# The Entrance Public School







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DATES TO	REMEMBER		
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Wed 9 Dec	Onwards & Upwards Term 4 Reward Day
Mon 14 Dec	Years 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly 9:45am
	Yr 6 Farewell – Shelly Beach Surf Club
Tues 15 Dec	K-2 Presentation Day Assembly 9.45am
	P&C Meeting (after Presentation
	Assembly)
Wed 16 Dec	Students last day of Term
TERM 1 2016	
Wed 27 Jan	Staff Development Day
Thurs 28	Students in Yrs 1- 6 Return
Wed 3 Feb	Kindergarten Students Start
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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 10 and Term 4 is nearly finished, I would like to wish all our families a safe and relaxing holiday and a very merry Christmas. Congratulations to our students and staff who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their learning over the past year and deserve a holiday. Good luck to our year 6 students as they move into their next stage of education, I am sure they will continue to enjoy learning, also good luck to the families that will move over the Christmas holidays.

Thank you and a huge congratulations to our wonderful P&C led by Alison Leger who have had an enormous impact on the programs and resources that enable The Entrance Public School to provide outstanding opportunities for our school community. This year they have helped with our new playground equipment, the digital signage, the 21<sup>st</sup> century learning program, the breakfast club, developing the 2015-2017 school plan and countless hours at school functions.

Please also be aware that over the last two weeks of school, the police will have a greater presence in the area especially around the school in the mornings and afternoons. I urge all motorists and pedestrians to continue to obey the road safety laws to ensure the safety of our students and school community, especially in the Kiss and Ride zone. **Choosing school shoes:** Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing -the-right-school-shoes

**Teach your kids to be waterproof:** As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer. Find out more:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips

Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays: Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit:

http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/p edestriansafety.html

Mark Rudd PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL LEAVERS 2015				
Childs Name/s:				
	Class:			
	Class:			
	Class:			
Will not be returning to The Entrance Public School in 2016 due to:				

#### **CHICKENPOX**

#### There has been a reported case of chickenpox in Year 1. If you have any concerns please contact your local Doctor or Central Coast Health.

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### 2016 House Captain Voting

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as house captains for 2016:

#### Osprevs

Captains - Raiza Testor & Waylon Pene, Vice Captains - Joanne Beekin & Jarwin Brandy

#### Pelicans

**Captains** – Ying Che & Bronx Cribb Vice Captains - Cheyenne Doherty & Saeed Moosa

#### Seagulls

Captains – Lani Clarke-Knuth & Cooper Wright Vice Captains - Alexus Taylor-Davis & Bradley Robinson

#### Swans

**Captains** – Stephanie Brennan & Tyler Bradley Vice Captains - Tiarna Pailthorpe & Jordan Arenas

The voting was extremely close for several positions. Well done to all of the candidates and congratulations to our 2016 captains and vice captains.

#### Win Bin Winners

The following students were drawn out for the win bin awards: Talia KM, Amber KM, Sunny 1P and Jaiden 5/6A. Congratulations to all of our wonderful students.

#### **End of Year Presentation Day Assemblies**

Our end of year presentation day assemblies are fast approaching. The Years 3-6 Assembly will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 9.45am. The Kindergarten to Year 2 Assembly will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 9.45am. At these assemblies we recognise some of the students who have stood out in their academic achievements and for citizenship. All of the Kindergarten students will be receiving their Kindergarten Certificates of Graduation at the K-2 assembly.

#### **End of Year Reports**

The end of year reports will go home next Monday 14th December. Please take the time to sit down with your child and to go through the report with them and praise them for the improvements and hard work they have put into their year of schooling. I have been very impressed with the reports that I have read.

#### **Road Safety**

One of the afternoon bus drivers has expressed his concern at the number of people (adults and children) crossing the road either in front of the parked bus or behind it. He has witnessed several near misses with oncoming or passing traffic. Please use the pedestrian crossing at the corner of Campbell Ave, it is not much further to walk and well worth it, if it saves a life.

#### A Big Thank You

Finally a very big thank you to all of the students for the hard work that they have done throughout the year, in class, in the playground, on the sporting field, in other cultural activities and in everything else. We have had a very enjoyable and successful year because of your commitment to do your best. Thank you also to the parents for your continued support throughout the year. Success only comes if home and school work together. Well done, have a well earned and restful break and enjoy the Christmas period.

