How wonderful to return and receive so many smiles and cuddles on our return today. Students looked fantastic in their uniforms and well rested after a holiday break. I trust parents enjoyed the family time. Welcome back everyone.

Term 4 will be another busy term with the calendar filling fast. As always we will strive to provide countless opportunities for our students to continue enhancing their learning. We look forward to sharing some of the wonderful events with our families and community.

**Kindergarten 2016 Visit**

This Thursday our Kindergarten students for 2016 will be visiting the Kindergarten classrooms from 2.00-3.00pm. This is an important part of our school transition program and has been a major success in ensuring our newest students are familiar and confident in our “big school” setting. 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.

**Gonski Review Afternoon Tea**

Parents are invited to an afternoon tea with staff and Mr Foti Loupos – representing the Australian Education Union, to discuss and find out more about the Gonski Review and how it affects our students at SIPS. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th October, commencing at 3.30pm in the Library. If you are interested in attending we ask you to contact the school to assist with catering.

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**Starfish Awards**

**Presented Wednesday 16th September, 2015**

Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Final
Well done Sarah Peck, Cody Peck, Dylan Hoolier & Lachlan Hollier who travelled to Sunshine Bay PS in the last week of term 3 to compete in the Premier’s Spelling Bee. All students performed to their best and a special congratulations must go to Cody Peck who has been successful in reaching the State finals to be held in Sydney – what an outstanding achievement.

On Wednesday 16th September 2015, my sister Sarah and I, along with Lachlan and Dylan Hollier, represented Sussex Inlet Public School at the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals. The competition was held at Sunshine Bay Public School where 20 schools in the region had 2 representatives competing in each stage. The Junior (years 3 and 4) competition went first. Dylan was unfortunate to get out in the second round. Sarah made it to round 7, finishing 5th and getting out on "parliamentarian". Lachlan and I then went in the Senior (years 5 and 6) competition. Lachlan made it to round 5 or 6 before getting out. I continued through all the levels until we reached the unseen words which are words we haven't practised. Another boy and I battled through 3 rounds of unseen words before I won after a total of 10 rounds. Some of the words I had to spell were glockenspiel, incandescent and constantinople.
I am now off to the State finals at the ABC studios in Sydney on 11th November which will be very exciting.
Cody Peck

School Attendance
This term, at each K-6 assembly the class with the highest attendance for the preceding fortnight will be acknowledged. A high attendance rate is vital to your child receiving the best educational opportunities. At the next assembly children who had 100% attendance and the class with the highest attendance rate for term 3 will also be recognised.

School Swimming & Water Safety Program
Swim school commences in week 4 for children from Y2-Y6 who need additional instruction in learning to swim. Please read note especially the paragraph in bold. Children will need to pay for entry to the pool. Notes will be sent home with children in Year 2 & 3 and those who did not swim 25m last year tomorrow. Please contact Mrs Nevin if you have any questions about this program.

Kindergarten Transition to School Program
This program will continue this term in KH’s room. Please add these dates to your calendar:
Thursday 8th October 2pm-3pm
Monday 12th October 2pm-3pm
Thursday 15th October 2pm-3pm
The uniform shop will also be open at these times to pre-order your child’s uniforms.
Please contact me if you have any questions.
Julie Hickman

Vincentia High School
On Thursday 10 September we went to Vincentia High School for “A Taste Of High School Day”. We did a lot of enjoyable stuff like PE, music, art and cooking. Instead of working in one class room we went to a variety of rooms where we met lots of teachers and other kids from other schools. There were four groups and we were all split up. In cooking, we made ham and cheese puffs with Mrs Cody, which was awesome. In music we learnt how to play Smoke On The Water on the guitar and learnt how to play Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star on the keyboard. We got to play lots of running games and hockey. During art, we got to go in the dark room where we made a picture. We made it by putting shapes on a piece of paper, we put it under a machine and then we put it in water. The picture then appeared. It was a fun day and everyone enjoyed their first experience of high school.
By Bailey, Kioni and Jasmine.

Mogo Excursion
During the last week of term 3, Stage 3 visited Mogo Gold Town for a first hand experience of life in the goldfields. Everyone enjoyed panning for gold, making damper, and learning about life on the diggings of Mogo. We learnt a lot about the local miners and bushrangers and watched the blacksmith make tools for the miners. It was an excellent way to finish our gold rush topic for the term.

