Thank you students, parents and staff on such a positive start to the 2015 school year. There was a wonderful hum of activity in classrooms and the playground last week. Students in all grades have undertaken assessment for learning tasks and are continuing to work on a PD unit of work from the Interpersonal Relationships strand. Years 1 & 2 had a great time playing ball games on Friday and their teachers were very impressed with how fairly the students played French Cricket. Their books are going to look great in the wonderful book covers they have been painting. Year 3 & 4 have being looking at the safe value and discussing how it looks, sounds and feels around our school. They have written summer holiday poems and started a weaving project. As part of their unit of work I like me Yr 5 & 6 have been discussing personal opinions and moral dilemmas. It was great to see how the students expressed their own opinions and challenged others in such an honest and respectful way.

Thank you to Miss Kemp and Year 6 for taking the responsibility to organize leadership duties around the school. Students are willingly volunteering to contribute to the smooth running of our school. Mrs Elliott assisted Lara, Jordan and Josh to update the school signage on Monday and Mr Brown is delighted with the respectful way Taine and Matt are managing the school flag poles. All year 6 students are presently in the process of volunteering, trialling and training up for duties.

On Friday we welcomed 27 Kindergarten students and they have settled in well. It was very special being part of these students first day of school. I was amazed when I walked into the kindergarten room at about 10.30am, within an hour of parents leaving the students were painting book covers and rotating through group tasks already doing their important job of learning. It brought back the memory of my own sons’ first day of school, each of these 3 days very clear, the feeling of excitement, yet the worry about whether they would find a friend. I look back now and miss those primary school days and the wonderful memories each of us can recall.

Congratulations Kindergarten and well done Mrs Hickman (Early Stage 1 & Stage 1) and Mrs Myra Walker & Mrs Madeline Rayner.

To our Kindergarten parents and carers, thankyou for entrusting your children with us and please help us get to know your children better, we will work in partnership with you to give your children the very best schooling possible.

This week we reached the student number to form 9 classes. The school must maintain this number of students for 5 days before we are entitled to apply to receive an increased staffing allocation. At this stage we plan the form classes next Monday, 9th February. Students will continue to work in year groups this week.

Sussex Inlet Public School Staff 2015
Principal: Mrs Lorraine Jenkinson (on leave until 23.2.15)
Assistant Principals: Ms Karen Coyle (Stage 2 & 3)  Mrs Julie Hickman (Early Stage 1 & Stage 1)
School Counsellor – Ms Cathryn Worthington (Thursday)
Classroom Teachers: Mrs Julie Hickman, Mrs Sherie Murphy, Mrs Bec Nevin, Mrs Corinne Hamilton, Mr Jim Douglass, Ms Belinda Ryder, Mrs Mel Croan & Ms Karen Coyle
Learning Support/ Release from Face to Face (RFF) Teachers: Mrs Tiina Hill, Mr Quinn & Ms Linda Glover
Reading Recovery Teacher: Ms Linda Glover (from Week 3)
Teacher/Librarian: Mrs Robyn Glasson
School Administrative Manager: Mrs Val Williams
School Administrative Officers: Mrs Gail Banks, Mrs Myra Walker & Mrs Madelaine Rayner.
School Learning Support Officers: Mrs Sara Blesing, Mrs Anne Elliott, Mrs Bronwyn Hedger & Mrs Judy Neeves
Groundsman: Mr Paul Brown
Cleaners: Kerry Ingram & Ruth Hall

In next week’s newsletter I will clarify actual classes and class teachers.
Vincentia High School Year 7 2016 Information Night is on Monday the 16th February 2015. Further information to follow.

Skye Pascal and Mason Cheshire were lucky enough to be selected to attend Stewart House for the next two weeks. They will be attending school looking out across Curl Curl beach in Sydney, meeting students from schools all over NSW and attending excursions to attractions in Sydney. Thank you to Mr Quinn for accompanying the group of south coast students to Sydney yesterday.

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

Sport This year the school has applied to enter the NSW PSSA Schools Knockout competition. A boy’s team has been entered in Rugby League and a girl's team in Soccer. Further information will be provided closer to the playing season. This term will also see the school and PSSA swimming carnivals, gala days, district team trials & school cross country (week 10, weather dependant) in addition to weekly sport and class fitness activities gets underway.

Information regarding Public Speaking, Debating and Choir are included in this newsletter. Further extra curricula activities will be communicated as opportunities arise.

Our Student Induction Assembly is on Thursday 12th February. This assembly is to acknowledge and formalise the leadership role for our Year 6 elected school leaders. Invitations will go home this week, following House Captain Elections on Thursday.

Karen Coyle

Notes accompanying this newsletter

Asthma
We are updating our asthma information. If you have notified the office that your child has asthma you should have received an Asthma care plan today. Could you please complete and return to the office as soon as possible. If your child has asthma and did not receive a form today please contact the office.