#### Warren Mee DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

#### K-6 BW NEWS



The students in K6BW have had such a great term. They have cooked yummy frittata, sausage sandwiches and spaghetti bolognaise. They have enjoyed

integrating with their peers for sport and scripture and many other integration opportunities that have occurred throughout the year. It has been a great term and we look forward to celebrating another successful year with our class party at Bateau Bay Ten Pin Bowling. Thank you to the parents that have returned the permission note. If you have not already, could you please return the note by Tuesday 8th December 2016.

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at assembly:

Paul for an amazing improvement in his verbal communication skills.

Ella for a fantastic improvement in counting and number recognition.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and relaxing break. We will see you all next year for another exciting, fun and engaging year in K6BW

## Mary Best, Gemma White, Chris Green & Sabien Stragliotto

Support Class Team

#### **KINDERGARTEN 2016**

We are making preparations for Kindergarten 2016. Please contact our office if you have a child starting Kindergarten next year.

**Stephanie Ainslie** KINDERGARTEN SUPERVISOR

#### **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**



Well it is hard to believe that this will be the last newsletter for the year and your gorgeous children ĸ have finished Kinder. It has been an absolute pleasure to have been a part of their first year at school. They have all grown up so much and it blows my mind how much they have learnt this year. You should all be very proud of them and they should be extremely proud of their efforts.

#### Upcoming Events

15<sup>th</sup> December- K-2 Presentation Assembly and class parties - bring a plate to share

16<sup>th</sup> December- Last day of school for students

Congratulations to the following students who have received their Home Reading Awards:

#### Kinder Ainslie-

50 nights: Astin 75 nights: Lawson 225 nights: Marley-Jane Kinder Quye-100 nights: Jordan 125 nights: Zylah 150 nights: Pyper, Gabby 175 nights: Gabby 225 nights: Mia A

Kinder Roberts-75 nights: Kaitlyn 125 nights: Hunter, Jade 200 nights: Mikayla



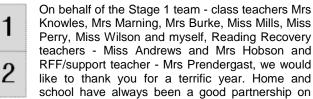
A big thumbs up to everyone who received a RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY or PERSONAL BEST award at our mini assembly or a MERIT AWARD at our K-6 Assembly. Keep up the great work.

We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe holiday.

#### Regards

Stephanie Ainslie, Nicole Quye, Amanda Roberts and Mardi McFarlane.

#### **STAGE 1 NEWS**



our Stage as we continue each child's academic, social and emotional growth from ES1. For those students moving onto Stage 2 (Year 3), all the best. If your child isn't returning to TEPS in 2016, please let the Office know.

Separate note came home last week explaining the last week of Term- quick overview:

- Class parties Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. School reports will come home on this day.
- K-2 Presentation-Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 9:45 Hall. Full school uniform. All children will be getting up on stage to sing their grade song so it would be terrific if we have all parents/caregivers present at this special assembly.

East day - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December for students.

Congratulations for the following children who received a class award at our **Stage 1 Assembly**. Our clever **home readers** are included as well.

#### 2A:

#### Class awards

Jarrod – displaying a mature attitude to his learning Erin – for her artistic flair

#### Value awards

**Baylie** – an excellent star of the week **Cashlyn** – a wonderful class member who displays all of our vales

#### **Reading awards**

25 and 50 nights Amber Hardy 275 nights Kaitlyn Crouch

#### **2K**:

#### Class awards

Holly – creating a beautiful beanie in French knitting Madeline – presenting a confident speech to the class

#### Value awards

**Kye** – always being a helpful class member **Mason** – showing persistence with his French knitting

# Reading awards: 200 nights Jacob

#### **2M**:

*Class awards* **Owen** – presenting a wonderful memory box **Selena –** presenting a wonderful memory box

#### Value awards

**Dre -** a valued member of 2M **Eva –** always doing her best

#### 1**P**:

*Class awards* Gemma - writing interesting narratives Brodie – valuable contributions in whole class discussions

#### Value awards

**Kyran** – a responsible member of our class and always does his personal best **Tahlia** – always being respectful to teachers and friends

