Grandparents’ Day
What can I say??!!! WOW! What a fantastic Day!!! Thank you to all the families who attended our K-6 assembly and to our grandparents and parents who stayed and participated in or were spectators / cheer squad for our terrific outdoor activities. Many thanks to Mrs Nevin and to the staff for their organisation and support in putting together such a great day - and what a way to acknowledge the tremendously important role that grandparents play in our lives. Make sure you look closely at the photos included with today’s newsletter.

Good Luck Lachlan!
Lachlan Hollier from class 4/5C (Year 4) will be representing the South Coast Region and Sussex Inlet Public School this Wednesday in the Premier’s Spelling Bee State Finals in Sydney. Congratulations Lachlan on this outstanding achievement and good luck. We will all be cheering loudly from SIPS.

Kindergarten 2015 Visit
The visit scheduled for last Friday 31st October had to be postponed. Our Kindergarten students for 2015 will be visiting the Library and joining with our students for recess this Wednesday 5th November from 10.00am to 11.00am. We look forward to them joining us at “big school”.

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
Mrs Murphy continues with her L3 training on Thursday. Ms Hayek continues with her L3 training on Friday.

Regional Performing Ensemble
On Wednesday 13th November the Regional Ensemble will be performing at Sussex Inlet Public School commencing at 1.45pm in the hall. Students have a unique opportunity to see the talents and skills of our public high school students from the South Coast as they sing dance and play. Cost for the performance is $4.00 per child or $6.00 per family. Parents and community members are very welcome.

Dates to Remember

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Kingfish Awards

Front: Mason Barnett, Cody Nevin, Violet Keywood and Charlotte Macdonell
Back: Saxon McCracken, Riley Spencer and Blake Jones

Silverstream Awards

Front: Cody Nevin, James Horvat, Elle Tye, Bree Van Der Heiden, Mason Barnett, Coen Uphill and Violet Keywood

Starfish Awards

Presented on Wednesday 22nd October


Attention Debaters and Public Speakers!
Pam Barling an accredited Debating and Public Speaking Adjudicator and Workshop Coordinator, is conducting a workshop teaching speaking skills on Wednesday 19th November. She will be holding a debating workshop for Years 4 and 5. The day will involve debating theory and activities, incorporating the basics to allow for participation within the Premier’s Debating Challenge next year.
There are spaces for 4-10 students from each school and it will be held at Vincentia High School. It will begin at 9.15am and finish at 2.30pm. The cost is $15.00 per student. This will be an excellent opportunity for students who are interested in debating and public speaking and I encourage those students interested in participating next year to attend. Lunch will be provided but students must bring their own recess. Please advise Mrs Croan if you are interested in attending.
Mrs Croan

IMN BBQ Lunch

As a reward for achieving over 3 class awards at the K-2 assembly, IMN will be having a sausage sizzle lunch on Tuesday 11th November. This will also include an ice-block and a drink so they won’t need their lunch on this day. Congratulations IMN for such great behaviour.

Mrs Dunnett’s farewell

Mrs Dunnett is taking up the position of AP at St Georges Basin next year. As part of her farewell gift, the students are compiling a book of memories. If any parents would like to contribute their thoughts please send in an A4 portrait page. It can include photos, thoughts, favourite memories and or funny things. Please include your name. Obviously we are trying to keep this a secret, so hand your contributions into the office and if you have any questions please see MS Hayek.

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016 Government schools

Parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

- Application for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14 October 2014 and 17 November 2014.
- All applications are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

Drama Group Performance

This semester SIPS students auditioned for the Drama Group and 25 students were selected to perform. We have been rehearsing a play called “The Chair” and will be performing for the school and parents on Wednesday 10th December at 12noon in the school hall. We are madly rehearsing our parts at lunch times and we hope to impress you with our acting talents! The local Men’s Shed have kindly agreed to build a very important prop….the chair! We thank them in advance for their help. Put the date in your diary and we hope to see you there.
Mrs Croan

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.
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.

