PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 4 already and I am continually amazed at all the fantastic work that our students are producing. As I visit classrooms I see our students doing the best they can and showing outstanding commitment to their learning. Well done keep up the great work.

A big thank you Mrs Haley for organising a fantastic book fair last week, it was great to see the excitement on the students faces when they were choosing their books, I am sure the families will get many hours of reading out of the books.

Last term our Year 6 students were trained as peer support leaders. Our Peer Support Program started last week and will have a very positive impact on our whole school culture and provides many opportunities for students in all stages to build and demonstrate leadership abilities. Thank you to Ms Robinson and Ms Dawson for all the work they have done to make the program successful.

A reminder that the staff car park is for staff only, for the safety of our students please do not park or drive through the carpark. Thank you for your assistance keeping our students and school community safe.

TIME TO ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN AND PRE SCHOOL 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for children starting kindergarten or preschool in 2017. Please advise the office of your child’s name and date of birth and we will send enrolment forms home for you to complete and return. You will also need to provide your child’s original birth certificate, statement of complete immunisation from Medicare and proof of your current address.

If you have any friends or neighbours who may have a child ready to start school next year, please let them know it is time to contact the school for information.

Mental maths strategies: We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at [www.bit.ly/1m0agnk](http://www.bit.ly/1m0agnk)

Have a great week

Mark Rudd
PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Assemblies

Our next K-6 Assembly for this term will be held this Friday, commencing at 9.30am. Other K-6 Assemblies this term will be held on Fridays 9th September and 23rd September. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Book Week

Our Book Week Book Character Parade will be held on Friday 26th August. We will be celebrating “Australia: Story Country”. Parents are invited up to view the parade, commencing at 12 noon and are most welcome to join in a picnic lunch with their children after the parade. The P&C will be running their usual barbecue which is always very popular. Please bring a chair as there is limited seating.

The Entrance Public School
Book Week Character Parade

“Australia: Story Country”

Friday 26th August
12 noon

See the parade and join in a picnic lunch afterwards.

P&C sausage sizzle available

Come along and join in the fun

Bring a chair as there is limited seating
Win Bin Winners
The following students were drawn out for the win bin awards: Lahna KQ, Jaxson 1A, Kayza 1A, Cait K-6BW. Congratulations to all of our wonderful students.

University of NSW Mathematics Tests
The mathematics test will be held on Tuesday 16th August. I will be contacting the students who have paid and entered prior to the day to inform them of what is required.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting
The date for the next AECG meeting has been changed to Monday 22nd August at the Tuggerah Lakes Community Centre, Bay Village Rd, commencing at 5pm. All interested persons are most welcome to attend.

Warren Mee
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We are currently making plans for our Kindergarten Transition to School program for students starting in 2017, which will commence in Week 2, Term 4. If you have a child or know of a child that may be starting at The Entrance Public School in 2017 could you please advise the office to assist us with planning for the transition program and enrolment at the best school on the Central Coast.

Preschool Enrolments for 2017
If you have a child who will be turning four years old before the 31st July, 2017 and you would like to enrol them in our preschool for next year, please collect an application form from the front office. There are only 40 places available. The preschool currently operates two groups; one operating every Monday and Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays, the other operating Thursdays and Fridays and the alternate Wednesdays.

Priority must go to children who live in The Entrance Public School area and will be attending kindergarten at The Entrance Public School in 2018. Preference must also be given to students who have a disability, come from a low socio-economic family situation and/or are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. A birth certificate is also required for proof of age.

The Garawa Pre-school is run by the Department of Education and fees have been heavily subsidised to cater for the needs of our community. This year the full fee rate per day is $15 per day. If the family has a Health Care card or are Aboriginal, fee relief is applied and the cost is reduced to $7.00 per day. To date fees have not been given to us for 2017.

ATTENDANCE AWARD
Property Central Attendance Award
Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

Each fortnight, a student who has attended school for 100%, will be recognised with an award from Property Central Long Jetty.

Our first award winner was Lincoln from K/1A. Well done Lincoln!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
THE REPTILE PARK EXCURSION
Our Reptile Park excursion has been booked for Friday 9th September. The permission note and medical note have now been sent home.

Thank you to all those families who have already paid.

Final payment must be received by Friday 26th August.