#### Reading awards

150 nights Ty 175 nights Amelia 250 nights Isla 275 nights Ella

#### 1**B**:

#### Class awards

**Sierra** – being a consistent hard worker and doing her best **Lizzy** – always working to the best of her ability

#### Value awards

**Zoe –** being a clever, confident and respectful member of 1B **Jackson –** always being a helpful class member

#### 1M:

Class awards Miles – awesome effort on his Maths test Kirrilly – working hard and being beautiful

Value awards Jack – showing his personal best Nia –doing her job and quality work

#### Reading awards

125 nights Nyaka 200 nights Chloe

#### 1W:

#### Class awards

Josh – working hard in reading groups Mathew – consistently working to the best of his ability

#### Value awards

Calvin – always demonstrating respect, responsibility and personal best Charlotte – always being a happy, polite and kind class member

Reading awards 150, 175 & 200 nights Shyla

Regards Stage 1 Teachers

#### STAGE 2 NEWS



Stage 2 teachers would like to thank the students, parents and staff of The Entrance Public School for a fantastic year of learning. We wish you a happy and safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing you next year.

#### Hour of Code

Students have participated in the Hour of Code over the last two weeks. Check out the Hour of Code website. All students enjoyed this opportunity to use the laptops in the Steam Lab and practice their coding skills. Mrs Tolman also allowed the students to use the green screen which was lots of fun. http://code.org/learn

#### **Stage 2 Christmas Parties**

To bring our year to an end, each Stage 2 class will have a Christmas party on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Each teacher has sent a separate note home informing families of their party requirements.

#### 4B and 4L Class Snapshot

4B and 4L have been preparing for Christmas by making some special chocolate treats.

Everyone has been joining in with the making and cleaning. We had a great time. Thank you to Mrs Shackleton who came and assisted us.

Here are the recipes of what we made.

#### **Chocolate Truffles**

#### Ingredients:

250g crushed biscuits 1/3 cup coconut 395g sweetened condensed milk

#### Method:

1. Place biscuits, cocoa 📕

and one quarter of coconut into a bowl.

2. Make a well in the centre.

3. Add condensed milk and mix together with a wooden spoon until evenly moistened

4. Chill for 30 minutes,

5. Spread remaining coconut onto a plate.

6. Roll level tablespoons of mixture into balls. Roll in the coconut.

7. Store in an airtight container.

#### **Giant Chocolate Freckles**

# Ingredients:

Chocolate Sprinkles

#### Method:

 Melt chocolate
Place in egg rings and spread evenly.
Add sprinkles to the top
Refrigerate

Merry Christmas to all our wonderful families.

#### Stage 2 Teachers



#### STAGE 3 NEWS

Hey Team,



It has been a hectic last few weeks as assessments have been completed, reports have been written and all of the other usual school activities have been engaged in.

Student reports for Semester 2 will go home to parents and caregivers next Monday. If you have any questions or if you would like to discuss your child's report with their classroom teacher, do not hesitate to make an appointment at the front office.

#### Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held next Monday evening at Shelley Beach Surf Club at approximately 5:30pm.

#### Stage 3 '3 Big Days of Summer'

To conclude the end of the year activities, Stage 3 will be participating in a program called '3 Big Days of Summer'. Next week students on Stage 3 will be participating in the following activities:

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

3-6 Awards Presentation Assembly Barefoot Bowls at The Entrance Year 6 Farewell

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:

Stage 3's Got Talent

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

Breakfast BBQ for all of Stage 3 at 9:15am (Year 5 are cooking for Year 6) Year 6- Mingara Swim Fun Day Year 5- Class Parties

These are the planned activities for the last three days of school and all students are expected to attend.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (the final day of school for 2015) Year 6 will be honoured by a whole school "clap out" that will begin at approximately 3:00pm. Parents and caregivers of Year 6 students are most welcome to attend.

This year has been a very successful year for Stage 3. Lots of engaged learning, successful sports programs and the implementation of AVID. All in all Stage 3 students have really stepped up this year and we are proud of their efforts.

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all of our Year 6 leavers all of the very best as they transition to High School next year. I would also really like to honour and thank Kim Ambrose, Mel Dawson, Cheryl Martinez and Bianca Robison for being such an outstanding team of teachers to work with. In all my years of teachers I have not worked with a more passionate and committed group of people. Beyond that I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who have worked hard in partnering with us to provide the best outcomes for students and the greatest levels of success. We could not do it without you.

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone!

