



Edition 21: 16 November 2017

From the Principal

Term 4 Week 6

Our 2017 school year is almost at an end with only 4 weeks of school left. Teachers are now preparing the end of year written student reports and the school is looking into class structures for 2018. Thank you to parents who have sent in written requests for consideration of placement of their children in classes for 2018 due to extenuating circumstances. Many changes are taking place in the Education Department at present and we are still unsure of some of our staffing allocations and final numbers.

So many wonderful opportunities have been available to our students over the last few weeks. We have had the amazing 'Cook for your Parent' nights, the fun Year 3 Tree Tops excursion, the Year 1 Rumbalara environmental excursion, the P-2 athletics carnival, chess competition, the parent forums, the Science Fair, Maitland Public School band and our Kindergarten transition program just to mention a few. You will find lots more information and great pictures further on in our newsletter about these events.

Preschool information evening

We held a parent information session in our Preschool last Tuesday night for our enrolments for 2018. It was reassuring to see so many parents coming to find out all of the great things happening in our Preschool for their children next year. Thank you Mr Betts, Mrs Lavers, Mrs Arnot and Mrs Elliott for your organisation and for making our new parents so welcome. We are looking forward to having the new little Preschool children with us in 2018.

Parent forum information confusion

The school would like to make it very clear that the NAPLAN data and results presented at our recent parent forum is accurate, up to date and a true representation of our school as of May 2017, when our students sat the assessments. It has come to our attention that there was confusion around our data and the My School website. Please be aware that the My School website does not represent the 2017 data but is only representative of the 2016 NAPLAN data. It is always extremely important to have factual evidence to back up anything that is stated.

School Presentation Day

Our School Annual Presentation day will be held on Monday, 11 December 2017 and this year both our Academic and Sports Presentations will be held during the day. Students will be able to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful school and to congratulate their classmates on their individual efforts for the year.

9.30am	Academic Presentation
2.00pm	Sports Presentation

Personal invitations to parents will be handed to students in sealed envelopes in the coming weeks. So keep an eye on your child's bag.

Enjoy your next couple of weeks.

Ona Buckley
Principal



Our new turf in the EI play area

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Weeks 6 and 7

This week teachers have been teaching their students about how to 'Be Responsible' when using computers or devices. Lessons have focussed on the importance of being careful not to damage hardware, only using applications that the teacher has directed students to use and only visiting websites that are relevant to the work students have been asked to do. Students have also been taught about the importance of telling a teacher or a parent if they accidentally open an inappropriate webpage.

On a related note, the school has spoken with a number of students and parents about inappropriate cyber interactions on websites such as Facebook, Snapchat and Musically, of late. We strongly recommend that if you decide to allow your child to access and use these forums, you encourage them to report any negative comments they receive to you, or better still, that you regularly monitor their interactions. We are increasingly finding children of primary school age do not have the requisite life experience to enable them to deal appropriately with conflicts that arise on social media platforms.

Next week, we will be teaching students how to 'Be Proud' during 'eating time' in their eating areas, principally by putting their rubbish into the bins provided.

Students who successfully demonstrate positive behaviours when using computers or devices, and when putting their rubbish into the bin after eating their food in their designated eating area, will be rewarded with Win Bin tickets and stars on their Star Charts.

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss PBL expectations with their children. If you have any questions related to the school's PBL program or about student wellbeing policies and practices, please direct them to either myself or Ms Buckley.

Mr Dan Betts
Assistant Principal (Student Wellbeing)

International Day for People with a Disability



Our school will celebrate International Day for People with a Disability on Tuesday, 5 December. Celebrations will include performances and displays at a morning assembly, followed by a picnic lunch with parents. All community members are invited to join in the celebration of this important day.



It is that time of year again! Stocktake is happening in the library in the last weeks of this term. As such, week 6 is the last week that students will be able to borrow from the library and all books must be returned by the end of week 7. Thank you for your assistance!

