Term 4 has started with a buzz at Sandy Beach Public School!

I write this newsletter while away with the Year 5 excursion to Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation Centre at Lennox Head for some outdoor fun and adventure and all that comes with experiencing a “school camp” away from home and family. This excursion follows the Year 4 excursion to Grafton, Arrawarra, Dolphin Marine Magic and the Coffs Harbour Jetty precinct with an overnight stay at Darlington Park last week. Year 3’s excursion is on Friday and very soon our major Year 6 excursion to Canberra/Sydney will be upon us.

Our students and parents strongly endorse our excursions program that builds in length (and costs), progressively, over the years 3-6.

I take this opportunity to thank the teachers and support staff and the parents who participated in these major excursions. Without your commitment and goodwill, we would not be able to deliver such rich learning experiences for the children. Cheers!

I have some great news for those of you wanting access to a high quality online learning website that is safe, educational and engaging!

After a trial of ABC Reading Eggs last term, I have approved the purchase of a school subscription for the remainder of this year and all of next year. This will cost our school about $10 per student X 333, so is quite an investment.

If your family were to buy an ABC Reading Eggs online learning resource subscription, it would cost you about $80 per year.

By us buying the subscription, ALL students in our school are able to access the ABC Reading Eggs online learning resources from school AND FROM HOME!

We highly recommend that you explore the ABC Reading Eggs site as a family to fully benefit from the amazing collection of educational games, lessons, ebooks and more that is available to you. Your child already has a school password for ABC Reading Eggs and they can use this to access the site from home.

If you love ABC Reading Eggs and the free access your family gets from our school subscription, please help us defray our costs by ensuring that you pay your school fees every year. Increasingly our “Bookpack” fees are including digital resources and online subscription in preference to traditional texts. If everyone pays their fees, we all benefit.

We are looking forward to the Wheel-a-thon (bike & road safety) fundraiser on Wednesday 30th October. The children love this day, they learn important safety lessons, they get sponsored for laps and we use the money to improve our school. Nice!

Congratulations to our Garden Club – we won 2nd Prize in the Coffs Harbour Gardens Competition for School Vegetable Gardens. Lots of spinach, cabbage, tomatoes being harvested now. Organic and grown at Sandy Beach Public School. Special thanks to Mrs Jane Crooks and Mrs Vanessa McNab for driving this great initiative in our school.

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
Did You Know?

Our postponed Wheel-a-thon (bicycle safety and road safety fundraiser) has been rescheduled to Wednesday 30th October. We have already bought lots of cool prizes and incentives for participation in the Wheel-a-thon. If every student is sponsored for $20 of Wheeling, then we should raise about $6000 while reinforcing bike and road safety messages. Please support.

Did You Know?

We have established a free ‘parenting tips’ library in the foyer of the Front Office. A range of titles around raising children are available for borrowing through the front office and our well stocked library. You are welcome!

Did You Know?

We recently received a grant from Bunnings to the value of $400 in vouchers to buy fruit trees. We will be establishing a citrus grove in the western side of our COLA in the near future.

Did You Know?

As a sustainable school we won a grant from Coffs Harbour City Council to install a tank and pump to complement our Waterwise efforts and to service our prize winning vegetable garden. The tank will be installed soon. Thanks to Mrs Aldina Craig for the successful application.

NAPLAN Reports

Our Year 3 and 5 National Assessment Program - Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) results are now published and are very pleasing. Our Year 3 results are particularly strong. NAPLAN Reports to Parents will be issued via the children this week. Please contact the school if you do not receive your copy this week. Our school’s NAPLAN results will be discussed at our next P&C meeting on Monday 28th October.

SPECIAL AWARDS - congratulations to the following students on attaining their award.

Ruby Lana Wirth, Kyle Morley, Torah Wilder Gillic, Piper Burke, Harley Hayes
Jade Mikayla Holder, Ethan Pursch, Isaac hart, Tara Stokes, Ally Mullan

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2013 CREATIVE EXPO to be held in the Art Block at Woolgoolga High School on Friday 8th November 6.00—8.00pm. $5.00 per person or $12 per family.
Come and enjoy the successes of 2103 Year 12 students at the exhibition of major works from Visual Arts, Industrial Technology Timber and Textiles &Design.
Live entertainment & complimentary snacks included.

Snack Shack News

A big thanks to all our weekly volunteers with special mention of Tracy, Melissa, Cheryl, Irene and Peter and to Rob who always checks in to see if help is needed.

Please keep an eye out for our next meal deal. It will be an all day special for $7.00, bags will be sent home shortly.

If you would like to volunteer a small amount of time or a day a week please call into the canteen to let me know.

Jodi Phillis
Canteen Supervisor