Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Welcome to Term 2!

It was lovely to see the children back at school today – many of them so happy to see their friends again and to continue learning about the world, other people and themselves.

It was delightful to see so many Sandy Beach PS students representing our school at the ANZAC Day march last Friday. We had over 100 students marching and they were a credit to themselves, their family, their school and their community. We are certainly building a positive future when our values and our respect for the past are so strong. Well done!

It is fantastic to see Charmaine Hall’s latest addition to the artwork at the Snack Shack (school canteen). You should check out the octopus writhing over the bubblers! Thanks Charmaine!

It was gratifying to see so many parents, caregiver and friends of the school here on the last day of last term to enjoy our Easter Hat parade. The imagination and skill shown in the hat parade was pretty impressive. Thanks to Mel Whittaker for making my impressive green, marine themed hat.

I hope that we will see lots of families enjoying our fete on Friday of next week. We need your attendance, your encouragement and your willingness to help out. Perhaps you can help us set up? Perhaps you can help us pack up, tidy up and put things away? Perhaps it’s your turn to pitch in and make our fete a success as a fundraiser and as a community event? I’m willing to let wet sponges smack me in the face??!

It was warming to see an email yesterday saying that our school website, our Facebook page and our newsletters reflect the sort of school community that makes us the first choice for schooling for families in this area.

It is nice to see Mrs Susan Acason back with us again after some extended leave. From what I see it is clear that she is as excited as the children in 3A!

It was satisfying to see our teachers exploring so many areas for school development yesterday. We spent valuable time reviewing our assessment schedule from K-6 in the lead up to mid-year reports later this term. We mapped our many provisions for student mental health and well-being. We worked with Terry and Eileen Sanders from University of New England exploring the National Standards for Teachers in some detail. We finished the day auditing our teaching resource collection and looking for somewhere to store our collection while our classroom conversion is happening this term!! Yikes! All of this work was about ensuring that we will always design and deliver excellence in both teaching and learning. It’s what we love to do – for you and yours!

See you at the P&C meeting next Monday night and the fete on Friday!

Regards
Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

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**LOTS OF DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

5th May  
P&C meeting 7.00pm
9th May  
School Fete

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**FETE NEWS**

9 SCHOOL DAYS TO GO

As usual it comes around all too quick. There is still lots to do and plenty of help is needed. Please take the time to have a look on the following page as to what is still needed by classroom teachers. It could be as simple as a product to go towards their stall or 20 minutes of your time on the afternoon, it will all be very appreciated.

Our P&C meeting will be held next Monday 5th May due to missing one through the holidays and we encourage all to attend especially those directly involved with the fete. Please like the school’s Facebook page to keep up to date or check out the website.

Mother’s Day envelopes are due back this Friday 2nd May, if you can’t find the envelope that came home no worries a plane envelope with child’s name, class and number of gifts required and raffle ticket purchase will be fine. Beautifully wrapped gifts are $6 and raffle tickets are $1 each.

Thanks to the mums who gave up some of their time through the holidays to come and wrap some gifts. Kids had a ball playing and we had a ball catching up.

Always available on 0418 230 454 or ddella6@bigpond.com

Diane Della P&C President
Our Fete will be held on Friday 9th May from 3.15—6.00pm

Please make sure you ask your child’s class teacher if they need a hand or you can donate anything for their stall or any of the other stalls.

HELP PLEASE: the following teachers need donations if you can assist it would be greatly appreciated. Please take the goodies directly to the teachers.

| Mr Guihot would like donations of chocolates – any type, blocks, snack sized bars for “The Chocolate Walk” |
| Mrs. Crooks would like donations of books please all children will be given a “playground award” |
| Mrs. Eggleston & Mrs. Miles would like donations of cans of coloured hair spray and cakes and slices that should be brought in on the day of the Fete |
| Mrs. Carpenter & Ms. Nichols would like donations of “filled bottles/jars” – bits and pieces, toys, lollies, hair ties etc. can be included |
| Mrs. Hearn is running the Trash and Treasure stall and would like your donations to be sent to the Resource Centre by Wednesday 7th May |

ART SHOW this label should be attached to the art work and returned to the office together with $1.00 entry fee. All art work needs to be at the school by this Monday 5th May please.

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Congratulations to all the children who have now been selected to compete at the District Carnival which is to be held on Friday 16th May at Woolgoolga Beach Reserve.