Message from the Principal

Welcome to our recently enrolled students - Oliver and Nathaniel. We trust that you and your families will enjoy the many years ahead at Pretty Beach PS

An amazing two weeks

I would like to thank the many teachers, staff and parents who have worked so hard to provide wonderful activities for our students (and parents) over the last two weeks. The community at Pretty Beach strive for excellence, respect and responsibility to facilitate the development of our students in sporting, academic, cultural and environmental education pursuits.

Thank you to:
- Mr Podmore for the fabulous organisation and Mr Gilks for the management of our highly successful Swimming Carnival.
- Mrs Gordon and Mrs Ireland for their continued work on the Dance program.
- Mrs Simpson for the Kindergarten ‘P Day’ activities and parade. – delicious pikelets and popcorn!
- Mrs Gordon for the promotion and organisation of the Premier’s Reading Challenge – we are aiming for 100% participation at Pretty Beach Public School this year.
- Mrs Krudzins for the organisation of our School Clean Up Day.
- Mrs Bridgman for working with our debaters and organising the Debating Training Day.
- Mr Gilks for organising Transition and up coming sports days’ at Kincumber High School and the National Young Leaders Day.
- Mrs Jones for organising the percussion ensemble.
- The P&C for organising a scrumptious afternoon tea for a “Welcome to Pretty Beach PS” picnic.
- All the teachers for organising comprehensive Parent/Teacher information sessions.
- Mrs Ireland and Ms McKinney for organising the fortnightly assembly items.
- Miss Simpson who volunteered to help at our swimming carnival.

The successful implementation of these activities is due to the commitment and enthusiasm of the staff as a whole and I would like to also thank Mrs Hyde, Mrs White, Mrs Tochowicz and Rowan for their behind the scenes support of the teachers in various school programs. Thank you.

Welcome to Mrs Raftery

I would like to officially welcome Mrs Rosslyn Raftery – our new Assistant Principal, to our school. Mrs Raftery will commence her teaching duties with class 1/2R on Monday 9 March. Mrs Raftery is a highly skilled educator and we are fortunate to have her as part of the dynamic teaching team.

I would like to thank Mrs Dalton and Mrs Krudzins for their dedication and excellent application while teaching 1/2R for the first 6 weeks of the year.

A special thanks to Mrs Simpson who has been the relieving Assistant Principal for over 2 years. Mrs Simpson has taken on many extra roles and responsibilities to ensure that our students are provided with excellent opportunities during their educational journey at Pretty Beach PS. We are blessed to have such an organised and highly skilled teacher for our Kindergarten class.

Deborah Callender – Principal

A message from the Assistant Principal

My name is Rosslyn Raftery, and I am the newly appointed Assistant Principal at Pretty Beach PS. I am very excited to have been given the opportunity to teach at this school and I have already met quite a few parents and students. Thanks everyone for the warm welcome.

Over the past years, I have been an Assistant Principal and Principal. I have taught at a number of schools both large and small, but have always enjoyed the wonderful warm, friendly atmosphere of smaller schools. A large portion of my teaching years have involved teaching Literacy in the early years. Teaching children to read and then to become independent readers has always been a focus for me and an area that gives me great joy. I am looking forward to getting to know each student in my class and working with them to achieve Stage 1 outcomes. I am also looking forward to meeting all the parents and forming partnerships with them to ensure that all children reach their full potential.

I am excited about starting my role as the lucky teacher of 1/2 R and as Assistant Principal. If you would like to meet me to discuss your child’s performance or any other problems that he/she is facing in class, please phone the school to make an appointment.

Rosslyn Raftery- Assistant Principal
## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards at our last assembly.

**Term 1 Week 4 Merit Awards**

- **Kinder**  Audrey, Moby, Penelope
- 1/2DK  Benjamin, Alastair, Martin, Ruby
- 1/2G  Angelique, Kit, Charlotte
- Yr 3  Daniel A, Daniel F, Amelie, Soleil
- Yr 4  Lilly, Oliver, Jacob
- Yr 5/6  Rafferty, Bella

## P&C Welcome Afternoon Tea

![P & C Welcome Afternoon Tea](image)

## Kinder ‘P’ Dress up Day

On Thursday 26 February our new Kindergarten students dressed up as characters, people and things that start with the letter “Pp”. We had some very serious ‘policemen’ patrolling the playground, perhaps chasing some sneaky ‘pirates’ down. The ‘princesses’ gathered and had a lovely picnic with some ‘pineapples’. The girls attended to the poor ‘patient’ who had a very sore arm. Mrs Simpson even got to wear her favourite colour for the day which is PINK of course. The students discussed different characters and ‘real’ and ‘imaginary’ events in different story books. Thanks parents for your support of our dress up day. The ‘PRINCIPAL’ aka Mrs Callender tried out our yummy ‘pikelets’ and ‘popcorn’ and awarded the whole class a principal’s award. A very popular day indeed.

