Principal’s Message

South Shoalhaven Swimming Carnival - Bomaderry Pool Tuesday 18th February

The Sussex Inlet Public School team of 27 swimmers performed strongly at this carnival. Congratulations to Hollie Miles - Senior Girl Champion. The Sussex Inlet Public School team was the winner of the Doug Leslie Trophy (carnival points comparative to school population).

This strong result for our swimmers is not only a reflection on their own efforts and ability but acknowledgment must also go to the families who have supported and encouraged students in their ongoing training. Also to Susan Wright, Manager, Sussex Inlet Aquatic Centre for her outstanding training program, encouragement and support for our Sussex Swimmers.

This year our school was again the convening school for the district carnival. As the convener I would like to thank the members of the school community who as a team worked to ensure the success of the day. A particular thank you to Anne Elliott and Pat Gregg (SLSO’s) for preparing for and assisting in all aspects of running both the school and district carnival. Mrs Bronwyn Hedger who assisted both on and before the day entering data into the Swim Meet program, and to Mrs Vicki Harris for catering for the officials, to the parents who assisted with timekeeping and to all families and friends who supported our students on the day.

Eleven students will represent the South Shoalhaven PSSA at the South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto on Friday 7th March. Good Luck.


Tomorrow afternoon Wednesday 26th at 2.40pm in the hall there will be a presentation of School Swimming Carnival Age Champions and announcement of the winning House and District Swimming Carnival trophies and ribbons.

South Shoalhaven PSSA Carnival Convener- Karen Coyle

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STARFISH AWARDS

Cody Nevin, Corey Price, Sam McNeil, Hayden Webber, Lani Richardson, Charlotte Macdonell, Ewan Greenwood, Liam Murphy, Ella Crehan, Finn McDowall, Chloe Johnson, Deacon Harding, Natalie Gough, Patrick Bannon, Shayla McCarthy, Isabelle Harris, Matilda Goodwin and Marlin Webber.

CLASS AWARDS

KD- Krystal McKenzie & Kayden Clayton
K/1H – Ahrian Pavitt & Charlotte Macdonell
1M/N – Coen Uphill & Patrick Bannon
2B – Emily McNeil & Coorain King
2/3N – Saxon McCracken & Emilia Murray
3/4C – Sarah Peck & Mason Cheshire
4/5C Flynn Glover & Bailey Sassall
5/6D – Tazmin Mansell & Cooper Lasker
6R – Brodie Critcher & Billy Alldis
Sports – Sam McNeil, Maddison Austin & Claudia Bettington
The AFL Paul Kelly Cup
Friday 21st February saw SIPS field 5 teams for the Paul Kelly Cup made up of boys, girls and mixed teams. The day was blessed with perfect sunny weather and, after a slightly delayed start, students from a variety of schools around the district began a series of AFL games against each other. Our students played with outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day and the effort and participation shown by students was excellent. After the draw matches were finished we had both boys’ teams through to the finals. They eventually lost these games despite close scores in both matches. At the end of the day students and teachers alike agreed that we had all learned a great deal about the game of AFL and had a lot of fun in the process.
5 Students who showed promising AFL skills were chosen to try out for the Zone AFL Team. Well done to Sean Donald, Max Cheetham, Brodie Critcher, Aidan Moroney and Jayden Hammond. Best of luck in the trials.

Mr Douglass

The Right Balance Performance
The performance will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 in the school hall. Performance focuses on anti-bullying, using circus skills, martial arts, hip hop and story telling. The cost is $4 per child. Permission note attached to newsletter to be signed and money placed in attached envelope. Notes and money to be returned to school by Friday, February 28, 2014

Parent Information Meetings
Thank you to staff and parents who gave their time last Wednesday for the parent information sessions. It is always lovely to meet our parents and provide relevant and up to date information on the classroom routines and expectations. Please remember that class teachers are only too happy to discuss any concerns with you and often we can avoid issues escalating by responding and intervening quickly.

Vincentia High Transition – Year Advisor Visit
On the 12th February Mr Ryan & Mrs Brooks came from Vincentia High School to inform year 6 about how high school is different to primary school. They showed us timetables and answered all of our questions. They also told us if you haven’t had breakfast you can go to the breakfast club and it’s free. This was only the start of our transition program and it looks like fun. We’re looking forward to working with them in the future.

Riley Jarrett & Brodie Critcher

Student Representative Council
Years 3-6 Student Representative Council elections will be held in class this week with the induction assembly on Friday, 7th March.

Bay and Basin Learning Community
Yesterday Mrs Jenkinson escorted us to St Georges Basin Public School. Thirteen of our students were selected for the Bay and Basin Learning Community combined choir. The schools participating are Vincentia, Huskisson, St Georges Basin, Sussex Inlet and Tomerong. We really enjoyed the day and can’t wait to go back.
On behalf of Sussex Inlet choir we would like to thank Mrs Jenkinson for conducting the choir and teaching us the songs and to all the parents who assisted us with transport.

Brendan Campbell & Jake Town

Bay and Basin Learning Community Launch
This celebration of the achievements of the schools in the Bay and Basin area will take place on Wednesday 12th March. Our students will be involved in a massed choir and combined Aboriginal Dance group on the day which will be held at Vincentia High School commencing at 10.30am.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Sussex Inlet Public School will be involved in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) and all students will have the opportunity to participate. The PRC aims to encourage in students a love of reading and enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read a wide variety of texts. The Challenge opens on 3rd March 2014 and runs until the 29th August 2014. Students are encouraged to start recording their books for this year ready for entry onto the PRC database when registration opens on the 3rd March. K-2 students need to experience a minimum of thirty (30) books with at least twenty five (25) of these being approved PRC books. Students in years 3-6 are required to read and record twenty (20) books in total with a minimum of fifteen (15) being from the PRC book lists.
It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

3/4C Hard at work!
If any parent/carer objects to their child participating in the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge please advise the school as soon as possible. Students who complete four (4) challenges receive a Gold Award and those who complete seven (7) challenges a Platinum Award. SIPS has a large selection of PRC books in our Library and will encourage all students to participate. Students will be able to borrow at least one PRC book each time they visit the Library during class lessons. K-2 students will have some books read to them by their class teachers. Students in years 3-6 will be encouraged to complete the Challenge independently, however teachers and staff will always be available to help.

Thank you to all parents who encourage their children to read and hopefully, with your continued support, participation in the PRC will be a rewarding experience for all.

If any parent/carer would like to view the rules and conditions of entry for the Challenge, this can be accessed at – http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge or if you require further information regarding the PRC please contact the school or go to the website.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.
Joseph Addison

P & C News
The next P & C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting at 7pm, Monday 17th March. Please mark it in your diary.

The uniform store is back to normal hours being open Monday and Tuesday from 8.45am. We have had such a big run on uniforms causing shortages in some sizes, but stock is constantly being replenished and orders will be filled as soon as possible.

Tracy Solari- Publicity Officer

Canteen Roster
Closed – Monday & Tuesday
Wednesday 26.02.14 A. Masling
Thursday 27.02.14 L. Davidson
Friday 28.02.14 A. Harris

Wednesday 05.03.14 M. Cooper
Thursday 06.03.14 E. Tekis
Friday 07.03.14 L. Robinson

Pasta Bolonaise is available from the canteen for lunch orders for $3 any day. Volunteers are required from 10.30am until approximately 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 44412921. If one child is paying for other children, please write the other children’s name and classes on each bag.

Great to see happy, smiling faces in Kindergarten