

**Term 4 | Week 4 | Thursday 30 October 2014**



## *Message from the Principal*

Every day, in classrooms around the world, teachers make a difference through educating and inspiring young minds. This week marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Teachers' Day, which is now celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide. The day is a chance to reflect and acknowledge the important role our teachers play in igniting the minds of students and shaping our future society through providing high quality and innovative teaching and learning opportunities.

Thank you to all our teachers for their professionalism, dedication to high standards, many hours invested both during and out of school hours and for making a positive difference in the lives of our students.  
Thank you and happy World Teachers' Day!

## **What A Show!**

Last Friday was the biennial Pretty Beach Public School Art Show and it certainly lived up to expectations! It was a delightful afternoon with our community getting together to celebrate and enjoy the creative works of our students whilst enjoying a sausage sizzle, or two, provided by our fabulous parents of the P&C. The quality and range of the artworks created by our students was amazing and the show highlighted not only our talented students and teachers, but the community support for our students and our school. Thank you everyone who supported the art show through purchasing raffle tickets, buying artworks and partaking in the silent auctions – a total of \$2320 was raised and all funds go directly to the school for future quality teaching and learning programs and resources. Once again thank you to the local artists who donated their works Jodie Anrews, Luke Rees, Mark Simpson and Chris Tryon. Thank you also to Karin Krebs and Fiona Brodie for your work and contributions with our Stage 3 students, our P&C for their donation of funds to support the resourcing of the show and to our P&C helpers for your organisation and support of the sausage sizzle.

The winners of the various prizes were:

Raffle winners 1<sup>st</sup> – Sarah Krebs, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grace Miotto, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Flynn Krix, 4<sup>th</sup> – Stephanie Heazlewood

Silent Auction winners – Emma Krebs, Emily Stoddart, Linda Orchard

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## Health and Safety is Everyone's Business

### Picking your child up from school early?

When picking your child up from school before the end of the school day please sign them out at the office **BEFORE** going to the classroom. Teachers require parents or carers to present a blue 'Early Leaver' slip from the office before a student can leave the teacher's care – thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.



## Remembrance Day Assembly

Our community is invited to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly, being held Tuesday 11 November at 10:40am. Please meet in the assembly area outside the school office.

## Selective High School 2016 Applications

A reminder for parents of Year 5 2014 students that applications for Selective High Schools close on **17 November 2014**.

## 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 and is hosted by KS. Our host classes for assemblies in Term 4 are:

- K/1 – Week 6
- 1/2HD – Week 8

Have a fantastic fortnight everyone.

Kind regards

*Jane Rees*

Relieving Principal

## Diary Dates

| Calendar | Week 5 & Week 6                           |
|----------|---|
| 31 Oct   | World Teachers Day<br>K-6 Assembly 2:15pm |
| Week 5   |   |
| 4 Nov    | Yr 6 Caholic Mass 12 noon<br>Footsteps    |
| Week 6   |   |
| 11 Nov   | Footsteps                                 |
|          | Remembrance Day Assembly<br>10.40am       |
| 12 Nov   | KHS Dance Workshop<br>Yrs 5&6 9-12pm      |
| 14 Nov   | Assembly 2.15pm                           |

## Ripples Transistion Session

Today was our last Ripples session for students commencing Kindergarten in 2015. Our new Kindies have attended three transition sessions and it was wonderful to meet them all. Students participated in hands on activities with their Year 6 (2015) buddies over the weeks and they even completed some real school work. It was such a pleasure learning all about the new additions to our beautiful school. Thanks to our very responsible, kind and caring Year 6 buddies for next year; Ella, Uly, Bella, Logan, Jake, Tariq, Olivia, Caleb and Callum for looking after your buddy so carefully. We look forward to watching your friendships grow throughout 2015. A huge thanks to the staff at Pretty Beach preschool and Kincumber Goodstart and Learning centre for your support of the Ripples program. We are all working together to ensure each child has a smooth and positive transition to 'Big' school. Today our new Kindies, along with our buddies recieved a certificate of participation at a special presentation attended by Mrs Rees. See you all next year!



## Student Work

*During our literature study 1/2HD have been reading King Pig and learning about the power of Persuasive texts. King Pig is not the best of leaders, in fact he is a bully to the poor sheep who have to work for him. 1/2HD used persuasive language to write fictitious letters to the King from the perspective of the sheep. Here are just a few. Enjoy! Happy reading, Mrs Hoyle*

To King Pig,

We are writing this letter to let you know how we feel about your behaviour towards us. Here are some examples of what we are not happy about. When you walk all over us it makes us feel like dirt. Don't spy on us because it makes us feel uncomfortable. Please don't shout at us because it makes us really, really annoyed. We kindly ask you to listen to us and you will be appreciated by us and treated like a good friend. We hope you will realise how to be kind. You might find we will adore you!

Love from Baden the kind sheep.

To King Pig,

We are writing this letter to you about our concerns of you behaviour towards us. We hope this letter will make you understand our feelings.

