Well congratulations for a wildly successful Drama Festival…. 13 class plays, from Kindergarten to Year 6, a total of 331 students performing on stage. Thanks to the teachers and support staff of our wonderful school, to Chris Robinson for looking after the door, collecting donations and selling raffle tickets. Thanks to the families that contributed by helping with costumes, props, filming or as moral support. Cheers!

Our commitment to the Arts is obviously really strong here at Sandy Beach Public School – already this term the children were able to work with an Indonesian Gamelan group ‘Makukuhan’, under the Musica Viva program, they got to perform on stage in the Drama Festival and this Thursday morning they will enjoy a FREE, live and interactive performance from a travelling 50 piece concert band! This caps off some amazing opportunities the children have had so far this year to explore their knowledge, skills and understandings around the creative and performing arts. More Musica Viva next term too! Nice!

I was really proud that visitors to our school for Polling last week were able to see evidence of the vibrance of our curriculum in our vegetable garden, our new Frog Pond and the enticing art in the Hall and in our attractive classrooms. All this surrounded by lots of trees, extensive grounds, colourful gardens and the Solitary Islands Marine Park on our door step.

As we complete three quarters of the 2013 school year, I hope that we can all pause to reflect and appreciate the benefits of living in a just, fair and democratic society where we are able to deliver to our children a truly world class education in a safe, caring and well resourced learning environment.

Let’s not take it for granted!

Let’s keep working to keep us the LUCKY COUNTRY because we know that the harder we work, the luckier we get!

I wish our boys and girls, teachers, support staff, administrative staff and our handful of hard working P&C parents, a restful, safe and well deserved holiday. See you back for more, next term.

Meanwhile, let’s appreciate our general assistant Phil and our cleaners Pat and Gaylene, who will work on while we holiday!

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE (not a just parents) TO RAISE A CHILD!”
Thank you to all our volunteers with a big welcome to Sasha Smith’s dad Peter who helped out last Friday after just stopping in to say “hello” and will now become a valued volunteer. Thanks also to Vanessa and Roz two wonderful teachers who helped serve your children last Friday.

**RED DAY will be held this Friday 20th September (last day of school).**

We are having a special meal deal for $5.00; this includes a sausage sandwich, cold drink, biscuits and an Icy Tube.

All orders are to be in by **THURSDAY** at the latest. NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE PREPARED ON THIS DAY only recess orders.

We will have lollies and assorted cakes. Lollies will only be sold at lunchtime.

Thanks to Wendy Moore and Diane Della for their continued support.

Happy holidays and drive safely.

Jody Phillis
Canteen Supervisor

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

Emerald: Kalani Oak, Ruby Osborne
Ruby: Tiara Salmon
Jade: James Rothacker, Sophie Bartlett, Alina Sturch
Opal: Eliza Smith, Matt Dunn
Diamond: Kyle James, Sam Featherstone, Tom Woods, Patrick Nimbs

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JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTY COMP - This year there is a new and improved competition coming to Woolgoolga. There will be 2 comps running; an infant’s development program for students in K-2 (non competitive) - $20 per student and a primary “School of Origin” competition designed for students in Years 3 – 6. This is competitive and students will nominate in a school team and play in their school sports uniform—cost $40 per student. Both programs will be held every Wednesday from 9th October through to end of March 2014 at Woopi Sports Grounds at 4.30pm. Please see Mrs. Reedy if you are interested.

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Stephan Soule from Southern Cross University’s National Marine Science Centre will offer insight into some of the mysteries of the deep and allow young and old alike a chance to get up close and personal with some of our local seashore creatures. This event has been organised to suit Primary school children, however younger children may attend. No need to book. Please ring 66 48 4900 for further information.

**LIBRARY NEWS - Double Holiday Borrowing**

As the holidays approach after this busy term, I encourage students to return all their overdue books so that they can borrow double their normal allowance for the holidays.

Can you please assist your children to find and return all their library books and begin with a clean slate. Overdue reminder notes will be sent home on Friday. Please inform us if the missing books can’t be located. Although we try to check the shelves for overdue books some do slip through the system and we are happy to search the library if you think they have been returned.

The holidays are such a great time to spend more time reading (and away from all those screens for a while)! Developing a love of reading means a lifelong interest that will take your children many places.

Edwina Reynolds - Teacher Librarian

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