**Message from the Principal**

**Welcome Back to Term 3!**

It is wonderful to see our students return so happy and eager for their learning. There is much to look forward to this term with NAIDOC Week, Education Week, Book Week, Premier’s Reading Challenge, Spelling Bee, Public Speaking Competitions, Kindergarten and Year 1 Swim School and Debating Competitions - just to name a few!

I would like to thank all the teachers for their dedication in planning during the holiday break. Their continued amazing commitment to ensure our students can participate in these wonderful events and enjoy the many opportunities they may not otherwise have had, is much appreciated. It certainly looks like we will all enjoy another term of excellence, respect and responsibility at PBPS.

**AECG Partnership**

Schools of the NSW Department of Education and Communities work in partnership with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group to promote and deliver excellence in Aboriginal Education.

Last term our local AECG held a special event to celebrate the signing of a partnership agreement with local schools at Kincumber High School. It was well attended and a was a great night with the ten public schools in the Tjudibaring AECG signing agreements on behalf of their school communities, committing to raising the bar and closing the educational gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Pictured below are Mrs Karen Harding and Ms Alicia May from our local AECG with the signed partnership agreements.

**Local Schools, Local Decisions**

In 2012 the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and their school communities a greater say over how they allocate and use their available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

The Local Schools, Local Decisions reform will give principals, in consultation with their school communities, increased local decision making to better meet the needs of students. Schools will employ a range of community consultation strategies. A school’s local consultative arrangements will not replace the authority and accountability of the principal.

**What does consultative decision making mean?**

Consultative decision making means that groups in a school community have the opportunity to receive information, engage in discussion, put forward ideas, and have their views considered in making a final decision. This does not mean that a majority vote of any or all identified groups in the school community is required. The principal, after consideration of the views of the school community including students, staff, parents and the wider community, will make the decision to best meet the needs of the students in the school.

Prior to, and in making the final decision the principal will consider the views, ideas and suggestions from all appropriate groups in the school’s community. The decision will be made to best meet the needs of the students at the school. Final decisions will reflect the capacity to improve student learning outcomes and be clearly linked to the school plan.

**Surveys and School Planning**

We are in the last year of our current school improvement plan and over the next two terms we will be evaluating our progress against the targets we set for 2012-2014. Concurrently, we are taking steps to develop our next three year school improvement plan. It is really important that we get parent and community input about our past performance as well as what we can improve on in the future. Whilst there will be numerous surveys and forums over the coming weeks and months, it is important that all families have input so that the views are representative of our community. Information will be collected from students,
staff, parents and the community in order to provide the future directions of our school.

Parents are requested to complete the attached survey online. (If you are having trouble with the link, the address is http://bit.ly/SDPBPSS2014). The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Paper copies are available by request at the office. The survey closes on Friday 25 July 2014 and results will be discussed at future forums.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further details. Thank you in advance for your valuable input.

Kindergarten 2015

Do you have a child starting school at Pretty Beach Public School next year? If so, please call in at the front office to collect an enrolment package. The Ripples Transition Program will commence this term with our Year 5 students visiting Pretty Beach Community Preschool to begin the transition familiarisation for those students entering Kindergarten in 2015.

If you know of neighbours, friends or families who are intending to enrol their child in Kindergarten at our school next year, please ask them to contact the school on 4360 1012.

Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Student Led Conferences at the end of last term. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive – from parents, teachers and particularly the students. As such we aim to offer this student centred opportunity in the future.

As previously advised, parents are able to have a parent-teacher appointment at any time throughout the year. Please telephone the office on 4360 1012 if you require an appointment to speak with the class teacher, or myself, about a particular concern. It is helpful for the teachers if you can advise the exact nature of your concern, whether it be social, academic or behavioural, in order that it can be addressed promptly.

Kincumba Shines Performance Rehearsal

Today I had the pleasure of accompanying our beautiful choir to Kincumber P/S for their combined rehearsal with Avoca Beach, Copacabana and Kincumber Public Schools. The practice was for their upcoming performance at Kincumber High School as part of Kincumba Shines during education week. It was such a privilege to get a ‘sneak peak’ of their performance and they made me very proud not only with their performance but also their excellent manners. They were all wonderful ambassadors of our school.

Kincumba Shines Performance – Ticket Booking

Parents and carers wishing to purchase tickets for the Kincumba Shines Performance Evening on Wednesday 30 July 2014 are requested to book online. Tickets will be available from Tuesday 15 July 2014 through the following links: http://www.trybooking.com/FGXQ OR http://www.trybooking.com/92550

Please contact the school if you do not have online access for booking tickets. Tickets are limited to 2 per performer.

