Principal’s Report

Presentation Evening
Our much-anticipated Presentation Evening is fast approaching. Make a note of it in your diary as it is sure to be a great night. We hope all students and their families can attend. The details for the night are as follows;

- Students and guests arrive at 5:30pm
- Students meet their teachers outside the entertainment centre
- Parents are seated by 5:45pm
- Presentation begins at 6:00pm
- Students wear school uniform
- All students are expected to attend

Our Presentation Evening is always a highlight of the school year where we acknowledge and celebrate the improvements and achievements of our students. Thank you in advance to all our sponsors and to the staff organising this big event.

School Reports
Teachers are currently working on end of year reports, to be sent home 12 December. These reports are a summary of your child’s achievements and progress throughout 2014. Please ensure you take time to read through these reports with your children, in particular discussing the effort they have made throughout the year.

Parents wishing to seek more information surrounding their child’s report are encouraged to make an appointment with the class teacher during the final week of term.

Permission to Publish
In this week’s newsletter is a Permission to Publish slip. This regards how we use your child’s work, images and information in public. Please read the attached information and return the permission slip to the front office.
Well-Being Support Officer

There is no doubt that children today are experiencing higher levels of anxiety, worry and fear about the future. We are finding more and more of our children need to talk to an adult to help them settle into the school day. Our wonderful counsellor Yvonne Ferguson has limited time here at the school working three days a fortnight. However we have found more children and parents need support. The school has been fortunate to trial – for 12 months - a school-based position titled ‘Well-Being Support Officer’. We welcome Jane Ewins into the position of Well-Being Support Officer, who will assist teachers, students and parents with strategies to manage anxiety, fear, separation or anything that worries our children. Jane will be available for parents to talk about the well-being of their children or any areas where parents may need support with their children. Jane will assist teachers to develop strategies to support students in their classrooms to settle into learning, socialising and happiness an dwell-being. At the beginning of 2015 the system for parents to contact Jane will be made available in the first few weeks. As part of Jane’s role, will include communicating to parents the resources, support and agencies that may assist. These will be located on the school’s webpage and on the school’s newly formed school wellness page, Well-Being Families. I welcome Jane to the school and know she will be an invaluable support to the whole school community.

Here are a few words from Jane herself;

I have worked with and for children and parents in a variety of roles over the past 20 years including counselling, presenting workshops and information sessions, working with carers and advocating for children and families.

I moved to the Shoalhaven from Sydney 8 years ago and worked as a Relationship Counsellor with Catholic Care and later as a Carer Counsellor and Advocate with Anglicare.

I lived my school years at Robertson, so I’ve had a lifelong connection with the Shoalhaven.

I am passionate about giving children the best possible start to life. In the late 90’s I was part of a small team who created “Good Beginnings”- an organization which now provides free early childhood and practical parenting programs for children and families across Australia.

I am excited to take on the new role of “wellbeing support officer.”

“It is so important that children and young people have a strong sense of wellbeing to help them cope well with the inevitable ups and downs of life.

Children (and parents and teachers) are under a lot of pressure these days – with more children showing signs of high levels of anxiety, significant mood swings and sometimes depression. It is wonderful to be able to work directly with children, teachers and parents at Cambewarra Public School.”
- Jane Ewins; B.A., Grad. Dip. Counselling., CMCAPA

Have a great week everyone,
Mrs Hilliar
UNSW ICAS Results

Earlier this year some students from Years 3 to 6 chose to take part in the University of NSW ICAS tests. These tests include a Computer test, Science, English, Maths, Writing and a Spelling test. We have received the results for the computer, science, writing and spelling tests, but we’re still waiting for the English and Math tests and will hand those out as soon as possible.

A summary of the results received so far follows:

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Sports News

NRL Backyard League Program

Stages 2 and 3 were lucky enough to be able to participate in an NRL clinic over the last two Tuesdays. However, the luck didn’t stop there! Every student who participated received an NRL footy from this NRL initiative titled, Backyard League. A big “Thank You’ must go to Matt O’Brien (the NRL Game Development Officer) and his team. This was also a wonderful opportunity to learn some of the skills needed as a lead up to our Dragon Tag Gala Day.