Music Count Us In
On Thursday, SIPS participated in the Music Count Us In program. We joined over 1,200 schools and 500,000 students nationwide to come together and sing the same song at exactly 12:30. This was the third year SIPS has participated in the MCUI program. I would like to congratulate SIPS students on a wonderful performance of this year’s song, ‘Paint you a song’ which we encored at assembly for Grandparents Day on Friday.

School Swimming & Water Safety Program
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. 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 by Friday 7th November.

Spider Day – Tuesdays
Don’t forget your $1.00 to purchase a delicious spider at 1st half lunch at the front of the canteen. We will be selling vanilla ice-cream and lemonade drinks (Lemonade Spiders) 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.

Booderee National Park
On Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 went on an excursion to Booderee National Park. Booderee is owned by the Aboriginal people of Wreck Bay. Cane showed us around Booderee Gardens. The first tree he showed us was the Medicine Tree. The Aboriginal would go to the Medicine Tree when they had a cold or are not feeling well. They would pick a leaf and fold it in half then grind it with their teeth. After they ground it with their teeth they would suck the juice out of the leaf. Cane also showed us a tree that had special stuff inside it. The stuff inside it was used for Blue Bottle stings and if you were really hot you would put it on. It is like sunscreen. Cane showed us the Paperbark Tree. It’s used for carrying water and to find water. How you find water in a Paperbark Tree is to peel off the bark, then it starts to get wet. Then you keep on peeling until you find water. He showed us the Honey Suckle. We got one, peeled the leaves off, snapped the bottom and sucked the honey out of it. We went to the lake to find Long-neck turtles but we didn’t find any. We did find 3 Red-bellied black snakes and baby frogs. We went back to the bus and went to the beach. When we got there we went for a bush walk. When we got back we had a paddle and played tips. Booderee National Park is my favourite excursion.

Ms Coyle and students from year 3 & 4
Booderee
On the 28th of October 2014, Years 3 and 4 went to Booderee National Park. We caught the bus to Booderee.
In the Botanical Gardens at the national park there was a leaf off the Sarsaparilla tree that had juice in it and the juice was bush medicine. There was a lemon tree that had little leaves and you could scrunch them up and it smelt like lemon. There was a tree called a paper bark tree, the bark is good to cook fish in. We got sticks and rubbed them with a leaf from the Sandpaper tree, the sticks went very smooth. There was also a plant called a Snake Whistle. We pulled the stalks off them off until there was a hole in the bottom and blew them. It sounded just like a whistle.
We went to a lake that had Long-neck turtles in it but we didn't see any, but we did see three Red-bellied black snakes and baby frogs.
Kiara and Lily

Big thanks to Friday's helpers, Leanne, Sue, Kerry, Natalie and Maree.
Volunteers are required from 10am until 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Path 44412921.

Safety Town Website
Have you checked out the Safety Town website! This is a great website to teach students about road safety go to: www.safetytown.com.au

Community News
Wizard of Oz

Congratulations Nicola on obtaining a part in the Albatross Musical Theatre Company’s Wizard Of Oz, being held at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre in November. Nicola auditioned with about 60 other talented children to proceed to the junior ensemble and also made one act of the Senior Ensemble.

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. 4455 2013 number of entries limited to 12 performers.

Fathers Fishing & Parent Workshop 2014
FREE Workshop
for local fathers with young children 0-8yrs, fun and practical all participants receive a Fishing Pack (including fishing rod, hooks etc.).
Note: Children do not attend this event
Sussex Inlet 2014
Sat 29 & Sun 30 November
Register to participate today
To register contact: Kim Oliver 0428 494 034 or 4423 6233

Canteen Roster
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
Wed 05.11.14 Help Req 12.11.14 N. Dobell
Thurs 06.11.14 Hep Req 13.11.14 Help Req
Fri 07.11.14 L. Robinson 14.11.14 N. Macdonell
N. Maryvale

* Banana milk is no longer available *