Message from the Principal

NAPLAN 2016

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016

The National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) this year will be held on Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May for all students in Years 3 and 5 in all government and non-government schools. Further information will be sent home soon to all students in Years 3 and 5.

General information:

Purpose of the tests

The NAPLAN tests are conducted over three days in May. The NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide data on the achievements of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for reporting to parents/carers and schools and for systematic reporting.

Eligibility to sit for the tests

All eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 enrolled at any school must sit for the tests unless they are exempt or withdrawn by parents/carers. Home-schooled students are eligible to sit for the tests if they are registered with the Board of Studies NSW.

Test aspects

The tests are conducted in reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy sections. The following areas of literacy are assessed:

- Language conventions – spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Writing
- Reading.

In numeracy, the content areas assessed are:

- Number
- Measurement, chance and data
- Space
- Algebra, function and pattern.

Additional information can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Term 2 Organisation

Today the school has sent home notes for 2 special paid activities commencing next term

1. Swim Scheme for students in years 2-6. This is an intensive 2 week learn to swim program which we offer to our students every 2 years. This year the program will operate during the first 2 weeks of Term 2. Please see the permission note for the total cost and further details.

2. Next Term our school has organised Sportspro to deliver a gymnastics program for all K – 6 students. As you are aware students love to participate in gymnastic activities and such a program needs to be delivered by certified trainers. This paid sport operates along the lines of the Footsteps Dance program. Please see the permission note for the total cost and further information.

At Pretty Beach PS we are mindful of the expense that can be involved in educating students. While most schools provide paid sport opportunities for their students each week, we feel that 1 or 2 terms of a paid sport is sufficient for our students.

Footsteps is a paid Dance program which operates in our school in 4th Term of each year.

Gymnastics is a paid sport which usually operates in our school for one term every second year.

All students will participate in the Footsteps and Gymnastic programs while only approximately 30 students will attend the Swim Scheme.

Please contact the school office if you require financial assistance with these programs.

Payment on Line

Did you know that you can make payments to your school online?

I am pleased to advise that POP is now user friendly on mobile devices. The online payment portal is linked to the schools website. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Click on $Make a Payment on the school website.

P&C News - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held Monday 7 April at 7pm in Library. I would like to say thank you the 2015 P&C members and the executive team and who have worked tirelessly in organising fundraising activities for the students and the school. It has been greatly appreciated.

Best wishes to our incoming P&C executive.

Deborah Callender - Principal
Term 1 Week 4

**Term 1 - Diary Dates**

| Week 6 | 4 March | Canteen is open
Assembly 3/4 at 2.15pm |
| Week 7 | 7 March | P&C AGM – 7pm in the Library
7 March | Clean Up Australia Day at our school
8 March | Zone Swimming Carnival
11 March | CANTEEN is CLOSED |
| Week 8 | 16 March | Nth Sydney Zone Swimming Carnival
18 March | Assembly 2/3 at 2015pm |

**Merit Awards**

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

**Term 1 Week 2 - Awards**

Kinder  Summer, Jarvis, Georgia
K/1  Indiana, Teddy, Audrey
Yr. 1/2  Taj, Zane, Euan, Ellie
Yr. 2/3  Jemima, Alastair, Martin
Yr. 3/4  Zorah, Alex, Macyn, Elle
Yr. 4/5  Grace, Steven, Xianna, Lola
Yr. 5/6  Owen, Jacob, Anastasia, Lucy

**Text Books 2016**

K-4 Handwriting book $13
K-6 Maths Plus $18

Payment can be made at the School office by cash or cheque or on line via the school website.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Pretty Beach Public School is participating in ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ next Monday 7 March. We are lucky to live in a beautiful environment and it is important that we respect the place we live in. Each class will be designated an area that they will clean up within the school grounds. If possible on this day please supply your child/children with a pair of gloves that would be appropriate for picking up rubbish. The school will provide garbage bags for placing the rubbish in.

Thank you.

Emma Gordon & Loren Ireland
Coordinating Teachers

**3/4 News**

It has been another really busy and productive fortnight in the 3/4 class. In maths sessions this week, we have been looking at data representations and surveys. We looked at the specific features of a survey and conducted a whole class survey on favourite puppy breeds. Once we had collected the “raw data”, we were able to produce column graphs, which make the data easier to interpret. From here, it is easy to make assumptions based on our small data set, however it is important to recognise the variables that can affect a data survey including size, age and demographic. The students had fantastic time surveying their peers on a wide variety of topics. Please feel free to come and see their results.

Andy Podmore
3/4 Teacher

**5 Lands Walk Photography Workshop**

Some of our students participated in the 5 Lands Photography workshop with a professional photographer Sally Mayman. They were taught how to set up, take and print their digital photos. The students explored our playground and surrounds looking for patterns to photograph in both nature and man-made structures. They also used colour variations and various ways to photograph their subject. At the end of the day they all chose 5 photos to print.
They will also choose their favourite photo to be displayed on the 5 Lands Day Walk in June.