Mrs Walker and Mrs Sozomenou

Religious Education and Ethics 2018

Next year we are hoping to be able to offer combined scripture, Catholic scripture, non-scripture and Ethics classes at our school. Combined scripture teaches a general Christian message, Catholic scripture follows the teachings of the Catholic faith; Ethics classes focus on exploring moral issues; and non-scripture is for students whose parents don't wish them to attend any of the offered options. At the beginning of the year a note will be sent home asking which option you would like your child to participate in. Our next newsletter will contain more information to assist with your decision. Offering scripture at our school is a DoE requirement.

Year 3 Treetops Excursion

Last week Year 3 went to Tree Tops Adventure Park. We spent the day exploring the local environment and our natural world while climbing, swinging and sliding through the trees. What a wonderful day!



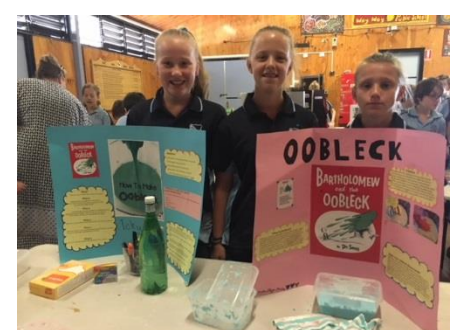
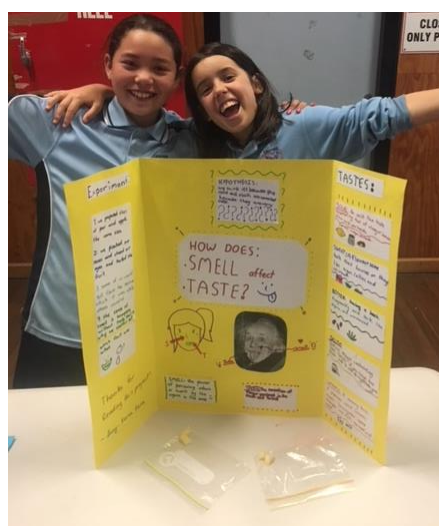
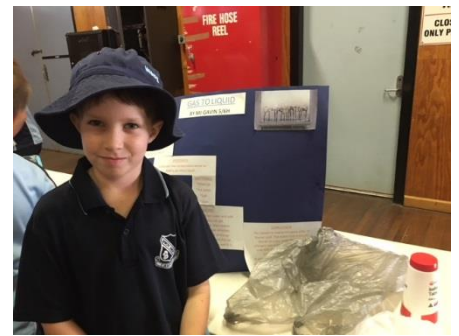
Stage 3 Science Fair

Stage Three held its annual Science Fair on Thursday 16 November 2017. It was a day to celebrate the student's fantastic exhibits and efforts in science this year.

Each student completed a science investigation and exhibited their work as a scientist. Students discussed their investigation with the audience and presented their work to parents and teachers on the stage. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported our students. We are all so proud of the hard work and wonderful projects from our Stage 3 students.

Well done to all the Stage 3 teachers for organising another successful science fair.

Janine Szostak
Stage 3 Assistant Principal and the Stage 3 Teachers



Chess Competition

Students in our school chess teams competed in the regional finals on Tuesday 14 November. The students all played with great skill and determination. We came second in the region and our team of Leif, Madison and Sylvia will be attending the state finals on Sunday 26 November. Well done to our Woy Woy Public School team.

Andrew Brady
Chess Coordinator



Christmas Gift Donations



Thank you to those who have already donated a gift towards the St Vincent de Paul Xmas collection. **The last day for donations will be Friday, 1 December 2017.**

We are collecting donations of new unwrapped gifts for disadvantaged families in our community which are collected and distributed by St Vincent de Paul. Please place your donations into the Xmas bin located in the school office.

