What a busy week full of opportunities and activities for our students and families.

Grandparents’ Day
We are looking forward to sharing a special day with Grandparents on Friday 31st October. It will be a wonderful acknowledgement of the important roles they play in the lives of our students and parents.

Staff Change
Mrs Dunnett is currently on leave and we welcome Mrs Henderson who will be taking Kindergarten (KD) during her time away. Welcome Mrs Henderson.
A huge thank you to Mr Quinn who has worked tirelessly with 3/4C while Ms Coyle has been in the chair.

Stage 2 Booderee Excursion
Students in Years 3 and 4 travelled to Booderee National Park today as part as their unit of work on ‘National Parks’. I look forward to hearing the stories recounting their experiences in this wonderful natural environment.

Thank you to all the students on the excursion today for wearing a hat. Well done years 3 & 4.

Kindergarten 2015 Visit
On Friday 31st October our Kindergarten students for 2015 will be visiting the Library and joining with our students for lunch. Our very structured and supportive school transition program ensures our newest students are familiar and confident in our “big school” setting.

Kindergarten Orientation
The Kindergarten Orientation session will be held on Thursday 13th November commencing at 9.00am in the hall. We look forward to meeting our new families and students.

Professional Learning
Ms Hayek and Mrs Dunnett attended 2 day training on “Growth Coaching” on Thursday and Friday.
Mrs Jenkinson attended the Australian Government Primary Principals’ Conference in Sydney last week.
Mr Douglass and Mrs Murphy attended a workshop with Celia Lashlie today in Nowra.
Mrs Jenkinson and Ms Ryder attended a morning workshop in Kiama on “BYOD – Bring Your Own Device” – a strategy to enhance the use of technologies in the classroom.
Ms Coyle will be attending Business Intelligence training on Thursday in Dapto.
The commitment to ongoing learning and professional development of staff at SIPS is to be applauded. In these times of rapid change and reform, we are continually striving to improve our knowledge, skills and practice/s and ultimately student achievement.

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**Sport in Schools**
The last session of Sport in Schools will be held on Wednesday, 29th October at the following times:

- 9.00 – 9.45 am  3/4C & 4/5C
- 9.40 – 10.25 am  2B & 2/3N
- 10.20 – 11.10 am  5/6D & 6R
- 11.30 – 12.15 pm  1MN, KD & K/1H

Parents are invited to come along and observe their children during the session.

**School Evaluation**
Many thanks to those parents and families who have completed and returned our Community Engagement survey. Your responses are invaluable in assisting us in the evaluation of the effectiveness of current school practices in working collaboratively with our community.

**Leadership Program**
Year 5 students worked with Ms Coyle and Mr Douglass on Monday as part of the leadership development. The focus was on communication and co-operation through a variety of fun activities. The students are to be commended for their enthusiasm and participation. This highly beneficial program is aimed at supporting our senior students to develop effective skills and demonstrate qualities of leadership in a variety of roles.

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### Awards to be presented at the School Assembly
**Friday 31st October at 11.30am**

#### Kingfish Award

#### Silverstream Award

#### Class Awards
- **KD**  Makenzie Bannon & Brandon Hirst
- **K/1H** Felicity Finneran-Speechley & Bonnie Cheetham
- **1M/N** Peter Diakov & Shayla McCarthy
- **2B** Destiny Pavitt & Coorain King
- **2/3N** Toby Ackland & Tristan Brown
- **3/4C** Jasmine Greenwood & Lily Rosengrave
- **4/5C** Max Cheetham & Matthew Thompson
- **5/6D** Cody Peck & Tarah Sigsworth
- **6R** Leteesha Verkroost & Riley Jarrett

#### Sports Awards
Lani Richardson, Toby Ackland, Bree Firmstone and Joshua Banwell.

#### P & C Presentation
To Lachlan Hollier and Kalvin Bown

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### Starfish Awards
**Presented on Wednesday 22nd October**


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**Fish Fest 2014**
This year will see the return of Fish Fest with loads of fun activities for everyone. It will be held on Wednesday 3rd December, with all proceeds going toward the sponsorship of a World Vision child. SRC have been researching children with the lowest quality of life and have decided to sponsor a child from the African nation of Mozambique, where life expectancy is low, and education is poor.