Senior Cricket Gala Day
On the last day of term 3, stage 3 enjoyed a cricket gala day. We had five teams that all competed with wonderful sportsmanship and skill. Everyone enjoyed the sunshine and fair play. What a great way to end term 3!!
Grandparents Day
Grandparents, parents and friends are invited to join us for our grandparents day activities on Friday 30th October from 9am – 12pm. After participating in group activities you can join grandchildren for morning tea then attend our school assembly.

Save The Date!
We have listened to parent feedback about the need for more music, dance and drama opportunities for our students. We also note parents would like to take part in school activities that are outside of school and working hours. We have decided to hold an end of year school concert with all students involved. Each class will present an item and we will follow this grand performance with a BBQ. Please save this important date in your diary. All community members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 10th December at 5.30pm (Week 10).

National Bandanna Day
Friday October 30th, 2015
It’s our 21st anniversary and it’s going to be bigger than ever! Bandannas play a significant role as a symbol of hope and empowerment for people who are affected by cancer and are worn during their cancer journey. Bandannas will be on sale from Wednesday October 7th, until sold out from the office before school. Cost $4 each.

P & C News
Welcome back to school!!!
A massive thank you to Nicole Collier, Ellen Barnett, Emma Lord, Leah Hollier, Em Zaconne, Emily Austin, Amanda Halligan, Danielle Cooper, Tracy Sassall and Tameka Gogerly for baking for our cake stall at the Lions Fair on Saturday also a very big thank you to Heidi Goodwin and Tameka Gogerly for helping run the stall, we raised $175 which is quite good given the extreme heat on the day!
Alicia Jurd - President

The count down is on and the fete is approaching fast! Soon you'll be seeing signs go up around the town and also radio ads being played to help advertise this great event thanks to bsp chartered accountants and a lot of other local businesses who have generously supported our fete!
We are still looking for a few people to help with certain tasks on the day of the event! If you or someone you know would be interested in helping get organised on the morning of the fete please contact Alicia on 0438833121. A reminder that the uniform shop is open on Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am - 9.15am, if you are unable to attend the uniform shop during these hours please collect an order form from the front office!
Also just a reminder that we now stock the girls check culottes as Lowes no longer stocks them!
Our next P & C meeting will be held on 19th October at 7pm in the staff room, this meeting will hold lots of discussion about the fete so if you are interested or have something you would like to contribute please come along and join in! Everyone is welcome! Alicia will bring dessert :-)
Heidi Goodwin - Publicity Officer

Canteen Roster
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
Week 1
Wednesday 07.10.15 B. Walsh
Thursday 08.10.15 E. Tekis
Friday 09.10.15 L. Davidson

Volunteers are required from 10am until approximately 1.30pm.

If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 4441 2921.

Found
Red scooter was left at school before the floods in August.

Community News
Shoalhaven Netball Association
5-10 years interested in playing Netball for the first time - ANZ NetSet Go program is a come and try program to learn the basics skills and rules of netball.
Program – Mondays 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Netball Competition – Mondays 6pm
Starting 12 October – 14 December. Cost $14.00
Visit - letsplaynetball.com.au to register

Shoalhaven Football (soccer) – Term 4
Academies are being held at the following venue 5th Nowra Fri 16th October for ages 5 – 13 years
6 week program cost is $70
The Academies are suitable for players of all abilities with the following skills being implemented, 1 – running with the ball, 2 – 1st Touch, 3 – Striking the ball & 4 - 1 v 1 games.
All enquiries please email mjonno1@bigpond.com.au or 0488034500
Mark Johnston Director of Coaching Shoalhaven Football

Milton Brickfest 2015
This is a Lego fan event.
This is a fundraiser for Destiny Rescue and Open Arms, organisations that are involved with rescuing and rehabilitating trafficked children.
$4/person or $10/family.
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November 10am-4pm.
Croobyar Rd Milton
Building competition for children to enter their home built creations.
Details and pictures on Facebook: Milton Brickfest

Fitness Classes – Thomson St Hall
Fitness/Bootcamp/Pilates/Sup Fitness
Term 4 Timetable commences Oct 9th
Monday 8am Gentlefit 5.45pm Pilates
Tuesday 5.45am Bootcamp
Wednesday 6pm Paddleboard Fitness
Thursday 5.45am Bootcamp
Friday 8am Gentlefit
Mad About Fitness
Enquires & Bookings: 0421120376