Education Week

Education Week is being held in Week 3 and we will have an Open Day on Monday 28 July 2014. Please see the separate invitation with details of events during Education Week. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of public education with our community.

Public Education Awards

The Gosford Office of the Department of Education and Communities, in partnership with the Central Coast Council of Parents and Citizens’ Associations, the Central Coast Regional Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, the Central Coast Secondary Principals’ Council and the Central Coast Primary Principals’ Association, will be presenting the Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation on Tuesday 12 August 2014.

Nominations can be made for members of the school community who are deemed to be worthy of recognition for service to the school community. Please contact our office if you would like to submit a nomination of a teacher, student, parent, or community member for consideration.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be held during Education Week. Today the students will bring home a flyer with some of the books that will be available, together with a ‘wish list’ for books they may like to purchase at the fair. Parents, grandparents and visitors are welcome to visit the fair during Education Week to view the books that are on offer. The students should bring their ‘wish list’ to the fair where they can add to the list.

We hope you will support the Book Fair, as a percentage of the purchases go towards us buying more books for our library. We are also encouraging all Year 6 students to buy a book from the fair to donate to the school library. We hope that this request is seen as a valuable and worthwhile endeavour to further the great learning opportunities of our school as well as provide a memento of the time the Year 6 students have spent at Pretty Beach Public School. Special commemorative labels will be available for the books donated by our Year 6 students, so that students in future years can recognise their generous donation made by Year 6.

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair.
Staffing Update
There are a number of staffing changes this term:

- Mr Gilks is the class teacher for 2/3B for the remainder of the year whilst Mrs Bridgman is on maternity leave.
- Mr Podmore continues his part time leave, with Mrs Coombes teaching 3/4P on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the end of Week 6.
- Mrs Harding commences leave on 10th September until the end of Week 3 in Term 4. During this time, Miss Tiffany Elliot will be the class teacher for K/1H.
- Mrs Dalton will continue as the class teacher on Fridays for KS.
- Mrs Simpson will be on leave during Weeks 8-10 this term. The class teacher for KS during this time will be Mrs Coombes (Mon, Tue, Wed) and Mrs Dalton (Thu, Fri).

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Update
This term sees the commencement of our teaching program for PBL. During the term we will be focusing on the three core values: excellence, respect and responsibility and what they look like across all settings in our school. Students will be engaged in explicit teaching and learning activities to learn what these values are, why they are important and how they are demonstrated across our school.

New Look Website
The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) has released a Circular requiring all Government agencies to review their existing website portfolio to ensure that all websites, including school websites, conform to accessibility standards.

In order to meet accessibility standards, we will be updating our website and moving to the DEC’s School Website Service. This service has been designed with extensive user experience research in mind to meet the needs of school communities and will feature content of high relevance to parents and school communities.

Parents are invited to email me at prettybch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with any suggestions of content they would like considered on the website in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details.

P & C Donation
During the holidays we took delivery of our new electric piano. This wonderful addition to our musical instruments was made possible through the very generous donation of the P and C. A special thank you goes to Mrs Narelle Jones, a former teacher here, who was able to broker the purchase as well as personally deliver and set up the piano during the holidays.

We hope to have students play the national anthem on the piano at our assemblies. Please contact me via the office if your child would be willing to be part of this wonderful opportunity.

Student Parliament
Pictured below are our Prime Ministers and School Captains, Maya and Arabella.

Our Prime Ministers support all ministers to fulfil their roles, coordinate fortnightly and special assemblies, assist classes to organise the assemblies, announce Merit and Wave Awards at assemblies, display the flag at assemblies, make special speeches, write thank you notes for services rendered to our school and represent our school on special occasions.

P&C Information Evening
All in our community are invited to the P&C Information Evening being held at our school next Wednesday 23 July at 7:00pm. This evening is being hosted by the Central Coast P&C President Sharryn Brownlee and will be attended by other P&C and community members from across the Kincumba Learning Community. It is a great informal way for parents and carers to learn more about the role of the P&C and share ideas with our P&Cs across the learning community. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter for further details. I look forward to seeing you there.

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 host classes for assemblies in Term 3 are:
- KS – Week 2
- K/1H – Week 4
- 1/2HD – Week 6
- 2/3B – Week 8
- 3/4P – Week 10

Congratulations Mrs Bridgman
We were very pleased to hear the wonderful news of the safe arrival of Mrs Bridgman’s baby girl, Sophia Hope, last Friday. Mrs Bridgman and her husband are ‘over the moon’ with their new daughter, and all are doing well. I know that all in our community wish Mrs Bridgman, her husband and baby Sophia the very best.

