Message from the Principal

It’s great to be back in such a vibrant school. I would like to thank Mrs Rees for leading the school in such a professional and efficient manner during my extended absence. I am so excited to be back at Pretty Beach PS every Monday and Tuesday for the rest of this term. I am looking forward to renewing friendships with parents, staff and community as well as becoming better acquainted with the many new families, who have embraced Pretty Beach Public School’s ethos of achieving personal excellence, become a lifelong learner and a responsible citizen.

It’s remarkable to see how well the staff members have tirelessly worked collaboratively in providing an up to date, inspirational, inclusive learning environment for all students. Thank you to everyone for all your efforts and for the many warm well wishes.

Thanks everyone!
Deborah Callender
Principal

Art Show

Pretty Beach Public School proudly presents our biennial ART SHOW on Friday 24 October 2014 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Students and teachers have been very busy creating some AMAZING art works for purchase during the show. The P & C will be providing a yummy sausage sizzle during the afternoon and there will be various pieces of art/photography donated by local artists/photographers to be raffled off during the show.

The silent auction features some handmade platters, created by Year 5/6 along with Fiona Brodie and Karin Krebs. These gorgeous platters would make a lovely centre piece at home. Raffle ticket booklets will be sent home to each family for selling and will need to be returned to the school by Friday 24 October. All funds raised will go to Pretty Beach Public School. The students are so excited to show you how very talented they are and we look forward to sharing this exciting showcase with you.

Updated Details

Thank you to all parents who have confirmed their updated contact details. It is important that we have up to date details and we are requesting all parents to please ensure that you have provided the school with up-to-date home and after hours contact details, including mobile phone numbers, emergency contact numbers and email addresses.

Details can be forwarded to the school by letter or by email to prettybch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Parents’ Guide to the NSW Syllabuses

Parents are able to access information on the new NSW syllabuses incorporating the Australian Curriculum. The guide outlines what their child will learn and provides links to useful resources and websites. Parents can access the guide online here. Please contact the school if you require a paper copy.

Class Organisation for 2015

We will be starting our planning for 2015 classes very soon. To assist us in this process could parents/carers please notify the school office if your child/ren WILL NOT be returning to our school in 2015 (except if you are Year 6 going to high school).

If you are planning an extended holiday and your child will return to PBPS in 2015 but not in the first two weeks, we will also need this information in writing. This helps the school let the Department know the exact number of students who will be with us in 2015 so that we can make the correct number of classes (we can’t count students in our numbers who are on holidays without written notice from parents indicating their return).

Although we discuss many options and develop many plans, class organisation cannot be finalised until we know the exact enrolment at beginning of the 2015 school year. Later this term we will be starting to look at class placement. The school structure and the formation of classes are constrained by the Department of Education and Communities staffing formula. A school structure that best meets the needs of students and teachers is designed by staff. Students are allocated to classes by the school executive, in consultation with the class teachers, learning assistance and support teachers, the school counsellor and the principal. If you have additional information that will add
to our planning process please send a written letter to the principal outlining details of your request. Though no guarantees can be given, the additional information will add to the overall picture to help in our decision making.

Selective High School 2016 Applications
Year 5 2014 parents are advised that applications for entry into a selective high school in 2016 are now open.

Parents can access a copy of the application information booklet from the school office or at the DEC High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Applications are to be made electronically and any parent without internet access should contact the school to discuss alternate arrangements.
It is very important to note that late applications will not be accepted so parents are advised to ensure their applications are completed prior to the 17 November 2014 closing date.
All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2016 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and one virtual selective high school offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW. Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Parents can apply for up to three selective high schools. Placement in the virtual selective high school is restricted to students intending to enrol in a government high school in a country area far from a city.
A map showing where the selective high schools are available on the Unit’s website and a complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Parents can contact the High Performing Students Unit on ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have queries not covered in the application information booklet.

K-6 Assemblies
Parents and community members are very welcome to attend our K-6 Assemblies which are held every second Friday at 2:15pm. Our next assembly is tomorrow hosted by 5/6W. Our host classes for assemblies in Term 4 are:
- KS – Week 4
- K/1 – Week 6
- 1/2HD – Week 8

Once again welcome back for Term 4. Have a great week everyone.

Kind regards

Jane Rees
Relieving Principal

2014 ICAS Results

Congratulations to all our participants in the 2014 ICAS Competitions.

