Principal’s Report
Central Coast Education Awards of Appreciation
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. Unfortunately, Janette was unable to attend the awards ceremony held at Lisarow HS recently but I was privileged to share the proud moment with Dyllis, her husband Rex and Anne Souden.

School Performance
I look forward with great anticipation to the launch of our annual ‘School Performance’! Our shows get underway next week with two night performances on Tuesday and Thursday nights and a matinee session on Wednesday. I would like to acknowledge the great efforts of our students, staff and parents who have spent many, many hours in preparing for this moment – I’m sure we will all be thoroughly entertained!

SAS Appreciation Week
As we celebrate ‘SAS Appreciation Week’ I would like to ask everyone to take a moment to think about the great work our school administrative and support staff does on a daily basis. Whether they work in the office, the library, on the school grounds or in a classroom, our SAS staff are important contributors towards the successful operation of our school and our student’s education. I invite all in our community to offer their ‘thanks’ to our SAS staff at their next opportunity.

Canberra/Snow Excursion
I, with many parents, farewelled our year 5 & 6 students (& staff) this morning as they embarked on the Canberra/Snow excursion. Our teachers and their students will be away from us for three days, returning Friday night at (an anticipated) 8.00pm. Please monitor our School App for any updates in regard to the group’s progress on Friday. I’m sure our students and staff will represent our community well and I trust they have a safe and enjoyable adventure!

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on:

- student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers can interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between now and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by the advertised date. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website (listed below).

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between now and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.


K – 2 Workers of the Week
Term 3 Week 7
| KA  | Jaiden L        | Indi B         |
| KMC | Billy-Jo P     | Sophie L       |
| KS  | Brooke H       | Lili R         |
| K/1M| Mikayla K      | Nate E         |
| 1W  | Jack R         | James H        |
| 1S  | Ambar M        | Lucy J         |
| 2C  | Evan A         | Ethan M        |
| 2SB | Ryder M        | Opal W         |
| 2T  | Raj S          | Ella J         |
Central Coast Choral Festival Ticketing Information
A major change this year will be that tickets will ONLY be available for purchase ONLINE. The Agency handling the is Eventopia, www.eventopia.co. Tickets go on sale Monday September 14.
There will be two performances for each show: We are in Show A on Tuesday 20th October 2015.
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

Spartan Challenge
On Thursday the 17th of September Empire Bay Public School will be holding our major fundraiser for technology resources for the school. We are very fortunate to have Spartan Race Australia as a fantastic sponsor for this event. All students will be participating in an exciting obstacle course put together by Max Delacy and his team from Spartan Race Australia. Max has generously put together the obstacle course and has donated both his time and money towards our fundraiser.

Last Friday notes and Sponsorship cards were sent home with all students. The entry fee will be $15.00 per child and $40.00 per family with 3 or more children. This payment is due on the 15th of September. Students are also given the opportunity to fundraise for this event and there will be fantastic prizes for all students who raise $10 or more.

In order for the obstacle course to run we will need over 30 parents/ helpers to guide and supervise students along the course and to help set up the day before. Please indicate your availability to help on the permission note. More information will be sent out in a note in Week 9 and please check the school’s website, app and Facebook page for more information.

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.

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

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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 Bourchier, 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.

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**SEPTEMBER TENNIS CAMP NOTICE**

Where: Peninsula Tennis, Umina  
When: Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October  
Time: 9am-3pm (gates open @ 8am) ½ day 9am-12.30pm  
Cost: Wk $75, ½ Day Wk $40, Full Day $25, ½ Day $15  
Included: Racquets, Sausage Sizzle Thursday, Prizes Friday

The camp will be predominately tennis with other activities such as soccer, cricket, basketball etc to keep the children occupied. The camps are held wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Bookings recommended but aren’t essential. All enquiries can be made by phoning Kristy 0410 828 278.

**Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association** are pleased to announce we will be starting an ALL ABILITIES netball programme during our twilight season this year. After doing much research we have found there is not a lot around the area for children and young adults with disabilities and it has now become our passion to be able to provide a FUN, SAFE environment to coach and mentor these young children and adults. We have identified the need to make the game of netball more welcoming and accessible to the diverse needs of our area and surrounding suburbs.

The all abilities programme will be for those in ages 5-15 and 16 and over and will be broken down into groups accordingly depending on numbers. The players will be taught basic skills, following the net set go programme and play modified netball games.

For all enquiries please contact Lisa Coakley at wwpna@bigpond.com  
Melissa McRae

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**Pretty Beach Community Pre School**

State of the Art Building  
Not for Profit Community Based Pre School  
Economical Fees  
Catering for children age 3-6  
Just a 10min drive from Empire Bay  
Rated EXCEEDING National Quality Standards in all 7 Quality Areas.  
Enrolling Now for 2016

Phone: 43601355  
Email: admin@prettybeachpreschool.com.au  
www.prettybeachpreschool.com.au

**MacMasters Beach SLSC Nippers & Seniors Registration**

Registration Sunday 27th September, 10am – 3pm @ MacMasters Beach SLSC, Sunday 11th October First day of Nippers 10am – 1pm  
Further information contact Matt Ryan 0408 407 558 or Les Cousins on 0413 742 922 or visit the website below for details  
www.macmastersbeachslsc.com

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**Bunnings Warehouse**

**WEST 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!

Book online @ www.bunnings.com.au/en/west-gosford or instore
**Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics**

Register for Woy Woy Little Athletics

All registrations are [online](#), log onto our website at www.woywoyplac.

**Uniform Day**
Saturday 12 September 2015
Between 8am – 11am at
Woy Woy South Primary School
Waterloo Avenue Woy Woy

Registration packs can also be picked up during this time. Please bring birth certificate, passport etc. for new members.

First competition night is Friday, 9th October 2015 at 6pm

For more information visit our website [www.woywoyplac.org](#)
or contact:

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**Season 2015/2016 Registration Days**

Sunday 13th & 27th September
9am – 12:30pm

In the Surf Club, upstairs – 509 Ocean Beach Road, Umina

Proof of age required for new members

EFTPOS available

For fees and further information visit - [www.uminaslsc.org.au](#)

Email enquiries to admin@uminaslsc.org.au

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**Free Speech Screening for Children 3-5 years**

During Term 4 2015 Schools as Community Centres Woy Woy are offering free 20 minute speech screening assessments for children 3-5 years with our partner All Areas Speech Pathology.

Following the assessment, some families may be able to obtain a rebate towards the costs of speech therapy through private health insurance or Medicare to continue therapy through All Areas Speech Pathology Clinic in Umina.

**Twenty Minute Screening Assessments**
These screenings are for children 3-5 years and will include assessment, report and verbal feedback to parents and carers.

Assessment will focus on:
- Articulation Skills
- Receptive Language Skills
- Expressive Language Skills

Screenings will be available from 12.30pm on the following dates:
Tuesday, 13 October
Monday, 19 October
Tuesday, 20 October

**Eligibility Criteria:**
1. Children who have never been assessed
2. Child/family is registered with the SaCC program or referred by a SaCC Partner Program.

Please contact me on 0477 317562 to enquire if your child is eligible for a free assessment at our centre in Woy Woy.

Please note parents/carers must accompany their children to our centre.

Philippa Skipper
Facilitator – SaCC Woy Woy

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**2015/2016 Nippers registration**

**Date:** Sunday 13th of September and Sunday 27th September 2015

**Time:** 10.00am till 12.00pm

Copacabana SLSC

Nippers is about learning, confidence and having fun in a safe beach environment. For nippers, the beach is the classroom. They gain confidence by passing the ‘test’ of swimming, body boarding, beach sprints, dolphin-diving, spotting a rip, having fun with new friends and discovering things about themselves. The skills gained in nippers will stick to the soul like sand from the beach and be carried for life.