Mrs Simpson, Kinder teacher.

## Diary Dates

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## Annual Swimming Carnival

The 2015 Pretty Beach Swimming Carnival was held at Peninsula Leisure Centre on 24 February 2015 and what a great turnout it was! I was extremely proud of all the students who were there on the day, whether they were participating in events or displaying sportsmanship by cheering their Kookaburra or Pelican housemates on. Congratulations to all students who are representing Pretty Beach at the SCC Zone Swimming Carnival next Tuesday 10 March at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy.

Swimming Carnival Coordinator
Chris Gilks

## Absences- Family holidays/travel

Due to changes in the Department's Policy, Exemptions from School Attendance for family holidays and travel within the school term is no longer available. Students will be marked as absent on leave. Written notification, to the Principal, of the absence is still required.
News from Year 3
Over the past few weeks Year 3 has been busy growing sprouts “Yum, our favourite”. As part of our science unit we have experimented with a variety of ways of growing plants to determine in which environment these sprouts will be best suited. So far we have looked at why we grow food, what plants need to survive and how our actions effect the environment and survival of living things. We have recorded our results and begun to conclude which environment is most suitable. Our results showed that those left in the dark were discoloured and often growing mould whilst those in the sun were healthy, green and growing rapidly. Sea salt was beneficial, whilst mulch without water left the seeds to turn furry. We will now be graphing our results to let you all know how you should grow sprouts in the most flourishing environment.

Year 7 - 2016 IT Selective Class
Year 7 2016 IT Selective Class applications are once again open for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong High School’s 2016 Year 7 Selective Information Technology class. We encourage all interested students and their parents/caregivers to attend our Information Evening on 10 March 2015 with school tours running from 5.30pm and the presentation to commence at 6pm. Application forms are now available at the Pretty Beach school office.

Mobile Muster
Mobile Muster is a non-profit government accredited mobile phone recycling program. We are encouraging parents and teachers to send in their old mobile phones and chargers (and batteries) to school to put in the Mobile Muster collection box. Thousands of mobile phones end up in land fill each year and this is an opportunity for Pretty Beach PS families to recycle and help the environment. All phones are recycled in a safe, secure and ethical way. The collection box is located in the school office. There is also a poster explaining how the recycling occurs and brochures if you wish.
Thankyou Lee Simpson

Household Chemical Clean Out
Make your home safer using this free service. Gosford City Council residents can drop off any unwanted chemicals on Saturday 7 March 9:00am-3.30pm at Gosford Showground car park, Showground Rd, Gosford. For more information visit www.cleanout.com.au or call the Clean Out Info hotline on 131 555.

Schools Clean Up Australia Day
On Friday 27th February, students participated in the annual ‘Schools Clean Up Australia Day’. Armed with gloves, tongs and collection bags, classes were allocated particular areas of the school to clean up. The very small amount of rubbish found just served to highlight that students at Pretty Beach take great pride in their school and show respect and take responsibility for their own environment. Thank you to all the students and staff. Well done on a fabulous team effort! Let’s keep it up!

Rasma Kradzins

PBL News
Last year we communicated to parents our new look reward system that aligns with our PBL teaching and learning. This term we have introduced “BOUDDI” playground tickets and “BOUDDI” classroom tickets. The teachers will give out two playground tickets per day to students displaying excellence, respect and/or responsibility. The tickets are handed out in front of the rest of the school after breaks so student can see who is getting the tickets and most importantly why they are receiving them. Each class teacher will hand out three Bouddi classroom tickets daily in their classroom. The students each have a card in class, which is stamped each time the child receives a ticket. The students have a “MENU OF REWARDS”, where they can decide to trade their tickets at different points in time depending on which “REWARD” they would like. The students actually came up with the reward ideas, so they are appealing to the students. The menu is in its draft phase and we will present it at the next P & C meeting on Monday 9 March for comment by our parents. We are very excited about this new system and so are the students. We will be reviewing how the reward system is going each term to ensure all students are involved and their feedback is taken and considered by staff.
We will be adding the menu to the newsletter when it is finalised and our P & C have been given an opportunity to reflect upon it. If you would like to see it and / or discuss it please come along next Monday evening, 9 March, in the Library at 7:00pm.
Watch this space for more information throughout the term.