SCIENCE
Participation: Ella N-S, Owen B, CJ W, Meg O, Eli W
Credit: Neilla B, Amelie H, Kayleigh H, Daniel T
Merit: Leo M, Lilly H
Distinction: Oliver M
High Distinction: Jacob R

COMPUTER SKILLS
Participation: Amelia D-P, Lilly H, Daniel T, Brianna A, Owen B
Credit: Grace M, Ella N-S, Caleb A, Peter C

WRITING
Participation: Lilly H, Owen B
Credit: Emma K, Meg O
Distinction: Amelia D-P

SPELLING
Participation: Lilly H, Jhon H, Flynn K, Meg O
Credit: Amelia D-P, Grace M, Owen B
Distinction: Oliver M

MATHS
Credit: Neilla B, Kayleigh H, Daniel T, Leo M, Gabe S, Mia B
Merit: Amelie H, Archie K, Owen B, Flynn K, Peter C
Distinction: Jacob R
High Distinction: Oliver M

ENGLISH
Participation: Leo M, Oliver M, Ella N-S, Oscar T, Jhon H, Gabe S, CJ W, Meg O, Eli W
Credit: Neilla B, Amelie H, Ava T, Jacob R, Daniel T
Merit: Kayleigh H, Lilly H

Well done everyone.

Mrs Hoyle
ICAS Coordinator

Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp

Congratulations for Peter C and Jarrah Mc who both finished in the top 100 in the State. Great job!
### Diary Dates

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### Merit Awards

| KS:         | Bonnie, Maya, Gnanita, Joe                         |
| 1/2H:       | Macyn, Sari, Molly, Alex                           |
| 2/3B:       | Kai, Leo, Oscar, Bailey                            |
| 3/4P:       | Jayden, Lachlan, Ringo, CJ                         |
| 5/6W:       | Jake, Annalise, Willow, Arabella                  |

**Congratulations to our Wave Award Recipients**

We are very proud of your achievement!

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### Bouddi says ...

#### Excellence, Respect and Responsibility

by **Everyone, Everywhere, Every time**

This fortnight we have learning about how to demonstrate Respect, Responsibility and Excellence when moving around our school.

### Health and Safety - is everyone’s responsibility

**Your Child’s Medical Needs**

Information about allergies, asthma, diabetes and medical procedures in the last 12 months helps us support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please provide relevant information to the school. Please note: Information you provide will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

#### Tricks for encouraging kids to read

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they’ve enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at [http://bit.ly/HLPmB9](http://bit.ly/HLPmB9)

#### How much water does your child really need?

Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child’s school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar.

Leaving your child at home alone

At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child's safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear ‘home alone’ rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9

Canteen News

Thank you to our volunteers for this term as listed below. If you can help on any of the Thursdays we still require a volunteer please phone the office on 4360 1012.
A reminder volunteers are only needed from 10:30am to approximately 12:00 noon. Volunteers can be a parent, relative, friend or neighbour. Please remember children are not allowed in the canteen so we are unable to accommodate siblings.

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Student Banking @ School

Clam of Fortune Promotion

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Just make a deposit of any amount through School Banking between 20th October - 30th November 2014 and each student will automatically receive one entry into the competition. The more they save the more chances they have to win a prize (up to a maximum of 6 entries).

- 40 GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 Slip N’ Slide Double Wave Riders

For more information, or to view the full competition terms and conditions, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Rewards Update

The penguin key ring and the whale shark pencil case are no longer available to be ordered. However there are 2 new reward items available:

Projector Cup and Sea Streamers

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It’s NOT ok to stay away

The thought of an argument with children to get them to school is too great to bear for some parents. Too many students miss school through parent-condoned absences. Every day a student is away they are missing a learning experience.
If a child misses school for around 1 day a week, by the end of the year they will have missed almost 1 whole term of school.
Over their primary school years they would miss almost 3 years of school.

What is a Justified Absence from school?

- For an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (best made for after school or in school holidays)
- To attend a recognised religious holiday
- To attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (eg a funeral)
- While sick or with an infectious disease

If you require support to get your child to attend school or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.
We can all work together to make a difference to your students future!

Be on Time, Be at School, That’s the Rule!
UNITE IN PINK

Central Coast Mariners – Pink Ribbon Game

On Saturday 18th October the Central Coast Mariners will host for the 3rd year a Pink Ribbon Round

This event raises over $20,000 annually for Cancer Council NSW Pink Ribbon Day

We would like to celebrate our “Pink” survivors and Carers and invite you to join us for a lap of honor at half time

If you are a survivor of women’s cancer or a Carer, please join us at Bluetongue Stadium at 4:30pm 18th October 2014. You will receive a free ticket to the game, a pink t-shirt to wear on the lap of honor and be part of something special on the Coast.

Spaces are limited to 50 people – please register your interest by emailing Kim Leecroft on kim@nswcc.org.au or call 49 23 0719

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

3:30pm
Friday 31st October

FREE AFTERSCHOOL EVENT

TRICK OR TREAT

FACE PAINTING

SPooky GAMES

Fancy DRESS

Hardys

14 Heath Rd, Hardy’s Bay 02 43661079
www.hardybayclub.com.au

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

• A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer

• A $155 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (carran or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist: Have you:

• Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office, or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?

• Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

• ONLINE – It takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.

• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE: Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL: ferc@trade.nsw.gov.au