WHS Consultation Meeting
A reminder that our WHS consultation meeting will take place this afternoon in the staffroom. All community users, volunteers and parent helpers are invited.

Cross Country
Well done Sussex Inlet Public School representatives!! Your dedication, training and perseverance have paid off with our school bringing home the South Shoalhaven PSSA Cross Country ‘Ken Choice’ Percentage Point Score Trophy – What an amazing achievement! We are all so proud of you and wish the students who were successful in moving on to compete in the Regional Cross Country on Friday 30th May the very best of luck. A HUGE thanks also to Mr Neich for his commitment and enthusiasm and for laying down the ‘challenge’ to come home with the trophy.

Mrs Jenkinson

Cross Country
Congratulations to the zone cross country team who represented SIPS last Friday. A team of 46 students from years 2-6 represented our school with great pride running to the very best of their ability on a difficult track. The team pushed themselves to the limit and we placed third overall at the carnival, a fantastic result when running against schools with twice as many enrolments. Our great efforts were rewarded as we convincingly won the Handicap Trophy. A big thank you to all the parents for their support on the day transporting students and cheering them on to achieve their very best.

On a personal note I would also like to thank all of the team for making such a big effort this year to achieve the goal we set for ourselves of winning the Handicap Trophy. Your hard work at training has paid off, congratulations to you all.

Congratulations to the following students who will go on to represent the zone at the regional cross country.

Riley Walton – 4th 10 year boys
Sean Donald – 2nd 11 year boys
Ethan Keywood – 3rd 11 year boys
Shea Petersen-Flinn – 5th 11 year boys
Bronson Saward – 3rd 12 year boys
Hollie Miles – 1st 12 year girls
Nicola Boyle – 3rd 12 year girls

Mr Neich

Dates to Remember

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STARFISH AWARDS

CLASS AWARDS
KD – Serene Chapman & Kasey Ward
1M/N – Luke Blundell & Maddison Austin
2B – Kyle Lasker & Hannah Bowman
K1/H – Finn McDowell & Taj Shipley
3/4C – Luke Croker & Bella Cook
4/5C Christopher Waters & Torah Solari
4/5D Cody Peck & Eleace Davidson
6R Jayden White & Achea Horton
Sports Awards – Makenzie Bannon, Lucas Solari, Alexandra Chatfield & Brett Young
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 the very long 11 week first term:

KD – Krystal Mackenzie & Brandon Hirst
K1/H – Finn McDowall
2/3N – Saxon McCracken, James Horvat, Marlin Webber & Daniel Williamson.
3/4C - Jasmine Blundell, Chloe Harbrow, Sarah Peck, Kaitlin Sargood & Sam Ogden.
4/5C – Alexandra Chatfield & Michael Blundell, Claudia Bettington, Rochelle Potts & Bailey Murray.
6R – Brett Young

AECG Meeting
The local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) have reformed and will hold their meeting at Sanctuary Point PS on Thursday 15th May at 4pm. Parents are cordially invited to attend.

ICAS Computer Competition
5 students sit the ICAS Computer Skills Competition on Tuesday 20th May. Good luck to Sarah Peck (Yr 3), Emily Macdonell (Yr 3), Torah Solari (Yr4), Cody Peck (Yr 5) and Billy Aldis (Yr 6) and for taking on the challenge. Apologies for omitting Emily in last week’s newsletter.

NAPLAN
Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will undertake the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy this week. The following timetable applies:

Tuesday – Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday - Reading
Thursday - Numeracy

Students are expected to participate in all aspects unless a signed request for exemption has been received. 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.

Operation Art
This year we have 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 stimulate the healing and recovery process from around NSW. 4 students’ art works have been selected and submitted. Congratulations to Dylan Hollier in 2B, Bridie Glover in KD, Natalie Gough in 1MN and Destiny Pavitt in 2B whose artworks were sent off last Friday. They looked fantastic.

Destiny Pavitt, Bridie Glover, Natalie Gough & Dylan Hollier with their colourful artwork.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now well underway and Term 2 will be an important time for students to continue to read and record their books. The start of the new term has seen students re-establish their enthusiasm for the Challenge if they have chosen to be involved. One hundred and forty five of our students have begun the Challenge and some students have already received SIPS Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificates which are issued for each five books read. Keep up the good work everyone! Eight of our students have already completed the Challenge and have had their records validated. Congratulations on this fine effort.

We would like to thank all members of our school community and all class teachers, parents, carers and our school librarian, Mrs Glasson for their continued support of students participating in this year’s Challenge. Many of our students, especially those who are in year three, have the opportunity to receive a Gold Award at the completion of this year’s Challenge, so let’s go Year 3, don’t let all your hard work over the last three years go unnoticed, strive for those Gold Awards!

Students who are dedicated enough to complete the PRC for seven years will receive a Platinum Certificate and we do have a few students again this year who can achieve this.

It would be fantastic to see EVERY SIPS student taking part in this initiative. Parents can access information regarding The PRC at - www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge.

A wonderful thing about a book, in contrast to a computer screen, is that you can take it to bed with you.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin ~
GRIP Leadership Conference
Our Year 6 captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will be attending the GRIP Leadership Conference to be held at the University of Wollongong next Friday 23rd May. Thank you to parents who have kindly offered to assist with transport. Mrs Jenkinson will be meeting students at the University at 8.45am.

P & C News
The next meeting will be at 7pm Monday 19th May in the staff room. Please come along and find out what’s happening in your school. Please note navy winter culottes new price $28.00.

Tracy Solari

Canteen Roster
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
Wednesday 14.05.14 N. Dobell
Thursday 15.05.14 L. Davidson
Friday 16.05.14 N. Macdonell
Wednesday 21.05.14 R. Whykes
Thursday 22.05.14 N. Miriklis
Friday 23.05.14 L. Robinson

Available now from the canteen:- Toasted Turkish
Any combination of the following fillings:- ham, chicken, cheese, tomato, capsicum, onion, cucumber, lettuce, carrot, beetroot, pineapple.
Sauces:- tomato, BBQ, sweet chilli or mayo, salt & pepper. Cost $3.40 full, $2.20 half.

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

Sports in Schools Australia
Last Thursday every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in the most fun filled afternoon of physical activities presented by the Sports in School Australia team. We are currently considering implementing this fantastic program for our students in Term 3 and hope you can see from the photographs what a great time every student had.

SISA Visits SIPS
On Thursday 8th May, SISA (Shoalhaven International Sports Association) visited our school and got us up and moving. Most of us enjoyed it while others felt it was too hard. There was a whole array of things to have a go at and most of them were about teamwork and co-operation. I had a wonderful experience because it got me up and moving.

Marissa Watson