers have given, clearly, a great deal of thought has gone into preparing these reports and every student would be wise to take the time to reflect on the advice given by their teachers. Parents, we are looking forward to meeting with you over future weeks to discuss your child’s achievements, clarify report comments and to map future directions.

Semester 1 Student reports will be distributed next Monday, 22nd June. Here are 5 ideas to think about before reading your child’s report:

1. **Look for the strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

2. **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then they have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

3. **Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his/her future success.

4. **Take note of student’s self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so parents need take note of their opinions.

5. **Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** You should ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns. It is, after all, their report.

Term 3 School Development Day

Our next School Development Day (SDD) will be held on Monday 13 July, 2015 – beginning of T3.

Debating

On Thursday the 11th of June 2015 Umina Beach Public School came to our school for round 2 of the peninsula debate against our Empire Bay Topic Twisters. The topic for the debate was ‘Should Year 5 and above be able to use social media, like Facebook and Twitter?’ We were the negative team and we had to disagree with the topic. It was a tough debate but we came out with a win. We would like to thank Mrs Leslie for coaching us.

By Emma V

On Wednesday the 10th of June the debating team went to Woy Woy South to debate. The Empire Bay Topic Twisters and The Empire Bay Arguing Apes went really well and came out with one win and one loss. The topics were ‘should all parents be allowed to drink in front of their children’ and ‘should we replace PE with more class time’. We would like to thank Mrs Leslie for coaching and also Mrs Cashin and Mrs Boserio for helping with transport.

By Amelia C and Sally E

5 Lands Walk Photography Display

All of 6D’s photographs will be on display at MacMasters Surf Club on Saturday 20 June, the day of the walk. Congratulations to the following girls Indiana P, Tiffani S, Amelia C who received Photographic Achievers Awards 2015 for their photographs.
Girls Soccer

The Girls Soccer Team has recently been competing in the PSSA knockout competition. Our first game against a highly fancied Avoca Team saw the girls perform above everyone's expectations and come away with a very impressive win. The girls through their teamwork and enthusiasm outshone the Avoca team on the day. We then progressed through to the third round after a second round forfeit from another team.

Last week we played Woy Woy in terrible conditions at Umina Oval. Although we didn't win, the girls never gave up and showed a fantastic commitment to the game. Thanks to all of the parents who came to both matches and who transported our students to the games. We really appreciated all of your support and cheering from the sideline. A special thanks to Mr Smith who gave us some fantastic guidance and coaching in the lead up to the last game.

I am very proud of all of the girls. They were great representatives for the school and they have been a pleasure to coach. Mrs Davis.

Jump Rope for Heart

Senior Boys Rugby League

Last Thursday the Senior Boys played in the PSSA Classic Shield Knockout at Narara. It was a cold and wet day with the team having a ball in the mud. Our first game was against Gosford East which our team beat convincingly. The second game was against Valley View which we also won. The boys worked fantastically as a team considering the weather had held us up with our training times. Our school should be very proud of them as they showed respect to the other players, the referees and the organisers of the day. This takes our team into Round 4 of the knockout where we will play Woy Woy with a date to be determined before the end of term.

K – 2 Workers of the Week

Term 2 Week 8

| KA  | Liam M | Breanna C |
| KMC | Ashton D | Jessica N |
| KS  | Max E | Indylee S |
| K/1M | Nate E | Eva J |
| 1W  | Brayden R | Hamish D |
| 1S  | Lily C | Noah C |
| 2C  | Matilda B-H | Ryder K |
| 2SB | Connah H | Lily E |
| 2T  | Zane B | Nathan M |

3-6 Workers of the Week

Term 2 Week 8

| 3/4J | Chelsea S |
| 3L  | Mason T | 3H | Anushka B |
| 4M  | Lily P | 4/5H | Seanna H |
| 5K  | Austin M | 5/6L | Noah B |
| 6M  | Shania G-N | 6D | Ethan L |

Beanies for Brain Cancer

Your donations raised $272 for this great cause.