2017 Talent Show

The following is the students who were successful at the auditions to the Talent Show. The schedule is as follows:

Friday 24 November	Full Rehearsal
Monday 27 November	Full Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 28 November	Two shows, K-2; 3-6
Wednesday 29 November	Parent Show, 12:00pm

Talent Show - 2017 Finalists

NAME/ACT	CLASS
Ballerina Bullies 2: Amy, Madi, Brit, Lara, Sylvia, India, Chloe, Vali, Evie, Natsumi, Katrina	Various St 2 and 3
Fletcher Moore	5/6B
Lucia Keating	5/6H
Kallum Baverstock	K-6W
Emma Cooley, Chloe Brine	5/6B and 3/4B
Vanessa Hay and Jacinta	5/6H
Gemma Montalbano	3/4C
Gemma & Sam Montalbano, Sophie	3/4C and 2K
Anwar El Kurdi, Joshua Rose, Dylan Smith	3/4R
Hamish Pollock	3/4R
Vali Focas	3/4R
Bronson Thomas and Jordan Rispen	3/4R and 3/4C
Montana Springall and Bella Hann	5/6H
Kyo Yamada	1/2Y
Stage	African Dance
Cultural Group	K-2
Brady Colwell	K-6PC
Bailee Hughes	3/4R
Charlotte McPhee	K-6W
Lara Butler and Mia Pike	3/4C
Sam Montalbano	2K
Maddie and Brittany Kuch	5/6B
Emma and Charlie Rooney	5/6B

P-2 Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 9 November, students from our Preschool, Year 1, Year 2 and Disabilities classes participated in our P-2 Athletics Carnival. All students participated in aged running races and a variety of tabloid activity and had a wonderful day.



Kmart Wishing Tree

On Wednesday 15 November 2017, students from K-2 were invited to participate in the 30th anniversary of the Kmart Wishing Tree appeal at Deep Water Plaza. Students entertained the audience with various Christmas Carols and enjoyed a visit from a very busy Santa.

Our school is proud to be involved with this community event and we look forward to entertaining shoppers at Deep Water Plaza again during the month of December.



Upcoming Events Calendar



Term 4			
Week 7	Nov	22	Girls Cricket
Week 8		28	Talent Show – Student Performance
		29	Talent Show – Parent Performance
		30	Year 6 Funfair
	Dec	1	Deepwater Court Kindergarten Christmas visit
Week 9		5	Disability Day Performance
		6	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Week 10		11	Presentation Day (Academic and Sports)
		13	Year Six Farewell Dinner
		15	Year Six Farewell Assembly

Aspire Home Reading



Congratulations to the following students who have reached their 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225 and 250 nights of home reading!

25 Nights

Ryder Taggart KLP

75 Nights

Isabelle Harris-Marsh 3/4C

100 Nights

Archie Wilson KLP, Sebastian Warren KLP, Bronte Packham KLP, Kiarna Tyler-Hull KLP, Layla Refalo KLP, Millie Neill KLP, Isabelle Harris-Marsh 3/4C

125 Nights

Noah Manuao 2K, Samuel Montalbano 2K, Violet Greacen 2S, Chace Browne K-6PC, Gemma Montalbano 3/4C

150 Nights

Emmalyn Castroneuvo 2S, Samuel Montalbano 2K, George Kassi-Hurley K-6PC, Gemma Montalbano 3/4C

175 nights

Axel Cridland 2K, Samuel Montalbano 2K, Eli Newell KLP, Hamish Simpson K-6PC, Gemma Montalbano 3/4C

200 nights

Axel Cridland 2K, Samuel Montalbano 2K, Eli Newell KLP, Natalie Hedge K-6PC, Gemma Montalbano 3/4C, Adam Cooper 3/4C

225 nights

Caleb Wood 3-6S, Toby Cridland 2K, Axel Cridland 2K, Adam Cooper 3/4C

250 nights

Sidney Brannigan K/1M, Daniel Cooper K/1M, Connor Conijn 3-6S, Toby Cridland 2K, River Quennelle 3/4T, Charlie Sposito 3/4T, Axel Cridland 2K, Dylan Morrison 2S, Adam Cooper 3/4C



Snack Shack News

SUSHI

It's Sushi day next

Tuesday, 21 November!