Upcoming Events
12th August - K-6 Assembly 9.30am
26th August - Money and permission notes for the Reptile Park excursion are due.
- Book Character Parade. Each class teacher will provide you with information about what to wear.
2nd September- Father’s Day stall
9th September- Reptile Park excursion

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

Kinder Ainslie:
50 nights: Dane
75 nights: Laila, Isabella
150 nights: Blair

TUGGERAH LAKES ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Tuggerah Lakes Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Mingara Regional Athletics Centre on Friday 19th of August (Week 5).

Those students selected to represent TEPS have received a note detailing which event/events they have been successful in qualifying for.

Please ensure the note is returned to the office ASAP along with the $3.50 for carnival entry. A bus has been organised to transport the students and will be leaving the school at 8.15 sharp. Students need to be at school at 7.50am. Entry for spectators is free and programs will be available for $1.00 on the day.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions about what is sure to be a successful and enjoyable day for our athletes.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Stage 1 Team

Take 3 is an initiative to encourage the reduction of waste that ends up in our oceans. Did you know that 8 million tonnes of new plastic enters our oceans each year.

To help reduce waste Stage 2 students are participating in Waste Free Tuesday. Each week all Stage 2 classes, collect their non recyclable waste into containers. The class with the least amount of waste will be announced the winners and receive our special frog to care for. Our first winners were 3C, great job. We will announce our winners in each newsletter.

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

It was a pleasure to attend our NAIDOC assembly last week. The students were engaged and enjoyed listening to the special presentation and class item representing the Aboriginal culture.

We also have our book parade coming up on Friday Week 6 (26 August). All students will be asked to dress up in costume relating to the book they are reading in class. Your support with the book parade would definitely make it an event to remember.

STAGE 2 NEWS

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

It was a pleasure to attend our NAIDOC assembly last week. The students were engaged and enjoyed listening to the special presentation and class item representing the Aboriginal culture.

We also have our book parade coming up on Friday Week 6 (26 August). All students will be asked to dress up in costume relating to the book they are reading in class. Your support with the book parade would definitely make it an event to remember.

STAGE 1 NEWS

A reminder: Stage 1 Excursion – to view Snugglepot and Cuddlepie at the Civic Theatre, Newcastle on Tuesday 16th August. All money should be paid in full by now. Contact your class teacher if you haven’t yet done so.

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

2C:
Class awards:
Amelia – kind, helpful and enthusiastic 2C classmate
Xander – always doing his personal best in all activities

Value awards:
Joshua – honest and helpful member of 2C
Isabella – always being a great friend and learner

2K:
Class awards:
Emily – developing independent working habits
Tara – demonstrating awesome mathematical skills in addition and subtraction

Value awards:
Isla – being a wonderful role model in 2K
Jordan – being much more settled in the classroom
50 nights: Tanaya and Nakisha
125 nights: Brodie and Nyaka
150 nights: Isla

2W:
Class awards:
Bella-Rose – fabulous newspaper research on Olympics
Georgia – fabulous newspaper research on Olympics

Value awards:
Jackson – being a kind and thoughtful classmate
Jett – trying hard to be a responsible, independent learner
75 nights: Hayden
100 nights: Bella-Rose and Georgia
125 nights: Tomas and Lisa

2/3M:
Class award:
Dakota – being a motivated, super star reader

Value awards:
Ty – for always being a motivated, sensible student

1A:
Class awards:
Cameron – wonderful application to her writing
Ty – fantastic effort and results with his writing

Value awards:
Calm – displaying his personal best when working in class
Kalais – being a respectful class member

50 nights: Aiesha
100 nights: Avneet
175 nights: Jaxson

1B:
Class awards:
Cohen – increasing his efforts during writing
Zylah – being an independent learner in group activities

Value awards:
Amber – being a responsible and respectful learner.
Jordan – he is always a kind and caring friend to his teachers and peers
125 nights: A-Litkim, Er Kai

1P:
Class award:
Miah – always doing her personal best

Value award:
Lincoln – for including friends in his games

50 nights: Kingston
100 nights: Miah

Regards

Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 10th August 2016

Kinder Quye-
25 nights: Noah
75 nights: Sienna
100 nights: Ava, Tyson, Courtney, Tilli
125 nights: Jarryd

Kinder McFarlane-
25 nights: Aston
75 nights: Genna
100 nights: Yvie

Kinder Andrews-
25 nights: Shayden, Stevie-Mae
75 nights: Ruby
125 nights: Caleb
175 nights: Jamie

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

Stephanie Ainslie, Nicole Quye, Mardi McFarlane and Donna Andrews
Term 3 Week 4

We will often remind students about stranger danger, road safety, and general safety that they need to be aware of. Students, in particular, are reminded that school is a safe place and while at school, they need to follow some simple instructions:

- Stay inbounds
- Not leave the school grounds
- Go to the toilet with a buddy
- Do not speak to adults other than teachers/support staff
- Report any concerns immediately to a teacher/support staff
- If walking to school or home from school: do not stop off or change plans from what your parents have instructed.

