Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

This week is Education Week and while we don’t have any formal open classroom event happening this week, what happens in and out of our classrooms every day and every week is always open to you. If you check out our school website www.sandybeach-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and our official Facebook page, you will see the vibrant life of teaching and learning that makes us a popular and successful school.

We cannot underestimate the importance of our public schools: they reflect society but they also build society. Our public schools are universally open to children and young people of all backgrounds and abilities. Our schools help sustain our democratic values and contribute to the success of our nation as a multicultural, lawful and wealthy place by any international comparison.

We have been known as the lucky country. We are blessed with a wide brown land full of natural resources and human resources. When our natural resources like iron ore, gold, coal, etc. are used up, our health, wealth and social wellbeing and our attractiveness as a tourist destination will increasingly rely on the sort of society we have created. We will need to be the smart country to be the lucky country of the future.

I guess that’s why our State government quickly signed up to the Gonski recommendations. Our NSW government knows that investment in education is critical for our future and that if we want a fair, safe and wealthy society, we need to ensure that we invest heavily in our schools and invest where the need is greatest – otherwise we risk alienating further the poor, the alienated and the disaffected.

The Gonski Review found that too many students have been missing out due to a lack of resources or because of an unfair distribution of available resources.

Schools’ must be neutral grounds and not become politicised but as a passionate public school principal I am obliged to be the leading advocate for the students of this school community. I think I am on firm ground when our own Premier and Minister for Education & Training are calling for the full delivery of the Gonski funding model over 6 years, not just four years.

I believe in equity and a fair distribution of Federal and State education budgets. I will always argue for more money from governments of any persuasion, for our best investment – your children. You can learn more about education priorities at www.igiveagonski.com.au or with your local State or Federal member.

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 7/8  Coffs Cup gazetted HALF day public holiday. School closes at 12 noon. No school buses will be running on this afternoon.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KE    Chloe Holmes
KG    Corey Mason-Woods
1B    Zinne Cotsell
1C    Damon Smith
2E    Tahlisha Mason-Woods
2M    Bailan MacMahon
Star Solver    Mahli Rose Lynch
3A    Sasha Smith
3C    Annalise Marshall
4C    Michaela Brauman
4H    Wil Goodwin
5M    Holly Franz
5/6R    Jordan Hart
6M    Sarah Langhorn

SPECIAL AWARDS

EMERALD  Zinnie Cotsell, Aiden Simpson Riley, Jayke Henderson
RUBY    Kelsy Ettles, Brandon Green
JADE    Abby Stokes, Ellie Watson, Max Robson
OPAL    Ginger Freudenstein, Aurielle King

Congratulations!
There was an error in the results of the Athletics Carnival, Jaslyn Hooke came 2nd in the Junior Girls Discus.

Jane Miles
Organiser

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015 are currently being organised. If you have a child due to start school here next year please call into the office to collect an enrolment form.

Please make sure you have the following information available: child’s birth certificate or passport, proof of residency and Immunisation certificate.

For further information please contact the office.

CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE

A child is eligible if they are aged 2—17 years for at least 1 day of the calendar year and are part of a family receiving certain government benefits as outlined on the Department of Health and Human Services website: http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule

You can confirm your child’s eligibility and balance amount by accessing your Medicare online account at my.gov.au or calling the general enquiry line on 132 011

REMINDER - The P&C run Uniform Shop is now only open on Wednesday mornings between 8.40—9.10am.

Hats $15  T-Shirts $20  Jackets $30—$35

Did You Know?
There are more and more children riding their bikes to school on the new local service road and along Graham Drive. We believe that all riders should get flashing rear lights for daytime use. Scott Bocking at our local Woodsey’s Wheels, Woolgoolga, has special pricing on appropriate lights for children of our school so that they can be healthy but safe on their way to school on their bikes.

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