Mrs Lee Simpson
Canteen News

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on the days listed below. *(This is also on the webpage calendar).* A reminder you are only required from 10:30 am to approximately 11:45 am.

Note: Canteen volunteers must sign in at the office before entering the canteen and the required working with children check needs to be completed prior to volunteering.

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P & C News

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday 9 March at 7pm in the library, followed 2 weeks later by the Annual General Meeting on Monday 23 March (7pm in library). We look forward to seeing you there.

P & C News

The P&C would like to wish all our students & their families a terrific school year ahead & offer an especially warm welcome to any new families that may have joined us. We would like to take this opportunity to share some information on what the P&C is all about and some of our current activities.

What is a P&C Association?

A Parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C) is a group of community minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school in providing:

- feedback on school policies and activities
- additional resources to be used to enhance student learning
- parents with opportunities to be involved in their child’s education.

Functions of the P&C Association

- To foster community interest in educational matters.
- To encourage closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students of the school.
- To provide advice and recommendations to the principal of the school on issues and concerns in respect to students and the general operation and management of the school.
- To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school.

Due to the efforts of our wonderful P&C in 2014 we were able to purchase 30 iPads for our school & a large number of books for the school library as well as other things.

P & C News

We would like to encourage you to come along to our next meeting to see our P&C in action. You may be interested in becoming a member in the near future.

We meet at 7pm at the school one evening per month & all are welcome to attend whenever possible.

Pretty Beach Seaside Markets

A major fundraising event for our P&C is the Pretty Beach Seaside Community Market, a fun event held quarterly on school grounds. The next market will be on **Sunday 29 March** 9am to 2pm. We rely heavily on parent volunteers to make the markets a success. So here is how you can get involved:

1) About two weeks prior we will distribute flyers to as many local cafes, shops and notice boards as possible. Put your hand up to take some along to your local hang-out or sports club or even your work place.

2) On the day, we run a P&C Food and Chill-out Zone. We usually roster parents on for two hours at a time to man this stall and to bring along food or produce to sell. Some of the money raised at this stall allows for the markets to be advertised and for entertainment to be funded, in turn growing the event.

3) The easiest way of supporting our activities is by being present on the day and spending your money at the stalls. Lots of crowds and lots of sales make for a great day and happy stall holders that are willing to return.

If you’d like to put your hand up for any kind of support, please contact Una (Malene’s mum) on 0412 146 673 or at una.davis@iinet.net.au now!

Your P+C Team

**National Ride2School Day 2015**

Active travel is a great way for students of all ages to meet their recommended daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity every day. The purpose of National Ride2School Day is to show school communities that riding, walking, scooting and skating to school is an easy and fun activity. It is a chance to celebrate active travel on a large scale and prove it can be done!
Book Reviews

Have you seen these recent additions to our school Library?
(Some books for our older readers)

The Last Thirteen By James Phelan
13 nightmares will change the world.
7 billion lives are in danger.
1 enemy will stop at nothing.
Sam wakes up from a nightmare to discover the terrifying reality – it will come true. Kidnapped from school, he’s on the run from danger at every turn. With his life and identity shattered, Sam’s salvation is tied up in an ancient prophecy. He is in a final battle to save the world, up against an enemy plotting to destroy us all. He alone can find the last 13.
…we also have books 5 to 12 in this series you can borrow.

Geek Girl by Holly Smale
Harriet Manners knows a lot of things. She knows that a cat has 32 muscles in each ear, a ‘jiffy’ lasts 1/100th of a second, and the average person laughs 15 times per day. What she isn’t quite so sure about is why nobody at school seems to like her very much. So when she’s spotted by a top model agent, Harriet grabs the chance to reinvent herself…

You’ll need to read it to find out what happens to Harriet.

Keep a look out in our next newsletter for some more reviews

Health and Safety is everyone’s responsibility.

After School Activities Supervision
If your child attends drama or music or any out of school hours activities on our site please be aware that there is no direct supervision of students by our teachers. To ensure your child’s safety please organise supervision for your child from the beginning of the activity until it finishes.