Principal’s Message

Regional Carnival
Good luck to the swimmers who will be travelling to Dapto this Friday to compete in the South Coast Regional swimming carnival.

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 massed choir and combined Aboriginal Dance group on the day which will be held at Vincentia High School commencing at 10.30am.

ICAS Competition
Information has been sent home today for students in Year 3-6 wishing to participate in the ICAS competitions. Please return note/money by Friday 28th March.

Aboriginal Parents’ Morning Tea
I look forward to meeting with our Aboriginal parents at morning tea this Wednesday. Thank you for meeting with your child’s class teacher and working collaboratively to develop each Personalised Learning Plan for Term 1. These are a valuable tool in getting to know you and your child.

Southern Stars Expressions of Interest
Unfortunately due to only 9 responses for dance and 6 for choir we will be unable to participate in Southern Stars in 2014.

SRC Representatives
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as our Student Council Representatives for Term 1 & 2.
2/3N – James Horvat & Bianca Jones
3/4C – Taj Sassall & Hayley White
4/5C – Bailey Sassall & Alex Chatfield
5/6D – Joshua Banwell & Lucinda Knight
6R – Ahlea Horton & Jayden White

Dates to Remember

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STARFISH AWARDS

Zone Soccer Trials
Congratulations to Lucinda Knight who has been selected to attend the Zone Soccer Trials at Kiama on March 20th.

Life Education Visit
Once again Greg, Harold and the Life Education Van will be visiting SIPS. The cost is $5.00 per student. The van will be at our school from Tuesday 25th March to Thursday 26th March. All classes will be attending with their teacher.
Bullying
As part of our Personal Development and the lead up to National Day of Action Against Bullying, all classes have spent time learning what bullying is, about the signs of bullying, how to deal with bullying and reporting bullying incidents. Our school has a clear policy aligned with the Department of Education and Communities policy. Our shared definition of bullying is as follows: “Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group.” Please be aware that the policy also states that: “Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying.” I have attached to today’s newsletter a copy of the Departments “Preventing and Responding to Bullying in Schools Policy”. Please take time to read this document and others available through the department’s website at www.det.nsw.edu.au.
It is through strong and positive conversations and actions that we can work together to ensure bullying is not an issue at our school.

Anti-Bullying Performance – The Right Balance
On Monday 3rd March, Bullseye came to our school and did a performance on anti-bullying. He did all sorts of tricks and he juggled knives. He even made up a rap and made Bronson wear a cool hat. The rap was about when Bullseye was at school and he got bullied. He taught us how to keep calm when you get bullied and to always tell an adult. Our school loved the performance and we loved learning about anti-bullying.
Bree Firmstone & Flynn Glover

This week Bullseye came to our school to talk about anti-bullying. He also did some circus tricks like juggling and running on a wheel. He picked our school captain Bronson to help him with his act. They also did a rap about what happened to Bullseye when he was at school. In the end everyone had fun.
Alex Chatfield & Bailey Sassall

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Sussex Inlet Public School has been registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students who wish to participate in the Challenge are encouraged to complete their own online reading records as they read and enter any books on-line via their student portal. Students may enter their books at school or at home if access to a computer with the Internet is available. Parents can assist students to enter their records at home. A reading record is completed by either entering the PRC ID number of each book or clicking on titles from a drop-down PRC list. Many choice books can also be selected from a drop-down list.
Assistance and a weekly check/update will be provided at school to any student who may be unsure, is having trouble entering books they have read, or is in need of their reading record to be updated.
The Challenge opened on 3rd March 2014 and runs until 29th August 2014, however books read from 1st Sept 2013 can count towards the 2014 Challenge. To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part of the entire book independently. Students who require special support may listen to unabridged audio versions of text.

Children in K-2 can experience books in their home language and those who can read simple chapter books independently are encouraged to attempt the 3-4 Challenge. Stage 2 & 3 students can read choice books in their home language.
Initiatives such as the Premier’s Reading Challenge not only encourage children to discover a love of reading but also help develop essential learning habits such as being organised, meeting deadlines and being accountable by taking responsibility for their reading. SIPS would love to see participate in this year’s Challenge to help promote a reading culture in every home and establish a goal for families, parents and caregivers to share books with their children every day and establish the benefits of reading as a life skill.
All information regarding the Challenge can be accessed at – http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge or contact the school.
“The more you read the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you’ll go.”
- Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut"

P & C News
The next P & C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting at 7pm, Monday 17th March. Please mark it in your diary.
Tracy Solari- Publicity Officer

Book Club
Book club has been sent home today. Please return your orders on Friday by 9.00am. 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.
Bronwyn Hedger

Canteen Roster
Closed Monday & Tuesday
Wednesday 05.03.14 M. Cropper
Thursday 06.03.14 E. Tekis
Friday 07.03.14 L. Robinson
Wednesday 12.03.14 R. Whykes
Thursday 13.03.14 M. McNeil
Friday 14.03.14 L. Hollier

Volunteers are required from 10.00am until approximately 1.30pm. If you are unable to attend please call Chris Parth on 44412921.