9 Classes were formed yesterday and students have settled well. Please remember that your first port of call for any questions about your child’s class is the class teacher. This can be a bit tricky if you haven’t met the teacher before. Next week you will be notified of the dates and times for year 1 - 6 parent information meetings. It is advisable to attend these introductory sessions. Each teacher will introduce themselves, explain routines, topics, excursions, requirements and expectations for their classes and spend time with you answering questions etc. Please make the effort to come along and get to know your child’s teacher for 2015.

School Organization 2015

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Dates to Remember

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Today our primary students and teachers attended the annual school swimming carnival at the Sussex Inlet Aquatic Centre. Our school swimming carnival was once again an outstanding success not only for the excellent and very competitive results achieved by our swimmers, but for the extraordinarily high number of competitors that swam in every event they were able, the assistance of many parents and community members who so generously gave their time to assist and the school staff who worked together to make sure this carnival ran smoothly. Acknowledgement must specifically go the staff of the Aquatic Centre and Marni, Aleece and Anne Elliott for officiating. Results from the carnival will be published in next week’s newsletter. Ribbons will be given out at assembly on Friday and age champions and winning houses will be announced.

This Thursday at 10am we will have our Student Leader Induction Assembly this is a special occasion, with our school captains, vice captains, prefects and house captains being inducted into their roles. This assembly will be followed by morning tea for invited guests, elected student leaders and their guests and staff.
On Friday at the usual time of 11.30am we will have our first whole school assembly. Students receiving awards are published in this newsletter. All are welcome to attend this assembly.

Next Monday is our first P&C meeting for the year. The P&C Association presents an excellent opportunity for parents to become actively involved with and support the school. The meeting commences at 7.00 pm and is usually over by 8.30 pm. For this meeting Mrs Hickman and I will offer child minding in the Kindergarten classroom. We hope this will enable interested parents to attend this meeting, even if you would like to pop in for a short while.

New Attendance Guidelines have been released and families can no longer apply for an exemption from school to attend family holidays. Families are encouraged to take holidays and travel during school vacations. All absences from school must be explained within 7 days. Explanations should be in writing. If explanations are not provided or if the explanation is not a good reason for a student to be absent from school, the absence will be marked as unjustified in the class roll. DEC has strict guidelines as to what we as a school can accept as a legal absence. The NSW Government is making regular attendance at school a priority therefore all school rolls will be monitored very closely.

Did you see our new flashing 40 zone lights? We have been on the waiting list for quite a few years and it is great to have these now in operation. Being on bus duty each afternoon I have noticed that the traffic in front of the school has slowed down which is great for the safety of our children.

Every face has a place at our school

We are launching our KidsMatter mental health and well-being program on Tuesday 24th March. There will be lots of exciting things happening on this day for the students and their families so keep this date free if at all possible. An outline of the day will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Karen Coyle

Awards to be presented at the School Assembly
Friday 13th February at 11.30am

Class Awards
K  Jayme Firmstone and Ethan Brownlee
  1  Blayden Robertson and Corey Price
  2  Tay Shipley and Jed McDowall
  3  Tristan Brown and Matilda Goodwin
  4  Riley Boyle
  5  Emily Macdonell and Liam Macklin
  6  Reece Breen and Rachael Eaton

Swimming Ribbons and Age Champions

Positive behaviour for Success PBS
Our school is a positive behaviour for success school. Our values are for our students to be:

FAIR
INCLUSIVE
SAFE and
HONEST in all settings.

Each week the teachers will be recognising students for following these values with FISH tickets.

This week’s targeted behaviour is:

*Be tolerant of others and their ideas
*Encourage and support others
*Accept individual differences

Be INCLUSIVE in the CLASSROOM

Julie Hickman

Notes accompanying this newsletter
Canteen Roster
Pricelist for SIPS Snackshack
P & C Flyer
KINDERGARTEN Information Session
Mrs Murphy and Mrs Hickman would love to catch up with our new kindergarten parents/carers to share information on:

- The Best Start assessment tasks
- Homework and Home Reading
- Library times
- Your child’s new’s day
- Sports houses
- Scripture
- Library times
- How you can help

When: Monday 16th February
Time: 3.10-3.45pm
Where: KH’s room
If you can’t make it we will send home an information sheet.
Many thanks
Julie Hickman and Sherie Murphy

Further Information on Public Speaking and Debating Workshop!
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 on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March at Lakelands Public School, Dapto. 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 equip 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 cost will be $35 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 or public speaking competitions. If this is something you think you would be interested in, please let me know ASAP.
Thank you, Mrs Croan

Scripture begins next Friday. Please send a note into the school office if you require your child to be withdrawn from scripture lessons.

Court Notices
If you have any changes relating to custody, AVO’S etc. please bring documentation to the office so we can maintain up-to-date records.

Canteen Roster
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
Wednesday 11.02.15 N. Dobell
Thursday 12.02.15 Help req
Friday 13.02.15 L. Davidson
Volunteers are required from 10am until approximately 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 44412921.
Thank you to all the parents that returned teatowels and containers after the year 6 dance last year. If you still have any containers they can be dropped into the office or the canteen.

Please Note the price increases on the menu.
Some are: Moove milks - $1.60
Quench - $1.60
Up & Go - $1.60
Frozen Yogurt - $1.60

P & C News
Next meeting
The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 16th February 7.00pm in the staff room.
For anyone who is not a member of the P&C you must attend this meeting and pay your $1 membership if you want to stand or even vote for the new committee at next month’s AGM. Only paying members who have attended at least one meeting prior to the AGM are eligible to stand or vote.
So if you want to have a say in who is running our P&C you need to come along to this meeting.

Uniforms
Interested in what is happening with the proposed change in uniform?
We are hoping to have the final vote count done and summarised for the survey of the new uniforms, for both the school and sport polo. The results will be announced at the next meeting and it will have to be passed to have the sport shirt sample made up. So if you are interested in seeing what is proposed through the survey then come along to the meeting.
It will then take between 8 and 12 weeks to get the sample shirt which will then need to be approved at the following meeting. After all this is done the new shirts will be ordered and once old stock is depleted any new uniform that is decided on will be phased in over the next two years.
So if you have concerns because you need new uniforms now but don't want to get it until the new shirts are decided on, don’t worry, our existing uniform will still be fine for the next few years.

Book Club
All book club orders were due in by today. If you missed it, you still have the option of paying by credit card using LOOP. (see the back of the brochure for instructions on how to order through loop or go to scholastic.com.au/LOOP ) This is a new way of ordering book clubs and means that all payments are made by credit card online and no paperwork needs to be returned to the school.
Loop will remain open to order from this catalogue until wed 11th.

SUSSEX INET PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION
MEETING AGENDA – February 2015

Meeting commences 7.00pm in staffroom
Welcome & apologies -
Adoption of previous minutes & business arising
Correspondence in & out
Treasurer’s Report
Canteen Report
Uniform Shop Report
Principal’s Report
Presidents Report
Business Arising

General Business –
- Rewards structure update (J.Hickman)
Close of meeting
Tracy Solari- Publicity Officer