What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child.
- George Bernard Shaw

Stage 2 Excursion

All deposits have been collected by the front office for our excursion. If you have not made your payment to book a spot, please contact the front office to make arrangements. If you have any paid the deposit for the excursion, please remember to pay the full amount when it is due.

Stage 2 will students have received a note to explaining what they will need on the day. They have also received a medical form which MUST be completed and returned in order to participate on the day.

If you have any enquiries about the excursion, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Attendance – Tips for Parents

Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick
- Advise the school of any absence
- See doctors and dentists after school times

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child.

If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school, you should contact the school as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

What’s Happening in 3KD!

3KD are looking forward to another busy and exciting term. Olympic fever has struck in 3KD! We are enjoying learning more about the Rio Olympics and the history of the Olympic games. We are looking forward to watching the athletes compete and immersing ourselves in all of the Olympic action. Usain Bolt is a definite favourite within the class, we admire his skill and determination, although we are still hoping for lots of Australian Gold Medals.

3KD have been enjoying our Peer Support Sessions. It is a great opportunity for us to expand our friendship networks to students in other grades, while we are learning and having fun. Our Stage 3 leaders have done a wonderful job making us all feel welcome and we are doing our best to be positive role models for the younger students.

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) lessons will continue this term. Tuesday afternoons are a hive of activity in the 3KD classrooms as we transform ourselves into engineers, who work together as a team to problem solve and complete design challenges. We are learning to follow the Design Engineering Process and have built bridges, towers, houses and parachutes using everyday materials. A particular class favourite were the houses that we had to construct to save the 3 little pigs from a huff and a puff from the Big Bad Wolf. We are pleased to report that due to our innovation and critical thinking, all of our houses survived and no pigs came to harm! We have many budding inventors and engineers in our class, so watch this space!!!

Regards
Stage 2 Teachers

STAGE 3 NEWS

Hey Team,

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TLLC Year 5 & 6 Academic Awards

Nine of our students from Year 5 and 6 were recognised for their high levels of academic achievement last Thursday at a Tuggerah Lakes Learning Community awards giving ceremony.

Students in Year 6 and 5 who received awards were: Cameron (5/6A), Eleanor (5M), Matilda (5R), Naeem (5M), Esther (6S), Maddy (6S), Lani (6D), Jared (6D). Congratulations to these students for both their hard work and all that they have achieved in their learning - we are extremely proud of you!

SLAM (Successful Students All in Meet)

In SLAM, over the next couple of weeks, students will be setting new goals for this semester and developing their skills in the area of problem solving.

Year 6 Tumbi Tasters- Transition to High School

Tumbi Tasters is off and running for our Year 6 students. Students who have attended this transition program have all reported that they have really enjoyed the experience.

Information has been sent home to parents and caregivers regarding the allocated dates for students. The program runs each Thursday and commences at Tumbi at 12:15. Students will need to leave TEPS at approximately 11:45am. The program finishes at 2:15pm - the concluding time of the school day at Tumbi. Parents and caregivers are responsible for transporting students to and from this event.

If transport is a problem students are able to travel with other parents whose children are attending on the same day, provided a note is sent to the school prior to the day, indicating so.

Walking & Wheels

Likewise Walking & Wheels is up and running each Wednesday. Unfortunately we had to cancel last week’s session due to the bad weather conditions. We will update this information on the School App if this happens in the future. The safety and wellbeing of our students is our main focus.

Creative & Practical Arts (CAPA) Electives

Last term Stage 3 commenced Creative and Practical Arts electives which were held on Thursday afternoons. This term CAPA electives will move to Monday afternoons.

Wednesday 10th August 2016
Canberra
Deposits to secure student placement on our excursion to Canberra ARE NOW DUE. If there are any financial concerns regarding payment for this excursion, please contact Mr Stefans as soon as possible to ensure that your child does not miss out.

Itineraries, medical forms and a list of what students need to pack on the excursion will be sent home in Weeks Five and Six.

Parents and caregiver if it assists, please feel free to pay off the balance for the Canberra excursion to the office… either in weekly, fortnightly or monthly installments if it makes things easier. The balance does not have to be paid until Term 3 Week 7. This is going to be a great memory making experience!

Have a great week.

