Principal’s Report

Parent Information Sessions
Our next scheduled session will involve Mr Leadbeatter, presenting to parents on the new whole-school Literacy program ‘Focus on Reading’ (FoR). His session will be held on Thursday at 9.10am and again at 3.10pm. Staff professional learning for this term and next will be led Mrs Leslie & Mr Leadbeatter and will focus on the delivery of FoR training modules. The timetable for future sessions has been distributed via the school app and in previous newsletters. I encourage parents to attend these sessions and thank the staff/guests involved for the time they have given in preparing for these sessions.

Central Coast Public Education Awards
Each year, the Central Coast network of schools comes together to acknowledge people who have made a significant contribution to public education. This year, our school has nominated Janette Norrie and Dyllis McConnell Hunt to receive awards of appreciation. Both ladies have given many years of support to our school volunteering in classrooms to assist our students develop their Literacy skills. The awards ceremony will be held at Lisarow HS on the afternoon of Monday 24th August.

Permission Notes
Every excursion, sporting event or off-site activity requires a risk assessment to be conducted by organising staff. Completed risk assessments are submitted to the principal as part of the approval process – no off-site activity proceeds without the principal’s approval. Permission notes are an important component to any excursion or sporting event and allow us, as organisers of these events, to take your children off-site with your permission. When you, as a parent, sign these permission notes you are essentially agreeing to the conditions as outlined on the permission note i.e. the date of the event, the time, the destination, supervisory arrangements, cost etc. – it is critical, therefore, that parents carefully read the details before signing and agree to the conditions of that event. It is also very important that once signed the permission notes are returned to the school prior to the advertised deadline.

Tiqbiz
Our ‘newer’ school App has been ‘live’ since October last year and is available to all in the community to download – it is free and has become one of our primary communication tools (with the newsletter & road sign). We no longer use the original school app but I am concerned that some in our community are missing important updates and messages because they still have the original app on their smartphone. Can you please check that you have the correct ‘Tiqbiz’ app on your phone and that you have deleted the original version. If you still haven’t loaded the ‘Tiqbiz’ app can I strongly recommend that you do so – it is free and there have been many occasions over the last 12 months where the app has proven to be a very effective and efficient way of communicating important messages to parents!

K – 2 Workers of the Week
Term 3 Week 4
KA  Liam M  Olivia T
KMC  Connor W  Eva N
KS  Max E  Bridgette McC
K/1M  Andrew H  Zoe G
1W  Amelie R  Jett T
1S  Massimo B  Oliver B
2C  Alice J  Ryder K
2SB  Jasper C  Piper L
2T  Nathan M  Gabrielle A
Central Coast Choral Festival Ticketing Information
Tickets for this year's Central Coast Choral Festival at Mingara will go on sale soon. Unfortunately, Ticketek at Mingara has closed down and Mingara has not provided an alternative ticketing system for the festival to use. As such, the festival has had to source an external ticketing agency. Details of this agency will be sent to all schools shortly (once they have been confirmed) and will be forwarded to choir families in a letter through each school. A major change this year will be that tickets will ONLY be available for purchase ONLINE.

There will be two performances for each show: Matinee performance starting at 3.30pm - ticket cost $10 per ticket.

Evening performance starting at 7pm - ticket cost $15 per ticket.

Once information is sent to your school, we advise buying tickets early to avoid disappointment - they sell out fast!

CCCF Committee

The 2015 Great Book Swap Challenge
The Great Book Swap Challenge is an initiative of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Our school will be taking part in this activity on Monday, 31st August and Tuesday, 1st September. This initiative provides teachers and students with the opportunity to highlight the importance of books in our own community and to raise funds to assist with the purchase of books for remote Aboriginal communities. Each student is asked to bring along a favourite book from home and donate it to be swapped. These books do not need to be new. On the swap day, students are asked to bring in a gold coin to swap for a book to take home. Books can be sent in from Wednesday, 12th August to Mrs Moore’s room.

Events Calendar – Term 2

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Woolworths - Earn and Learn

Keep your Earn and Learn sheets coming in. Remember the school have boxes at Woolworths Umina and Erina Fair and also one in the office foyer. We also have extra sheets here in the office.

From the Canteen

Wonderful Workers of the Week
Jane – Thurs Mel - Friday
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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION THERMOMETER

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Become an Ethics Teacher 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 Bourcher, Regional Manager - Gosford Region, Primary Ethics for more information: gosford-region@primaryethics.com.au or call her on 0411 198 483. We need an additional volunteer for an Ethics Teacher within the school. Members of the school community are encouraged to apply.

The Kincumber-Avoca Junior Cricket Club will be holding our registration days over the next couple of weekends. We have an in2Cricket programme for our 5 - 7 year olds as well as a T20 Blast comp for our u10’s. For the older kids we have U11’s through to U16’s. Our rego dates are -
- Place - Erina Leagues Club, Ilya Ave, Erina
- Dates - Sunday August 23, 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Thursday August 20, 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- Place - Avoca Beach Bowling Club, Townsend Ave, Avoca Beach
- Dates - Sunday August 23, 10.30am - 12.30pm
*in2Cricket can register online through a link on our website www.clubgriffin.com
Please contact Rod Ursem on rodursem@hotmail.com for further information

Ettalong Saturday Fun Tournament
22nd August 2015 from 1pm - 4pm. Location: Ettalong Baptist Church Hall, 8 Burrenjoey Road, Ettalong Beach, NSW.
$20 per player. This tournament is a ‘Swiss’ competition (approx 6 -7 rounds). Entrants play all games and no-one is ‘knocked out’ of the tournament. Restricted to players under 18 years old.
Trophies for 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, as well as other age/rating prizes. All players receive a certificate of participation.
To enter go to: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment and type the code 8LTYC27BBS to make an online payment. For more details ring Rick on 0425 206 459 or visit our website sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/ettalong-saturday-fun-tournament-august-2015

Regards,
Rick Keuning
$1244.35 raised through School Banking!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our volunteer parents and student bankers we have raised $1244.35 for our school through School Banking commissions for FY14-15. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Empire Bay!

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School Banking

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Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We’re bringing the excitement that an article in The Price Portal has appeared in Planet Savings group students who demonstrate good banking behavior have the chance to earn amazing prizes.

- 75¢ in store with VISA
- GO! Shock to 15. 33c in store
- 2013/14 edition of the e-Gift

Help the newspaper authentic the Price Portal for a chance to win.

To reward just your Portal, students make simple tasks in their everyday School Banking deposits during Term 2 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to return of trophies of prizes. Students can also complete a trivia quiz at the end of three terms to double their chance of winning.

We’re looking forward to building the School Banking program in the future.

- 75% of students book for their school hours, valued at $10.

For more information, visit (website address).

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Schools as Community Centres (SaCC)

Woy Woy Term 3

Activity

Latin Playgroup

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

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.

Supported Playgroup


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.

Woy Woy Wombats Playgroup

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

123 Magic Parenting Program


Wiggle and Giggle Music

Fun and interactive music groups for babies and toddlers with qualified music teachers. Registrations on website: www.wiggleandgigglemusic.com.au

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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Bunnings Warehouse

Wesg Gosford

Father’s Day

Family Fun Night

Thursday 3rd September

6pm – 8pm

Lots of fun for the whole family including:

- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Jumping Castle
- Drumming workshop
- Face Painting
- *Kids craft
- *Supplier demonstrations
- *Games, giveaways and more!