Zone Soccer

Congratulations to Owen, Ringo and Oscar for being selected to represent the Southern Central Coast Zone in soccer. All 3 students trialled on Thursday 25th February in extremely hot conditions at Ettalong Oval and were selected on their ability and sportsmanship. Over 40 boys trialled and our 3 superstars were selected in the final 14 (which means PBPS makes up 21% of the zone team!)

Good luck at the next level boys!

Andy Podmore
Sports Coordinator

Kindergarten Best Start

Parent feedback letters have been sent home with all Kindergarten students today.

10 in 10

1. What is your favourite colour? Blue
2. Do you have a favourite sporting team? St George Dragons
3. How do you love spending your free time? At the Beach
4. If you had a super power for one day what would it be and what would you do? Fly...to see the world
5. What books are you currently reading? The Cranky Bear (to the students)
6. What is your favourite subject? English
7. What kind of music do you like? Classical
8. If your life was a movie, which actor would play you? Embeth Davidtz
9. What's your favourite food? Chocolate and Pasta

Net Set Go Netball Program

Pretty Beach Public School has successfully received funding through the Sporting Schools initiative, run by the Australian Sports Commission. Sporting Schools wants our next generation playing sport on a daily basis. To do this, we need to act now to get our children to build a sporting life into their daily lives like millions of other Australians who make sport a daily habit.

All students are lucky to be receiving 4 netball sessions at our school free of charge. These sessions are aimed at teaching the specific rules for netball in a fun and active way.

These sessions begin on Thursday 10th March, and students are encouraged to wear their sports uniforms on Thursdays and Fridays.

Andy Podmore
Sports Coordinator

Easter Hat Parade

It's Easter time!

Pretty Beach PS will be celebrating Easter by holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. This year’s Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 24 March 2016 at 10am. Students should design and make their Easter hats at home using materials of their choice. Students will showcase their masterpieces by wearing them
on the day and participating in the parade. Parents and the community are welcome to join us for all the Easter fun followed by a picnic lunch. There will be an Easter Raffle this year and we are requesting donations of Easter treats for our Easter Basket. The proceeds will go towards buying student resources.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter! - Kate McKinney

Canteen News

The stove has arrived and we able to open the canteen for orders once again last week. Could you please ensure your child’s class is on their order not just their year. Classes this year are K, K/1, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6. We do not need letters from the teachers name as it causes confusion and the orders may end up in the wrong basket.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help. The roster for the rest of the term is as below.

A reminder due to our office staff having to attend training on 11 March I will have to work in the school office so the canteen cannot open.

Jan Tochowicz
Canteen Manager

Roster Term 1

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P & C News

P&C AGM – Monday 7 March

At our upcoming AGM we will elect a new executive committee. After the AGM, we will hold a General Meeting where we discuss any current P&C matters. We start at 7pm in the library. Please come along, this is your chance to get involved and we would love to welcome new members.

Pretty Beach Market – Sunday 13 March

The next Pretty Beach Market will be held on Sunday 13 March from 9am to 2pm in the grounds of our lovely school. For families new to the school, the market is a quarterly event run by the school’s P&C and in 2015 the markets raised over $12,000 profit. This money goes into resources for the school, which directly benefits all our children. The market has over 40 stalls booked for March (each stall holder pays a fee to attend the event). There will be great live entertainment and a number of food stalls. Three of the food stalls are run by the P&C at each market – the BBQ, a cake stall and a savoury finger food stall.

The success of each market depends on the support of the school community. We really need VOLUNTEERS to help serve on the three school stalls on the 13th March. A roster is shown below and if you can help out for 2 hours on the day at one of the stalls please let Helen Tinson know as soon as possible on 0419 605 345 or email helen_burchell@bigpond.com.

We also need lots of baking for the cake stall – cupcakes, biscuits, slices and cakes. Your baking can be dropped into the cake stall on the day. Please ensure that a list of ingredients used accompanies each item of baking.

Market Roster (empty spots still to be filled): P&C Cake Stall P&C Strings Stall P&C BBQ Selling cupcakes, slices and cakes (2 servers needed per time slot) Selling savoury finger food (2 servers needed per time slot) Cooking and selling bacon & egg rolls and sausage sandwiches (2 BBQ cooks and 2 servers needed per time slot) Serving Serving Cooking Serving

8:30 – 10:30am

Chris Murphy
Helen Tinson
Kim Rubie
10:30 – 12:30pm

Nathalie Kanclerska
Emily Stoddart
12:30 – 2:30pm

Rowena McDonald
If you can’t volunteer on the day there are a number of ways that families can assist:

☐ Bake something for the cake stall
☐ Attend the market with your child/children on Sunday 13 March – there are usually lots of school children running around having a great time with their friends
☐ Tell any local friends and extended family that the market is on and encourage them to attend (you can pick up flyers from the school office)

We hope to see you there!