Canteen Roster

Mon	20.11.17	Pat
Tue	21.11.17	Janet (Sushi day)
Wed	22.11.17	Janet
Thu	23.11.17	Kay
Fri	24.11.17	Janet
Mon	27.11.17	Katrina
Tue	28.11.17	Janet
Wed	29.11.17	Janet
Thu	30.11.17	Robyn
Fri	01.12.17	Helper Needed

Thank you to all the volunteers who help out in the canteen, Anne.

Kitchen/Garden News

Cook for our Parents

On the Thursdays of week 4 and 5 Stage 3 and 2 held 'Cook for our Parents' night in our school hall. Students, teachers and volunteers worked hard to ensure the parents and community members were presented with delightful dishes on which to dine.



The students prepared 13 different dishes ranging from vegetable curry puffs to yummy ice cream. The cooking skills the students have been honing throughout the year were put to good use in chopping vegetables, mixing ingredients, baking, as well as, washing, wiping and putting

away. Their faces were shining with pride throughout the evening.

Lina Williamson, our courageous cooking teacher, led the team of teachers Lisa Mills, Bianca Sozomenou, Nerida Ceaser, David Owens and Louise Rayner, as well as, volunteers Kaye, Pat, Judith and Deb.

One of the primary purposes of the night was to raise funds to purchase utensils and furniture, in this case, stainless steel work benches with adjustable legs.

Thanks to the community support we have just about reached our target. Our next purchase will be a dishwasher. It'll come in very hand when we have our restaurant nights.



It was a busy evening, but one that was worth every ounce of effort employed by all. We would sincerely like to express our appreciation to the parents and community that attended and gave our wonderful program such enthusiastic support.

Mr Owens, our garden teacher, conducted a tour of our garden highlighting the efforts made by our 'green finger' students. We would like to give a big thank you to the Quennelle family for the donation of two big jars of honey from their backyard beehiv

Visit by Maitland School Band

On Thursday, 16 November we were visited by the Maitland Public School Band who entertained us with a number of popular songs. It was lovely to have such a group of talented performers visit our school.



P&C News



We hope everyone is having a great term so far. Christmas is just around the corner. If you have any questions about how the P&C runs or involvement we welcome you to get in touch with the executive team either via the email wwpspanc@live.com.au, come along to a meeting or find us in the playground for a chat.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 6 December at 7pm. Please come along and join us for our final meeting of the year. Location is to be established and will be notified via the Skoolbag APP and the next newsletter.

If you would like to join the P&C, membership forms can be filled out on the night or found on the P&C tab of the school website.

The P&C Executive Team

FUNDRAISING Update

This is your last chance to place your order for your Billie G's Cookie Dough. Our Online shop is now closed but you can still place your order at the school by bringing in your order form and money to school and putting it in the P&C box at the front office by Friday 17 November.



The time of the delivery for our cookie dough is in week 9. The date will be sent out to you once it has been confirmed.

BAD MOMS 2 Movie Night

Thank you to all those mums who came to our first Movie Night. It was a sell out!! All of the mums who came should be very proud of yourselves as you not only had a great night out you also helped raise \$252 for our kids.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our lucky door prizes.

1st Prize	\$50 Dan Murphy's Voucher	Danielle Stocking
2nd Prize	Nutrimetics Pamper Pack	Anne Gardner
3rd Prize	Soy scented candles	Michelle Young
4th Prize	Bottle of wine	Monica Keating

