Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

We won!

I have just received the great news that our Junior Choir has won their section of the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod. This is a great outcome for our school after a lapse in our participation for a number of years. With Mrs Roz Baldwin’s dedication to the highest performance standards, and assisted by Mr Mark Guilhot, with the hard work of the children and with the support and encouragement of parents, we were able to present the adjudicators with all-round excellence. We are very proud of you boys and girls!

With our artwork, sculptures and choir performances and the mesmerising Ginger Freudenstein as Annie in the musical at the Jetty Theatre, it is clear that we have some amazing creative and performing art talent in our school!

Over the next few weeks we will participate in the nationally consistent collection of data on students with disabilities. This will help governments to plan for and hopefully adequately fund schools to provide the best opportunities possible for our students with special needs. A detailed information sheet is attached to this newsletter.

Our best public speakers in Years 3-6 will participate in the in-school selections of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition tomorrow. We will select 4 of these students to represent our school at the inter-regional finals in coming weeks. Mrs Fiona Robinson has been working hard with these talented students to hone their research and public speaking skills. I can’t wait to see more excellence on show!

Congratulations to all of our cross country runners who represented our school so proudly in Grafton last Friday. By all accounts there were some pretty gutsy efforts and personal bests. We now have three students, Sasha McNab (6M), Jimmy Rothacker (4H), and Arley Thorpe (4CN) who will compete in the regional finals in Kempsey next week. Good luck!

Yesterday, students in Years K-5 enjoyed exposure to the exciting world of science as demonstrated by Questacon. I am sure that there are some girls and boys who will be keen to explore their interest in science further at the public science show at Coffs Harbour this Saturday.

As you can see, our curriculum at Sandy Beach Public School continues to be both broad and rich, with ‘oceans of opportunity’ for every child.

Finally, don’t forget our True Blue Mufti Day this Thursday as a fundraiser to support Saige Edwards of 2M who is being treated for a serious medical condition in Sydney. Wear blue, be true blue (and bring in your donation) to support Saige’s family at this trying time. (See our Facebook page for a link for private donations to this cause.)

Regards
Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
National Simultaneous Storytime 2014

Last week at 11am on Wednesday, along with many schools around Australia, Sandy Beach Public School participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. The book chosen this year to share with students was Ursula Dubosarsky’s “Too many elephants in this house”. The picture book is an imaginative story that depicts friendship and problem solving skills while thinking ‘outside the box’. All classes enjoyed having the story read to them and escaping into the picture book world of fantasy.

The benefits of reading

Adding 10 minutes a day to a child’s reading makes a big difference over the year. The more time children read per day, the more fluent their reading becomes. Increasing reading from 5 minutes to 15 minutes per night there is around a 200% increase in word exposure over one year! Research shows us that the benefits of reading more, improve performance in: general knowledge, vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency and spelling. Kids who read, succeed!


Mrs Reynolds
Teacher Librarian