

Term 4 | Week 10 | Friday 12 December 2014



Message from the Principal

Congratulations everyone on an amazing Presentation Day yesterday, which was so well attended by our community. It was lovely to see the huge number of visitors sharing in our special day, with numbers at least double than what was anticipated! Thank you everyone for your wonderful support of our school and our children.

As I spoke of yesterday, we have achieved amazing success this past year. We have exceeded our own expectations in so many areas and all of this has been achieved so successfully through what is a period of enormous change in our education system.

Thank you to our community who have supported us in so many ways throughout the year. We know your pride of our small school setting and we share your desires for our children. And your faith in us, knowing that we put a lot of time, thought and consideration in to our decision making for what is best for all students, is where we appreciate your support the most.

I also wish to say a few special acknowledgements for some much 'behind the scenes' work that added special touches to our Presentation Day. Thank you to our strings students (supported by tutor Dan and Emily Stoddart) for their very professional performance yesterday. I have already shared some ideas with Emily as to how we can showcase your performance at next year's assembly. Thank you to Mr Podmore and Karen Barson-Wright for their wonderful work with our Years 3-6 choir – the performance yesterday was beautiful. Thank you to Mrs Harding for her work with our K-2 choir – their signing performance was very touching. Also, thank you to Miss White and our Year 6 students for their heartfelt farewell song. And finally, thank you to all of our wonderful students for their outstanding behaviour, respect, responsibility and excellence throughout yesterday's assembly. You are all stars!

This year we will say goodbye to a number of our teachers. Mrs Harding and Miss White have both chosen to take up positions in other schools here on the Central Coast and I am sure our school community will join me in thanking both them both for the many extra opportunities they have provided our students through many dance, sport, transition and cultural programs. We also say goodbye to Mr Gilks and Mrs Dalton and thank them for all their work and care of the children here at Pretty Beach.

Our sincere thanks goes to Cathy Baker and Gittoes Real Estate for their donation of \$1000 for the ongoing support of our creative arts programs. This surprise, and much welcome, donation will certainly benefit our students in the future.

Finally, thank you to our community, our teachers and all our support staff for your outstanding commitment to ensuring our school truly is a place of quality learning and care for our students. Our school and our students have benefited from all you done.

Congratulations everyone on an outstanding year of improvement, achievement and progress. I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday period and a highly successful 2015.

Kind regards

Jane Rees

Relieving Principal

Come Along and Support Our Markets

We hope you can come along and support our big Christmas Market this Sunday 14 December 2014. By all accounts this will be the biggest and best market ever! The markets are a major source of fundraising for our P&C. Our sincere thanks go to Sue Franz and Cathy Baker for their tireless dedication in ensuring our markets are such a success.

A fitting farewell

Last Tuesday evening was the formal farewell for our Year 6 students. It was a beautiful evening full of fun and excitement as we celebrated with our Year 6 students their primary school achievements as well as the exciting new phase of their lives entering high school. A huge thank you goes to our many parent helpers who ensured the night was such a success. A special thank you goes to Linda Orchard and Nicky Ford for their wonderful organisation of the event and to Miss White, Mr Podmore and Jan Tochowiz, for their assistance. As I have stated many times before, I am constantly impressed with the maturity and respect that is shown by our Year 6 students – their capable and confident ways are so rewarding for us as teachers and it is very reassuring to know that our future is in such great hands. Good luck in the next chapter of your journey Year 6.



A big thank you to our support staff

This time of year is particularly busy for everyone in schools but none more so than our office staff. The school financial year runs from 1 December to 30 November and Mrs Hyde has been working very hard over the last month to ensure everything is spot on when we 'roll over' into our 2015 financial year. She often works back late at school, well beyond her paid working hours. To support her Mrs White has taken on extra work and I thank her for all those lots of extra 'last minute' tasks in supporting the administration of our school. In addition, I would like to thank Mrs Tochowicz for her ongoing work with our school newsletter and website, the Year 6 year book and photo cds that are such important mementos for our students. The other night at the Year 6 Farewell I thanked Mrs Tochowicz for her quiet, behind-the-scenes work, photographing and documenting our school's history. Thank you also to our wonderful General Assistant, Mr Butt (Rowan) for his constant care of our grounds and buildings and all those little repairs and enhancements that add to our quality environment. Thank you to each of you for all of the additional time and effort you continually put into our school. We couldn't do it without you.

