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**10 December 2024**

## Welcome to Term 4 Week 9

As 2024 comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for making this year a remarkable one.

I would firstly like to acknowledge Ms Ross the CAPA teacher who will be finishing up at the end of this term. Ms Ross your expertise, experience and passion for the Performing Arts domain is outstanding. We thank you for your work, commitment and support for our school and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

To our students: Thank you for your enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience. Your commitment to learning and personal growth has been truly inspiring, and it has been a privilege to watch you embrace challenges and celebrate your successes.

To our parents and caregivers: Your unwavering support and partnerships have been essential to our

shared achievements. Your encouragement at home, involvement in school life, and trust in us to nurture your children's potential have made all the difference.

To our dedicated teachers and staff: Thank you for your hard work, passion, and care. Your tireless efforts to create engaging and meaningful learning experiences have had a profound impact on our students, shaping not only their minds but also their character.

This year has been a testament to what we can achieve together as a community. I am immensely proud of all that we have accomplished and look forward to the continued growth and success of our school as we transition into 2025.

Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday.

**Ms Sten**

**Principal**



## Some special Events for your Diary

December 11	Presentation Day 3-6 9.15am K-2 11.40 am
December 12	Year 6 Surfing Day Helpers Light luncheon 12.30pm to 1.30pm
December 16	Year 3-5 Fun Day at Centennial Park
December 17	K-2 Fun Day - Manhattan Bowling
December 18	Graduation Assembly for Year 6 Last Day of School. School resumes for 2025 on Thursday 6 February.

## School Leaders for 2025

Students who were successfully elected for a Leadership Role in 2025 include:

**School Captains:** Archie (5/6C) and Willow (5/6C)

**School Prefects:** Joshua (5/6C), Anne (5/6C), Charlie (5/6B) and Lily (5/6B)

Congratulations to these students and to all the candidates who presented speeches to the school community last week.

## House Captains for 2025

Students who were successfully elected for House Captains in 2025:

**MACARTHUR (YELLOW):** Milla (5/6C) and Finn (4/5J)

**SCOTT (RED):** Collette (5/6C) and Isabelle (5/6B)

**MACQUARIE (GREEN):** Max (5/6B) and Raf (5/6B)

**SMITH (BLUE):** Annabel K (5/6B) and Callum (4/5J)

## Kellie Sloanne Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Enzo 5/6B who was the successful

winner of Kellie Sloanne's Christmas Card Competition. Enzo's artwork will be featured as the front cover of Kellie Sloanne's 2024 Christmas card. The Christmas card will be sent to important stakeholders, community groups and Members of Parliament.

## Book Packs 2025 - Orders need to be placed before the closure date of 18 December 2024

Emails have been sent to parents to order your child's book pack for 2025. Instructions were attached to the email along with the items needed. When ordering please ensure it is the correct item list for your child's year group for 2025. Ordered book packs will be delivered to the school.

## School Statement of Account

The Parent Statement of Account is forwarded each Friday for you to make your payment. Please contact the school office if any assistance is needed. Thank you in advance for finalising your Statement of Account by 18 December 2024.

## DBOOSH

I would like to take a moment to thank the wonderful parent group who have continued to lead DBOOSH operations behind the scenes and who have worked tirelessly to ensure the efficiency of the service. As of 2025 a new provider will take over management.

## Stage News







### STAGE 1 – END OF 2024

1L, 1/2S, 2L and 2PR

Stage 1 students have had a fun, busy and engaging end to the school year. Some highlights were hands-on learning in Maths, art and a visit to the Art Gallery, the Backflips Against Bullying incursion, the Christmas Concert and happy play in the playground. What a year!



## Stage 3 – Term 4 Week 8

5/6B & 5/6CB & 5J

As we approach the close of another remarkable year, it's a wonderful time to reflect on all that we've accomplished together in Stage 3. What a journey it has been!

