Principal’s Report
Empire Bay Progress Association Committee Meeting
I had the pleasure of escorting our school captains and vice captains to the Empire Bay Progress Association Committee meeting last Thursday. The purpose of the meeting was to collaboratively commence the organisation of the annual community fair. The students offered lots of ideas and articulated them well. It was great to watch the interaction between our leaders and the community members. The date for the village fair is 22nd October, 2016. Please save the date! We will provide more information about the fair once we have confirmed the details.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
An information form for parents/carers about the survey was sent home on Monday. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11th March. FAQs and copies of the consent form are available from the website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents.

School Band Fundraiser
‘An Evening with Doctor John Irvine’ with the focus on Kids and Anxiety takes place next Thursday 10th March. Please contact the office to purchase tickets costing $20pp to learn some tips on how to deal with kids who suffer from anxiety. More information regarding the evening can be found below.

Bus Education Program
A representative from Busways visited the 3 – 6 primary assembly last Friday. Students listened to the importance of travelling safely on a bus when arriving and leaving school. The students were then given an opportunity to ask questions. Many of our students travel to and from school by bus. If your child is one of these students, you may want to ask them about the visit and reinforce the safety message. All K – 2 students will participate in the Busways program this Friday.

Road Safety
We would like to remind parents and family members to be aware that some of the actions that have been witnessed recently are putting our students at risk. People have been seen pulling into our school driveway and then reversing during the busy periods (a car was close to hitting a student). We would like to also remind you to please be respectful of our neighbours by not blocking their driveways during drop off and pick up times.

Clean Up Australia Day at EBPS
Clean Up Australia Day is this weekend so many schools will be participating on Friday of this week by helping to pick up rubbish around our school grounds throughout the school day. Students are asked to bring in gloves/tongs to help them do this. We will also be talking about the importance of Clean Up Australia Day in this week’s assembly.

Here are the details for Clean Up Australia in the Bay.
Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Sunday, 6th March, from 9.00am - 11.00am. Registration will be at the Empire Bay Progress Hall, cnr Sorrento Rd and Gordon Rd at 9.00am. At 11.00am we will have some light refreshments available. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring your own gloves.

ANZAC Day
Once again, our school will be represented at the local ANZAC Day service to be held on Monday 25th April at 11am near the Empire Bay Cenotaph. Mrs Jody Sharma has kindly agreed to be the EBPS coordinator and will help lead the students on the march. Mr Geoff Melville, our school patron, is coordinating the event and has asked if there are any students who would like to lay a wreath (which can be supplied by the Empire Bay Progress Association) in honour of a family member/friend. If you would like your child to lay a wreath, please contact the school to leave the relevant information, which we will then pass on to Geoff.

EBPS Swimming Champions
Congratulations to our 2016 school swimming champions who were announced at last week’s assembly:
Junior Boys - Harley M
Jnr Girls - Olivia P
11yrs Boys - Blake S
11yrs Girls - Gemma G
Senior Boys - Tyne S
Senior Girls - Grace E

The Zone swimming carnival takes place next Tuesday. Good luck to all our EBPS students!

From the Students
On the 25th of February the captains and vice captains went to Empire Bay village hall. All the members of the committee were really nice and welcoming. It was a good experience and lots of fun.
Clean Up Australia Day is on the 6th of March but the school will be doing it on Friday the 4th of March, hope everyone gets involved.

The Empire Bay village fair will be held on the 22nd of October. There will be lots of activities such as some of the E.B.P.S mini fete stalls and lots more.

The school photos were on Monday the 29th of February- look out for our bright smiles!

Ben F

Supporting Fiji
We have a Year 4 family traveling to Fiji in a couple of weeks time. They are seeking donations of school supplies to support the Radisson Blu Adopt A School program. They have a spare 40kgs of luggage and are hoping to provide the cyclone affected kids with as many school supplies as we can get together. Donations of pencils, pens, notebooks, sewing kits, handballs and books would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be sent to miss Murdoch’s room or left at the front office. Ps: Kmart have some awesome stationary on clearance at the moment. All donations will be collected until 15th March.

