Principal’s Report
From my Inbox
Last week, our senior debating squad competed in their last round of competition, going out on a high with a very successful series of debates behind them. Not only are they very talented debaters but they are wonderful ambassadors of our school attracting strong praise from the visiting team’s supervising teachers –

“I was very impressed with your debaters they were such lovely girls and looked after us so well. Lovely to have met you …we were very impressed by your school and the friendliness of everyone!”

My congratulations and thanks go to the team and to Mrs Karen Leslie who has coached and coordinated this team over the year.

Parent Information Sessions
Yesterday, Mrs Deniz Leslie presented to parents on the school’s ‘Positive Behaviour for Learning’ program (PBL) – I would like to thank Mrs Leslie for her time and the efforts she gave in preparing for this presentation.

Our final Parent Information session will be delivered next week by Mrs South who will be presenting to parents an update on the new syllabus implementation program. Her session will be held on Wednesday 26th August at 9.10am and again at 3.10pm. Since 2013, staff have implemented the new English K-10 syllabus, Mathematics K-10 and Science K-10 syllabus. In addition to this, over the next two years we will be implementing the new History and Geography syllabus documents. I encourage parents to attend this final session and thank the staff/guests involved for the time they have given in preparing for these sessions.

Sporting Success
I am very pleased to report that our students representing at Monday’s Zone Athletics carnival performed with great success, as has our junior and senior Rugby League teams who competed strongly in last week’s Woy Woy Cup and in their respective PSSA competitions – the senior boys winning the Woy Woy Shield! I also enjoyed a rare opportunity to travel out to Hylton Moore Baseball Park to watch our senior girls’ softball team compete against Brisbane PS in their last round of competition. Whilst more detailed reports will be provided on individual efforts at a later date, I would like to say how proud I am of our students – not only in regard to their efforts & success but in the way they play the game with good sportsmanship and the respect they give to their opposing teams!

Social Networking
Sadly, the impact of social networking is being felt in schools and some of the negative consequences associated with this networking is filtering into the primary school setting – which surprises me given that most social networking sites set 13 years of age as being the minimum user age and yet I continue to hear of parents of children under 13 years of age allowing them access? In an effort to provide parents with more information and cyber-smart strategies we are including a series of information sheets from ‘ACMA’ focusing on the different social networking sites and including some informative FAQs.

Zone Athletics
It was a great carnival and our students represented us extremely well. We had some exciting successes:

- Junior boys relay - 2nd
- Senior boys relay - 1st
- Kala B - 1st 800m
- Jake M - 1st 800m
- Cameron S - 2nd 800m, 1st 200m, 1st 100m, 2nd long jump, 1st discus
- Mason J - 1st 11yr 200m, 3rd 100m, 1st long jump (also broke the record)
- Tahnee B - 1st 12-13 yr high jump (beautiful to watch and almost broke the record)
- Mason J - 11 yr boys champion, and
- Cameron S - 12-13yr boys champion

School Carparks
We are having a few incidents where the safety of our students is at risk. Parents please do not park or walk your child through the main car park or the car park behind the hall. Blind spots on cars, especially large cars, makes visibility of small children near impossible. So to avoid a tragedy please use the gates with footpaths only to drop off and pick up your children.

K – 2 Workers of the Week
Term 3 Week 5

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Book Club
Issue 6 due back to school by Friday 29th August. No late orders accepted. Thank you.
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 days, 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
We now have a Veggie Fried Rice and a Gluten Free Fried Rice (made with G/F Soy Sauce) @ $2.50 each available for lunch orders for anyone interested in these options.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
Just a reminder that all students completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge must have their online Student Reading Record finalized by 31st August 2015 (3:30 pm) to complete the Challenge.

Students from K-2 have been reading books in the library that can be counted towards the challenge, and these books have been added to their Student Reading Record. The Premier’s Reading Challenge can be accessed via the QBS Portal or directly via the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at https://onlineregistration.reading.com.au/index.html.

So far two students from 3-6 have completed the challenge. We look forward to seeing more students complete their Student Reading Record by the 21st August.

Woy Woy Cup
Last Thursday the Senior and Junior Rugby League teams competed in the Woy Woy Cup. It was a long day with the Junior team making it to the semi-finals and the Senior team remaining undefeated all day to take out the Open Shield. Both teams played incredibly well and were great representatives for our school. I am very proud of the Junior team as this was their first time together on the field. Thank you to Mr McCredie and Jeff Smith for assisting them on the day. The Senior team showed great team work throughout the day with Cameron S being named player of the match in the final. Thank you to Miss Clark and Terry O’Sullivan for assisting me throughout the day.

Mrs Dempsey
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](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact Jenni Bouchier, Regional Manager - Gosford Region, Primary Ethics for more information: [gosford-region@primaryethics.com.au](mailto: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 16, 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](http://www.clubgriffin.com)*

Please contact Rod Ursem on [rodursem@hotmail.com](mailto:rodursem@hotmail.com) for further information.

Ettalong Saturday Fun Tournament

22nd August 2015 from 1pm - 4pm. Location: Ettalong Baptist Church Hall, 8 Barrenjoey 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.


**Regards,**

Rick Keuning
(FIDE Developmental Instructor)
Chess Coach - Central Coast, Hunter and Northern Sydney
M. 0425 206 459

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Students receive 1 token for each deposit made at school. They are also being tracked centrally when deposits are made. When 10 deposits have been made the students name appears on our ordering system indicating they are ready to redeem. The tracker has been in place since the beginning of 2014.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Tokens accrued before 2014 and not redeemed are no longer in use.
- Tokens accrued from 2014 onwards will roll over each year until they are redeemed.
- It is not possible for students to pool tokens to redeem as each student is tracked individually.

Thank you for supporting School Banking at Empire Bay. The banking team.

**5-a-side soccer (Futsal) comp notice**

Where: Umina Tennis and Sporting Club, Umina
When: Oct 2015 – Newcomers Registration currently being taken
Time: Mon 8:30am from 3/45pm, U12/13 from 4/45pm, U15/16 from 4/45pm
Mon: adult men from 7pm
Cost: Kids $5 per game, adults $6 per game (payable weekly)
Included: Refs, bibs, trophies etc No Registration fee required

Teams will be made up of min 6 players, one game per week, game duration 30mins for kids, 40 for adults, skin guards must be worn – trophies for winners. Games played on outdoor synthetic grass surface.

For more details or to register a team or as an individual please phone John 0411 500 633.

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