Casey's Toy Warehouse Christmas Fundraising Shopping Night

Wednesday 22 November 6pm – 8 pm

How great would it be to not fight for a parking spot or deal with the crowds at Christmas time! Come along to our exclusive night of shopping for your kids Christmas presents when Casey's Toys at Erina open their doors for us after hours, 6 pm till 8 pm. We hope to see you all there. There will be champagne and nibbles on the night, a lucky door prize and some great specials. This is open to the community so bring along your family and friends, the more the merrier. Casey's Toy warehouse will generously give back 20% of sales (10% from hobby sales) to the P&C to purchase resources for the students. We do need to know numbers so keep an eye out for the flyers and RSVP by 20 November to

wwpspandc@live.com.au

Uniform Update

As the year comes to a close please be advised that the uniform shop is running with limited stock. We are currently out of stock on the following:

Size 6 blue Polo
Size 10 blue Polo
Size 12 blue polo

There are limited numbers of the size 4 blue polos.

The polo shirts in size 16 and above are a special order and there may be delays in arrival time. If you would like to pre order these sizes for the upcoming year please see Deb in the uniform shop or send through an email to wwpsuniforms@outlook.com with your requirements.

All sizes and stock will be replenished for the school holiday opening times. Those are to be held:

Tuesday 23 January 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 25 January 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Monday 29 January 10.00am – 2.00pm
Tuesday 31 January 8.30am – 9.30am
Wednesday 1 February 8.30am – 9.00am

Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday 8.30-9.00am.

For those parents/carers that are unable to attend Uniform Shop Opening times, please complete an order form and email it to wwpsuniforms@outlook.com.

Your order will be processed once payment has been received and your requested items will be provided to your child via their class as indicated on the order form.

Remember, summer uniforms are to be worn in Term 4. To help us reduce the number of lost property items, please ensure uniforms are marked clearly with your child's name.

A thank you is extended to all the volunteers who lend a helping hand in the uniform shop. We are always looking for volunteers, if you are able to help please email or drop in to the CA Room on Wednesday morning.

School Banking Update

The last day of school banking for the year is Friday, 8 December.

Debbie Tonkin
Uniform Shop Coordinator



Woy Woy Public School P&C &
Caseys Toys Erina warmly invite you to our

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING SHOPPING NIGHT

Wednesday 22nd November

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

at Caseys Toys 20-24 Karalta Road Erina

Take the stress out of the festive season and come along and do your Christmas Shopping at Caseys! At this exclusive Adults

Only event, staff are on hand to help while you enjoy champagne and nibbles – and the school gets back 20% of the total spend on the night (10% back on Hobby) in vouchers! Friends and family are very welcome. Please RSVP via email to: wwpspandc@live.com.au by 20th November. We look forward to seeing you there!

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2017**

Times-

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VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. is to provide advice on all matters relevant to education and training with the mandate that this advice represents the Aboriginal community viewpoint.

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All AECG requests including interview panels, please email us at kooranaaecg@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

New Members are required to fill in an application form and be present at a meeting to be accepted as a member.

Full membership is only open to Aboriginal people as defined in the AECG Constitution and accepted by current Full Members.

Associate Membership - is open to any Non-Indigenous people and must be accepted by Full Members.

All membership is decided on by current FULL Financial members

Cost is \$2.00 per year payable on acceptance and is tax deductible

2018 Meetings

General Meetings Times will be 3.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday 15th Feb—Mingaletta Building (BWSC, Woy Woy Campus)

Thursday 15th March—Mingaletta Building (Woy Woy South P/S)

Thursday 17th May—Mingaletta Building (Ettalong P/S)

Thursday 14th June—Mingaletta Building (Umina P/S)

Thursday 9th August—Mingaletta Building (Empire Bay P/S)

Thursday 6th September—Mingaletta Building (BWSC Umina)

Thursday 1st November—AGM—Mingaletta Building (Woy Woy P/S)

Christmas BBQ to be confirmed closer to December.

Schools are required to take turns in providing afternoon tea.

Mingaletta building is located at Sydney Avenue, Umina

* Special Meetings will be carried out if required for urgent matters. 7 days notice will be given.

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Date: Saturday 9th December, 2017

Time: 9am to 12 noon

Place: Lemon Grove Netball Courts

Lagoon St, Ettalong Beach

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