As the term comes to a close I wish you all the very best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy a restful break with precious family and friends and travel safely if you are venturing further afield. Thank you to the members of our school P & C for their hard work through 2014 and their ongoing support of our school and students. I look forward to continuing our strong partnerships and achieving great things in 2015.

Presentation Day
Thank you to the many members of our community who passed on their positive praise for the efforts and achievements of our students, staff and school recognised at last week’s Presentation Assembly. Congratulations to the students who looked fantastic and were so well behaved throughout the event and many, many thanks to the wonderful staff who put in 110% to ensure the day was a truly memorable event. Thank you to every one for your attendance which made it such a special occasion. May I also personally thank the many individuals, community businesses and organisations who so generously supported our presentation day through their sponsorship of many of our awards.

Congratulations to all students who were recognised for their amazing achievements in 2014.

A Big Thank You
We would like to acknowledge the following people, businesses and community organisations for their generous support at our Presentation Assembly.

The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Ann Sudmalis MP Federal Member for Gilmore
BSP Chartered Accountants
Mr & Mrs Clarke
Mrs Drummond
Mrs Williams
Bendigo Bank
L J Hooker Real Estate
Milton/Ulladulla NSW Teachers’ Federation
National Australia Bank
Shoal Bus
Sussex Inlet Cinema
Sussex Inlet Mechanical Services
Sussex Inlet Day View Club
Sussex Inlet Rotary Club
Sussex Inlet RSL Club
Vincentia High School

KidsMatter Launch
The ‘Whiz Bang’ unfortunately has had to be rescheduled due to the weather. Thank you to Ms Coyle who has spent many hours co-ordinating this fantastic event. We will still see the surprise go ahead early in the first term of the new year.

Dates to Remember

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Thank you SIPS Staff
Words seem inadequate to express my thanks and gratitude to the staff at Sussex Inlet Public School. In the classrooms, the office, the library, the grounds there is a dedicated and committed team working together to achieve the best outcomes for our students and our community. We have so much to be proud of, so much to celebrate and so much to look forward to in 2015. Thank you all.

Staff Changes
Earlier in the year we were informed that Mrs Dunnett had been successful in gaining the position of Assistant Principal at St Georges Basin PS through merit selection. Mrs Dunnett has been on staff for 21 years and her skills, knowledge, expertise and extraordinary love for children have had far reaching effects on many individuals and families in our community. Her own children attended SIPS and her loyalty to the school and the local community is commendable. While we know this promotion is very well deserved – it is hard to say goodbye to an absolute icon, to measure the impact her teaching has had over the years and how many young lives she has made a significant difference to. Mrs Dunnett, I, the staff and students of SIPS, wish you all the best on your move to St Georges Basin Public School. We are saddened at your going – you will be very deeply missed by all who have come to know you over the years. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your energy, commitment and love for the job you do every single day.

Thank you Mr Neich and Miss Bower for all you have done for the students at Sussex Inlet Public School over the years. The students have benefitted from your experience, passion and skills and you have been valued members of the team. It is unfortunate and sad when temporary employment comes to an end but be assured that the rumours of them being “sacked” are untrue. I wish you the best of luck in the future. Mr Neich has secured temporary employment at Ulladulla Public School in 2015 and informed me he was therefore unavailable.
Thank you to Mrs Banwell, Mrs Hill, Mrs Goodchild and Mrs Croan who have been great assets to our school in their respective roles. It has been very enjoyable working with you too. Good luck.

Who knows?? We may see you here at times hopefully.

Welcome back to Ms Glover in the new year and to full time work for Mrs Nevin and Mrs Murphy. Also Mrs Glasson will return from maternity leave - we will have a full house.

Thanks also to Mrs Elliott, Mrs Blessing, Mrs Neeyes, Mrs Jarrett and Mrs Hedger for your fantastic support of our students across a whole range of aspects.

I will be on leave from the commencement of the year until the end of week 4. Thank you Mrs Coyle - who will be starting the year ‘in the chair’. Ms Ryder will be relieving as Assistant Principal (3-6) for this time.

