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.

Presentation Day
We cordially invite families and members of our community to this week’s Presentation Assembly to recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of our students, staff and school. Students are required to wear their full school uniform. The school choir will be performing at the assembly. Assembly commences at 10.00am in the hall.

I would like to personally thank the many community businesses and organisations who so generously supported our presentation day through their sponsorship of many of our awards.

Congratulations to every student for their efforts and achievements both in and out of the classroom throughout 2015 and especially those who will be acknowledged at our assembly this week.

Thank you SIPS Staff
Words seem inadequate to express my thanks and gratitude to the staff at Sussex Inlet Public School who are a dedicated and committed team of professionals. In the classrooms, the office, the library and 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 2016. Thank you all.

Year 6 Dinner and Disco
Our Year 6 students celebrate their final year of primary schooling with a dinner and disco next Monday night commencing at 5.50pm (for students to assemble for a group photo) dinner will commence at 6.00pm 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 clothes and closed shoes please.

School Leaders
Following the impressive presentation of Leadership speeches, students have had an extremely difficult task in electing our School Leaders for 2016. Every candidate nominated was exceptional and demonstrated outstanding leadership potential. The final outcome will be announced at our Presentation Assembly this Thursday. Our 2016 School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will be presented with their leadership badges by the outgoing 2015 school leaders.

Last Day of school for students is Wednesday 16th December

First day for 2016
Years 1 – 6 Thursday 28th January, 2016
Kindergarten Monday 1st February, 2016

Our new Kindergarten students have received a postcard advising their Best Start interview date and time.
SIPS Choir
Our SIPS choir performed as part of the Milton Carols last night and were impressive. Thank you to the parents and family members who joined in the evening. Thank you to the students who represented our school with such enthusiasm and commitment. The choir’s next performance will be between 7-9 pm. on December 20th as part of St Marks’ Christmas Carols. Our final performance for 2015 will be at the Sussex Inlet RSL Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve. Mrs Serenity Pavitt has kindly offered to assist with the choir on the night. Students are encouraged to wear Christmassy clothes and meet Serenity at the performance area.

Classes 2016
Preparations are well underway for our 2016 classes. At this stage we are looking at 9 classes. 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 2016 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."

Farewell Year 6
Our Year 6 farewell assembly will be held in the hall commencing at 2.00pm on Wednesday 16th December. The 6K students have been busily rehearsing their special item and this will be 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. We will need plenty of tissues as we farewell our Year 6 students for the last time.

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.

Scripture Assembly
Our final Scripture session will take place this Friday 11th December as a performance for all students attending Religious Education through 2015. A huge thank you to Marty and the team for their commitment and enthusiasm.

K-2 Assembly
The following students were recognised for their great work and attitudes:

- KH: Jackson Jurd and Mia Reynolds
- K/1M: Lily Klimiuk and Chloe Johnson
- 1H: Aidan Bown and Laini Glover
- 2N: Matthew Sloan and Kaylee Izzard
- 2/3Q: Mia Wilkes

Clifford will be holidaying with Violet Keywood.

SRC Report
A big thank you to everybody for their support of last week’s mufti day. With your generous donations we were able to raise a total of $178 for Noah’s Ark. Mason and Lachlan presented Diane from Noah’s with a cheque on Thursday when she visited our school. It is great to be able to support Noah’s as they have been such a support to many of our students throughout the past years.

Pictured are Mason Cheshire and Lachlan Hollier from our SRC, Diane Lamont from Noah’s Ark and Cody Nevin, Malakai Halligan and Ethan Brownlee some of the students who Diane has worked with at our school. Mrs Nevin would like to say a big thank you to Tarah, Jasmine, Bree, Hayden, Isabelle, Chloe, Zac, Riley, Amelia, Nikolla, Max, Mason, Lachlan, William, Bianca, Matilda, Dylan, Olivia, Tajah, Blake and Violet for all of their amazing work on the SRC this year.
Together they have raised $1928 for various causes, contributed to the building of the kindy cubby house, organised and ran the SIPS talent quest, created a school movie which was presented on grandparent’s day, presented information in school assemblies, made positive contributions to the decision making in our school and demonstrated what amazing future leaders they are. What a great effort guys well done!

