A warm welcome to SIPS to our new students and their families: Reece, Georgia, William, Alex and Alyssa.

Also our Kindergarten students: Kaylee, Jayme, Emma, Miley, Emma, Faith, Ethan, Jesse, Noah, Malakai, Jackson, Rory, Joshua, Jake, Leonard, Lucas, Bronte, Georgia, Jasmine, Savenna, Layla, Sharni and Layla.

Scripture classes began last Friday. Thank you to Marty and his team for their commitment to this program. Parents please remember if you do not want your child to attend scripture classes write a note addressed to the principal indicating this.

Results of the school swimming carnival are published in this newsletter. Today Mr Douglass and Mrs Elliott have accompanied our swimming squad to the South Shoalhaven PSSA swimming carnival at Bomaderry. The senior AFL gala day is on this Friday at the Thomson St sports grounds. Yesterday 3 students attended the zone cricket trials at Bomaderry.

Thank you to Mr Quinn & Miss Kemp for taking on the role of district soccer conveners. Trials for the district soccer squad will be held next week. Students have nominated and selected students will be informed this week.

The applications to be involved in the PSSA girls Soccer knockout and boys Rugby League were successful. The draws have been published, first round games will be played mid May.

The debating and public speaking season gets underway with 5 students preparing to attend workshops in Dapto on 18th & 19th March. The Flying Squad from the DET Arts Unit will present workshops to best equip students with skills and knowledge to be successful debaters.

Mrs Croan is looking for expressions of interest from students who would like to enter the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Following an in school competition 2 students from Yrs 3 & 4 and 2 students from Yrs 5 & 6 will proceed to the competition.

SRC elections are taking place in Year 2 to 6 classes and SRC members will be presented with their badges at assembly next Friday. Invitations to families will be sent home later this week.

Thank you to SIPS staff for your support over the last 4 weeks. My time as relieving principal has been busy and challenging, handling the many demands running a school entails, however, working with such a committed, hardworking and professional team is a privilege. What I like best about my time in the office is engaging with all students and seeing the big picture of our school. How the input from the whole school community creates the unique school that is SIPS. It really is a great job.

I thank Miss Kemp for her fantastic work with 6K. Year 6 have had a great start to the year and will certainly miss her in the classroom. Welcome back to school Mrs Jenkinson.

Karen Coyle

Don’t forget to load the SIPS school app onto your phone.
High School transition activities have begun, teachers from our partner high school, Vincentia visited 6K yesterday to introduce themselves and the parent information session was yesterday evening. Thank you to the parents who attended last night’s P &C meeting, amongst discussion was school uniforms, upcoming school events and fundraising.

Parent Information Sessions

Years 5 & 6 will be next Wednesday 25th February at 4.15pm in the 5C & 6K classroom. Parents & students welcome to attend.

Years 1,2,3 & 4 will be  Wednesday  4th March (times to be confirmed next week)

Every face has a place at our school.

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:

*Enter and exit rooms Quietly
*Use equipment appropriately
*Follow class rules

Be SAFE in the CLASSROOM

Julie Hickman

VIP Tutor Program

A VIP tutor works with 4 children on a 1:1 basis once a week to assist with their reading. If you would like to be a VIP tutor or would like to know more about the program please leave your name and number at the front office and Mrs Hickman will contact you. The program will commence in week 6.

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.

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.

Notes accompanying this newsletter

Student Emergency Contact Detail Report
Canteen Price List

Starfish Awards
Presented on Wednesday 11th February


Clothing Pool

Come and check our supply of second hand uniforms. Prices range from $2.00 - $5.00.

We have a large collection of size 12 and 14 jumpers in great condition.

Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled so we can then return lost clothing to their owners.

Wanted

If you have any spare cardboard tubes or shoeboxes could you please send into 2N classroom. Thank you.
Permission Notes
All notes and money to be returned directly to the office when your child arrives at school please.

Student Emergency Contact Detail Report
Please return even if there are no changes. If your child has any medical changes please note underneath the doctors section on the form.

Scripture
A note must be sent to the school principal if you require them to be withdrawn from scripture lessons.

Medical Forms
Please complete and return medical form to the office as soon as possible. We are unable to use band aids etc. on your child if this note is not returned.

School Contribution
Thank you to those families who have paid already.

Court Notices
Changes relating to custody, AVO’s etc., please bring any documentation to the office so we can maintain up-to-date records.

Year 3 Bus Forms
Children in year 3 eligible to catch the bus had forms sent home. Please return A.S.A.P.

Asthma
Children with asthma need to return their asthma plan.

SIPS Swimming Carnival
Last Tuesday saw another great swimming carnival held at Sussex Indoor Pool with students showing excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Once again there was terrific support from parents, teachers and students who all combined to make for a fun and competitive day.

Barracuda won again but not by a great margin. Marlin was in front for much of the carnival. The age champions were: Junior Girl Charlotte Greenwood, Junior Boy Taj Sassall, 11year Girl Jasmine Greenwood, 11year Boy Jye Crehan, Senior Girl Tazmin Mansell and Senior Boy Joshua Banwell. Well done to these students.

Thanks very much to all parents who volunteered or supported, all staff, and the students who competed and participated with great house spirit. Thank you to the pool staff who had the venue looking brilliant. We have 24 students going on to Bomaderry Pool on Tuesday 17th for the District Championship. We wish them the best of luck.

Mr Douglass

Swimming Champions 2015

Front Row: Jnr Boys - Taj Sassall Jnr Girls - Charlotte Greenwood.

Canteen Roster
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
Wednesday 18.02.15 Help req
Thursday 19.02.15 Help req
Friday 20.02.15 H. McNamara

Volunteers are required from 10am until approximately 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 44412921.

P & C News
Meeting
We had a great roll up for our first P&C meeting of the year. It was lovely to see our regular supporters and some new faces at the meeting too! It was moved that a sample of the winning sport shirt design (option 4) be ordered for us to examine. Please remember, the transitioning of any new uniform item occurs over a period of time, it is not instant.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform shop will be open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings next week. Don’t forget if you cannot come in to the shop, you can find the order sheet on the SIPS App and send in an order to the office which will be processed as soon as possible.

Tracy Solari- Publicity Officer

Community News
Sussex Inlet Soccer Club
Registration days for juniors and seniors, 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.