What’s On

Monday, 24/11
Whole school assembly, 2pm

Tuesday, 25/11
Tapstar Performance at school

Wednesday, 26/11
Dragon Tag Gala Day – Stage 2 & 3
MADD Night @ BHS

Thursday, 27/11

Friday, 28/11
Mufti day – donation for hamper

Monday, 1/12
P&C Meeting

Dates to Remember:

Monday, 8/12 – Presentation
Evening at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, 6:00pm

Friday, 12/12 – Reports sent home

Monday, 15/12 – Year 6 Farewell
Evening

Wednesday, 17/12 – Last day of Term 4
**The Cambe Calf Award**

**Name:** Ellie  
**Year:** 5  
**Type of Calf:** Caring and Compassionate  
**Why:** If you have ever met Ellie then there will be no doubt in your mind as to why she is receiving this award. Ellie is always cool, calm and collected. From first meeting, one can tell that Ellie is a genuine, caring, kind and compassionate soul who always strives to help others. In the classroom, Ellie is a valuable asset, consistently going out of her way to help her peers. There is one student in particular that Ellie helps, as this student has some health issues. Ellie says that “if they think they’re having difficulties or having symptoms I look after them and take her to the office, or sit with them outside until they feel ok.” Ellie says that she does this simply because “they’re my friend, and we like to be with them and help them.” Ellie has shown that she has an immensely kind spirit and the capacity to feel empathy for others – an admirable quality that is rare and important. Ellie says “it makes me feel happy that I can help when someone is having a hard time.” Ellie says, more broadly, that she thinks that people do not show enough kindness to one another in the world, and this is why she always tries to be caring and compassionate; “I don’t always see people being nice to others so I try to help others and to always be kind.” Ellie has shown a huge amount of self-awareness and awareness for those around her. Ellie is deeply aware of the world around her and the strength and the impact she can have, an awareness and concern that is rare in many people and which is especially incredible given her young age. You should be incredibly proud of yourself Ellie, and know that everyone you meet is touched and grateful for you kindness, your care and your compassion. Congratulations Ellie on being such a wonderful student, and outstanding student and an active school citizen. We are all better for having you in our school. Congratulations Ellie, and thank you.

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**Sports News (continued)**

**Dragon Tag Gala Day**

The Shoalhaven PSSA Dragon Tag Gala Day will be held at South Nowra this Wednesday, 26 November. Students from Years 3 – 6 will be participating on the day. The children will be divided into senior boys’ teams (Years 5-6), senior girls’ teams (Years 5-6) and junior mixed teams (Years 3-4). Each team will play a minimum of four games. This should be a very enjoyable day for all participants!

**Premier’s Sporting Challenge**

Our Premier’s Sporting Challenge certificates have arrived and will be distributed shortly. Congratulations to all our students (and staff) who participated in this program by being active throughout Terms 2 and 3!

Stay active everyone!

Martina Reitz – Sports Coordinator
Permission to Publish

Publishing Student Information
The school/Department of Education and Communities may publish information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child’s name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child’s work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child’s information may be published include but are not limited to:
- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis.
- Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department of Education and Communities’ website.
- Official Department of Education and Communities and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels it can be linked to by third parties and may be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information.

Please return the below form in regards to you giving or withholding Permission to Publish.

Permission to Publish
I have read the information about publishing student information (above) and;

I give permission                  I do not give permission
(please circle your answer)

for the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish information about my child/ren

(your child/ren’s name and class here) in publicly accessible communications. This permission remains effective until I advise otherwise.

_________________________________________  ___________________________  _______________
Parent/Caregiver’s Name                      Signature                            Date

Please return this form to the front office as soon as possible.
Bomaderry High Year 7 Book Packs

Below is a list of items needed for students attending Bomaderry High next year. The items will be for sale at the orientation days, on 2&3 December.

**ENGLISH:**
- 1 x 240 page book
- 1 x 64 page book (Literacy)

**GEOGRAPHY:**
- 1 x 128 page book

**ART:**
- 1 x A3 Visual Art Diary

**HEALTH:**
- 1 x 64 page book

**MATHS:**
- 1 x 240 page grid book
- 1 x Book sleeve
  *(Book sleeves will be given to you in 2015 by your classroom teacher when receiving your textbook)*

**HISTORY:**
- 1 x 96 page book

**MUSIC:**
- 1 x 96 page music book

**GUIDANCE:**
- 1 x 48 page book

**SCIENCE:**
- 1 x 128 page A4 book
- 1 x 96 page book
- 2 GB USB Stick

**TECHNOLOGY:**
- 1 x A4 display book
- 1 x 96 page book

**LOTE:**
- 1 x 240 page book

**SCRIPTURE:**
- 1 x 48 page book

**A 2015 Diary**

**STATIONERY ITEMS:**
- 1 x 1B drawing pencil
- 1 x 2B drawing pencil
- 1 x HB drawing pencil
- 1 x 30cm ruler
- 1 x blue biro
- 1 x black biro
- 1 x red biro
- 1 x protractor
- 1 x compass
- 1 x soft art eraser
- 1 x glue stick
- 1 x 12 coloured pencils
- 1 x sharpener
- 1 x ink pencil eraser
- 1 x pencil case
- 1 x small scissors

**TOTAL:**
- $65.00 *(including diary and textbook cover)*

**OR**
- $75.00 *(including $22.00 calculator, diary and textbook cover)*