African Children’s Choir
What a wonderful opportunity for our choir students last Thursday to workshop with the visiting African Children’s Choir at Vincentia High School. Their enthusiasm and boundless energy were contagious and our students along with 150 others were caught up in the excitement.

Jump Rope for Heart
What a spectacular event – thank you to the many parents and community members who joined us last Thursday to encourage and applaud our students. Well done to everyone for their participation and 110% effort. Please send in all sponsorship money this week so that the final total can be published next week.

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School Photos
A reminder that school photos will take place on Tuesday 19th May. Students are asked to wear their summer uniform for school photos, but may bring their winter uniform to change into.
NAPLAN 2015
All Year 3 and Year 5 students will take the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy tests today Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May. Arrangements have been made for those students who are not participating. The following timetable applies, on Tuesday – Language Conventions and Writing, on Wednesday - Reading and on Thursday - Numeracy. Students are expected to participate in all aspects. Good luck to all our year 3 and Year 5 students. Please remember this is a snapshot of student learning at a specific point in time. Teachers already possess a wide knowledge of individual student learning needs and program and teach accordingly.

K-6 Assembly
All parents and community members are welcome to join us at our K-6 assembly this Friday commencing at 11.30am in the hall.

Silver Bream Awards
Congratulations to Sam McNeil (1H) and Shayla McCarthy (2N) who are the first students to receive their Silver Bream Awards for 2015.

District Cross Country Carnival
The district cross country will be held at Timber Hills at Tomerong on Monday 18th May. Please return notes by Wednesday 13th May. **Cost $1.00.** We have a strong team representing Sussex Inlet Public School. Good luck to all our competitors. Many thanks to parents and family members who are assisting with transport to the venue and forming our SIPS cheer squad.

ICAS University of NSW Competitions
Students at Sussex Inlet Public School will participate in the first of these external competitions – Digital Technologies, on Tuesday 19th May. Good luck to Lucas Solari, Sarah Peck, Torah Solari, Lachlan Hollier, Emily Macdonell and Cody Peck.

Opportunity Class Applications
Parents seeking Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2016 are required to submit an application online. Information and application forms are available on the internet site: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing an Opportunity Class. The nearest available OC class is located at Illaroo Road Public School in North Nowra.

Beginning Teachers’ Conference
Mrs Glasson will be attending the Beginning Teachers’ Conference in Batemans Bay next Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd May. This important professional development opportunity is part of the Department’s support and commitment to our early career teachers.

Attendance Matters
Please note that partial absences, arriving late to school or leaving early, will be counted as absences. These partial absences also require a letter of explanation to the teacher and students must be signed in and/or out of the school by a parent or authorised adult. Our new School Attendance Officer visited today to follow up students who have numerous unexplained, partial and unsatisfactory absences as well as those who are developing a pattern of absenteeism. Remember: Every day at school is an important day for learning.

100% Attendance Award Winners
Congratulations on a great job attending school every day during first term to the following students:
Star Fish Awards
Presented Wednesday 6th May, 2015
Reece Breen, Emily McNeil, Jordan Keating, Lachlan Moroney, Lilli Stiff-Marr, Hayley White, Riley Boyle, Saira Logue, Jaidan Nuualilitia, Bown Glover, Marlin Webber, Zac Johnson, Jaylea Bown-Daley, Aiden Bown, Hayden Webber, Mason Barnett, Liam Murphy and Emma Murphy.

K - 2 Assembly
Each fortnight, K-2 get together to practice for the K-6 assembly. This week the following students were recognised for having a great week:

KH: Joshua Leaver & Miley Lord
K/1M: Kayden Clayton & Georgia Fletcher
1H: Laini Glover & Makenzie Bannon
2N: Patrick Smith & Luke Blundell
2/3Q: Mia Wilkes
Clifford: Bonnie Cheetham

Awards to be presented at the School Assembly Friday 15th May 11.30am

Class Awards
KH - Emma Keene & Jackson Jurd
K/1M - Lakea Anderson & Alyssa Gogerly
1H - Marlee-Jayne Booth & Aidan Bown
2N - Shayla McCarthy & Patrick Bannon
2/3Q - Bella Lord & Jack Trudgett
3D - Emilia Murray & Cooper Jurd
4R - Jasmine Blundell & Riley Boyle
5C - Bree Firmstone & Alexandria Chatfield
6K - Eleace Davidson & Cody Peck

Sports Award: Tajah Booth, Faith Nevin, Lily Rosengrave and Lara Whykes.