**Spider Day - Tuesdays**
Year 6 will be holding their Spider Day stalls on Tuesdays, 1st half lunch at the front of the canteen for the duration of the term. We will be selling vanilla ice-cream and lemonade drinks (Lemonade Spiders) for $1.00. This is major part of our Year 6 fundraising campaign for the year. Funds raised will go towards the construction of a fitness track. We thank you for your anticipated ongoing support.

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Congratulations to Taya Humble from 2/3N on receiving Clifford this week.
Senior Dragon Tag Gala Day
Last Friday, the weather finally shone down upon the Thomson Street Ovals despite delivering a good downpour the previous evening. The Dragon Tag Gala Day could go ahead! Sussex Inlet fielded 5 Teams consisting of boys, girls and mixed teams to compete against other schools in the Bay and Basin Community.

I was very impressed by the level of sportsmanship shown on the day. Our students accepted the decisions of the Referees with good grace and congratulated opposing teams when our teams were defeated. We were modest in victory. One of the most pleasing examples of SIPS students showing their FISH Values was with the mixed team managed by SIPS parent, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Richardson was very happy to tell me that as he went to walk away at the end of the day’s games he was asked to hang on by Joshua Banwell who rallied the team to give Mr. Richardson three cheers for managing and refereeing for their team.

This is one example of many positive reports that I received from parent managers, teachers and parents from other schools about the great conduct of our students. Well done Stage 3.

A special thank you to the parent managers including Mr. Donald, Mrs. Peck and Mr. Richardson who looked after and refereed for some of our teams. Thank you to Bronwyn Hedger and her parent helpers for keeping everyone well fed. They run a well organised canteen! Thank you also to Mrs. Elliott who as always ran around and kept an eye on all teams as well as supplying first aid to some students.

Mr. Douglass

Enlighten
A seminar Enlighten Education on Monday 3rd November at Vincentia High School 6.00pm – 7.00pm. The 1hr presentation will be inspiring, humorous and empowering to you as a parent or carer of young women. I highly recommend your attendance.

Shorebirds
Last Week stage 2 and 3 enjoyed a visit from our local national wildlife team to educate us about our local shorebirds. We particularly focused on the endangered Hooded Plover. We learnt how to identify predator tracks, spot them with bird watching equipment and identify their scrapings for possible nest sites. We looked at ways of helping the shorebird team help protect the birds and increase their numbers. We had a great time and we loved the role play at the end.

Stage 2 and 3

Grandparents’ Day
Grandparents’ are invited to join us on Friday 31st October for our grandparents and grandkids doing things together day from 11.30am-3pm.

The day will start out at 11.30am with our regular school assembly followed by a variety of fun activities such as sack races, egg and spoon races, three legged races etc. for grandparents to either watch or join in with their grandchildren. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket and a picnic lunch, or grandparents can order their lunch from the school canteen in their grandchild’s class order basket. After eating lunch children will take grandparents to visit our Grandparents’ Day gallery to view artworks and stories dedicated to our Grandparents as well as visiting the school museum to see historical displays and photographs of our school and then return to our groups to enjoy the rest of the afternoon activities.

Kindergarten 2015
We are seeking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2015. If you have a child who will be attending or know someone who will be commencing, please contact the office for necessary enrolment forms. Completed enrolment forms, copies of Birth Certificates, Immunisation Certificates and proof of residential address forms are required to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

Sporting Blue – Jasmine Greenwood
Congratulations to Jasmine Greenwood. Jasmine received notice on Friday that she has been awarded a major Award from the South Coast PSSA, these awards are the highest accolade the South Coast PSSA bestow on its athletes. She has been awarded the Most Outstanding AWD Athlete in Primary School and a South Coast SSA Sporting Blue for 2014. Jasmine and her family are invited to a presentation luncheon in December for her to receive her award.
Great News! 39 members of the school community have now downloaded the Sussex Inlet Public School phone app. The app had 80 hits last week. Most of the hits have been to view the messages and access app help.

