I am loving the way that our teachers are enthusiastically progressing with their preparations for the introduction of the new NSW English Syllabus next year. This is part of the rollout of the content of the Australian Curriculum and is an exciting development in the way teachers are helping your children for an unseen future!

A delegation of student leaders began their ‘tour’ of local pre-schools today. They are meeting with the little ones who are preparing for big school next year and showing them that the boys and girls of Sandy Beach Public School are fantastic “big bothers and sisters”. This is a great way of introducing our school to the little ones and a powerful leadership lesson for our own students. I am very proud of our student ambassadors!

This week we will be distributing our Orientation to Kindergarten 2014 brochures to local preschools. Enrolments for Kindergarten 2014 are open now. Please pass the word that Enrolment Application forms are available from the front office and at local preschools and should be submitted ASAP to assist our planning.

I am looking forward to attending the North Coast Primary Principals’ Association Conference later this week. This will be a terrific way of ‘picking the brains’ of my colleagues from all over and also to enjoy the input from a range of guest speakers including Dr Paul Brock, Peter Fitzsimons and George Negus. It’s so important for educational leaders to be outward looking and exposed to new ideas!

Following Geoff Krestensen’s departure last week, Mrs Audrey Nay has moved to Computers and Mrs Edwina Reynolds has returned to work in the library for the remainder of the year.

Finally, I know that some of you are particularly interested in the influence diet has on a child’s well being and behaviour. If so, I refer you to an upcoming presentation “Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour” by author Sue Dengate at the Coffs Harbour City Library on the 21st August. See www.fedup.com.au or phone 66484900 for more details.

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
SPECIAL AWARDS - congratulations to the following students on attaining their award.

Jade
Luke Bell
Opal
Lachlan Bell

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
A REMINDER THAT OUR UNIFORM SHOP IS ONLY OPENED ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 8.40—9.10AM

T-SHIRTS $20.00
HATS $13.00
SCHOOL JACKETS $30.00

Orders and money can be left with Office Staff and will be filled on the Wednesday morning. Your order will be sent to your child’s class.

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

Wednesday 7th
9.10—11.15 KS
11.45—1.15 1C
2.05—3.10 1B

Monday 12th
11.45—1.15 4H & 4A
2.05—3.10 KG

TO OUR WONDERFUL PARENT HELPERS we now have tea and coffee making facilities in our Resource Centre. If you are in need of refreshment after helping out in the classroom or library please feel free to take advantage of a hot cuppa. Any further enquiries please see Mrs. Airlie.

Did You Know?
We are now employing an additional special education teacher and learning support officer as a result of the establishment of a support class at our school. The current model of support means that any children enrolled in the class will stay in their regular classes and only be withdrawn where necessary. Teachers and students are already appreciating the extra expertise available to them.

Did You Know?
We are having a P&C run “Monster Garage Sale” and BBQ on the day of the Federal Election 7th September. This is a great opportunity to donate ‘good goods’ (not junk) to the Sale, or to pick up a bargain. Please see if you can help any way at the Monster Garage Sale or on the BBQ stall. More details to follow.

Did You Know?
We have teams of teachers meet to manage programs that make sure that teaching and learning and student welfare at our school are always progressing. Our Literacy team, the Numeracy team, the Learning Support team, the Student Welfare team and our Learning Technologies team are always very active but we have other teams too. All of our teachers belong to one or more management teams.

Do You Know a Plumber?
Is there anyone out there willing to donate their time and skill to connect our new water tank and pump to our vegetable garden? We’ll supply the concrete pad, tank, pump and all connectors. Contact the school on 66561777 if you can help!

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. You are welcome!