Welcome to the 2015 school year. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of our students today and join in the excitement as they caught up with old and new friends and their teachers. Thank you parents for having your students looking so wonderful as they walked through the gates this morning, proudly wearing their school uniform and being very well prepared for their important job as learners. I am sure that along with the excitement many students will be also feeling nervous about the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead as they embark on their new journey in learning in the 2015 school year. If you have any concerns in regards to your child please contact/speak with their teacher or myself. Parents working together with teachers make all the difference to student learning and wellbeing.

Yesterday the Staff Development Day allowed the staff to look at the year ahead and begin to plan, review and set some immediate priorities. Apart from organizational matters staff completed mandatory training in CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis. There was certainly a positive and energetic vibe amongst the staff as we all caught up on holiday happenings and settled into planning for 2015. It is going to be a great year of teaching and learning.

Classes and Staff  Our school is staffed on a formula that takes into account not only the actual number of students enrolled in the school but also the year level of the students. We begin this year with student numbers indicating that we are very close to forming an extra class. If we do meet the required number to form the extra class the school population must then remain stable over the first 4 weeks of the school year. This formula also indicates what additional staffing the school is entitled to, for example, learning support, RFF and library. To minimise disruption, at this stage, we do not plan to form class groups until Monday of Week 3. Until classes are formed, students will work in year groups. The first unit of work for 2015 for all year groups will be a PD unit of work based on the PE/PD & Health syllabus, Interpersonal Relationships strand and assessing for learning activities.

Weeks 1 & 2
Stage 1(Years 1 & 2) – Mrs Nevin, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Hill
Stage 2(Years 3 & 4) Mrs Ryder, Mr Douglass & Mr Quinn
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Mrs Croan & Miss Kemp.

Kindergarten students begin with Best Start assessment on Wednesday and Thursday and begin school on Friday. Kindergarten students and their families are asked to meet in the school hall at 9am on Friday where they will meet their teachers before moving to classrooms.

Dates to Remember

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Mrs Jenkinson is on leave until Monday 23rd February, I will be relieving principal during this period.

Our Parent Information Afternoons will be held after classes have been formed.

In the newsletter over the next 2 weeks I will clarify school organization and the school staff and their roles for 2015.

Remember to download the Sussex Inlet Public School App to your mobile phone to receive timely information and alerts to better keep you informed of SIPS happenings. Additional information to help prepare for the school year can be found at the school web site www.sussexinle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au or the Public Schools website.

I would again like to congratulate the following students on their election as 2015 Sussex Inlet Public School student leaders:

Captains – Rochelle Potts & Josh Banwell
Vice-Captains – Tazmin Mansell & Taine Penrose
Prefects – Rachael Eaton & Matthew Thompson

Sporting House leader elections will take place next week. And SRC class elections in Week 4.
School Assemblies
Whole school assemblies will be held on Friday at 11.30am in the school hall. Assemblies are normally held on a fortnight rotation however we do need to accommodate other school activities that arise. Our Term 1 school assemblies can be found in the events calendar in this Newsletter.

Notes accompanying this newsletter
Today a Student Welfare flyer has been sent home for parents and students together to review also an information sheet for parents on Compulsory School Attendance.

Stationery Requirements 2015 – please label all equipment A reminder if you have not already organised your child’s stationery needs.

Kindergarten
2 good quality glue sticks , 1 good quality eraser (not novelty), 1 box tissues and liquid soap wash.

Years 1 - 2
Tissues 1 box, liquid soap wash, paper towel, 2 pkts lead pencils, 1 good quality eraser (not novelty) and 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 and 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.

Our first major event for the year is the annual School Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 10th February at the Sussex Inlet Leisure Centre. Information and permission notes will be sent home next week.

Finally, to all new students and their families, welcome to the Sussex Inlet School Community, we look forward to developing a strong and effective partnership with you and your family as you embark on this exciting school experience at Sussex Inlet Public School. We look forward to seeing you share the very many school events we offer throughout the year.