Students are required to use a spacer, please supply one if you have not already done so.

Year 3 Bus Forms
Today bus forms have been sent home to Year 3 students who are eligible to catch the school bus. Could you please fill in and return to the office as soon as possible so that a bus pass can be issued.

Medical Forms
Please complete and return medical form to the office as soon as possible.

School Contribution
A letter has been sent home today requesting an annual Voluntary School Contribution. These funds are used to supplement educational resources and programs.

Swimming Carnival
Swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 10th February. Please return note by Friday February 6.

Bookclub
Please return by Tuesday February 10.

PBS Award Structure Sheet

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.

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 FAIR in the CLASSROOM

*Share and wait your turn.
*Be prepared
*Respect others right to learn
*Do your best

Please note: There has been a slight change to the award format. Attendance awards are no longer included in the collection of points.

Julie Hickman

Milton Show Poetry Competition
This year there will be a Poetry Competition for juniors at the 2015 Milton Show. The competition will be held on Saturday morning 21st Feb at 9am with prize money of 1st - $30, 2nd - $20, 3rd - $10 as well as ribbons etc. Contact John Davis for further information and entry forms on 44552013 or email jda76436@bigpond.net.au as there is still room for several more entries.

Good luck!

Mrs Croan

Join the SIPS Debating Team!
If you are in Year 5 or Year 6 and are interested in joining the debating team this year please let Mrs Croan know. This is an exciting way to improve your public speaking skills while having fun competing against other schools. There is a workshop available for students to attend that will help you with specific debating skills if you are interested. However, you do not have to attend the workshop to join our team.

Mrs Croan
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. The camp days will be run by the Flying Squad from The DET Arts Unit. 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 tentative details are the workshop will be held around week 7 or 8, the location is Lakelands Public School and the cost will be roughly $50 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 competition. If this is something you think you would be interested in, please let me know ASAP.

Thank you, Mrs Croan

Stamp Club Year 3 - 6
Mr Taylor from the stamp club would like to know if there are any interested students for the stamp club. Please leave your name at the office if you wish to attend.

P & C News

Next meeting
The next meeting will be on Monday 16th February. As usual it will take place at 7 pm in the staff room. Anybody who has anything they would like to add to the agenda, no matter how big or small, it can be a question, a statement, a suggestion, an anything they would like to add to the agenda, no matter how they will take part in the 2015 debating competition. If this is something you think you would be interested in, please let me know ASAP.

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Uniform shop
The uniform shop will continue to be open every day this week. It is open between 8:45 - 9:15, alternatively you can pick up an order form from the office, return it with your money and your order will be filled asap. From next week the shop will be back to its normal two days per week.

Anybody who is interested in helping out in the uniform shop either let us know by email, or drop in to shop one morning.

Bookclub
Bookclub brochures will be going home today, please ensure that all orders are in by next Tuesday 10th February. Cheques should be made payable to ‘Sussex Inlet P & C Association’. Credit card transactions – you must phone Scholastic and pay with your credit card over the phone and they will give you a number which should be recorded on your child’s order form. As always – make sure all money is securely sealed in an envelope marked with the student’s name and class.

Tracy Solari- Publicity Officer

A reminder on the Department’s policy on smoking on school premises,
Smoking has been prohibited on all school premises and in administrative areas since July 1988. Department policy states that Smoking on school premises, including school buildings, gardens, sports fields and car parks, is prohibited. This includes students, employees, visitors and other people who use school premises, including community groups.

NSW smoke-free laws. The Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 (the Act) requires enclosed public places to be smoke-free. The Act also requires certain outdoor areas to be smoke-free. These areas include spectator areas of sports grounds when an organized sporting event is being held and within 4 metres from an entrance used by pedestrians to get into or out of a building. Pedestrian access points may include areas such as school gates.

Second hand smoke causes a range of serious health problems, especially in children. Banning smoking in these areas is a key measure in reducing community exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke, tobacco related harm and the uptake of smoking in the community.

Further information, including a guide on smoking bans within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point, is on display on the school noticeboard, available from the school office or can be accessed on the NSW Health website

Community News

Sussex Inlet Soccer Club
Registration days for juniors and seniors, Sat 14th and Sat 21st February, 10am-12pm at Thomson Street Sporting Complex. New players bring along a copy of birth certificate, cash or cheque only. We are also seeking expressions of interest for junior coaches. Next meeting will be on 14th February at Thomson St at 12 noon. We would like to invite anyone interested.

Contact Jason McNeil on 4441 3668
Or go to myfootballclub.com.au to register online.
Get in quick, numbers are limited for each team.

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 15yrs - 17yrs - 11.15am

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