The term has been filled with exciting milestones. We started by hearing from our students and electing new school leaders, who have already proven themselves to be great role models and inspiring leaders. We also welcomed our new House Captains, who will work tirelessly to support their teams, build school spirit, and lead with enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of this year has been our farewell to our incredible Year 6 students. It's bittersweet to see them leave Stage 3, but we are so proud of how much they have grown and achieved. Your hard work, determination, and kindness have set a fantastic example for the younger students, and we will always remember the contributions you've made to our school community.

Presentation Day was another highlight, as we celebrated the achievements of all our students. Whether it was academic success, sporting achievements, or acts of kindness, we saw many students shine. The day was a true reflection of the dedication and effort put in by everyone throughout the year.

Finally, the long-anticipated Year 6 Graduation Day, a moment of both joy and reflection as we acknowledge the journey these students have taken and the bright future ahead of them. Year 6, we will miss you, but we know you are ready for the next adventure and will continue to achieve great things.

As we say goodbye to another school year, we want to thank each student. We look forward to seeing what the next year brings and are excited to continue learning and growing together.



### 3/4T & 3/4R & 4J Term 4 Week 9

The countdown to school holidays has begun! All Stage 2 teachers are immensely proud of all the wonderful growth and achievements we have seen in 3/4R, 4J and 3/4T. Last week we had an incursion run by Backflips Against Bullying. Students learned how to recognise bullying and to be an upstander.



Stage 2 Teachers  
Miss Rupnik, Mrs Johnson & Miss Kaye-Smith

### From the CAPA room

Dear Double Bay Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the ongoing support I have received in the role as the CAPA teacher at Double Bay Public School.

In particular I would like to acknowledge the parents, students and teachers who supported the development of the whole school musical 'The Lorax'. As I have said, it takes a village to put on a production, and the many hands involved helped make it a success and a lovely memory for me and hopefully to all of you.



I would like to congratulate the Senior Choir on an outstanding performance at the Opera House this year in the Festival of Choral Music. The school has applied to participate again in 2025.



Our last performance for the year will be on Presentation Day. I thank the students who have committed themselves to all the rehearsals and performances throughout the year. I have really enjoyed spending that time with you all.

As I finish up at Double Bay Public School as the CAPA teacher, I would like to thank the community, teachers and students for all the support. The CAPA program will continue to grow and develop into 2025.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Ms Ross



# From the Student Leaders

## House Points

Scott	27402
Smith	31762
Macquarie	29439
Macarthur	32910

## Sustainable Tip of the Week

This week's sustainable tip is to bring your own bags when you shop. It may seem pointless but bringing your own reusable bag instead of buying a plastic one can make a big difference to the environment. Every year, millions of tons of plastic end up in landfill or as litter, where it can take centuries to break down. And that's if it doesn't end up in the ocean, where it can do serious damage to marine life. When you use a reusable bag, then you're helping to stop this plastic damage our planet and it's easier to carry your groceries since they're sturdier than plastic. You will also save money because you don't have to buy a new bag every time you go to the shops.

*By Indigo 5/6B*

## Maths Problem of the Week

Arianna needs to cut a pan of brownies into pieces. She cuts 6 even columns and 3 even rows into the pan. She gives Bea half of the brownies. How many brownies does she now have?

*By Indigo 5/6B*

## Advice Column

Dear Advice Column,

I'm excited but a bit nervous at the same time to go to high school. It's going to be fun but I don't really know anyone and want to keep in touch with my friends. Any advice on the homework load as well is appreciated! Thanks

Reply

I know going to high school can be daunting, but you should know everyone feels the same way. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. I'm sure you will stay in touch with your friends if you're really close. For the homework, I suggest you make a homework schedule or routine and that will make everything a lot easier. Good luck and I know you will have the best time!

From Advice Column

## Artist of the Week

Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell was born in Los Angeles, California, on December 18, 2001. She is the daughter of actress and teacher Maggie Baird and actor Patrick O'Connell, both of whom are also musicians and work on Eilish's tours. Eilish is of Irish and Scottish descent. She first gained public attention in 2015 with her debut single "Ocean Eyes", written and produced by her brother Finneas O'Connell, with whom she collaborates on music and live shows. She has a new hit called 'Birds of a Feather'.

