Principal’s Report

Education Week Celebrations

“Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers and support staff across all NSW public schools. Public education is undergoing significant transformation with a clear agenda of reform to provide the best possible education for our children. Education Week 2015 is an opportunity to celebrate our successes and show how our schools are improving to benefit every student in NSW.” – Adrián Piccoli, NSW Minister for Education

Our school-based Education Week events began on Monday with the arrival of the ‘Book Fair’. Many new and exciting books are now available to purchase from the school library and will be available until at least Thursday afternoon. As I write this column we are about to welcome our student’s Grandparents and friends into our classrooms followed by an invitation to join us for morning tea. Tomorrow, we acknowledge Book Week celebrations with a ‘Book Parade’ – our students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character! Our week of celebrations culminate with the K-6 Sports carnival to be held at McEvoy Oval, fingers remain crossed that we also enjoy a day of beautiful weather!

Parent Information Sessions

The first in a series of parent information sessions have been held with Mr Thorncraft, Mr Moore and I having presented our particular sessions over the last few days. Our next scheduled session will involve Mrs Lisa Wicks, L3 Coordinator presenting to parents on the L3 Literacy program on Thursday of next week. Many of you who have had children start in Kindergarten at this school over recent years will have heard talk of L3 lessons – Mrs Wicks hopes to present information to parents that may demystify this valuable literacy program. The timetable for future sessions has been distributed via the school app (and is included in this newsletter). I encourage parents to attend these sessions and thank the staff/guests involved for the time they have given in preparing for these sessions.

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)

Debating

On Tuesday 28th August, the girls debating team went to Pretty Beach Public School for a debate. The topic was ‘We should force all students in Year 5 and above to do one hour of sport each day after school’. The team consisted of Abigail C as first speaker, Amelia C as 2nd speaker, Aleisha P as 3rd speaker and Tiahna C as team adviser. We were the affirmative team and came out with a win. It was a great debate. Aleisha P

K – 2 Workers of the Week

Term 3 Week 2

KA Kaelan VdeR Mia H
KMC Byron M Zachary L-P
KS Max H Tamika M
K/1M Hugh A Koby S
1W Kobii S Taylor H
2C Aiden B Dylan I
2SB Harvey M Beau B
2T Stephanie C Olivia A

3-6 Workers of the Week

3/4J Bayley U
3L Isabel H 3H Declan R
4/5H Emily C 4M Ryder C
5K Jackson B 5/6L Kayla DeC
6D Kala B 6M Hudson K

Events Calendar – Term 2

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**Year 5 Families - Open Night at Brisbane Water Secondary College**

All families of Empire Bay Public School are invited to attend the Education Week Open Night at the Umina Campus of BWSC on Wednesday 29th July (tonight) from 5-7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to experience what BWSC has to offer students moving into high school. Please follow the link below for more information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcrsLKNLrnE

**Senior Rugby League**

On Thursday 23rd July the Senior Rugby League Team played their next round of the PSSA Classic Shield against Woy Woy Public School. It was a thrilling game with some tough defence from Woy Woy. We won the game 14-10 and now look forward to the next round being played on Friday 7th August with a time and venue to be announced. Thank you for all of the parent support for our Rugby League team.

**From the Canteen**

"RED DAY" is Friday 31st July for the Athletics Carnival. The Sausage Sizzle has been now been finalised and we will be selling snacks, drinks, tea & coffee, some pies & sausage rolls, and Cheese & Bacon Rolls on the day. HELPERS are needed at the oval on the day; please don’t hesitate to offer your assistance if possible.

**GREEN PROMOTION FOR TERM 3 (TUESDAYS ONLY):**

CHICKEN BURGER WITH SALAD (lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot & mayo) & FLAVOURED MILK $5.50!

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.

**Uniform Shop**

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

**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 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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Schools as Community Centres (SaCC)
Woy Woy Term 3

Activity | When
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**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 Coothaide Child & Family Services. Bring your children or just come for a coffee. Free to attend. Contact Coothaide on 4940 1111.
**Mondays**
11.30am-1.00pm

**Supported Playgroup**
**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
10-12pm

**Wiggle and Giggle Music**
Fun and interactive music groups for babies and toddlers with qualified music teachers. Registrations on website: www.wiggleandgigglemusic.com.au
**Thursdays**
From 9.30 am

**Speech & Language Workshops**
A series of 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.sacc.com.au/speech

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**1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE**
Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years
**Wednesdays 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 Bowen Road, Woy Woy (Public School)

Learn:
- To engage your 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

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Kids LOVE to be active
Making physical activity a part of their daily routine is not only fun, but also healthy! Active kids are happier healthier kids!