Welcome

P&C Meeting
I look forward to seeing many of our parents at the P&C AGM tonight, 7.00pm in Ms Coyle’s classroom.

Welcome
Mrs Catherine Tidbury will be commencing her Teaching Practicum with Mrs Hayek today. Welcome to Sussex Inlet Public School. We hope you enjoy your time with us and we are sure you will gain great insights, skills and knowledge during your prac.

Harmony Day
This Thursday, 21st March students and staff at SIPS will recognise and celebrate cultural diversity and multiculturalism as part of Harmony Day. All students are asked to wear orange and will be decorating a hand shape to display around the school and community.

Happy Harold Visits SIPS
This year we will see the Life Education Van visit Sussex Inlet Public School. The grade appropriate sessions cover many topics included in the Health and Personal Development strands of our NSW syllabus. Through careful negotiation we have been able to secure substantial supplementation to keep costs to our families affordable. It is an important opportunity for our students to participate in fun and informative sessions for just $5 per child (usually $9 per child). Thank you to the many parents who have already paid. Note and money to be returned by Friday 22nd March.

Year 7 2014 Expressions of Interest
Year 6 students have received an Expression of Interest form for High School Enrolment in 2014. Please read the information carefully and complete all appropriate sections. Forms must be returned to Ms Ryder by Friday 22nd March. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Rugby League Success
Thank you to Mr Neich for your organisation, time and energy in training the rugby teams that competed at the PSSA gala day and selection trials last Friday. Congratulations to those students who were successful in gaining selection to the South Shoalhaven team.

Easter Hat Parade
Next Thursday 28th March, we will celebrate the Easter season with our Easter Hat Parade. All students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be invited to make a hat at school to wear in the parade. Parents, family and friends are all very welcome. The Parade will commence at 10.45am.

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

Great Schools’ Show Off
Mr Ben Wells from Sanctuary Point PS will be visiting on Wednesday to compile some video as part of the Bay and Basin Learning Community entry in the Great Schools’ Show Off for 2013. A number of students will be asked to be part of this fantastic project. Parents who do not wish their children to participate are asked to send a note to the class teacher.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at our assembly.

Class Awards
- KD Shayla M & Jackson S
- K/1M Violet K & Jack T
- 1G Paige S & Hayden F
- 2H Tessa M & Blake J
- 3/4N Torah S & Izaak Cn
- 4/5N Shea P & Taine P
- 5C Jack T & Seth S
- 6R Sophie D & Cooper M

Sports Awards
Bree V, Rylan C, Sean D & Brett Y
Dates to Remember

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Easter Hat Parade
All the children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be making their hats at school for the Easter Hat parade. Please send in a base that your child can decorate and some things to stick on their hats. The base can be cardboard, an old hat or a simple cardboard band that ears can be attached to. Suggestions for decorations include coloured paper, stickers, streamers, little chickens, feathers etc. Please don’t send in Easter eggs as they tend to melt or get eaten before the big day! **These need to be sent in by Friday 22nd March.**

The Easter Hat parade will be on Thursday 28th March commencing at 10.45am. A detailed note will be sent home this week.

Please contact your child’s teacher or myself if you have any questions.

Julie Hayek

Rugby League Carnival
On Friday the 15th of March Mr Neich, Mrs Gregg, four football teams and a host of parents ventured to Sanctuary Point to play in the 7 a-side Paul McGregor Cup and Rod Wishart Cup. Teams from the year 3-4 division started their day by participating in a skills development program, before playing some games against two other schools and finishing the day with a Sussex Inlet versus Sussex Inlet grudge match, congratulations to Jye C who was man of the match for this game.

Our senior students played three games each with the 5/6A team playing hard, winning two and narrowly losing one game. Our 5/6B team also played hard and enjoyed the experience playing against other schools. Similar to the junior teams our last game was a Sussex Inlet versus Sussex Inlet head to head clash where we mixed our teams. Congratulations to Brett Y who was man of the match for this battle.

Sunny C & Clay B

Regional Cricket Trials
Congratulations to Riley J who represented our school proudly at the regional open cricket trials last week. Riley played well against much older students batting and bowling well. Unfortunately he was unsuccessful in making the regional squad, however we know he will be very difficult to keep out of the team next year when he is in year six.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students at Sussex Inlet Public School have begun this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge with great enthusiasm. Last week 43 students were registered for the challenge and this number is expected to grow this week as further reading logs are recorded. Students are undertaking the challenge at a mighty pace with 23 children already receiving their first school PRC certificate for reading more than 5 books. Well done everyone on this fantastic start!
Easy reads: Students can find books that are easier to read whilst being appropriate for their Challenge level by accessing the PRC home page and typing easy reads in the Search box (top left of screen) for a list of titles. You can be more specific by typing Year 3 easy reads (or Year 4 or Year 5 or Year 6 easy reads). Also, search for Aussie nibbles, bites or chomps; Making tracks series (3-4) and Lightning strikes series (5-6). SIPS has the full list of books that are easy reads so please don’t hesitate to ask for a range of titles if this would help with the challenge.
Series Books: In an approved series, any two books from the series can be read as part of official PRC reading. Up to five other books from the same series can be read as personal choice books.
School magazine: PRC School magazine anthologies, which we have copies of, can be read as up to two PRC books. Students completing the 5-6 challenge can also use the electronic version of these anthologies as part of their reading text.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a NSW Government initiative with the principal partner being Dymocks Children’s Charities (DCC) and The Sun Herald being the media partner. In 2013 Dymocks Children’s Charities will continue with the fundraising program for public school students which is directly linked to the PRC called Book Bonus. Book Bonus enables students to raise funds to buy new books for their school and help DCC give books to kids who really need them. Full details regarding Book Bonus, registration for the fundraiser and how it works are available through the PRC website by following the links or go to www.bookbonus.org.au. If any student would like to involve themselves with Book Bonus please let Mrs Elliott know so as our school can be registered.
Parents can access all information regarding the PRC at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge or contact Mrs. Elliott at school.
‘T.V.- If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they’ll have with twenty-six.
Open your child’s imagination.

Open a book.’ ~Author Unknown

Book Club
The book club is having a massive clearance sale. Please collect the sale catalogue from the office if you would like to place an order.

P&C Committee

Canteen Roster
Tuesday 19.03.13 CLOSED
Wednesday 20.03.13 C Keywood
Thursday 21.03.13 A Jurd
Friday 22.03.13 L Robinson
Monday 25.03.13 CLOSED

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
The next P&C meeting, will be the AGM commencing at 7pm tonight. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no commitment necessary. If you want to join the P&C, or if you just want to have a say who is on the P&C committee then come along. A normal meeting will also be held so if you have anything to raise at the meeting or just want to know what is happening at the school, this is the place.

After such a great turn out for last month’s P&C Meeting we would love to see a repeat performance for tonight’s AGM.

Tracy Solari
Publicity Officer