Principal’s Message

South Shoalhaven District Swimming Carnival
The following 26 school representatives participated in the South Shoalhaven District swimming today at the Bomaderry Swimming Pool. Thank you Ms Coyle for your organisation and hard work in getting this district event planned… it is a huge job. Bailey Sassall, Taj Sassall, Bianca Jones, Charlotte Greenwood, Jasmine Greenwood, Riley Walton, Joshua Banwell, Bree Firmstone, Rachael Eaton, Charlotte Walker, Hollie Miles, Billy Payne, Jye Crehan, Mickala Logue, Gabbi Walker, Riley Spencer, Jake Carruthers, Lara Whykes, Hayley White, Jayden White, Claudia Bettington, Cate Rosengrave, Michael Johnston, Aidan Moroney, Kalvin Bown and Lilli Boyton.

SIPS Short Course Swimming Carnival 2014
Congratulations to Hollie Miles who broke 5 records in 100m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley. Also Jasmine Greenwood broke the Jnr Girls Breaststroke record and Billy Payne broke the 11 Years Freestyle record. Well Done!

SIPS Short Course Swimming Champions 2014
Senior Champions: Jayden White & Hollie Miles
11Years Champions: Billy Payne & Charlotte Walker
Junior Champions: Jye Crehan/Riley Walton
Jasmine Greenwood

P & C Meeting
It was great to see so many parents at our first P & C Meeting for 2014 last night. My sincere thanks go to the office bearers of the 2013 committee, and in particular Mrs Bronwyn Hedger our President, who will be stepping down after many dedicated years to the SIPS community. Her contributions in support of our students and the school have been enormous and truly appreciated.

Parent Information Meetings
Tomorrow Wednesday 19th February. These will be held as stage groups as follows;
- Kindergarten 3.00pm in KD room
- Stage 1 (1MN, 2B and 2/3N) 3.30pm in 2B room
- Stage 2 (3/4C and 4/5C)
- Stage 3 (5/6D & 6R) at 4.00pm in 3/4C room
Please contact the class teacher if you are unable to attend. Hope to see many of our parents attending.

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VHS Year Advisor Visit
Mrs Mardi Morris from Vincentia High School will be visiting our Year 6 students on Wednesday 19th February as part of the high school transition program.

Bay and Basin Learning Community Launch
This celebration of the achievements of the schools in the Bay and Basin area will take place on Wednesday 12th March. Our students will be involved in a mass choir and combined Aboriginal Dance group on the day which will be held at Vincentia High School commencing at 10.30am. More details will be published in the coming weeks.

Southern Stars 2014 Dance
Performance Dates: 29th & 30th August 2014
Wollongong Entertainment Centre
We have again been asked to submit an Expression of Interest to participate in the 2014 Southern Stars. Participation is dependent upon numbers and availability of staff to undertake this huge commitment. If you would like your child to be involved in the Dance please fill in the attached form and return to school by Friday 21st February, 2014.
**Student Leader Induction Assembly**

Last Friday 14th February we inducted our 2014 School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects as well as our Sporting House Captains at a special assembly. Congratulations to all the students and to Bronson and Charlotte for conducting a very memorable assembly. Our special guest speaker from Vincentia HS - Grace Kennedy was inspirational in her presentation about her adventures in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race as part of a crew of people with disabilities. Thank you Grace for your thought provoking words and thank you Mrs Morris for your attendance at our Induction assembly. I am looking forward to working with the school leadership team throughout the year.

Grace Kennedy presenting her inspiring speech

**Year 6 Diaries**

Mrs Ann Sullivan and Mrs Robyn Lewis presented all Year 6 students with a diary on Monday, kindly donated by the Sussex Inlet Evening VIEW Club. Thank you to Ann and Robyn and to the ladies of VIEW club for their generous donation. The students will develop planning, organisation and time management skills that will stand them in good stead for the future.

L-R Back: Charlotte Walker, Bronson Saward, Nicola Boyle, Riley Jarrett, Emily Horvat & Jarrod Hammond
Front: Emily Gillon, Billy Payne, Hollie Miles, Michael Johnston, Aidan Moroney & Nicayla Gill

Year 6 displaying their new diaries.
AFL Gala Day
Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in the Senior AFL Gala Day at Thomson Street Sporting complex this Friday as part of the Paul Kelly Cup. The $2 participation fee per student is to assist in covering costs for referees on the day. The day will be used as selection trials for district teams. Good luck to our SIPS students.

Bus Behaviour
A reminder to students and parents that travel to and from school by bus is subject to abiding by the Code of Conduct. Bus drivers have a very responsible but at times difficult job ensuring the safety of all passengers. Students are asked to remember their responsibilities as passengers and representatives of the school by being co-operative, courteous and respectful when travelling by bus.

Permission Notes
All notes and money to be returned directly to the office when your child arrives at school please.

Scripture
A note must be sent to your child’s class teacher if you require them to be withdrawn from scripture lessons.

Tins Wanted
Mrs Nevin is still looking for tins. Any baby formula tins, large coffee or milo tins which you could donate would be greatly appreciated.

P & C News
Uniform store is open on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 8.45am. Alternatively you can pick up an order form from the office.

Tracy Solari- Publicity Officer

Canteen Roster
Closed – Monday & Tuesday
Wednesday 19.02.14 K.Finneran
Thursday 20.02.14 Help needed
Friday 21.02.14 N. Macdonell

Volunteers are required from 10.30am until approximately 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 44412921. If one child is paying for other children, please write the other children’s name and classes on each bag.

Sussex Inlet Soccer Club
Junior Registration Day, Wednesday 19th February 3.30pm to 5.30pm Thomson Street Fields
Andrew Solari Registrar Sussex Inlet Soccer Club
(02) 4441 3346 or 0402 892 102

Expo Evening – Wollongong High School
Are you considering Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts as your choice of secondary school? If so come and meet us at Expo Evening. 5.30pm – 7pm, 27th February.
DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

Alert:

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

Refer to Childrens Asthma Educators:

1300792755

Make your child “Ready for School” by:
1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
3. Review and update of asthma action plan
Asthma Resource
Ph: 42534138