Silverstream Award: Emma Murphy, Natalia Gough and Faith Nevin.

2N in their pjs

Operation Art
This year we have again entered Sussex Inlet School in the Operation Art competition. Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the Department of Education and Communities. Children’s artworks are selected for inclusion in an extensive collection to help stimulate the healing and recovery process of children from around NSW. Congratulations to the following four children whose artwork looked fantastic, and were selected as our school's entries.

Matthew Sloan (2N), Miley Lord (KH), Taj Sassall (4R) and Jack Trudgett (2/3Q) with their colourful art work.

SRC NEWS
A big thank you to everybody who supported pyjama day last week, it was great to see everybody in their pyjamas. Together we raised $164.00 for Stewart House.
Variation to School Staff Development Day
Staff at Sussex Inlet Public School have identified the need to successfully and effectively integrate technology into our 21st century teaching pedagogy as a priority for 2015 - 2017. They have an opportunity to access professional learning as a whole school staff from a recognised provider and will undertake a Saturday training in lieu of one Staff Development Day at the end of Term 4. This will ensure consistency and collaborative learning, planning, programming, developing and implementing sequential, engaging and relevant learning units for students using technology.

Stage Three Football
On Wednesday 6th May some year 5 and 6 boys went down to Ulladulla to play in the P.S.S.A State Knockouts against Milton, Ulladulla Bulldogs. Unfortunately we lost 24-10. All the boys played really well and with good sportsmanship. We would also like to thank Mr Douglas for making the day happen. By Jye and Bailey

Girls Soccer Knockout
Congratulations to our Girls Soccer team who won their first round on Monday 11th against Nowra East. The girls were extremely excited to play, and after a slow start in terribly windy conditions, the girls kicked into gear and ended up winning 2-0. Congratulations to our goal scorers Tazmin Mansell and Lara Whykes, and a special mention to our outstanding backline who hardly let a ball past! All the best for round two against Cambewarra.

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 22nd May
Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you were you want to be, but it also gets your health – and your child's health on the right track too. So that's why this year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 22 May 2015.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!
For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

KidsMatter lands at SIPS
Thursday 14th May 2015
Thomson Street Sports Field
11.15am school hall for launch
11.45am – Navy Seahawk Helicopter Landing
Sussex Rural Fire Service & Ambulance Display
Family games
1.30pm Helicopter Take Off
Thomson Street Canteen open 12noon – 2pm
(help required please)

• Please note the School Canteen will not be operating on Thursday.

Canteen Roster
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
Wednesday 13.05.15 N. Dobell
Thursday 14.05. Canteen Closed
Friday 15.05.15 H. McNamara
Wednesday 20.05.15 E. Tekis
Thursday 21.05.15 H. Goodwin
Friday 22.05.15 S. Safi

Pasta Bolognese available $3.00
Pasta Bolognese & ½ garlic bread $3.50

The Canteen would like to thank Alicia Jurd for the donation of a lovely modern microwave. Thank you.

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

P & C News
We hope you all had a great Mother’s Day! Thank you to all those who attended the morning tea. Our new school shirts have arrived and are available at the uniform shop.

For anyone interested in joining the school fete committee, could you please contact Alicia Jurd on 0438833121. The more help we get, the more successful the fete will be.

A reminder that our next P & C meeting is Monday 18th May. We have lots of exciting things going on with the disco and fete, if anyone is interested in helping please come along. Heidi Goodwin - Publicity Officer

Community News
Drawtism 2015
A great night out, heaps of fun and prizes while raising awareness and funds to support children on the autism spectrum. Saturday June 6 from 6pm at Mollymook Surf Club. $30 per player. Tickets available from BSP Chartered Accountants in Ulladulla, from Mrs Nevin or check out the Drawtism 2015 Facebook event for more info.