Principal’s Report

Education Week Celebrations
For your forward planning we have a number events planned to celebrate ‘Education Week’ which will begin next Monday (27 July - week 3). The planned events for this week of celebrations include:
- Grandparents Day – Wednesday 29 July (10.20am to 11.30am) - concert band to perform,
- Book Parade – Thursday 30 July (11.30am to 12.30pm), and
- 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!

NAIDOC Week
‘NAIDOC Week’ is observed each year and originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee’. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life. Schools traditionally recognise this event in either the last week of Term 2 or the first weeks of Term 3 as the official date usually falls within the school holidays. This year the theme for the week is: “We all stand on sacred ground: Learn, respect and celebrate”. Our school will be conducting a number of NAIDOC activities for our students tomorrow (Thursday 23/7). Further information about NAIDOC can be found at: www.naidoc.org.au

Future Enrolments
Although we are only at the half-way point in the school year, it is around this time that we are required to submit our anticipated student numbers for 2016. Parents and community members can assist in this process by notifying us of their future plans in regard to attendance at this school. Having this type of information now allows us to project student numbers for 2016 which can be critical in determining our staffing and other entitlements for the new year. Finalising student numbers is a critical process and one which can have a significant impact on other areas of school management. So, if you are considering a move out of Empire Bay PS or know of someone moving into the Empire Bay school community, I would appreciate you speaking to me as soon as possible.

Concert Band – Grandparents Day
All students in the Concert Band have been invited to play at our school’s annual Grandparents Day on Wednesday 29th July at 10.40am. The students will provide enjoyable background music for our visitors whilst they are having morning tea in the school hall.

This is another great opportunity for students to showcase their skills and gain confidence when performing. We hope you can make it!
Mrs Hickey, Mrs Leslie
Band Coordinators

K – 2 Workers of the Week
Term 3 Week 1
KA Lainee P  Joshua P
KMC Libby S  Rubee S
KS Alexis L  Danielle C
K/1M Millie D  Ashlee B
1W Madilyn M  Isabella N
2C Priya R  Hunter A
2SB Poppy K  Ruby A
2T Grace D  Cody P
3L Mia R  3H Christopher B
4/5H Aidan A  4M Elliott H
5K Libby G  5/6L Abbey G
6D Brodie P  6M Kye S
Events Calendar – Term 2

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Attention Aboriginal Families
Empire Bay PS will be hosting the next Koorana AECG meeting.
We will meet at 3.30pm on Thursday 30th July in Cooinda.
All families welcome.

Book Club - Issue 5
Book club is to be returned no later than Friday 24th July 2015. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 $40 pp. Numbers will need to be confirmed by the end of this 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

Athletics Carnival Events
During Term 2 and 3, the students in 3-6 have been participating in qualifying for the finals of the shot put, discus and long jump events which will be held at our Athletics Carnival on Friday 31st July. There are three age groups for the Field events for boys and girls; Junior (8, 9 and 10 year olds), 11 year olds and Senior (12 and 13 year olds). This means that some of our Year 5 students are still in the Junior age group, the same as the Swimming Carnival and the Cross Country. The names of the students who have made the finals for the Field events at the Athletics Carnival will be displayed in the Library window early next week. The High Jump finals are held at school. We are looking forward to an exciting Carnival at McEvoy Oval, Umina, with the whole school being involved. Mrs Dempsey

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

From the Canteen
Pre- orders of sausage sandwiches for the Athletics carnival will need to be in by Friday 24th July. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you for supporting our school band

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 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.

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years

Wednesday 5, 12, 19 August 2015
10am-12pm
A three session program for parents and carers
Facilitated by Schools as Community Centres Program (SaCC)
at Woy Woy Schools as Community Centres - SaCC
Enter from Bowden Road, Woy Woy (Public School)

Learn:
- To engage children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance
- To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
- To resolve family conflict quietly
- Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent
Fundraiser for a deserving 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!

