Principal’s Message
Welcome to a fantastic 2014 school year to all SIPS families. I hope you enjoyed a restful holiday break and students have recharged the batteries in anticipation of a terrific year of learning and embracing new challenges. This year we will continue to work together to deliver the best learning outcomes for every student. The positive and supportive partnerships we form and maintain with parents and the community are crucial to success for all. I look forward to acknowledging and celebrating the many, many wonderful achievements of our school staff and students throughout the year.

Students from Year 1 to 6 returned today looking fantastic in their uniforms. Our Kindergarten students are undertaking their Best Start assessment and commence with their first full day on Friday. Parents are reminded to bring their children to the school hall at 9.00am where they will meet the teachers and move to their classrooms.

2014 will be great!

This week students will be working in grades until final numbers can be confirmed and to ensure disruptions are kept to a minimum. During this time the focus will be on establishing expectations, reviewing the PBS system, the role of the student and aspects of the Personal Development strand in Interpersonal Relationships, Personal Safety and Responsible Choices. Classes will commence on Monday 3rd February.

Welcome to the new families who join our SIPS learning community. I hope to meet and chat with all parents and carers of our SIPS students throughout the year. Please feel welcome in sharing the wonderful educational, social and cultural opportunities we offer to you and your children.

School Leaders
At the Presentation Assembly in 2013 the announcement of the 2014 school leaders was a special moment. Congratulations once again to Bronson Saward and Charlotte Walker (Captains), Riley Jarrett and Nicola Boyle (Vice Captains) and Jayden Hammond and Emily Horvat (School Prefects). I look forward to working with you all throughout the year. A special Induction Assembly is being planned for the school leaders, house captains and SRC members to receive their badges. Arrangements will be finalised this week and details will be published in the next newsletter.

Dates to Remember

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Staffing for 2014:
Welcome to Mr Jim Douglass who was successful in gaining appointment as classroom teacher in Term 4, 2013. We look forward to the valuable contributions, the skills and expertise Mr Douglass will bring to our teaching staff, our students and the wider community.

Principal Mrs Lorraine Jenkinson
Assistant Principal (K-2) Ms Julie Hayek
Assistant Principal (3-6) Ms Karen Coyle
Classroom teachers Mrs Mary Dunnett, Mrs Sherie Murphy, Mrs Rebecca Nevin, Ms Belinda Ryder, Mr Jim Douglass, Ms Lee Bower, Mr Ben Neich, Mrs Melinda Croan
Learning Support / Reading Recovery Mrs Corinne Hamilton
Learning Support / RFF Mrs Tiina Hill
Learning Support / RFF Mrs Rachael Banwell
Teacher / Librarian Mrs Robyn Glasson (relieving)
School Administration Manager Mrs Valerie Williams
School Administration Assistants Mrs Gail Banks, Mrs Madeline Rayner and Mrs Myra Walker
School Learning Support Officers Mrs Anne Elliott and Mrs Patricia Gregg
General Assistant Mr Paul Brown
Computer Co-ordinator Mrs Catherine Jarrett
Attendance
We understand at times it is necessary for your child to miss school. On average, 10 days per year per student is acceptable. When children are absent from school their learning is disrupted. It is essential that you avoid making appointments wherever possible during school hours and encourage your child to attend school every day. Please be reminded that a note explaining the reason for absence is required by law, to be provided to the class teacher as soon as your child returns to school. Explanation booklets will be sent home next week. Late arrivals and early leavers must be signed in and out by a parent / guardian with an explanation at the office. These are marked as a partial absence in the class roll. We hope to see the majority of our students achieving 100% Attendance Certificates each term in recognition of their efforts. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

School Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival has been booked for Tuesday 11th February at the Sussex Inlet Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Details regarding start times, Junior and Senior events and organisation will be forwarded following house meetings this Friday.

School Newsletter
Our school newsletter is an important channel of communication and for informing parents and the community of the events and activities at our school. These are sent home weekly on Tuesdays for 2014, with the eldest child in each family. Please ensure you read all information and dates, times and events are noted. If your child is absent they should see their class teacher immediately on their return or alternative arrangements can be made if necessary. The newsletter is also posted on the school’s website.

Playground Improvements
Over the summer break, reparation work has been undertaken in the area east of the Library. Coring, levelling, top dressing and grass turfing have seen a wonderful new and much safer area developed for our students to enjoy. For the first few weeks of term the area will remain cordoned off to allow for consolidation.

Urgent Request - Library
If you managed to find any library books or home readers over the holidays please return them to the library.

School Banking
The children have the opportunity to bank with the Commonwealth Bank through the school banking system. The school banking day is Monday and children are asked to take their bank books direct to the office on that day. If you would like to open an account, School Banking application forms are available at the office.

Lost Property
Come and check out our supply of second hand uniforms. From $2.00 - $5.00. Please make sure 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.

Canteen
The canteen will be open on Wednesday 5th February, 2014. Parents and carers wishing to volunteer in the canteen are most welcome. The canteen is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for recess and lunch. Volunteers are required at approximately 10.00am. to 1.30pm. Your help is very much appreciated. Just fill in the form attached to the newsletter and drop in to the office or canteen. Thank you.

Chris Parth

P&C News
From all of the P&C at Sussex Inlet, we wish all of our school community a very warm welcome back to school and especially to all of our new parents. We trust you all had a happy and safe holiday break. We understand that some children may have grown significantly over the holiday break so to accommodate this, we will open the uniform store every day this week, each morning the store is open at 8:45am in G block. Next week will return to its normal hours, open Monday and Tuesday only at 8:45am.

So if you need to restock your child's uniforms come and see us, otherwise you can pick up an order form from the office. Return it with your money and your order will be filled ASAP.

Next Meeting.
Looking for a way to be involved in your child's education? Or just want to know what is happening around the school?

Then come along to the school P&C meetings. This is not just for parents but for anyone involved in our school community. For all the new parents of kindy kids, this is a great way to meet other parents and we love to see new faces.

The meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7pm in the school staff room. You can come to one meeting or come to all, there is no obligation, but you must be a member of the P&C (by payment of $1), by February if you want to vote for committee members at the Annual General Meeting to be held in March. So if you want a say in who runs the P&C then come along to the next meeting.

This month's meeting will be on Monday 17th Feb. Get involved and make things happen!

Tracey Solari
Publicity Officer