Having recently received reports of children being approached by strangers, we have reinforced our child protection ‘Stranger Danger’ messages. Please take time to talk with your child(ren) about the strategies to deal with Stranger Danger. For example, do you and your child(ren) know a Safe House in your street, in your neighbourhood? Do your children know what to do if someone (a teenager, an adult) approaches them and seeks to entice them to go with them somewhere, or get in their vehicle? Have you tested your child’s ability to put their ‘No Go Tell’ plan into action?

Mr Geoff Krestensen will be taking extended leave from Thursday this week. By the time Geoff officially retires sometime next year, he will have completed 34 years of service to public education, the last 16 years at our school. I take this opportunity to congratulate Geoff for his wonderful contribution to a generation of children and the success of our school. In particular, I would like to thank Geoff for his work as computer teacher/technical officer in recent years. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Geoff all the best for the future. We will all miss you “Mr K”!

Please ensure that you have returned the advice on how your child(ren) will leave the school at 12 noon when it closes for the ½ day local public holiday this coming Thursday.

Congratulations to all of our students who performed so well in recent UNSW International academic tests. Isaac Hart in 3/4A, achieved Distinction in the Computer Skills test, placing him in the top 3% of NSW / ACT performance. Well done Isaac!

At our P&C meeting last night we discussed the lack of volunteers working in our P&C run Canteen. Things are getting quite difficult there and it is critical that we get more volunteers to help in the Canteen, otherwise we will struggle to maintain the service we now have in place. Can you PLEASE help us out?

Please check out the Northern Beaches Community of Schools, Educational Excellence supplement in the local paper tomorrow. Our local public schools are a very precious community resource – we are very lucky!

Finally, I extend my congratulations to parent, Mrs Robyn Church, who has tirelessly toiled to produce a hand sewn new School Banner. Amazing! Photos to follow! Thanks Robyn!

Regards,
Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
1st August  Coffs Harbour Cup Day
Half Day Local Holiday
School closed from 12.00 noon.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
KG  Connor Mullan
KS  Alana Rea
1B  Sam Peisker
1C  Kai Hewitt
1/2E  Cooper Ward
2M  Dayne Peel
3C  Arley Thorp
3/4A  Flynn Drady
4CA  Brianna Gillespie
4/5H  Phoenix Versfeld
5M  Tyler Murray
6R  Sam Featherstone
6M  Caleb King

Star Solver—Jessica Stokes

SPECIAL AWARD - congratulations to the following students on attaining their award.
Diamond  Tahli Beringer
Parents, we have had quite a number of children in various classes with HEADLICE recently, would you please check your child’s head and treat accordingly. If you would like further information please contact the school.

ENROLMENT OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR 2014

If you have a Pre Schooler who turns 5 before the end of July next year and are ready for school or know of a friend or neighbour who may have a child due to commence next year please contact the school as soon as possible for an enrolment form so we can start our planning for 2014.

HEALTHY HAROLD LIFE EDUCATION VAN will be here on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Monday 12th August.

All children from Kindergarten to Year 4 are expected to attend this worthwhile program. If you have not yet returned your permission note and money ($6.00 per student) please do so urgently as the money is due in by Thursday morning.

LIFE EDUCATION TIMETABLE

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COFFS HARBOUR CUP DAY
THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST

SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 12.00 NOON FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS.
NO SCHOOL BUSES WILL RUN AT THIS TIME.
MORNING PICK UP ONLY AS USUAL.
PARENTS WILL NEED TO PICK THEIR CHILDREN UP BY THIS TIME AS THERE WILL BE NO SUPERVISION FROM 12.00 NOON.

FAREWELL

I would like to thank the school community of Sandy Beach for your support over the last decade and a half as I head off towards retirement. The teaching of whole families, drama festivals, the returning of families of students who then bring their children to be enrolled and the return of ex-students as teachers have been highlights.

I consider this school the “Eldorado” of teaching because of the spirit, style and values the Sandy and Emerald kids bring with them and I have appreciated their company immensely.

I have enjoyed the computer teaching over the years with the advancement of skills in the youngest grades particularly pleasing.

I pay tributes to the outstanding commitment of the staff as they surround your children with grace, skill, patience and enthusiasm.

Cheers - Mr. K

Geoff Krestensen