We are going to give you some examples of what you did to us and how it makes us feel so uncomfortable when you are around us. For example, when you walked over us to get to your castle it made us feel uncomfortable. When you spied on us it made us feel like we could not be trusted. The time you threw eggs at us it made us



feel like rubbish. When you woke us in the middle of the night and we had our wool sheared off, it was a horrible feeling. With all our wool off we felt like odd looking sheep who looked like weirdo's. When you paraded with our wool you were showing off and it made us feel so unimportant.

We kindly ask you to follow these suggestions to become more of a friend. Apologise, let us come into your castle any time, let us eat your food, make us some fancy clothes and let us wear your crown. If you did these things we would see such a big change and you might fine we adore you.

Thank you, Frankie the friendly sheep.

To King Pig,

Are you crazy! We are so tired! This is enough! We are writing this letter to let you know how we feel about your behaviour towards us. We often feel that you are disrespectful and here are some of the things that make us feel so uncomfortable. We are sorry to say there will be NO servants today until you are more respectful!

Do you want to know why? Well, you walk all over us and spy on us too. You also make us clean up after you throw eggs at us. You are a bully! Would you like it if you got treated that way? Well, there's much more... You wake us up in the middle of the night to make new clothes for you. First you make us go in the machine to make us different colours, then we hold onto a pole to get our wool off through a big, big pipe. We then have to knit all night. We work way, way, way too much. We are flat out and need some rest.

Maybe you could let us in the warmest place of the castle and care for us then maybe, just maybe you will appreciate us!

From Amelie and all the kind little sheep.

**1/2HD have been continuing to learn about writing persuasive texts. Students were asked to respond to this question:**

***When your kids grow up, do you want them to be rich or happy?***

**Lola wrote:**

When my kids grow up I want them to be happy because money doesn't buy happiness. Happy people make the world a nicer place. Happy people are nice to others and happy people have more friends. I also hope they will be happy because when you are rich you can waste your money on lots of things that you think are cool. For example, if you had a pool on one side of your backyard and then a week later you didn't like it on that side and wanted to change it to the other well, that's just wasting money. That's what rich people do so that's why I want my kids to be happy.

I also think that happy people don't care if they don't have as much money. I was in a really poor country for three months and I saw their homes which were wrecked and I saw their stores. There was one family we knew that had a store out the front and we went there to buy some food so that they could have some money. They didn't have much. They were happy though. That's why I believe happiness is much better than being rich.

**Scarlett wrote:**

When I grow up I want my kids to be happy not rich because money can't buy you friends. Being happy is a good thing because rich people buy things that they don't even need like giant stuffed teddy bears. There is a saying which goes, I had no shoes and I complained until I met a

man with no feet. Come on people – when your kids grow up you want them to be happy! I want my kids to be happy. Why? Well, happy people make the world a nicer place.

**Ava T wrote:**

When my kids grow up I want them to be happy because I want them to have a happy, lovely and nice life.

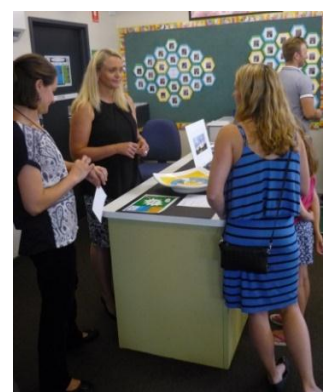
I believe happy lives are best because you will have many friends and be happy every day. I think friends and family are the most important things in your life.

I believe that happiness is so important for everyone big or little, smart or not smart because money cannot buy you friends.

Studies have shown that people who are happy live longer and friends make you happy.

Would you like your children to be happy or rich? Of course you want your children to be happy. That's why I want my children to be happy. I want them to live longer and have friends!

### More Photos from the Art Show



### Team sports – more than health benefits

As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don't go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here:

<http://bit.ly/HlqxVO>

### 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 using the canteen.

**Merit Awards**

**KS:** Angelique, Vic, Gnanita  
**K/1H** Kit, Luke, Grace  
**1/2H** Alex, Daniel, Sari, Alex  
**2/3B** Noah, Kayleigh, Amelia, Patrick  
**3/4P** Luca, Oliver, Oscar, Atticus  
**5/6W:** Tariq, Ella, Ulysses, Aleisha

***Congratulations to our  
Wave Award Recipients***

*We are very proud of your achievement!*

***High Achievement In***

***Excellence Respect***

***Responsibility***

***Yellow Wave Awards***

Gnanita, Lola, Patrick

***Green Wave Awards***

Malene, Archie,

***Silver Wave Awards***

Bonnie, William, Nina, Benjamin, Martin,  
 Luke, Charlotte, Isaac, Benjamin, Ryan,  
 Ruby, Oscar, Leo, Lucia, Brooke, Xianna,  
 Grace, Rafferty, Annalise

***Blue Wave Awards***

Vic, Maya, Lexi, Jasper, Macyn, Oliver, Ella,  
 Olivia, Grace,

***Purple Wave Awards***

Sienna  
 Angelique

**Pretty Beach Public School Participates in  
Macquarie University Schools Chess  
Challenge 2014**

Zane, Oliver and Daniel T entered the 2014 Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge as a team representing Pretty Beach Public School.



