Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

It appears that people are pretty happy with the feedback (repeated elsewhere in this newsletter) around our future directions that will feed into our School Plan 2015-17. At our P&C Meeting on Monday night we will have an opportunity to discuss our draft plan in a little more detail. So that’s a chance for some more face-to-face feedback. See you there!

It is exciting to see the preparations around our upcoming primary Musical, “The Pirates of the Curry Bean”. Teachers of classes 3-6 have been rehearsing, working on costumes, props, sound, music and lighting. If you have been helping, thank you! The children in Years K-2 will perform in their own Musical late in Term 4.

Congratulations to Isaac Hart in Year 4 and Ruby Couper in Year 3 on achieving Distinction Certificates in recent UNSW International competitions. Isaac scored in the top 6% of Australian students in the Computer Skills competition and Ruby scored in the top 5% in the Science competition.

Congratulations to Sasha McNab in Year 6 who has received a Silver Medal following her regional representation at the recent State Cross Country Carnival.

Good luck to Riley Saban, Aaron Ballangary and Kane Woodbury who will represent us and the north coast at the State Bocce competition in a couple of weeks.

We certainly have a wide representation of academic and sporting high flyers at our school!

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

Did You Know?
Any volunteers helping at our school need to complete a form declaring that they have not been convicted of an offence against a child. SO, even if you have been helping in the canteen, library or in classrooms for a long time, please ensure that you have read and signed of this Declaration. The forms are available at the front office, or with teachers, or in the “Notes” section on our school website.

Did You Know?
We know it has been confusing for some. This year we have an additional OPTION for school photos. As an alternative or as an addition to the standard School Photos with MSP, Lisa Anderson is offering to do portrait (only) photos. Lisa is not doing class photos. Only MSP is offering portraits, family and class photos.

Did You Know?
We are considering replacing next year’s primary class plays with class films! As we now live in a multi-modal creative and performing arts world and we now have the technology, it is possible for our ‘performances’ to be inclusive of film. In this way the students still have to prepare, rehearse, dress up and perform but they will also have to explore scriptwriting, digital movie making, editing, walking the red carpet, etc. This is an exciting development in our school’s curriculum. Will our Drama Week become our Film Festival?

Did You Know?
We are an accredited Asthma Friendly school, an accredited SunSafe school, and accredited Kidsmatter school and all of our staff have emergency care and anaphylaxia (severe allergic reaction) response training. All of our excursions and carnivals are risk assessed to ensure student safety is paramount in our planning.
This week is the official ‘Book Week’ in Australia. Here at Sandy Beach we have been celebrating Book Week all term and will continue to do so. All classes have been reading the short listed books and connecting to them in various ways.

The Year 3-6 students have become judges for the short listed competition and have all chosen their winning titles. The Children’s Book Council announced the winner of the Early Childhood category which was ‘The Swap’ by Jan Ormerod.

Year 1 and 2 made their version of ‘Ruby Red’ from the touching story of ‘Banjo and Ruby Red’ by Libby Gleeson. Some classes will be making surf board book-marks as we make further connections with ‘Granny Grommet and Me’ written by Dianne Wolfer.

Good readers make connections when reading while they read which helps them better understand what they are reading and gain greater meaning from the text. There are 3 types of connections; text to self (connecting the text with something from your own life), text to text (connecting the text with something else you have read) and text to self (connecting the text with events in the world). Reading is the key to connecting to everything.

We look forward to our Book Fair and Book Character Parade in fourth term.

Mrs Reynolds
Teacher Librarian

Mini World Cup Six aside soccer registrations will be held on 1st & 8th September from 4.30—5.30pm at the High St fields. The cost for registration will be $50 per player. Games will be played each Thursday from 5.30—6.30pm commencing on 9th October and finishing on 19th March, 2015. there will be two age divisions this year of a mixed gender and will comprise of Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams. Each team must have a parent co-ordinator. For further information please contact David King on 0427 956 755. Registration forms are also available through Woolgoolga Real Estate or WUFC website or see Mrs. Reedy.

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Master School Portraits SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES need to be returned along with your money to your child’s class teacher by Monday 1st September if you wish to place an order.

If you would like to have a family photo taken please contact the office for an special envelope.

Photos will be taken on Thursday 4th September. All students are asked to wear summer uniform including black school shoes please.

This is a link to see what the Kinders were doing this week in their lesson in the Learning Technologies iCentre
http://sbpskinders.cweebly.com/kinder-2014-learning-blog/kinders-were-very-busy-in-ltic-this-week

Audrey Nay

Tickets for the Primary Production “The Pirates of the Curry Bean” will go on sale next Monday morning 25th August from 8.30am. Seating will be limited so it is advisedable to purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Tuesday 9th September Evening Performance
Wednesday 10th September Matinee Performance
Thursday 11th September Evening Performance

Cost: $5.00 Adults & $3.00 Children

Lisa Anderson has extended the return of photo forms With Love, For Love to tomorrow 20th August. Please return your slip and money directly to the office if you are interested.