Classes 2015
Preparations are well underway for our 2015 classes. At this stage we are looking at 8 classes but only need a couple of enrolments to gain a 9th. The class groupings are dictated by the staffing formula handed to us by the DEC and then marrying this allocation with the needs of all students across the school.

When deciding on the classes for any year, we attempt to obtain as much information as possible to ensure that; given the resources of the school (number of teachers, classroom availability, number of children, etc.) we place children as best we can. With this in mind, we would like to know of any factors which could affect the placement of your child in our 2015 classes.

Whilst I cannot assure parents that we will be able to meet your requests, I can guarantee you that we will listen to what you have to say and if possible, find a satisfactory solution.

Please write a note to the Principal via the Office and have your envelope marked ‘Mrs Jenkinson - CONFIDENTIAL’. Our school Executive Team will then be able to work on student/class placements. Please be aware that requesting particular teachers for your child is very flattering, but inappropriate and will not be considered.*

SIPS Choir
Our SIPS choir performed as part of the Carols by Candlelight at St Marks’ church last Sunday night. Thank you to the students who represented our school with such enthusiasm and commitment.

Our final performance for 2014 will be at Carols at Sussex Inlet RSL on Christmas Eve. I look forward to joining them at this wonderful community event, commencing at 7.00pm.

School Leaders’
Congratulations to Joshua Banwell and Rochelle Potts who were announced as our SIPS School Captains for 2015, to Taine Penrose and Tazmin Mansell - our Vice Captains and were announced as our SIPS School Captains for 2015, to Matthew Thompson and Rachel Eaton who will be our Prefects.

We know you will do an outstanding job and I look forward to working with all of you next year.

Year 6 Dinner and Disco
Tonight we celebrate with our Year 6 students as they complete their final year of primary schooling with a dinner and disco.

Year 6 students arrive at 5.50pm to allow time for a group photo before moving into the hall for the dinner, hosted by our Year 5 parents and some students. At 6.45pm, Year 5 students are invited to join Year 6 for the disco, which will conclude at 8.15pm. Parents are asked to meet their children in the hall. NO student will be permitted to leave without an adult. If you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child please ensure they provide a note to the teacher from you. It should be a great night and remember: smart casual and closed shoes please.

Farewell Year 6
Wednesday 17th December is the final day and we will need plenty of tissues as we farewell our Year 6 students for the last time. Assembly in the hall commences at 2.00pm followed by the ringing of the old school bell and a guard of honour formed by the rest of the school.

Parents are most welcome.

To the families who will no longer be part of our learning community, I wish you all the very best and thank you for your wonderful support and involvement over the years. It is a new beginning for your children and one we are sure we have equipped them for. Good luck to our Year 6 in their future endeavours.

Library Reminder
Please, please, please search in those cupboards, under those beds, behind the chest and see if you can find the missing library books. Mrs Goodchild and Mrs Walker are making sure all the fabulous titles are available for borrowing next year so if you still have a book/s at home we need them returned by Wednesday. Thank you.

Last Day of school
for students is Wednesday 17th December
First day for 2015
Years 1 – 6 Wednesday 28th January, 2015
Kindergarten Friday 30th January.

Our new Kindergarten students have received a postcard advising of their Best Start interview date and time.

Public Speaking and Debating Workshop Term 1 – 2015!!

Debating in the Illawarra South Eastern region will be holding 2 consecutive camp days (days only, no overnight stay) just before the competition kicks off. It will be held sometime in Week 7 or 8. This will be confirmed soon. The camp days will be run by the Flying Squad from The DET Arts Unit. These people are the best of the best. They run the debating competition across our state and also adjudicate the state championships, which are held in November, for both the junior and senior debating competition. Having these debating days will help students with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful debaters. SIPS are looking for expressions of interest from those students interested in debating or public speaking this year. The tentative details of the workshop will be held around week 7 or 8, the location is Lakelands Public School and the cost will be roughly $50 per student. This covers both days and all resources are provided. This workshop will benefit Year 5 and 6 students who will be taking part in the 2015 debating competition. If this is something you think you would be interested in, please let me know ASAP.

