Principal’s Report

Welcome back!
Welcome back to all of our students, families and staff to what promises to be a busy and exciting term. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families, I’m sure they’ll settle into the Empire Bay school community very quickly. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing school holiday with their families and that all students make the most of every opportunity provided to them this term and that do their very best.

School Development Days
My thanks go to our parents, again, for supporting our School Development Days. Staff began Term 3 on Monday with another day of training and development and on this occasion we focused our professional learning on the ‘Focus On Reading’ (FoR) program. Mrs D Leslie led the delivery of Module 1 with another 3 modules to be delivered over future months.

Voluntary School Contributions & School Resource Levy – what’s the difference?
Both primary and secondary schools can request contributions to enhance the school’s educational and sporting programs. These school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. They help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students.
The ‘School Resource’ levy replaces the ‘Text Book’ levy. The school has, largely, moved away from text books as a preferred educational resource and now invests in ipad applications, software and site licences in line with 21st century learning strategies. The ‘School Resource’ levy covers the purchase of many of the ipad apps your children access at school and the ‘Reading Eggs’ site licence which your children can access from home. Some grades also require a text book for their students. This is not a voluntary payment but one which is required from parents.
Both the voluntary contribution and the resource levy can be submitted directly to our front office. Voluntary contributions for this year are: $50 for one child, $80 for two or more children. The School Resource levy is $30 per student – outstanding payments for this levy need to be attended to as soon as possible.

Education Week Celebrations
For your forward planning we have a number of events planned to celebrate ‘Education Week’ which will begin on Monday 27 July (week 3). The planned events for that week include:
- Grandparents Day – Wednesday 29 July (10.15am to 11.30am)
- Book Parade – Thursday 30 July (11.30am – 12.30pm)
- the combined 3-6 Athletics carnival / K-2 Sports Day – Friday 31 July (full-day)
In addition to this, our Library Team will be hosting the annual ‘Book Fair’ over the week. Please mark these dates down in your calendar – we hope to see you at one of these events!

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)
At this half-way point it is also timely to revisit our PBL program and some of the concepts related to this important whole-school welfare program. PBL is a program that supports schools to create a culture where positive behaviour and learning thrive.
Students are taught in very specific terms what behaviours are expected of them so that there is a consistent response to these behaviours across the school.
To this end, our school promotes three over-riding rules:
- Be Responsible,
- Be Safe, and
- Be Respectful
Each fortnight, teachers focus on specific areas and provide explicit instruction in regard to these focus areas. For example, this term, our PBL lessons will focus on:

Parents can play an important part in this process by regularly reinforcing these 3 school rules with their children and breaking them down ever further with example, to develop an even greater understanding of what type of behaviour is expected at Empire Bay PS.

Staffing T3 Update
I would like to welcome two student teachers to our school - they will be completing their internships on the following classes:
- Miss Bodhi Krechster on KA, and
- Miss Lara Clark on 6D
I wish each of them every success as they undertake this teaching training in readiness for their new careers.

Events Calendar – Term 2

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Book Fair & Book Parade Term 3 Week 3
Our Book Parade will be held in the school hall on Thursday 30th July between 11.30 and 12.30. Students may come dressed as their favourite book character.
The Book Fair will be held from Week 3, Monday 27th July through to Friday 31st July. Books will be available for purchase during Week 3. The Library will be open at lunchtime for purchases only and after school until 3.45pm.
Please support our Book Fair
Thank you
Rachel McCredie and Lisa Oliver
Teacher Librarians
Woolworths Earn & Learn
Once again the school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn. Coming home this week will be card for your stickers to attach to.
We have a box for completed cards in the foyer of the office and a box at Woolworths – Erina Fair and Umina. So, please start collecting.

Kindergarten ‘P’ PARTY
We hope to see lots of pirates, princesses, pyjamas and pigs on Friday, 17th July for our Kindergarten ‘P’ Party. The students will be asked to bring in some food to share with their classmates for lunch but are advised to bring in their own drink.