Russell Stefans Assistant Principal - Stage 3 russell.stefans@det.nsw.edu.au

#### HOME READING **Home Reading Awards**

Congratulations to all those students who have received home reading awards during Weeks 8 and 9. There must be a lot of home reading happening at the moment as there have been many book prizes awarded. A big congratulations to Cameron in 4/5R and Chloe in 1P for reaching 300 nights and to Marley-Jane in KA and Mia in KQ for reaching 225 nights. Other book prize winners to be congratulated are Chloe in 1M and Kaitlyn in 2A for 275 nights and Gabby in KQ for 175 nights. Our lucky book winners were Mia in KQ and Jack in 3H.

Keep up the great effort!







**Books in Homes Assembly** On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 1B did an amazing job of hosting our first Books in Homes book giving assembly. Books in Homes Australia, is a not-for profit organisation that helps children and families develop and maintain a love for reading. Thirty six students were selected to receive 3 books at Friday's assembly and they will receive a further 3 books in both Terms 1 and 2. The school also receives copies of the books that the students choose.

Mingara is the sponsor for these books and Sarah Fernman representing Mingara and being the role model for Friday's assembly spoke about her love of reading which began as a small child reading Snugglepot and Cuddlepie books. Sarah then presented the book packs to our lucky students. David Streichler from Books in Homes who also attended gave the exciting news that we will have more sponsors next year so more of our students can be part of this wonderful program



Sue Densmore Learning & Support Teacher

#### **P&C NEWS**

A BIG Thank you to everyone who donated items for last nights annual Christmas Raffle. Also, a big thank you to all who volunteered to assist our fundraising at the Christmas concert.

I would also like to thank the P&C for another productive and fun year. You have all helped raise so much for our TEPS kids.

Last meeting for 2015 is on Tuesday 15th Dec, after the Presentation Assembly - all welcome.

Allison Leger P&C President

#### CANTEEN NEWS

#### Hi Everyone,

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas. Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers for all your help throughout the year, you do an amazing job helping the canteen to run smoothly.

Stock will be running down so check before placing orders.

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mon  $14^{\text{th}}$ Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Wed 16<sup>th</sup>

Shelley, Razaan Kylie, Sandi, Chloe Rita, Donna Sammi, Leanne Brooke, Jodie, Mel, Karen

Cheers, Emma Brophy **Canteen Manager** Phone 4333 5174

'Free'

#### **ROCK POOL RAMBLES with OCCI-Central Coast, January** 2016

Come and explore the rock pools with OCCI's expert guides and learn about fascinating creatures that live there. 25 participants maximum on each walk, which are most suited to ages 5 years to adult. Walks last up to 2 hours.

> Friday 8<sup>th</sup> at Terrigal Haven 1.30 pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at Norah 2.00 pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at Toowoon Bay 2.45 pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at Terrigal Haven 1.30 pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Umina Beach 2.15 pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at Toowoon Bay 3.00 pm

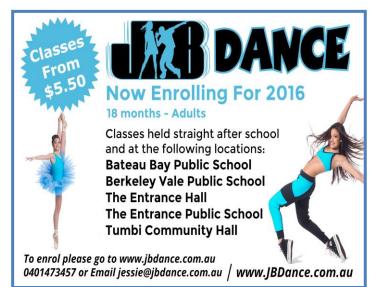
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: To book, phone OCCI on **0450 990 995** 

Rambles in the Gosford Shire are 'Proudly supported by Gosford City Council





A rock pool walk at Terrigal Haven earlier this year.





# **Christmas Holiday Events**

# Christmas Craft at Lake Haven

Friday 18th December at Lake Haven Library, 2:00-3:00pm.

Ages 5-10 years. Cost: \$2.00 per participant

Bookings essential

# Murphy's Puppets

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 10:30-11:15 at Tuggerah Library

Dennis Murphy is the head puppeteer for Sydney's international award-winning puppet company, MURPHYS PUPPETS. Murphy's Puppets is a fun and entertaining show for kids, which encourage children to participate and engage with the performer and other audience members.

Ages 3-6 years. Cost members: \$3.00 non-members: \$6.00. Book on 4350 1560

Bookings essential

# Paints of war

Saturday January 9th, at Lake Haven Library, 10:30-12:30pm --intermission- 12:30-2:00pm

Ages: Intergenerational Ages 9+ (may be younger if parent stays)

Does building a world from your imagination sound appealing? Ever wanted to have a go at painting gaming miniatures? Lake Haven Library will be offering the opportunity for participants to get hands on practice and create something this session, as well as hints and tricks you can take away and try at home.