*By Bea 5/6 CB*

## Game of the Week

Challenge your reflexes in Geometry Dash, a rhythm-based action platformer with endless player-created levels! Jump, fly & conquer unique challenges. Geometry Dash isn't just a game of jumps and beats; it's a brain workout in disguise. It enhances your reaction time, trains you to recognize patterns, and improves your hand-eye coordination. All these benefits while you're jamming to some catchy tunes and navigating through those mesmerizing levels.

*By Arianna 5/6CB*

## Word of the Week

For this week's word of the week, it is mutiny. A situation in which a group of people (such as sailors or soldiers) refuse to obey orders and try to take control away from the person who commands their orders. E.G Bob's men mutinied and tried to sail by canoe to America.

*By Enzo 5/6B*

## P&C News

Double Bay Public School's Parents and Citizens (P&C) committee is vital to ensuring the school is able to foster strong partnerships between families, the community, and the school, in order to enhance educational outcomes for our students and school culture. Involvement in the P&C is a worthwhile opportunity with minimal requirements involved. We need more involvement from families who are able to support the current P&C committee. If you are able to support and be a part of the committee please send the school an email and Tina will pass it onto the current P&C President, Tessa McMahon. We are in need of parent volunteers to assist for 2025.

## School Times

School Begins	9.00am
Recess	11.00 – 11.30am
Lunch	12.50 – 1.40pm
School Finishes	3.00pm

## Term Dates 2024/2025

Term 4	Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December
2025 Term 1	Years K-6 Thursday 6 February – Friday 11 April Kindergarten start at 9.30am

## School Office Information

### School Invoices

School Invoices are no longer sent home. Please ensure that you register in the Schoolbytes Parent Portal to view your statement and make a payment.

[Click here for more information](http://www.doublebay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)  
<http://www.doublebay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

### School Uniforms

The school uniform for Terms 1 and 4 is the Summer uniform and Terms 2 and 3 the Winter uniform. Please go to Forms and Documents in Schoolzine for requirements.

### School Calendar

Please ensure that you have the **Schoolzine APP** on your mobile phone.

Please refer to the school calendar for important dates and also 'Noticeboard' at the bottom of the newsletter. Forms and Documents in Schoolzine also has useful information.

### School Canteen – Botany Bites

Please see Forms and Documents in this newsletter for details on how to order and more information about the canteen.

### Reminders

If your child is late to school, needs to leave early, or is absent, please send an email to the school notifying as to the reason. Don't forget to give your child a water bottle each day along with recess, lunch and 'crunch and sip'.

If your child needs a new hat, you can call the school office and we can give a hat to your child. Please pay \$20.00 online. Please check your child has their hat every day.

The school implements a "No Hat – play in the shade" Safety policy.

Please contact the school office anytime for clarification of anything.

### Birthdays

When your child has a Birthday, please do not bring lollies to school for the class to share. Ice blocks are the preferred Birthday treat to share with the class. We have students in the school who have food allergies and we promote a 'nut free' policy.

### Wiley's School Uniform Clothing Shop

**Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Closed for lunch between 1 and 1.30pm. Saturday 9am to 1pm.**

Did you know that you can call Wylie's (9365 5631 or 9365 7671) to place an order for school uniforms and they will deliver them to the school? Deliveries are every Thursday. See Sale Flyer in Noticeboard.

## **DBOOSH**

Before and After School Care

Landline: 02 9362 0960

Mobile: 0434 646 290

## **School Payment Method**

[Click here for more information](http://www.doublebay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

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Please pay via the Parent Portal or create an account if you have not already.

If your child needs a new school hat, school bag or library bag you can pay online via your Schoolbytes Parent Payment Portal. The school can also send you a payment link if preferred.

- Go to
- Statement of Account
- Bottom left + add icon
- Look for item needed

and then contact the office to give your child their items. We also have a range of preloved items.