Thank you for a fantastic start to the term. Have a great week everyone.

Kind regards
Jane Rees
Relieving Principal
1/2HD History Boxes
Throughout Term 2 class 1/2HD had been learning about Families: Past and Present. We learnt about life in families now, compared to our parents’ and grandparents’ lives and discovered how some aspects of daily life have changed over time while others have remained the same. We also examined family traditions, leisure time and different communications that families have enjoyed over the passing of time. As part of this unit the children created their own ‘history box’ during class time. The children of 1/2HD were asked to bring in items such as photos and/or memorabilia to help them identify important milestones in their life so they could place them along a personal timeline. This project took slightly longer than anticipated due to the interest that each child took in learning about specific events that had occurred in their short but eventful lives. They even had the opportunity to project what their lives may look like at the age of 20 and 50. Needless to say, we have some very positive and ambitious future adults from this class!

It was an incredibly worthwhile and engaging project and the value each child had to share their personal ‘history’ to their peers was rewarding for all. 1/2HD should be congratulated on the courtesy and respect shown by each student as they listened to each presentation. Thank you also to the parents and carers of 1/2HD who were generous in loaning the many precious items for their child’s unique history box.

Well done 1/2HD!

Mrs Hoyle and Mrs Dalton

NAIDOC Week Celebrations
What a fabulous day our school had on Thursday 17th July 2014 celebrating NAIDOC Week. Everyone looked so amazing in their red, black and yellow outfits. We were lucky enough to receive a visit from Aunty Robyn, Aunty Lee and Aunty Anita who entertained us with stories of their childhood and a tale about Tiddalik the frog. Mrs Rees and Aunty Robyn had a very hard job judging the colouring in competition with so many creative entries! It was an incredibly worthwhile and engaging project and the value each child had to share their personal ‘history’ to their peers was rewarding for all. 1/2HD should be congratulated on the courtesy and respect shown by each student as they listened to each presentation. Thank you also to the parents and carers of 1/2HD who were generous in loaning the many precious items for their child’s unique history box.

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PBPS Public Speaking Competition 2014
Thank you to the many students who have presented their speeches in front of their class already and good luck to those that are still to do so this week. Invitations will be sent to successful speakers from each class. These students will present their speeches on Thursday 24th July in front of our experienced adjudicator Aunty Robyn. The session times are as follows:

- Stage 3 (Yrs 5 and 6): 9.10am -10.05am
- Stage 2 (Yrs 3 and 4): 10.10am -10.50am
- Stage 1 (Yrs 1 and 2): 12.00pm -12.50pm
- Early Stage One (Kindergarten): 1.00pm – 1.25pm.

Parents are welcome to attend this exciting final. What wonderful skills our students are learning from being able to speak in front of an audience with confidence. The top two finalists from each stage will proceed through to the Central Coast Public Speaking Competition and will also delight us with their speeches during Education Week. Please note that the time limits on the invitation are to be adhered to and the students MUST present the same speech in the finals as they presented to their peers in class.

Please direct any enquiries to me.

Mrs Simpson
Public Speaking Co-ordinator 2014

Winter Uniform
During Term 3, the winter uniform is worn at Pretty Beach Public School. Girls winter tunics ($45) and white, collared, long sleeved blouses ($20) are available at the office.

Report from Finance and Events Ministers
Thank you to everyone who participated in our ‘Wear Blue for Stew Day’ on Friday 27 June 2014. We raised $213.50 for our charity Stewart House. Thank you for your support.

Grace, Shardai, Momo and Maya
Finance and Events Ministers
The P&C Information evening with Sharryn Brownlee is a great opportunity to learn about the P&C roles and perhaps one of our vacant positions may be of interest to you as a way of having your say and contributing to your child's school community. We would like as many people as possible to attend. Representatives from other schools in our area will also be there and we want our school to be well represented. We are a small school and our P&C needs as many helping hands as possible. Hope you can make it!

Fidel Dela Paz, P&C Vice President

Social skills that promote friendship

Children who are good listeners and keep their promises are patient. They may sometimes ask if the other child is ready to play and will not immediately start playing. They may interrupt to invite another child to join the game and will not tell them what to do. They will share toys and will not insist on having a turn. They will use their words when they feel upset, will not hit or kick, and will tell others to do the same. They will not say mean things to each other and will listen to what the other child is saying. They will also not make fun of others, and will wait for their turn. They will not push, pull, or hit each other, and will not cut in line. They will not use dirty words, and will be polite when talking to others.

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