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Term 2 Week 2

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 3 May	Sydney Writers' Festival; BWSC info 5pm Year 6 students Targeted Program
Wed 5 May	Cultural Continuum Year 4
Thurs 6 May	Mother's Day stall

Hello Parents and Carers

Congratulations to our dance group who has danced their way into the Central Coast Dance Festival. This is a hotly contested festival where groups audition for a place and only those of a high standard are successful. I am thrilled as the girls and their teacher-coaches have practised during many lunch times to achieve this recognition.

NAPLAN assessments are fast approaching for students in Years Three and Five. I encourage all children to practise their 'basic skills' of literacy and numeracy, each night. A few minutes reading along with adding and subtracting for Year Three and times tables revision for Year Five will give your child a little extra confidence when completing the assessments.

Support classes are now half way through their swimming lessons and I'm hearing the children are thoroughly enjoying themselves as they learn skills that will last them forever. Living so close to the ocean, it is important all children are able to swim so we are thrilled to offer swimming lessons to our Special Education children now and hopefully, our Year Two students later in the year.

I was immensely proud of our school leaders as they represented our school at the official ANZAC service at Ettalong Diggers Club on ANZAC Day, in place of the Woy Woy ANZAC march. Our whole school held its own service last Thursday with Flight Officer Prince (Air Force) and Sergeant Edwards (Army) attending as guest speakers. The students listened enthusiastically and asked very interesting, sensible questions. We are very fortunate in having excellent community connections with returned service people, through Mr Wagg, our General Assistant, who is also a veteran.

Our Cross Country carnival was held under beautiful blue skies last Friday and it was so nice to see our parents being able to attend again as it seems like ages since we could allow this. Thank you to everyone who either had a voluntary job at the carnival or who just came to the oval to cheer on the children. No doubt there were some sore legs last weekend but the children tried so hard and I am very, very proud of them. Competitors finishing in the top six placings will now progress to the zone carnival and those finishing from seventh to tenth will be placed on a reserve list.

Year Six students interested in applying for the Year Seven 2022 Targeted Program are encouraged to attend the information evening which is being held on Monday 3 May at 5pm in the gym at BWSC Umina.

We wish Mrs Robertson all the very best as she takes up the position of Relieving Assistant Principal at Gosford Public School next Monday, for the remainder of this year. We will miss her greatly but we wish her well.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

There's no excuse for abuse.

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
5H	Lu W	6H	Phoebe J
5T	Jackson G	6D	Izabelle M
5J	Trinity T	6R	Finn Mares
KS	Kharter M	1F	Izaiah H
KZ	Audrey C	1H	Lily-Mae P
KL	Dominic C	1P	Leo C
KT	Sebastian H	1/2A	Kayla P
2C	Ivy A	2S	Cadence G
2L	Kayden CS		

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Joel S 2L



GENERAL INFORMATION

Stewart House fundraising envelopes go home today. They ask for a \$2 donation, which helps to support the ongoing and invaluable service provided to children across NSW and the ACT. Stewart House provides an educational program for children, helping to build their self-esteem and personal development. By participating in this donation drive, you have the chance to win a \$4000 holiday/gift voucher. Entries/donations must be in by Friday 21st May.

P & C NEWS

2ND HAND UNIFORM STALL!

Don't forget we have our 2nd hand uniform stall from 2:30 to 3:30pm this Thursday outside the canteen. Please note this is CASH ONLY. Donations of branded EPS uniforms are still gratefully being accepted at the school office.

We will be holding our Mother's Day stall on Thursday 6th May where the children will get the opportunity to purchase a gift pack for the special lady or Mum in their life. This year we will have \$5 and \$10 'gift packs' available, so they can purchase something really special.

Don't forget to order your child's Birthday Bucket through MSC, and please continue to support our fundraising efforts as it makes a huge difference.

CANTEEN NEWS

HELP is needed!

If you have any free time that you can give to the canteen, anything will be appreciated mainly Fridays, please call the school office and they can take your name and number and pass onto the canteen.

We are going to be taking Messy Monkey off our menu as they are not a locally made product.

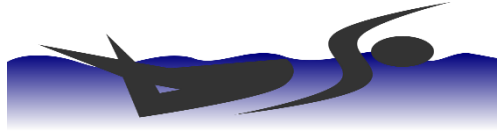
Just a reminder that our online ordering closes every morning at 9:15am. Cancellations can be made prior to this time as well. If your child is sent home from school for any reason please remember to collect their recess or lunch before leaving as these products will just be thrown out.

Price rise \$ Frozen Yoghurt \$2.50 Ice Cream Cups \$1.20



SUPPORT NEWS

K6P have commenced their swimming lessons this week. Students are developing their confidence and skills in the water each day. Thank you to Ettalong Diggers Club who is kindly providing the mini bus and driver each day.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

ES1 have had a great start to term 2. It was wonderful to see how the children settled right back into their class and our school routines so well. The children loved learning about ANZAC Day and making poppies to wear and to plant in the garden. They listened to and watched the story *ANZAC Ted*, written and illustrated by Belinda Landsberry and enjoyed designing a uniform and hat for Ted! They look fantastic!



STAGE ONE NEWS

Last week Stage 1 acknowledged the sacrifice and service by commemorating ANZAC day. Students engaged in learning about the history of the ANZACs, the meaning behind important symbols and created poppies and artworks to represent their understandings.



STAGE TWO NEWS

4B has been working hard in mathematics to start the term. Today they looked at volume and capacity. They even worked out how many litres were in a school tote tray. The answer was 11.5 Litres!



STAGE THREE NEWS

Stage 3 displayed great sportsmanship while competing and cheering on their peers at the cross country carnival.



LEST WE FORGET