Thank you, Mrs Croan

100% Attendance Certificates
On Wednesday 17th December the certificates for 100% attendance will be handed out at the 11.30am assembly.

Fellowship of Australian Writers
Congratulations to Sarah Peck who came 2nd in the ‘Fellowship of Australian Writers Inc., Lambing Flat Regional Cherry Festival Writing Competition’. Well done Sarah.
Class Requirements for 2015
Kindergarten
- 2 good quality glue sticks
- 1 good quality eraser (not novelty)
- 1 box tissues
- liquid soap wash

Years 1 - 2
- Tissues 1 box
- Liquid soap wash
- Paper towel
- 2 pkts lead pencils
- 1 good quality eraser (not novelty)
- 2 glue sticks good quality

Years 3 - 6
- At least 5 good quality lead pencils (HB)
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler (not bendy)
- 2 glue sticks good quality
- 2 erasers good quality (not novelty)
- 1 box tissues
- Coloured pencils good quality
- Liquid soap wash

Also Year 5 & 6 require blue & red pens.
Please buy good quality pencils as the cheaper brands do not sharpen well and break easily.

Please clearly mark your child’s name on each of their stationery items.

Lost Property
Has your child lost any items of clothing this year? Please come and check the huge amount of lost property we have accumulated during the year! All left items will be washed and donated to the school clothing pool.

P & C
Thank you
The members of the P&C would like to thank all the families who donated items for the Christmas raffle, it is great to have this support. The following business also donated items, so thank you to Ocean and Earth, the Sussex Inlet Pharmacy, Sussex Inlet Mechanical Services and Jopen, we value your ongoing support of the school community and I’m sure our lucky raffle winners were very grateful of your donations.

Raffle Winners
1st - Ashton Govier
2nd - Matthew Macdonell
3rd - Cody Nevin
4th - Mia Wilkes
5th - Julie Kelly
6th - Debra Wilkes
Lucky Draw – Cooper Lasker

Merry Christmas
The P & C would like to wish all of our school community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday period. We look forward to seeing everyone next year, rejuvenated and ready to start afresh in the new year.
Tracy Solari - Publicity Officer

Canteen
Thank you to all who have helped out during the year in the Canteen. Also a big thank you to Nicole, Emma, Nikki and Leanne for FishFest Day help.
The canteen will reopen 2nd week of Term 1, Wednesday 4th February, 2015.
Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.
Chris Parth

Community News
Summer Tennis Camp
5th - 7th January, 9am – 12noon for ages 4 and up. Includes mini tennis, skills match play, games and lunch on final day.
For more information Ph: Paul Summerside on 0437 430 731 or email paulsummo@hotmail.com

Cooking School – Sue May Lea
Summer school holiday kids cooking classes at Milton
Ph: 4454 2042 or 0414 773 213

Sussex Inlet Rural Fire Brigade
Annual Santa Lolly Run!
Santa will be doing the run on Wednesday 17th December, departing the Fire station at about 3.15pm. Santa will tour Sussex Inlet, South Sussex, Badgee and Swanhaven areas on board our Fire truck

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

• hold your child’s hand. Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.

• talk to your child about road safety. Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.

• point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at Transport for NSW.

Have a safe holiday break!
LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM
HOLIDAY SWIM CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR:
- Intensive programs, Starting Week 1- 5th Jan to 9th Jan 2015,
  Week 2 - 12th Jan to 16th Jan, Week 3 - 19th Jan to 23rd Jan. 
  Cost $67.00 per week.
- Squad training 7am to 8.30am Mon to Thurs mornings –
  Cost 1st session $13.90, 2nd, 3rd & 4th sessions $6.70 each.

TERM 1 2015 STARTS 27/01/2015
- Pre-schoolers Monday and Friday mornings – Cost $134.00 
  for 10 week term.
- School age Monday to Thursday afternoons – Cost $134.00
  for 10 week term.
- Mini and Junior Squads – Cost 1st session $13.90, 2nd, 3rd 
  & 4th sessions $6.70 each.

NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR TERM 1 2015 and JANUARY
INTENSIVE PROGRAM.
DON’T DELAY - BOOK NOW!
Phone 02 4406 2055 or call in and see us.