Central Coast Conservatorium
Phone: 4324 7477

Premier's Reading Challenge 2015
Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Your child/children are invited to take part in the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a 100% volunteer-driven program run by Australian Book Shops Council (ABSC) and the Office of the Premier, to encourage children to read more books. To participate, students can read any number of books, from the IRC booklist, between 21st August and 21st November and complete a validated online reading record to qualify for a certificate and a share of the prize money.

Students are required to enter the books they read into the IRC website at https://prrc.nsw.edu.au/gp/home.htm. They must log in to read the books online. If they are completing the one they own, log in to the internet at school to log books onto their student reading record. If they are having difficulty logging in for the first time or have any questions they may ask Mrs. McCandless (Room 8) or Mr. Oliver (Room 7) for assistance.

Students are required to record the number of books they read online. A list of Premier's Reading Challenge books is also available on the website https://prrc.nsw.edu.au/gp/selected/challenge.html. A range selection of books can be found in the Classroom Library.

Important Information
1. You must complete your online reading record by 21st August 2015 at 11:59 pm to complete the Challenge.
2. You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

   - 3-6 books: 10
   - 7-9 books: 15
   - 10-12 books: 20
   - 13-15 books: 25
   - 16-18 books: 30
   - 19-21 books: 35
   - 22-24 books: 40
   - 25-27 books: 45
   - 28-30 books: 50
   - 31+ books: 55

3. Books you read after the challenge closes do not 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. 3-6 students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you. Choose them.
6. In a year where the IRC booklist, you can read any two books as IRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

For more information, please refer to the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

Happy Reading,
Mrs. McCandless and Mr. Oliver
Principal, Librarians

Wednesday, 22 July 2015
Term 3 - Week 2
### Schools as Community Centres (SaCC)  
**Woy Woy Term 3**

**Activity**  
**When**  

**Latino Playgroup**  
Join Spanish speaking parents and children for a fun morning of education play and activities.  
Non Spanish speakers welcome.  

Mondays  
9:30 am – 11:00 am

**My Time Playgroup**  
A support group for parents/carers with children with a disability or chronic illness. Led by Coastwide Child & Family Services.  
Bring your children or just come for a coffee. Free to attend. Contact Coastwide on 4340 1111.

Mondays  
11:30am-1:00pm

**Supported Playgroup**  
Contact Coastwide on 4340 1111.

Tuesdays  
9:30 am – 11:00am

**Fun with Sounds Literacy Group**  
Fun activities and play stations to help build your child's literacy through phonemic awareness.  
Run by SaCC Staff and Volunteers. Free to attend.  
Registrations essential.

Tuesdays (fortnightly)  
11:00 – 12:00 pm

**Woy Woy Wombats Playgroup**  
Playgroup for all ages.  
Come and have coffee and play with your children before school finishes for the day!

Tuesdays  
1:30pm – 2:45pm

**123 Magic Parenting Program**  
123 Magic Emotion Coaching & Parenting Skills program.  
Learn easy to use strategies to communicate and deal with difficult behaviour in your growing children.  
Child Care available. Registrations essential. Fee: $20

Wednesdays  
5, 12, 19 August 2015  
10-11pm

**Wiggles and Giggle Music**  
Fun and interactive music groups for babies and toddlers with qualified music teachers.  
Registrations on website:  
www.musicalmumsmagic.com.au

Thursdays  
From 9.30am

**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

Thursdays  
Workshop 1: 30 July 9:30am – 12.30pm  
Workshop 2: 20 August 9:30am – 12.30pm  
Workshop 3: 3 September 9:30am – 12.30pm  
Cost: $25 per workshop  
Register online at www.ccsaacc.com/speech

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**FRUIT & VEG Kids are not eating enough!**

- **Young Kids (Age 4-6):**  
  - 1 fruit or vegetable per day  
  - 1.5 servings of fruit and vegetables per day

- **Kids (Age 9-13):**  
  - 2 servings of fruit and vegetables per day

- **Big Kids (Age 14-16):**  
  - 2.5 servings of fruit and vegetables per day

**Guess how many of Australian kids eat the recommended serves of both fruit & veg.**

**Eating Fruit & Veg is very important! Keep it up!**

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

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**Want healthy kids?**

Be a role model and be **ACTIVE when you’re with children**.