What a lovely welcome I received this morning from students, staff and parents. It is great to be back and I know that Ms Coyle has led the school capably in my absence. Thank you very much for your leadership and management. Thank you to Miss Kemp and Mr Quinn who have relieved in a variety of roles and for taking on their new roles now that classes are finally organised and settled. Thank you parents and students for your patience as the start of the year can present challenges. Thankfully these were minimal and easily addressed.

Welcome to our new and returning families. I look forward to a positive and rewarding relationship with everyone as we work together to see your children realise their true potential.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
The Bay and Basin Local (AECG) will be meeting at Sussex Inlet Public School tomorrow, Wednesday 25th February at 4.00pm. All parents and community members are very welcome to attend.

Lorraine Jenkinson

Student Representative Council
Our class councillors will be presented with their SRC badges at this Friday's assembly. Congratulations to our representatives who were elected by their peers and have demonstrated they possess the qualities to further enhance their leadership capacity. I know they will do an outstanding job during first semester. Thank you Mrs Nevin for volunteering to be the co-ordinator for 2015.

Parent Information Meetings
Year 5 and 6 teacher meetings will take place this Wednesday at 4.15pm in the 5C and 6K classrooms. Parents and students are welcome to attend. This is an integral component of the partnerships between home and school.

Wednesday 4th March for the following classes.

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ICAS University of NSW Competitions
Students at Sussex Inlet Public School will once again be offered the opportunity to participate in these external competitions. If you would like your child / children to participate please complete the attached form and return to the office with payment by Friday 20th March.

Notes accompanying this newsletter
ICAS Information

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Awards to be presented at the School Assembly Friday 27th February at 11.30am

Class Awards

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Sports Award: Malakai Halligan, Jett Richardson and Jye Crehan
K-2
Each fortnight, K-2 get together to practise for the K-6 assembly. This week the following students were recognised for having a great week:

KH:  L.J. Thompson & Faith Nevin
K/1M: Jasmine Harbrow & Ahrian Pavitt
IH: Krystal MacKenzie & Hayden Webber
2N: Jordan Sassall & Ella Tye (absent)
2Q: Zac Johnston

The Clifford Award was presented to Joshua Leaver who participates enthusiastically in all activities.

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:

* Stay focused
* Stay on task

Be HONEST 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. We love having our parents & community working with us.

Starfish Award
Presented on Wednesday 18th February
Blake Jones, Alyssa Gogerly, Georgia Collier, Flynn Glover, Claudia BETTINGTON, Liam Murphy, Hayden Webber, Malakai Halligan, Alexander Gogerly, Krystal MacKenzie, Faith Nevin, Emma Murphy, Kirsten SARGOOD, Matthew Sloan, Isabella Safi, Jed McDowall, Ella Tye, Sam McNeil and Reece Breen

Southern Stars Auditions
Any students from year 2 to year 12 are eligible to audition for a place in the Southern Stars Performing Company. The company consists of a Dance Company, Drama Company, Vocal Company and Orchestra. The successful students become featured artists in Southern Stars 2015 as well as performing in South Coast Dance Festival, South Coast Drama Festival, Schools Spectacular and other community events throughout the year. The majority of rehearsals are held in the July school holidays. Please contact the school office or Mrs Jenkinson for the Information package or use the link to apply here: https://southernstarseoi.wordpress.com/auditions/

Audition nominations for the Southern Stars Performing Company close 2nd March.

KidsMatter Launch - 24th March

Emma and Jackson in the Principal’s chair arranging for the Sea Hawk helicopter visit on Wednesday 24th March.

Head Lice
Head lice have been detected in the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice today. Check around the ears, back of the neck and under their fringe. Everyone in the family needs to be checked.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice spreading. Head lice can make you feel uncomfortable but they won’t hurt your health.
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.