How to Install Our School App

On Apple
On your iphone open the app store
Search for Sussex Inlet Public School
Press Install
Enter your iTunes password
It will commence downloading immediately
Android/Google Play
On your Smartphone open the Android/Google Play market
Search for Sussex Inlet Public School
Press install
Your app will start installing instantly
To Open Our Mobile App
Press install
Look for our app icon on your phone screen
Press the icon once
It will open automatically
When prompted select yes to receive notifications and use your location (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)

Did you know you can share the app with friends and family by clicking on the Tell Friend button located on the home screen. You can share by email, Facebook, Twitter or SMS.

If you would like assistance in loading the Sussex Inlet Public School please contact me at school.

Karen Coyle

Enrolments 2015
Organisation for next year has begun and we would appreciate notification to the office if you know of any families moving to the area or leaving the area to assist with this organisation.

Stewart House Handballs
The office has a new supply of Stewart House handballs for sale at a reduced cost of $2.00. If you would like to purchase a handball please come to the office. Proceeds from the sale of the handballs will be donated to Stewart House.

School Swimming & Water Safety Program
The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

Students who have not yet reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently are eligible to participate from Years 2 - 6.

A maximum 60 students can attend and preference will be given to students from Years 2 and 3.

Instruction will take place from Monday 17th November until Friday 28th November at Sussex Inlet Pool at a cost of $20.

Please return notes and money as soon as possible.

P & C News
Fundraiser - Christmas Gifts
The P & C are running a fundraiser with Christmas gifts in mind. We have calendars, Christmas cards, iPhone covers, notebooks and diaries featuring your child’s artwork or photo.

Samples of the calendar etc. are on display in the office foyer.

Please order form and return to the office with payment no later than Friday 7th November, 2014. When payment is received the children will receive special art paper to do their drawings on, at home. Art work is to be returned to school no later than Monday 10th November, 2014. The completed products should be received by mid December.

Instructions for submitting photos are on the leaflets attached. Thank you for supporting the P & C and our continued efforts to support the quality education provided to all SIPS students.

Natalie Macdonell

Uniform Shop - Open 8.40am-9.00am Mon, Tues & Frid
Attention: Parents with girls starting Kindergarten in 2015. Please bring your daughter to the uniform shop to try on the summer dress. We currently have size 4, 6 and 8 available to try.

Beat the rush and order early. Alternatively you can purchase material and hire a pattern if you wish to make your own.

*See school website for prices.

WINTER Clearance
Girls navy long pants – were $30 now $20
(sizes available: 4 – 16)
Fleecy cuffed track pants – were $15 now $5
(size available 14)

N. Maryvale

* Banana milk is no longer available *

Volunteers are required from 10am until 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Path 44412921.

Canteen Roster
Closed  Mondays & Tuesdays

Wed  29.10.14 Help Req       05.11.14  Help Req
Thurs 30.10.14 Help Req       06.11.14  Hep Req
Fri  31.10.14 S. Safi          07.11.14  L. Robinson
          N. Maryvale

Community
Poetry Reciting Comp at the Milton Show
There will be a poetry reciting competition at the Milton show, 21st Feb, 2014 at 9.30 am. Prize money 1st $30, 2nd $20, 3rd $10, ribbons to 6th place. Entry forms from show office or contact John Davis ph. 4445 2014 number of entries limited to 12 performers.

Girls and Youth League Football Trials
Southern Branch Football Club is holding trials for girls and boys for its 2015 competition teams. Under 13 girls are trialling on Sunday 2 November 1pm, Tuesday 4 November 6pm and Sunday 9 November 1pm. Boys are trialling on Sunday 16 November U12s at 9am & U13s at 10.30am; Tuesday 18 November U12s & U13s at 6pm; and Sunday 23 November U12s & U13s 2pm. All trials are being held at South Nowra Football Fields. To register complete the online forms at www.southernswwfootball.com.au further details can be obtained from Phil McColl Southern Branch Manager on 0418 255 209.