We have had a great start to the 2016 school year. All of our students are settled into their classes and from what I have observed, are very enthusiastic learners. I would encourage all of our students to read at home. Reading in our modern world is more important than ever. When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card, reading street signs, or reading and writing emails – it teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills. Reading with your child at home will help them in all learning areas at school. Often teachers will ask you to listen to your child read at home. This is a good way to support your child's reading. You can borrow books from your school library or your local library. Reading every day is important because……….  

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**Awards to be presented at the School Assembly**

**Friday 12th February, 11.30am**

**Class Awards**

- KH - Jules Murray & Mason Regent
- K/1M - Lucas Sargood
- 1/2N - Ewan Greenwood & Blayden Robertson
- 2C - Ella Crehan & Jett Southwell
- 2/3K - Luke Blundell & Lani Richardson
- 3/4D - Jaidan Nuuallitia & Ana Pousini
- 4R - Tajah Booth & Drae Keating
- 5/6C - Alexandra Chatfield & Daniel Williamson
- 5/6Q - Blake Jansch-Berry & Kalvin Bown

Ms Janelle Radke
Parent Information Sessions
Next week, teachers will be holding information sessions in their classrooms to explain the routines and subject details and they would love to meet all of the parents/carers of the students in their class.

Tuesday 16th February:
2.30 - 3.00   5/6Q with Mr Adam Quinn
2.30 - 3.00   5/6C with Ms Karen Coyle
3.10 - 3.40   3/4D with Mr Jim Douglass
3.10 - 3.40   4R with Mrs Belinda Ryder

Wednesday 17th February:
2.20 - 2.55 Kindergarten with Mrs Julie Hickman
3.10 - 3.40   K/1M with Mrs Sherie Murphy
3.40 - 4.10   1/2N with Mrs Bec Nevin
4.10 - 4.40   2C with Mrs Mel Croan
4.10 - 4.40   2/3K with Miss Aja Kemp

Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL
Our school is a positive behaviour for learning 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:

* 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. After the children receive their 4th starfish award they will receive their Silverbream award and after their 8th starfish they will be presented with a Kingfish award.

Julie Hickman

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/Permission Note
Please complete and return medical form to the office as soon as possible. Your child will be unable to have a band aid etc. applied until this form is returned.

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.

Student Emergency Contact Detail Report
With this Newsletter a Student Emergency Contact Detail Report has been sent home for each child. Please return even if there are no changes. If your child has any medical changes please note underneath the doctors section on the form. Also if you have not supplied your Medicare number could you please fill that section in.

Scripture
Please send a note into the school office if you require your child to be withdrawn from scripture lessons. Value lessons will be provided for children not attending Scripture.

Voluntary Helpers – Working With Children Check
It is a Departmental requirement that any volunteer helper at school must complete a Working With Children Check. Could you please call into the office to pick up a form if you have not already completed this form.

Notice Board
The notice board in the walkway is continually updated with information from sporting clubs, community as well as the school.

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 6, 8 and 10 jumpers in great condition. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled so we can then return lost clothing to their owners.

Staff Car Park
Please note that the car park is for staff use only. Parents/carers are requested not to drive in the car park to drop off and pick up students. Car park entrance to be kept clear at all times.

Kindergarten cubby house
SIPS kindergarten students would like to thank our very supportive P & C who donated a cubby house to the school. As you can see kindergarten are very excited about playing in the cubby.
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Sussex Inlet Public School will be involved in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) and all students will have the opportunity to participate. The PRC aims to encourage in students a love of reading and enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read; to read more and to read a wide variety of texts.
The Challenge opens on 7th March, 2016 and runs until the 19th August, 2016. Students are encouraged to start recording their books for this year ready for entry onto the PRC database when registration opens on the 7th March.
K-2 students need to experience a minimum of thirty (30) books with at least twenty five (25) of these being approved PRC books. Students in years 3-6 are required to read and record twenty (20) books in total with a minimum of fifteen (15) being from the PRC book lists.
It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll.
If any parent/carer objects to their child participating in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge please advise the school as soon as possible.
Students who complete four (4) challenges receive a Gold Award and those who complete seven (7) challenges a Platinum Award.
SIPS have a large selection of PRC books in our Library and will encourage all students to participate. Students will be able to borrow at least one PRC book each time they visit the Library during class lessons. K-2 students will have some books read to them by their class teachers. Students in years 3-6 will be encouraged to complete the Challenge independently; however teachers and staff will always be available to help.
Thank you to all parents who encourage their children to read and hopefully, with your continued support, participation in the PRC will be a rewarding experience for all. If any parent/carer would like to view the rules and conditions of entry for the Challenge, this can be accessed at –
Or if you require further information regarding the PRC please contact the school or go to the website.

