It's World Read Aloud Day tomorrow, Wednesday. Research suggests that, "Reading aloud to children appears to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills needed for reading success."
I've written it before, one of the best investments you can make is not a big house, not a swimming pool, not shares, not a flashy car, not and Xbox, not a suite of computers or smartphones, not a lottery ticket. The best investment a parent can make is “TIME FOR YOUR CHILDREN”
If you are lucky enough to read aloud to your children every night, then you are RICHER than most!
If you fill your life with work to afford the luxuries, remember that most children consider time with their parents, e.g. reading together, as a luxury??
I remember distinctly that in the lead up to my son, Marc’s, 11th birthday when I asked him what he might like as a present, he said, “Can you read ‘Tomorrow When the World Began’ to me every night until it’s finished?”
There I was thinking new bike, a special birthday meal request, or some other random status symbol that he may have wanted us to buy.
There I was thinking that Marc would find it a bit embarrassing to have his dad sit at the end of his bed and read him a story now that he was entering Year 6. WRONG!
Marc apparently missed being read to so much that he wanted it as his 11th birthday present! I guess he figured that would get not only a story, he would also get my (undivided) time. That year my son gave me the birthday present on his birthday.
[For my part on Father’s Day I got a back scratch from Marc and a foot rub from Ashley! I was king for the day!]
If we are too busy to STOP THE WORLD and read to our children for 10-15 minutes every day then we have probably got something out of whack.
Thanks for those voluntary contributions and payments for Resource Packs. If you haven’t paid your school fees, remember they are due now. Individual requests for Resource Pack payments have been sent home today to those families that have not yet paid. If for some reason you can’t pay or you are in financial difficulty, contact me to work something out - respectfully.
Regards
Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
KE  Amber Albrow
KG  Madelyn East
1B  Lilly George
1C  Finn McNicol
2E  Saje Gravino
2M  Matthew Johnson
Star Solver  Nicholas Briley

Congratulations to the following students who gained their special award

RUBY  Amy Potts, Taeyah McKenzie
Eloise Briley
DIAMOND  Michael Pauluzzi
Mrs. Reedy would like parents to start saving their plastic bottle caps, they can be from milk bottles, fruit bottle jars, any lids from jars that are plastic. Please send them in if you have any. They are going to be used for 5/6R’s garden sculpture for the fete.

Kylie Reedy
Class Teacher

School Fees are due now.

School fees 2014: $80 for one; $150 for 2; $185 for 3 or more with a voluntary component in each case. $50 per student is a Subject Contribution for a Resource Pack that used to be called “Book Pack” but now applies to more than books, e.g. stationery, e-textbooks, iPad apps, subscriptions and ABC Reading Eggs.

1 X child = $80 broken up as $30 voluntary component and $50 subject contribution (Resource Pack)

2 X children = $150 = a $50 voluntary component and 2X $50 ($100) subject contributions (Resource Pack)

3 X children = $185 broken = a $35 voluntary component and 3X $50 ($150) subject contributions (Resource Pack)

Payment of fees can be over the counter in cash or cheque OR you can now pay securely online via our website following the ‘$ Make a Payment’ button at the top of the homepage next to “Contact Us”.

Parent Online Payment (POP)

If paying online, for our convenience, any school fees should be paid using both the ‘Voluntary Contributions’ and ‘Subject Contributions’ boxes.

For example, if paying fees for one child you would submit $30 in the Voluntary Contributions box and $50 in the Subject Contributions box (specifying “Resource Pack” when asked for Payment Description 1).

You are asked to make separate payments for each child.

Required fields are the Child’s Given Name, Surname and Date of Birth. You can disregard the Student Registration Number and Invoice boxes.

You will also need to fill in your payer details.

Your credit or debit card details are not provided to the school as you are actually using a secure payments, Quickstream Westpac banking facility, linked to our school website.

Please note your receipt number and print out your own receipt, if you want to.

Parents who are familiar with online payment will find the process very easy.

Detailed Parent Online Payments Parent/Caregiver Instructions are found in the News and Newsletter sections of our school website: www.sandybeach-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

We trust that you will find this payment option useful and convenient. Of course you can still pay by cash or cheque. However, we do not have EFTPoS facilities.

KIDS WHO READ SUCCEED

It’s been a great start to the term in the library. Borrowing has been fantastic with classes having a very high borrowing rate. The more our children read, the greater their chance of succeeding. Every week a class from each stage will be awarded a bear to look after for the week. This is in recognition of their class being the most regular and responsible borrowers.

Congratulations to the following classes for receiving the award this week:

Stage 1: Mrs Baldwin’s class - 92% borrowed
Stage 2: Ms Franco’s class - 82% borrowed
Stage 2: Mr Murgatroyd’s class - 88% borrowed

Please help your children return their books on the correct day.

Monday: 3A and 3C
Tuesday: 6M, 5/6R, 4H & 4C
Wednesday: 2E, 2m, 1B & 1C
Thursday: 5M, KG & KE

Edwina Reynolds—Teacher Librarian