Principal's Message
As always, it is encouraging to see the students and teachers fully engaged in quality teaching and learning as I visit classrooms each day. Thank you parents for your fantastic support in ensuring your children are here on time, prepared and ready for learning.

We have been fortunate to gain 3 new enrolments in the last 2 weeks, which entitles the school to another classroom teacher. This will mean that current class organisation will be reviewed and some students reallocated to a new class. Please be assured that disruptions and changes will be kept to a minimum. Classes will remain stable and unchanged until Easter which is Week 9. Thank you for your understanding. Staff will meet this week to discuss and plan for the new organisation.

Regional Swimming Carnival
Good luck to the 11 students who are representing the South Shoalhaven and Sussex Inlet Public School tomorrow at the Regional Carnival at Dapto. This is an amazing achievement and I know you will all do your very best.

Clean Up Australia
Well done to the students of Sussex Inlet PS who took part in the school's Clean Up on Friday. Despite the wet conditions, children donned their gloves and made short work of tidying our playground and surrounds. It was very pleasing to note that litter was in short supply – testimony to the good habits already practised.

School Photos
Don’t forget to wear full school uniform and your best smiles for the school photos taking place on Wednesday. Please ensure payments are received by Tuesday to avoid disappointment.

Student Representative Council
Congratulations to our Student Representative Councillors who were presented with their badges at last Friday’s assembly. It was lovely to see the family members join us for the occasion and support their children in this new and challenging undertaking. The first meeting will be tomorrow at recess.

Gala Day
The AFL Gala day postponed from Friday 22nd February will hopefully take place this Friday. Students are asked to come ready for maximum fun and participation.

Year 6 Leadership
Back: 6R - Amber H & Caellum P
3rd Row: 5C - Billy P & Keira S
2nd Row: 4/5N - Tazmin M & Joshua B
Front: 3/4N - Lachlan H & Hayley W

Practice Student with 4/5N
We welcome Miss Toni McDonald from Canberra University who is undertaking her practicum with Mr Neich and 4/5N. I’m sure you will enjoy your time at SIPS.
Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students who have accepted the challenge of leadership roles and responsibilities at school during 2013. I have been very impressed with their positive attitudes and enthusiasm. During the week they are assigned a variety of roles and responsibilities to assist in the development of skills including independence, problem solving, co-operation, reliability and communication. One of these roles is assisting in the canteen. Could you please complete the permission note and return to Ms Ryder / Mrs Croan by the end of the week – Friday 8th March. Many thanks.

Lorraine Jenkinson - Principal

University of NSW Competitions
These competitions have been made available in the past to students from Year 3 to Year 6. They are an external examination in several key areas. If you would like your child to participate please forward a short letter of interest to their class teacher by Friday 22nd March. The following competitions are available:

Computer Skills $8.80  Science $8.80
Writing $18.70  Spelling $8.80
English $8.80  Mathematics $8.80
All of the above are available at a cost of $66.00

Dates to Remember

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Frid  | March 15 | Assembly 11.30am
       |           | Rugby League Gala Day

Mon  | March 18 | P & C - AGM 7.00pm

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Sussex Inlet Public School has been registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students who wish to participate in the Challenge are encouraged to complete their own online reading records as they read and enter any books on-line via their student portal. Students may enter their books at school or at home if access to a computer with the Internet is available. Parents can assist students to enter their records at home. A reading record is completed by either entering the PRC ID number of each book or clicking on titles from a drop-down PRC list. Many choice books can also be selected from a drop-down list. Assistance and a weekly check/update will be provided at school to any student who may be unsure, is having trouble entering books they have read or is in need of their reading record to be updated.

The Challenge opened on 1st February 2013 and runs until 1st September 2013, however books read from 1st September 2012 can count towards the 2013 Challenge. To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or the entire book independently. Students who require special support may listen to unabridged audio versions of text. Children in K-2 can experience books in their home language and those who can read simple chapter books independently are encouraged to attempt the 3-4 Challenge. Stage 2 & 3 students can read choice books in their home language.

Initiatives such as the Premier’s Reading Challenge not only encourage children to discover a love of reading but also help develop essential learning habits such as being organised, meeting deadlines and being accountable by taking responsibility for their reading. SIPS would love to see all families participate in this year’s Challenge to help promote a reading culture in every home and establish a goal for families, parents and caregivers to share books with their children every day and establish the benefits of reading as a life skill.

All information regarding the Challenge can be accessed at –


or if you would like to speak to someone at school please contact Mrs Elliott.

“The more you read the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you’ll go.”

- Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Canteen Roster – Term 1

06/03 - D. Wilkes, 07/03 - K. Simpson, 08/03 - L. Hollier
13/03 - L. Trudgett, 14/03 - A. King, 15/03 - L. Robinson
20/03 - C. Keyword, 21/03 - A. Jurd, 22/03 - A. Harris
27/03 - V. Harris, 28/3 - L. Davidson, 29/3 - L. Hollier
03/04 - D. Wilkes, 04/04 - E. Tekis, 05/04 - L. Robinson
10/04 - L. Trudgett, 11/04 - A. King, 12/04 - L. Hollier

Thank you to all the volunteers who have put their name down for the roster. If your name is not down for this term it will be down for term 2. Thank you.

Volunteers are required from 9.30am until approximately 12.45pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 44412921.

P & C News
Uniform Shop
The shop is open in G block, (the new rooms) on Mondays and Tuesdays at 8.45am.