Congratulations to the SIPS 2016 Sports House Captains.
The Sports House Captains for 2016 are
Wahoo - Emily Macdonell and Liam Macklin
Barracuda - Jasmine Greenwood and Joshua Moroney
Marlin - Hayley White and Michael Blundell

Their first job for the year is to lead their houses during the school swimming carnival. Well done to all students who nominated for these positions it was a very close result. Badges will be presented at assembly this Friday 12th February at 11.30am.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.
Joseph Addison

Anne Elliott
Student Representative Council
Congratulations to the following children on being elected the Student Representative Council. Badges will be presented at assembly this Friday 12th February at 11.30am.

2/3K - Mia Wilkes & Maddison Austin
3/4D - Maddison Harris & Lucas Solari
4R - Hannah Bowman & Hayden Firmstone
5/6Q - Bella Cook & Flynn Glover
5/6C - Jasmine Blundell & Jai Klimiuk

P & C
Thanks to the support we have received in the past; when our canteen fridge stopped working just before the school holidays, we were able to buy a new one!
A massive thank you to Tracy and Andrew Solari for arranging pickup and delivery of our new addition to the canteen, and thank you to Mr Douglass for helping us remove the old fridge and unload the new fridge!
Our first P & C Meeting for the year is fast approaching and will be held in the staffroom next Monday 15th February at 7.00pm. It’s fantastic to see so many new faces interested in the P & C and what we do to help support our school!
Our agenda for next week’s meeting is as follows:

- Fundraising Calendar for 2016
- Air conditioning in the hall
- Uniform shop Committee
- Nature trail clean up
- Outdoor stage/shelter area
- Help Required

If you are interested in becoming a member of our P & C you can do so by either contacting myself on 0438 833 121 or speaking to Val or Gail in the office – membership is $1.
If you are interested in becoming a member of the P & C committee, attendance at this meeting is necessary to be eligible to vote at our AGM being held in March!
Everyone is warmly welcomed!
I look forward to seeing you next Monday.

Alicia Jurd - President

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open every Thursday and Friday morning between 8.30 am – 9.15am. Alternately you may collect an order form from the office and the order will be filled and sent home with your child.

Canteen Roster
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

Week 3
Wednesday 10.02.16 M. McNeil
Thursday 11.02.16 E. Tekis
Friday 12.02.16 S. Safi

Week 4
Wednesday 17.02.16 N. Dobell
Thursday 18.02.16 Help Required
Friday 19.02.16 Help Required

Lunch bags available from Canteen $2.00 for 50.
Price list/menu in this week’s Newsletter.
Volunteers are required from 10am until approximately 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 4441 2921.

Bookclub
Bookclub brochures were sent home last week, please ensure that all orders are in by next Friday 12th 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

Vincentia High School
Vincentia High will welcome prospective students and parents/carers to an information evening on Monday 15th February, 5.30 - 7.00pm. The event will include: tour of the school, Q & A forum, programs and events at VHS and basic information about High School. Years 5 & 6 welcome.

Milton Show Poetry Competition
This year there will be a Poetry Competition for juniors at the 2016 Milton Show. The competition will be held on Saturday morning 5th March at 9am with prize money of 1st - $30, 2nd - $20, 3rd - $10 and every child that performs will be awarded a copy of “The Bronze Swagman Book of Verse”. Contact John Davis for further information and entry forms on 4455 2013. Entry forms can be emailed to jda76436@bigpond.net.au.

Community News
Sussex Inlet Soccer Club
We are looking for coaches; interested parties please send your nominations to jsmacca6@gmail.com by the 12th Feb. Registration day 13th & 20th Feb from 10am – 12 noon at Thomson Street. Contact Alison Harris on 0435 738 169.

Junior Rugby League
Registration days to be held Wednesday 10/2 & 17/2 – 3.30pm – 5.00pm. At Finkernagel oval. Please contact Tracy Sassall on 0438 056 304 for more information.

Shoalhaven Football Academy
A soccer clinic for children under 10 – 13 (Younger children will be next term) will start on 18th Feb at 4pm at Thomson St Fields. Enquiries/register Ph. Mark Johnston on 0488 034 500 or email - Mjonno1@bigpond.com.au.

Mad About Fitness – Thomson St Hall Sussex Inlet
Fitness/Pilates/SUPfitness classes
Mon/Wed/Fri 8am Gentlefit
Tues/Thurs 5.45am Bootcamp
Mon 6pm Fri 9.30am SUPfitness – Swan Lake
All fitness levels & ages welcome.
All enquiries contact Madeline Rayner 0421120376