The District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the District Swimming Carnival at Bomaderry last Tuesday. Our students were well supported by parents and grandparents and it was great for our students to hear SIPS supporters cheering them on as they swam their races. A special thank you for Sue from Sussex Indoor Pool for organizing our relay teams and to Rachael Banwell for acting as team manager and photographer.

Our school came 3rd out of 7 schools in the points tally and we had some fantastic individual and teams’ success including: Jasmine Greenwood, 1st 11yo Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle and Butterfly, 2nd Snr 200m Medley and 3rd 100m Freestyle. Bailey Sassall, 1st 11yo Breaststroke, 11yo Freestyle, Taj Sassall, 1st 10yo Freestyle, 3rd Jnr Breaststroke, 3rd Jnr Butterfly. Jordan Sassall, 1st 8yo Freestyle, Jye Crehan, 2nd 11yo Butterfly, Matilda Goodwin, 2nd 8yo Freestyle, Charlotte Greenwood, 3rd Jnr 200m Medley, 3rd 9yo Freestyle, Joshua Moroney 3rd Jnr 200 Medley, Lara Whykes, 3rd 11yo Freestyle, Riley Spencer, 3rd 9yo Freestyle, Kalvin Bown, 3rd 10yo Freestyle. Our Junior Boys’ Relay Team, made up of Taj Sassall, Kalvin Bown, Riley Spencer and Jordan Sassall, came first in their event.

Jasmine Greenwood and Bailey Sassall were announced as the 11yo Champions of the carnival, which is an outstanding achievement, by these two talented swimmers.

Jasmine, Bailey, Taj, Jordan, Riley, Jye, Matilda and Kalvin will all attend the Regional Swimming Carnival on Friday, 6th March, at Dapto Olympic Pool. We wish these SIPS Swimmers the best of luck!

AFL Gala Day – Friday 20th February
On Friday years 5 and 6 went to Thomson Street Oval for an AFL gala day. We had a boy’s team A, boy’s team B, a mixed team and a girl’s team. We want to thank Mr Firmstone for coaching the girl’s team, Mrs Elliott for coaching the mixed team, Mrs Croan for coaching the boys A team and Miss Kemp for coaching the boys B team.

All of us had a great day and our AFL skills improved with each game. Jye Crehan, Bailey Sassall, Riley Walton, Liam Macklin, Sean Donald, Taine Penrose, and Reece Breen got chosen for the district team. Well done boys.

By Bella Cook and Bree Firmstone

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.

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.

Asthma
Children with asthma need to return their asthma plan.

It is most important that the above forms are returned to the office as this information could be vital to your child in case of an emergency.

P & C News
Next meeting
The next meeting will be the Annual General meeting. It will be on Monday the 16th March 7pm in the staff room. So mark it in your diary!

Many of our current committee will be stepping down from their positions due to movements and work commitments and therefore new people will need to be elected for these positions. So if you want to have a say in who is involved in our P&C committee then come along and vote. Hope to see you there.

Tracy Solari- Publicity Officer

Canteen Roster
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

Wednesday 25.02.15 L. Davidson
Thursday 26.02.15 H. Goodwin
Friday 27.02.15 M. McNeil

Wednesday 04.03.15 Help req
Thursday 05.03.15 Help req
Friday 06.03.15 S. Safi

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

Community News
CATHOLIC SACRAMENT DATES for 2015
CONFIRMATION Saturday 20th June 6pm Ulladulla Church
FIRST EUCHARIST Sunday 22nd Nov 10am Ulladulla Church
FIRST RECONCILIATION Friday 28th August 9.20am St. Mary’s School
Johanna Kane (Religious Education Coordinator)

Nowra High School – Year 7, 2016
Parents and students interested in Year 7 enrolment for 2016 are invited to attend our information evening on Tuesday 3rd March, 2015 in the Multipurpose Hall from 4.00pm – 6.00pm.

Sussex Inlet & District Surf Life Saving Club
Registration and Open Day Sunday 15th March 10am – 3pm
Free sausage sizzle For more info visit: www.sussexinletsisc.com.au 0r 0421 727 700