Principal’s Report

Chaplaincy program at EBPS

Interviews were held on Thursday of last week, which Mrs Kylie Harper (P&C president) and I attended. I am pleased to announce that Mr Chris Rubie was the successful applicant and has accepted the offer to be our chaplain here at EBPS. There will be an opportunity for parents to attend a Meet and Greet session in the near future where Chris can introduce himself to the community and let you know more about the chaplaincy program. Meanwhile, information regarding the chaplaincy program can be found at http://mychaplain.org.au/.

Appropriate procedures

I would like to remind parents that if a situation arises between their child and another child, the correct procedure is to speak with the class teacher who will spend time investigating the situation in order to resolve the matter. Parents should not be approaching other students themselves. All our students at EBPS have the right to feel safe at our school.

School Band Fundraiser – LAST CHANCE!!

‘An Evening with Doctor John Irvine’ with the focus on Kids and Anxiety takes place tomorrow, Thursday 10th March. If you would like to attend, 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 K-2 students last Friday. The program took place on one of the school buses and students listened to the importance of travelling safely when arriving and leaving school. Each child received a Show Bag to take home. If your child travels to school by bus, you may want to ask them about the visit and reinforce the safety message.

PSSA Cricket Gala Day

Mr Shayne Hill accompanied our school cricket team, to Patrick Croke Oval in Kincumber, last Friday. They played Terrigal PS and although they lost, Mr Hill said that they did our school proud with their behaviour and constant encouragement. Well done boys!

Southern Central Coast Zone Swimming Carnival Results

Empire Bay Public School students achieved many successes at yesterday's Zone swimming carnival. All our swimmers tried their best and some students made it through to the next level, the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to the students below who were successful in their races:

Harley M
1st Junior Boys 50m Butterfly
2nd 10 Years Boys 50m Freestyle

Jackson B
2nd Senior Boys 200m Individual Medley
2nd 12-13 Years Boys 50 m Breaststroke
2nd 12-13 Years Boys 50m Backstroke
(3rd 12 Years 50m Freestyle)
(3rd 12 Years 100m Freestyle)
(3rd 12-13 Years Boys 50m Butterfly)

Tyne S
1st 12 Years Boys 50m Freestyle
1st 12 Years Boys 100m Freestyle
1st 12-13 Years Boys 50m Backstroke
1st 12-13 Years Boys 50m Butterfly
1st 2-13 Years Boys 50m breaststroke
1st Senior Boys 200m Individual Medley

Ribbons will be presented at this week’s assembly.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

Student surveys take place next week. 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.

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.
From the students

Funky Hair Day
This Friday (11.3.16)

Empire Bay Public School is participating in a fundraiser for The World’s Greatest Shave by having a funky hair day THIS Friday. The students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation to donate to the Leukemia Foundation.

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.

Dr John will introduce the WorryWoos which help children anonymously if you prefer.

Available on the night for you to write your question and Dr John will answer it at the end of the evening.

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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.

Attention Catholics
The Catholic parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a program to prepare baptised Catholic children who are currently in Year 2 or above and have reached an age of discretion (normally about 7 years of age) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the program is required to attend an Information Night in order to enrol in the program on Monday April 4, at 7.30pm, Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy. Enquiries please ring 4341 1073

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: ____________________

Jennifer Winslade
Just opened at Empire Bay Hall.

**Bay Boppers Fun Dance & Movement.**
Every Monday
Mums & Bubs (6mths +) - 2:40pm-3:10pm
Baby Boppers (18mths-4yrs) 3:20-3:50pm
Bop till ya Drop (5-9yrs) 4-4:30pm

Tuesday
Adults Zumba/Dance Fitness 6pm-6:45pm
Come and dance with us and make some great new friends.
Community hall disco every school holidays!!!
$10 per class
Contact: Lani Mullen
[www.facebook.com/BlingPromotions](http://www.facebook.com/BlingPromotions)

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**Drop off and pick up by car**
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.
Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

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**Poppy Project: Never Forgetting the Sacrifices – Terrigal 2016**

20 February 2016
Poppy Project: Never Forgetting the Sacrifices – Terrigal 2016 sparked widespread local, national and international recognition, with public admiration for the spectacular sea of handmade red poppies displayed near Gosford’s City’s waterfront, all created by the Central Coast community.

Due to the popularity and success of the event, Poppy Project: Never Forgetting the Sacrifices – Terrigal 2016 is inviting the community of the Central Coast to make a poppy for our Terrigal Million display, to be installed in time for ANZAC Day 2016. This year marks 100 years since our Australian First World War personnel disembarked along a distant coastline to join the Western Front campaign.

Poppy Project: Never Forgetting the Sacrifices – Terrigal 2016 is a public art and history installation created by local historian, Merli Jackson, and made possible thanks to Gosford City Council’s 2015 Community Funding Program and Auspice provider Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc.

How to secure a free poppy (or a kit) &:
- [Collect, make and return] all poppies to any branch of Gosford City Library - Gosford East, Longcour, Patonga, Umina Beach, Wyong

We invite the Central Coast community to be involved in this local ANZAC activity in 2016. Deliver all knitted, crochet and poppies (on a stalk) to any branch of Gosford City Library.

**ALL POPPIES MUST BE RETURNED no later than 6 April 2016.**

To assist, poppy making procedures are available via YouTube:
[“How to make a Poppy” also suitable for school aged children](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rK2tZ8ZzDcE)


For poppy project enquiries please contact - poppyproject.centralcoast@gmail.com

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**Community Hall Disco every school holidays!!!**
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