Book Packs for 2016
Class book packs available for purchase at the school for the commencement of the 2016 school year. These packs contain the materials required by students and come at a cost which is deducted from your school contributions. The school is able to purchase these resources at a reduced cost and pass the savings on to you. Every child will be required to have a pack for the beginning of 2016. Book packs are now available for purchase. Kindergarten packs cost $17.00, all other class packs cost $10.00. Please pay no later than Friday 11th December.

Helpers’ Morning Tea
Staff at Sussex Inlet Public School would like to acknowledge the wonderful role the many volunteer helpers play in the development of programs and students’ learning in even the smallest way. Our team of reading VIPs, classroom helpers, sports supporters, team managers, Scripture instructors, art and craft workers, the Men’s shed - just to name a few have been cordially invited to join us for Morning tea on Friday 11th December at 11.00am. Please let the office ladies know if you can come to assist with catering.

Pacific School Games
From the 21st November to 29th November, I was in Adelaide competing at the Pacific School Games. I competed in 13 events and all of them were multi class. I swam in the 10-12 yrs 200IM, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle, 50 breaststroke, 50 backstroke, 50 butterfly, 100 breaststroke, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay, 200 medley relay. I also swam in the 10-19yrs 200 breaststroke where I broke the world record for 10-13 year olds SB9 200 breaststroke. I had a lot of fun in Adelaide and can’t wait for next year.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Certificates for this years’ Premier’s Reading Challenge were presented to students at last Wednesday’s noon assembly. Well done to the 97 students who were recipients of these certificates. Congratulations to the twenty seven students who received the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge Gold and Platinum certificates and these students will be acknowledged at Thursday’s Presentation Assembly. These students have persisted each year with the challenge in order to receive these awards. Gold awards are given to those who complete 4 challenges and the prestigious Platinum award is received after 7 challenges are completed. Congratulations to you all!


The students at SIPS know that the best way to improve their reading skills is to read every day and in particular to read a wide variety of texts. Although this years’ challenge is over, please continue to read as often as you can, as much as you can.
The 2016 PRC registration will begin in Term 1 of next year, usually around the beginning of March. However, students can enjoy and take advantage of the Challenge website before that time to look at all of the different books.

My thanks go to the dedicated staff at SIPS and the families of our students for their outstanding job this year in supporting the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Anne Elliott

“A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading.”

William Styron

WHS Consultation Meeting
A meeting to outline the Work Health and safety procedures at Sussex Inlet Public School will be held on Friday 11th December at 12.00pm. All volunteers, organisations and contractors who attend the school will have received invitations. Any interested parties are also invited.

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 Glasson 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.

P & C News

TONIGHT –
Christmas themed school disco!

K – 2:  5.00pm to 6.15pm
3 – 6: 6.30pm to 8.00pm

$5 entry will include chips and a poppa or bottled water. There will also be an array of flashing light products to purchase including mohawks and pigtails for $5 and other fun stuff starting from 50c.

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Heidi Goodwin - Publicity Officer

Canteen Roster
Closed  Mondays & Tuesdays

Wednesday 09.12.15  H. McNamara
Thursday 10.12.15  H. Goodwin
Friday 11.12.15  S. Safi - Last day for 2016

A big thankyou to all volunteers who helped out in the Canteen during the year.

Discounted items on Friday 11th until sold out. The canteen is depleting stock. If we cannot fill your child’s order and alternative will be found.

Volunteers are required from 10am until approximately 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 4441 2921.

Community News
SAC
PCYC Vacation Care will be open Thursday 19th and Friday 18th December, for the Staff Development Days. We will also be running the program from 4th - 27th January, 2016. Please see Andi or Educator for program and enrolment information. CCB & CCK benefits available.

Carols in the Car Park
Sunday 20th December 7 - 9pm
Thomson Street Community Hall Car Park

Come and celebrate Christmas with music and carol singing. BYO chair, picnic tea and torches. Supper provided at intermission. Carols in the Car Park is an activity of St. Mark’s Anglican Church. In the case of inclement weather, Carols will be held in Thomson St Lower Hall. This is an alcohol free event.

Please join us for Christmas Services at St. Mark’s: Christmas Eve, 6.00pm, Christmas Day, 8.30am. Glow products for sale.

Sussex Inlet Rural Fire Brigade
Annual Lolly Run

16th December 2015
Leaving Station around 3.15pm