Have a great week

Karen Coyle – Relieving Principal

School Banking
The children have the opportunity to bank with the Commonwealth Bank through the school banking system. The school banking day is Monday and children are asked to take their bank books direct to the office on that day. If you would like to open an account, School banking application forms are available at the office.

Lost Property
Come and check out our supply of second hand uniforms.
From $2.00 - $5.00.
Please make sure items of clothing are labelled so we can then return lost clothing to their owners.

Around our school

Playground Supervision
A reminder that there is no supervision of students in the playground prior to 8.40am.

Morning: Students sit on the seats until bell rings at 8.40 and then play on concrete area only.

Recess: Students walk to concrete area, sit down to eat their recess for 5 mins. The teacher on concrete duty blows a whistle to play. Students may play on concrete or grass (weather dependant).

Lunch duty: Students sit to eat lunch (supervised by class teacher). At 1.10 the bell rings and students play on concrete, grass or play equipment (weather permitting).

Late bus: Students sit on the silver seats outside Year 6 classroom until the teacher arrives for duty and then they play on concrete area only.

Staff Car Park
Please note that the car park is for staff use only.
Parents/carers are requested not to drive in the car park to drop off and pick up students.
Car park entrance to be kept clear at all times.

Request from the NSW Rural Fire Service
Increasingly over the last 12 months we have noticed that parents have been using the Sussex Inlet Rural Fire Brigade/Emergency Services parking area when attending school assemblies and dropping off/picking up their children.

This creates a potentially dangerous situation for them, particularly the students because when we receive incident callouts, we can have as many as 12-15 vehicles requiring parking. Plus we could have up to three appliances needing to respond to an emergency. Response time for us is critical.

Parents are asked to refrain from using the Rural Fire Brigade/Emergency Services parking area. We need those areas kept clear.

Canteen
The canteen will be open on Wednesday 4th February, 2015. Parents and carers wishing to volunteer in the canteen are most welcome. The canteen is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for recess and lunch.

Chris Parth

P&C News
Welcome back.
The P&C would like to welcome back everyone, we trust everyone had an enjoyable break. A big welcome to our new families starting out at Sussex school this year. We hope to see your faces at meetings in the future. The P&C is an important part of every school community and something very worthwhile getting involved in, so if you’ve ever thought of coming along, make this the year you do it. Our email contact is sipandc@gmail.com. Any questions suggestions or feedback can be sent to us at this address or just come along to a meeting.

Next meeting
P&C meetings are held on the third Monday of every month, at 7pm in the school staff room. This makes the first meeting for the year on Monday 16th February. So come along and see what is in store for 2015.
Uniform store
To help everyone with those last minute uniform requirements, the uniform store will be open every day for the next two weeks, from 8:45-9:15, so get in to the shop in G block and we should be able to help you out. If you can’t make it in at these times you can grab an order form from the office and return it with payment and your order will be filled asap. From Monday the 9th February the store will be back to only being open two days a week. (The exact days of the week are to be confirmed as yet.)
If anyone is interested in helping out with the uniform store this year let us know by emailing us, as this position has become vacant this year.
Tracy Solari- Publicity Officer

Community News

Sussex Inlet Junior Rugby League Club Registration
Saturday 7th and 14th Feb – 11.00 – 2.00pm
New registrations require original birth certificate and Medicare card.
A BBQ will be held on both days for the registered players. We look forward to all existing players and new players joining the club this year!
“When kids are learning a sport, teamwork matters. When athletes are playing a sport – teamwork matters too!”

Jervis Bay Netball Club
2015 Registration & Grading Day
Sat 7th Feb at Vincentia Public School -
5yr - 8 yrs. and seniors anytime between 9am - 12pm
9yrs - 10yrs - 8.45am 13yrs - 14yrs - 10.15am
11yrs - 12yrs - 9.15am 15 yrs. - 17yrs - 11.15am

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