These are some photos from our last trip

World’s Greatest Shave
On March the 11th a group of year 6 boys are participating in the World’s Greatest Shave. They are dying their hair and would highly appreciate any donation from the community. The donations will go towards the Leukemia Foundation. To donate go onto the World’s Greatest Shave website and donate to the team Empire Bay year 6 or see a team member (listed below) to pay with cash. Donations close March the 12th. The team members are: Team Captain Chinmai Saha, Team members Zac Bechara, Nathan Robinson and Jacob O’connor.

By Chinmai S and Zac B

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We can guarantee a friendly, funny and informative evening!!
Term 1 - Week 6

Wednesday, 2 March 2016

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K – 2 Workers of the Week

Term 1 Week 5

KA Jaden C  Summah H
KB Ashleigh G  Kai S
KC Chaz P  Hannah G
KM Hudson E  Winter H
1S Eva N  Nate E
1SM Zoe G  Olivia T
1W Indy S  Isabell M
2C Ezekiel I  Mikayla K
2M Mille D  Liam C
2S Dimitri K  Courtney B

3-6 Workers of the Week

3L Jarvis O  3H Mia PM
4M Kaiden H  4L Declan R
4SB Lara P
5J Aimee H  5T Logan S
6K Austin M  6D Max W

Save the date - Aboriginal Education Team 'Meet and Greet'

All of our Aboriginal families have been invited to attend the annual Empire Bay Public School Aboriginal Education team ‘Meet and Greet’.

When? Wednesday 23rd of March at 3:15pm.
Where? Empire Bay PS outdoor learning area (in front of 2M and 2C classrooms).

Congratulations to 3 boys Tommy E, Bailey H & Logan S making it into the Southern Central Coast PSSA representative soccer team.

From the Canteen –

HELP WANTED for 2016: 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! Drop into the Canteen and see Gaye or Michelle to put your name onto a roster for 2016.

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 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 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.

If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter sent home please fill out the slip below and return to the office. Newsletters are available in the school office and can be obtained on the school website or School App each week.

Thank you

Child’s Name: ..................................................
Class: ..........................................................
Gosford Showground Trust
ABN 69 162 145 938
www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au

Phone: (02) 4332 4776
Email: jenniferwinslade@bigpond.com

Gosford Regional Show
31st April & 1st May 2016

Could you please include in your News Letter for your students that once again the Gosford Regional Show is having a section for children to enter produce that they have grown either at home or at school.

Schools are also encouraged to enter a display.

Last year the display put on by the children of the Central Coast was amazing.

The Show committee look forward to another successful year with children from all backgrounds entering produce that they have grown.

This year we are also holding a baking section for those children who love to cook.

Other activities are Art, Photography, Junior Showgirl and Young Fruit & Vegetable Judging with the winner proceeding to the Royal Easter Show in 2017

Please check our web site for more information.
We also have a Facebook page that you can share.

Jennifer Winslade

BAY BOPPERS
Opening at Empire Bay Hall
Classes from 18mths-Adults
Come dance & sing with us every Monday from 2pm
Mums and Bub boppers- 2:10-2:40pm
Born to bop- 18mths - 3yrs - 2:50-3:20pm
Baby Boppers- 3-6yrs - 3:40-4:10pm
Bop till ya drop- 7-10yrs - 4:10pm-4:40pm
Boppin Boys hip hop- 3-7pm - 4:50pm - 5:20pm
Adults Zumba/dance- 15+ Tuesday’s 6pm-7pm
Seniors classes- once a month.
$10 per 30min class casual rate. $2 fee for hall insurance, community school holiday disco & end of year party included in the fee.

Contact for more info. Laini Mullen
info@blisspromotion.com.au
0406599421

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