The competition was held last Sunday, 26 October at Macquarie University, Sydney. The primary division of the competition had a huge turnout of 123 teams, predominantly from Sydney based private and public schools. Each player competed in seven rounds of chess. The boys performed admirably as a team against fierce competition and scored 8 out of a possible 21 points.

They finished 106th out of 123 teams - a terrific effort.  
 Helen Tinson

**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.

| Date       | Volunteer Names |
|------------|-----------------|
| 6/11/2014  | Sue Ramirez     |
| 13/11/2014 |                 |
| 20/11/2014 |                 |
| 27/11/2014 |                 |
| 11/09/2014 |                 |
| 4/12/2014  | Deidre Moran    |
| 11/12/2014 |                 |

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE -  
It's NOT ok TO STAY AWAY**

Too many students across Australia are missing their best chance to do well in life because they are allowed to miss days of their education.

The following are *not* valid reasons for students to be away from school:

- a day off for their birthday
- a day off because relatives are visiting
- a day off to be with parents at home
- a day off to look after younger brothers and sisters
- a day off to go shopping

Students should only miss school for genuine illness or for serious domestic reasons. All absences must be explained within 7 days or earlier is even better.

Talk to the Principal or class teacher if you have trouble getting your child to school.

After love and care the **most important thing** that we as parents can give our kids is an **EDUCATION**. Every day a child is away, they are losing a learning experience. Over time missing school leaves big gaps in their learning. They want to spend less and less time at school and they influence younger brothers and sisters. Allowing your child to stay home becomes the easy way out. If you require support in saying No to your child on their attendance or any other issue please contact someone at the school. We can work together to make a difference to your child's future.

**Be on time. Be at school. That's the rule!**







Pretty Beach  
Community Preschool

Limited Vacancies for 2015

3-6 year olds

Contact Kim ASAP 43601355

### Student Banking @ School



**Precious prizes to be won  
when you save regularly.**

40 GoPro Cameras and 150 Slip 'N Slides  
to be won this term with School Banking.

### 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](http://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**

### Private tutoring

Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child's education? School A to Z explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor.

<http://bit.ly/K5aczo>

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

3:30pm  
friday 31st october

## FREE AFTERSCHOOL EVENT

TRICK OR TREAT  
FACE PAINTING  
SPOOKY GAMES  
FANCY DRESS

**Hardys Bay Club**

14 Heath Rd, Hardys Bay- 02 43601072  
[www.hardysbayclub.com.au](http://www.hardysbayclub.com.au)

## GET in2 FUN GET in2 CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys to Australia's favourite sport. It's fun, safe and teaches basic skills to help kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket Heroes.

**IN2CRICKET.COM.AU**

play cricket



**GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE T20 ACTION**

MILO T20 BLAST GIVES GIRLS AND BOYS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY FUN GAMES OF CRICKET IN AN ACTIVE AND SOCIAL SETTING JUST LIKE THEIR BIG BASH LEAGUE HEROES!

It's loads of fun and everyone gets a go at developing their batting, bowling and fielding skills whilst playing in teams.

**PLUS ALL KIDS RECEIVE A BONUS PLAYER PACK WHEN THEY REGISTER!**

**REGISTER TODAY AT T20BLAST.COM.AU**



## 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate



**\$150\***  
TOWARDS  
ENERGY  
BILLS

Apply before Midnight  
16 June 2015

**2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM**

<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

\* eligibility criteria apply

**APPLY  
ONLINE  
NOW!**

### 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 \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

### 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** [fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au)

**WEB** [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate)



## LITTLE BLUE DINOSAUR

The Tom McLaughlin Memorial  
Road Safety Foundation

- OFFICIAL PUBLIC LAUNCH / FUNDRAISER
- INAUGURAL SUMMER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CAMPAIGN  
(HOLIDAY TIME - SLOW DOWN KIDS AROUND)

You are warmly invited to attend the official public launch of the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation created in loving memory of Tom McLaughlin & whose mission is to educate & protect child pedestrians from the ever present danger associated with roadways & motor vehicles.

**Date:** Sunday 23rd November (World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims)

**Time:** 10.45am - 12pm

**Venue:** Terrigal SLSC

**Theme:** Wear something "blue" in honour of Tom

RSVP: Michelle & David McLaughlin [info@littlebluedinosaur.org](mailto:info@littlebluedinosaur.org) ASAP  
If you are unable to attend please support us by donating. All funds raised go towards future road safety education initiatives for children

**Afterwards:** Join us for a sausage sizzle & a blue balloon launch to celebrate

Event proudly supported by Gosford City Council