Russell Stefans
Assistant Principal- Stage 3
RUSSELL.STEFANS@det.nsw.edu.au

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
The school Learning Support Team (along with every school in Australia), has been entering data to support this collection. The national data collection counts students who have been identified by school teams as receiving an adjustment to their learning to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA).

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve educational outcomes for their students with disability. More information can be found at:- https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/attachment_k_-_updated_parent-carer_fact_sheet.pdf

Sue Densmore
LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEACHERS

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION
Our NAIDOC week celebrations kicked off Friday the 29th of July by all coming to school dressed in Red, Black and Yellow, followed by a wonderful assembly, led by Amos and Kahlia. It was great to see so many parents and family members come and celebrate this special event with us. At recess the children enjoyed eating some fantastic Red, Black and Yellow cupcakes as well as Bush Tucker lolly cups. A big THANK YOU to our fabulous mums led by Jodie, Emma, Brooke and Kristie and our wonderful teachers for all your efforts in baking and decorating so many wonderful cupcakes for our stall. The children really enjoyed the day. We raised $365.00 which will go towards buying some more Aboriginal texts for our school Library.

PLP MEETINGS
Personalised Learning Pathways meetings for our ATSI students will continue this week in Oasis. The children have been working hard in Cultural Groups preparing for these meetings and have enjoyed sharing their ideas and aspirations with their teachers and family.

Mrs Haslam & Ms Saunders

Swim Scheme 2016
During Term 4 from Monday 17th October to Friday 28th October children from Kindergarten to Year Six are invited to participate in swimming lessons at Mingara Recreation Centre.

The total cost which includes the return bus trip and lessons is $80.00 (unfortunately we were not able to receive funding from outside sources to reduce the cost involved).

A non-refundable deposit of $10.00 is to be paid by 1st July 2016 and subsequent payments can be made throughout Term 3.

FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE BY FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER. Please note numbers are limited to 200 students therefore the first 200 deposits received are guaranteed a spot.

Ms Ally Bayfield
Swim School Coordinator

Swim School 2016
I give permission for my child ……………………………
class ………………….to participate in the swimming scheme at Mingara Recreation Area from Monday 17th October till Friday 28th October. I understand that my child will be travelling to and from swimming lessons on the bus. I have enclosed a non-refundable deposit of $10.00

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Parent/carer Date

The Entrance Public School
COMMUNITY FAIR
On Saturday 17th September our school will be having our first Community Fair. In future newsletters information regarding our fair will be published. Currently we are in the process of organizing our Community Fair and are offering stalls for hire to local small businesses who would like to be part of our day. The cost would be $50 or 20% of sales made on the day. If you or a business you know of would like to book a stall or receive more information, please contact: Ally Bayfield on 4332 2422 (via the school office) or allison.grindrod@det.nsw.edu.au
CANTEEN NEWS
Hi Everyone,

That time of year again for our ‘Eat Fresh and Win’ canteen promotion through the Sydney Fruit Markets.

Simply purchase apples/bananas, a fruit cup or vegies dip, salad on your burger or sandwich and receive a sticker. Collect two and go into a drawer to win great prizes, and receive a special pencil with eraser.

Just a reminder that Kinders get their drinks sent up in lunch baskets. Kindy’s need to come down for slushies and iceblocks unless marked otherwise on lunch bags. Year 1 to 6 need to come down for their drinks and iceblocks.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Thurs 11th Aug  Razaan, Kristie, Shelley
Fri 12th       Sandi, Shay
Mon 15th       Rita, Kristie
Tues 16th      Sammi, Kaylah
Wed 17th       Brooke
Thurs 18th     Kristie, Shelley, Razaan
Fri 19th       Shay, Sandi
Mon 22nd       Kristie, Rita
Tues 23rd      Kaylah, Sammi
Wed 24th       Brooke, Mel

HELP NEEDED

Cheers,
Emma Brophy
4333 5174

SOFTBALL TEAM
I am putting together a new softball team for under 12-14 years and would like to get the word out.
We are Wolverettes softball club and play at Bateau Bay. I will be the coach.
Jess Honeysett
0422 508 623

Looking for a great way to get fit, have fun and make new friends?
Give back to the community whilst learning new skills and enjoying the summer sun.

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The Entrance SLSC
All ages welcome from
Under 6’s to Patrolling members

Nippers Registration and Membership Sign-up days
Saturday 13/8/16 9am-3pm
Sunday 21/8/16 10am-2pm
Start of patrols
24/9/16
Start of Nippers
9/10/16
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