Wastefree Wednesdays
Our school begins Wastefree Wednesdays today! During Term Three, families are encouraged to support the waste-free initiative from home by talking about ways we can all reduce waste in our homes and packing a waste-free lunch on Wednesdays. This could involve ideas like:
• Avoiding items packed in individual packages and opting for a larger packet to share amongst reusable containers.
• Making home-baked goods and packing them in reusable containers.
• Including fruit and vegetables as snacks (which come ‘packaged’ in their skins ready to go!)
Often these ideas can also save households money over the long term and can be healthier too.

School Band
Tickets for the ‘Xmas in July-ish’ event Saturday 1st August
Tickets are still available for our fun night of food and dancing. Tickets can be purchased from the school office and cost $40pp. Numbers will need to be confirmed by the end of next week - so get in quick!
A chance to win a week’s holiday in January at the Port Pacific Resort, Port Macquarie. Raffle tickets can be ordered/purchased from our school office - $10 each. (Drawn on Saturday 1st August at the ‘Xmas in July-ish’ event).
Thank you for supporting our school band

Raiders
Please note that Raiders for Term 2 is ‘on hold’ until the oval is deemed safe for the students to play a game of such a competitive nature. The safety and well being of the students comes first.
Mrs Dempsey

NRL Assembly Visit
On the last day of Term 2 our school had a visit from the NRL with Tyler Cornish and Lagi Setu from the Roosters and John Jewiss from Country NRL addressing 3-6 about wellbeing and the needs of staying healthy, fit and having fun playing games.

It was an enjoyable assembly with some great messages for the students to take home. The Junior and Senior Rugby League teams were excited to meet Tyler and Lagi up on stage. We thank them for their time.
Mrs Dempsey

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

Sporting Teams
There are many sporting teams still involved in the PSSA knockout competition. Next term Netball, Boys and Girls Touch Football, Girls Softball and Senior Rugby League will play in their next rounds. We thank parents and caregivers for their support and understanding when events are postponed due to the weather. These are often decisions made on the day of the event and beyond our control. The Junior Rugby League team will be involved in the Woy Woy Cup at a later date yet to be determined. Training sessions for each of these school teams are held either before school or during lunchtime. Students will be notified via the Student Notice Board, messages to classes or messages at Assembly. Teachers who coach these teams are at times limited by the use of the oval and try their best to notify students of a change.
Mrs Dempsey, Sport Organiser

VOluntary Contribution Thermometer

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From the Canteen
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. Dhttp://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 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.
**Term 3 - Week 1**

**Wednesday, 15 July 2015**

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**BIG DAY OUT 2015**

**Monday, July 27 2015**

9.00am to 2.15pm  
(registrations from 8.30am)  
Pre-booking/payment required  

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Erina NSW 2250  

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**Central Coast Conservatorium Presents**

**Schools as Community Centres (SaCC)**

**Woy Woy Term 3**

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**Speech & Language Workshops**

A series of 3 workshops for Early Childhood Educators:
1. Articulation Skills and Changing Habits  
2. Receptive Language Skills and the impact of technology  
3. Expressive Language Skills and improving spoken language at a whole group level

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Your child/children’s involvement in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge, The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a school-wide initiative which encourages students to read. It is designed to increase the number of books read by students and to highlight the quality of books being read. Students are encouraged to read a minimum of one book a week.

**Students are required to enter the books they read onto the PAC website at [https://online.nsw.edu.au/pac/home.html](https://online.nsw.edu.au/pac/home.html). Students can log in to the website at school or at home. To register accurately, students must enter their student number and password which will enable them to log in to the online reading record.**

Students are required to read a certain number of books according to their grade. A list of Premier’s Reading Challenge books is available on the website [https://online.nsw.edu.au/pac/readingchallenge.html]. A range 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 21 August 2015 (11.59 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 for the Challenge should focus 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. 3-6 students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.
6. In case of the PAC books, you can read only books as PAC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

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

**Happy Reading,**

Miss M. McShane and Mrs R. Oliver  
Staff/Leaders.