Back to School Checklist for 2015

- ✓ Staff return on Tuesday 27 January 2015.
- ✓ Years 1 to 6 in 2015 return on Wednesday 28 January 2015.
- ✓ Kindergarten 2015 have been notified by separate letter of their start date and time.
- ✓ School hours are 8:55am to 3:00pm.
- ✓ Uniforms:
 - Grey shorts and green shirts for boys can be purchased from Lowes and Best and Less
 - Socks can be purchased from most department stores
 - Hats, girls dresses, jackets and sport shirts are purchased directly from the school
- ✓ Thinking of enrolling in our school? Check out www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/locator to find out if our school is your local school.
- ✓ More information about the 2015 school year is available at [Back to School 2015](#)
- ✓ Check out [School A to Z back to school checklist](#) for frequently asked 'back to school' questions.
- ✓ Our school website can be accessed [here](#) .

School Security

Our community is reminded to report any school security concerns to the School's Security Unit on 1300 880 021 during the holiday period.



Bushfire Safety

With the forecasted warm summer weather it is timely for families to be aware of bush safety hazards around their homes. The [NSW Rural Fire Service](#) website has a wide range of resources to assist families in preparing and planning for the bushfire season.

Information about current fire activity can be gained from the NSW Rural Fire Service Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737).

Merit Awards

- K/1** Kit H, Sophia H, Benjamin H, Georgia LJ, Karina P
1/2H Jonah G, Jasper P, Scarlett H, Eva S
2/3B Harry W, Ethan B, Oscar ML, Grace M
3/4P Luca F, Sabienne S, Brianna A, Owen B
5/6W Jake H, Maya F, Patrick W

Congratulations to our Wave Award Recipients

We are very proud of your achievement!

High Achievement In Excellence Respect Responsibility

Silver Wave Awards

Malene, Zane, Ned, Kayleigh, Kai, Felicity,
Oscar, Max, Ulysses, Callum, Partick

Blue Wave Awards

William, Mia, Lucas, Maeble, Oscar, Kibe,
Taj, Luke, Charlotte, Georgia, Alira,
Alex, Sari, Ava, Alex, Leo, Marry, Brooke,
Amelia, Xianna, Atticus, Caleb, Jake,
Callum, Aleisha, Annalise, Maya, Jarrah,
Momo

Purple Wave Awards

Bonnie, Benjamin, Martin, Benjamin, Sophie,
Benjamin, Lily, Makayla, Ella, Elliot, Daniel,
Brianna, Jayden, Tayla, Flynn, Ringo,
Jessica, Olivia, Willow

Gold Wave Awards

Bonnie, Alastair, Angelique, Vic, Ellie, Maya,
Lexi, Joe

Canteen News

Thank you to all of the canteen volunteers who have assisted in the canteen this year.

11/12/2014 Canteen closed for cleaning.



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
NEW & ART

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try!

At Blackwall Guide Hall

Memorial Avenue, Ettalong Beach

Saturday 7th February, 2015. 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

For girls aged 6-14 years



Guides enjoy friendship, adventure, games, camping, outdoor activities,
cooking, life skills and more – provided by trained Leaders

The Junior Guide Unit will be re-opening 9th February for details call 0438 283 247

Our mission is to enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self respecting, responsible community members.



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...is having a Christmas Shopping Night!

Come wrap up Christmas with us @ moochinside.

Tick those names off the Christmas gift list with a
one stop shop and some **festive bubbles** on...

Thursday evening 18th December

4.30pm - 7pm



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 #somethingforeveryone #christmaswishlist #christmas
 shopping #theyregoingtoloveryou #homewares #design
 #moochinside #hardysbay #centralcoast

1/1 Killacare Road, Hardy's Bay | 4360 2257

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY!

SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA

SWEETS AND TOYS

FESTIVE FUN

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 1PM

Hardys Bay Club

Hardys Bay Club, 14 Heath Road, Hardys Bay 2257, t: 4360 2014, e: hardysbayclub@gmail.com, w: www.hardysbayclub.com.au

Starlight children's foundation

JMG vocal studio

Kids' TALENT QUEST

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 3PM

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGED 4-16

FREE ENTRY

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

DOOR PRIZES & PRIZES FOR ENTRY

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

JUST FOR FUN!

Book Your Place!!

E-MAIL: [JMGVOCALSTUDIO@LIVE.COM](mailto:jmgvocalstudio@live.com)
OR CALL: 0466 533 724

Hardys Bay Club

14 Heath Road, Hardys Bay 2257, t: 4360 1072, e: hardysbayclub@gmail.com

Pretty Beach

Christmas MARKETS

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER

9AM-2PM

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOPPING

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

special guest appearance by... **SANTA!**

Homemade gifts, vintage clothes and shoes, organic foods, unique jewellery, live music, local photography and art, exotic homewares, handmade children's wear + more.

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