The workshop will be broken into two sessions – 10:30 am to 12 noon and 12:30 to 2 pm. Please note that lunch is not provided on the day. Ages: 8-12 years. Cost: members Cost: \$6.00. Book on 4350 1570

**Bookings essential** 

# Creating Awesome Stories with Dave Hackett

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January at Tuggerah Library, 10:30-11:30am.

Dave's CREATING AWESOME STORIES workshops are fully interactive, fun and for students of ages 8-12 years. An opportunity for children to plan and create their own story using storyboarding techniques through pictures and identifying the different stages of a story.

Ages: 8-12 years. Cost: \$6 per person for non-library members; \$3 per person for library members. Book on 4350 1560

Bookings essential

# OCCI Let's bin the little stuff

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30-11:30am at Bateau Bay Library. Children learn about how litter affects animals and our waterways in an interactive setting. Ages: 7+. Cost: FREE Bookings essential

# Henna Body Art for Teens

Tuesday 12th January at Tuggerah Library, 2:00-3:30pm. Participants learn what it is, where it comes from, as well as it's history and traditions from many countries around the world. Learn techniques on how to prepare and apply the henna. Book on 4350 1560

Ages 12+. Cost: \$3.00 per person

Bookings essential

# Paper Flower Crowns

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Tuggerah Library, 10:00-11:30am.

Children use their creativity and skills to create crown made from flower petals.

Ages: 8-12 years. Cost: \$3.00 per participant. Book on 4350 1560

Bookings essential

# Learn the Art of Knitting

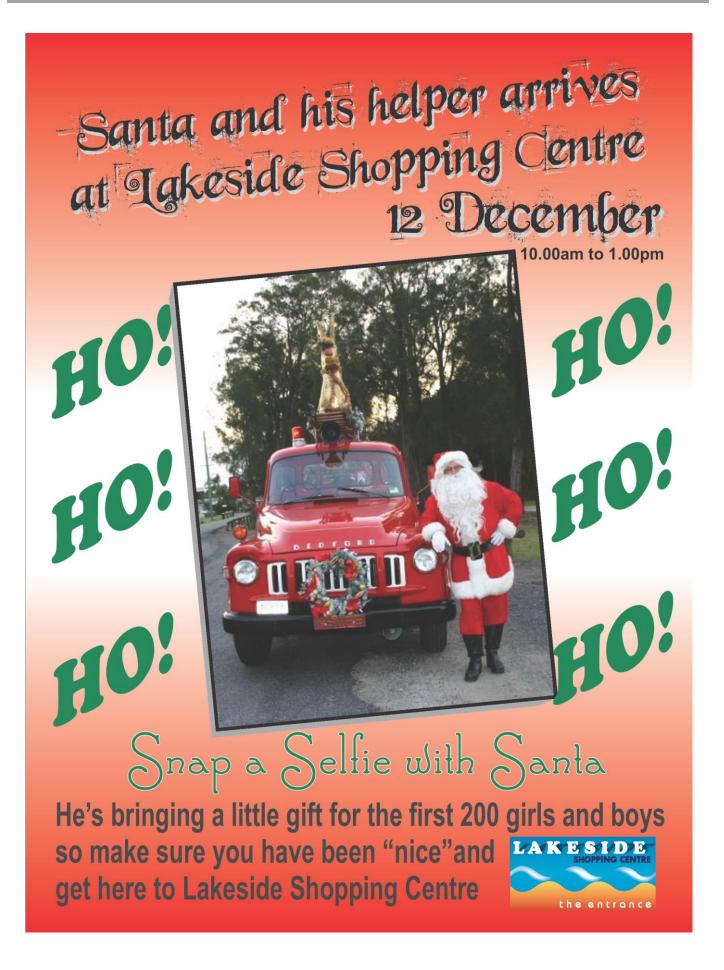
Monday 25th January at Lake Haven Library, 10:30-12:30pm.

Come hang out with the staff at Lake Haven Library and show off your knitting skills or simply learn the basics. Children will learn the art of: Casting on, knitting in garter stitch, casting off; and construction techniques.

Ages 8-12 years. Cost: FREE

Bookings essential





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