Events Calendar – Term 2

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<td>Friday 31st July 10.15 am - 1 pm</td>
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<td>K-6 Combined Sports Day incorporating 3-6 Athletics carnival McEvoy Oval, Umina</td>
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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

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: Whizzer Snipper + extras
3rd Prize: TBA

$10 per ticket.
Drawn at the ‘Christmas in July-ish’ event Saturday 1 August

Uniform Shop

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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION THERMOMETER

| $15,000 | $10,000 |
| $6,500 | $6,000 |
| $5,500 | $5,000 |
| $4,500 | $4,000 |
| $3,500 | $3,000 |

From the Canteen
RED DAY is Wednesday 24th June and we are having an EAGLE BOYS Pizza Day. Order forms were sent home today and need to be returned to the canteen no later than Monday. NOTE: NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED! A few

HELPERS are needed for Red Day from approximately 12:40-1:30pm. Please come into the canteen, or ring to let us know if you can help.

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.

VOLUNTEERS:

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: Mel – Thursday, Penny
Jess - Friday, Karen - Tuesday

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.

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FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY 28TH JUNE
12PM
EMPIRE BAY TAVERN

FUNDRAISER FOR A GORGEOUS FAMILY!
FUN FILLED DAY, LOTS OF PRIZES UP FOR
GRABS, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
LIVE AUCTIONS

$5 OF EVERY HAMBURGER PURCHASED WILL
GO TO THE FAMILY...

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

LIVE AUCTIONS

FACE PAINTING

JUMPING CASTLE

RAFFLE PRIZES

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

CENTRAL COAST CONSERVATORY PRESENTS
BIG DAY OUT 2015
Monday, July 27 2015
EV CHURCH
331 Terral Drive
Erina NSW 2250
9.00am to 2.15pm
(registrations from 8.30am)
Pre-booking/payment required

One day of bend workshopping on all instruments.
FUN | INSPIRATIONAL | EDUCATIONAL
A full day of workshopping with expert music teachers
from Central Coast Conservatorium.
Concert in the afternoon for friends and family.
Beginners to advanced players, Primary School students.

Central Coast Conservatorium | Phone: 4324 7477

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY GRAPPI PROGRAM
Monday 29 Jun
Make an Eel Puppet in a Sew & Sew
Kids Workshop in Great Little Train
Session 1: 10am - 12noon
Session 2: 1.30pm - 3pm

Tuesday 30 Jun
Face Painting with Joy & Lorraine

Wednesday 1 July
10am - 12noon
Block Printing on a Tote Bag with Jo B
1pm - 3pm
Tie Dye with Jo B, BDO T-shirt or Pillow Case

Thursday 2 July
10am - 12pm, Rock and their Homes
2pm: Terrariums

Friday 3 July
10am: Tiki Pam Pam Mobiles
2pm: Indian Feathered Head Dress and Rain Slicks

Monday 6 July
10am - 12pm
Make a Mini Cactus with Sean therawn
1pm - 3pm
Making Splendid Golds Eyes (Clod-e-Dos)

Tuesday 7 July
10am - 12noon: Power Cippers
2pm - 4pm: Neon/Neon Catchers

Thursday 9 July
10am - 12noon
Pottery Animals Workshop with Mindy & Art
2pm - 4pm: Day of the Dead Mask Art Workshop with Mindy & Art

Friday 10 July
10am - 12noon: Paper Flowers and Feathers
2pm - 4pm: Moss Ball Making

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 more books. The students are encouraged to read the required number of books. From the RC booklist, before 25th August, and complete the 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 into the PAC website at;
https://www.readingchalleng NSW.edu.au. They can use the PAC app on 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 ask Mrs Maryanne (Mrs Mary) or Miss Olive (Miss Olive) who are student teams.

Students are required to enter a certain number of books, according to their grade. A list of Premier’s Reading Challenge books is also available on the website https://www.readingchalleng NSW.edu.au. A large selection of these can be found in the school library 8991/8993/1230/1250/100.

Important Information

1. You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 21st August, 2015 to be eligible 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 for the Challenge class are counted towards the next year’s Challenge.

4. 4-6 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.

5. 3-4 and 2-3 students, you must read the book on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

6. In a senior’s RC booklist, you can read any two books as RC 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 Olive Coggin and Mrs Olive
Teacher Librarians.