Una Davis
P&C Vice President

Impetigo/School Sores

There have been several cases of Impetigo/School Sores reported lately. Just a reminder that this is a contagious infection. Children should remain at home until treatment starts. All exposed sores should be fully covered with a waterproof dressing.

Craftanoon @ Kincumber Library

Monday 14th March 3.30—4.30pm

Get creative at Kincumber Library! At this Craftanoon session the CWA ladies will be helping you to decorate Easter biscuits for you to take home and enjoy. Bookings essential, please call Kincumber Library on 4304 7641.

Lego @ Kincumber Library

Thursday 17th March 3.30—4.30pm

Creative building fun! All Lego is provided, plus your finished creations will be on display in the library throughout the month. Bookings essential, please call 4304 7641

Many thanks

Kirsten Paterson
Branch Librarian | Library & Community

Gosford City Council

P (02) 43047499
Pretty Beach Markets
Sun 13 Mar 2016
Pretty Beach Public School
9am - 2pm

Boutique community market in a tranquil setting with scrumptious homemade food and relaxing entertainment, supporting local artists and crafters. For updates follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Singing Lessons & Songwriting Workshops
with Golden Guitar Winner
Chelsea Basham

Learn to Sing With Chelsea Basham
Highly acclaimed singer-songwriter Chelsea Basham has recently relocated from WA to Pretty Beach on the New South Wales Central Coast and is now taking on local students who want to strengthen their vocal ability and improve their songwriting skills. Specialising in a wide range of genres and styles from contemporary, country to musical theatre, Chelsea studied vocal training for over 10 years before becoming a vocal coach herself.

Cost:
Lessons start from $40 for 30mins

When:
Mon, Tues and Wed

Where:
Home studio in Pretty Beach NSW

Contact:
For all bookings and enquiries
chelsebasham@yahoo.com

Empire Bay School Band Fundraiser

You are invited to ‘An Evening with Doctor John Irvine’

Focus - Helping Young Worriers Beat the WorryBug

When: Thursday 10th March
Where: Empire Bay PS Hall

Cost: $20pp (Tickets available from Empire Bay School office - 43091796)

About Dr John
Dr. John Irvine is one of Australia’s most renowned child psychologists. As a pioneer in his field, he has been read, viewed or heard throughout the nation. At the age of 15, he started his own one-teacher school and continued in the field, teaching in the New South Wales schools for many years before becoming a child psychologist. He is currently a consultant at the R.E.A.D. Clinic and has written several books including Thriving at School and A Handbook for Happy Families, which now has four accompanying DVDs.

What the evening will involve
Dr John acknowledges the growing problem of anxiety in kids - everywhere, which calls for immediate and timely attention. Dr John has been invited to Empire Bay PS to help tackle this issue by presenting sensible advice for parents, educators and other carers. The evening will include background information on the origin of worry, an assessment guide to help determine the problem and an opportunity for a Q & A session to answer any general questions you may have for Dr John. Paper will be available on the night for you to write your question anonymously if you prefer.

Dr John will introduce the WorryWoes which help children to open up and express their feelings in a positive way and understand that they are not alone. We have asked Dr John to bring along any books and support material for community members to purchase on the evening if they wish to.

We can guarantee a friendly, funny and informative evening!!
NEW RULES FOR DRIVERS FROM 1ST MARCH 2016

Drivers who pass a bicycle rider must allow a distance of at least:
- 1 metre when the speed limit is 60km/h or less
- 1.5 metres when the speed limit is more than 60km/h

PENALTIES APPLY
Drivers will be exempt from some road rules, as long as it is safe to pass the bicycle rider with at least a metre of space and they have a clear view of approaching traffic.

Find out more at gotogether.transport.nsw.gov.au

NEW RULES FOR BICYCLE RIDERS FROM 1ST MARCH 2016

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FINES FOR HIGH RISK OFFENCES
- Not wearing a helmet
- Running a red light
- Riding dangerously
- Holding on to a moving vehicle
- Not stopping at a children’s/pedestrian crossing

BICYCLE RIDERS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ALLOW PEDESTRIANS A METRE OF SPACE ON SHARED PATHS WHERE POSSIBLE.

Find out more at gotogether.transport.nsw.gov.au

Stepping Stones Triple P

Does your child have a disability?

If you are parenting children with a disability aged 2 to 12, CCFS can support you to learn new skills and techniques through the Stepping Stones Triple P Project.

You are invited to attend the following FREE parenting seminar:

Session 1
Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
Venues: Green Point Community Centre, Kookaburra Road, Green Point

Session 2
Helping your Child reach their Potential
When: March 9, 16 and 23

Session 3
Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Times: 10.00am to 12.00pm

BOOKINGS AND FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE MADE BY CALLING CENTRAL COAST FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES INC. NO CHARGES AVAILABLE FOR SEMINARS.

To register for this Seminar please call [02] 43401205 or email ccfss@ccfss.com.au

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