Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

There was lots of chatter and smiles following the first of the “All Children Being Safe” program sessions, which are being conducted by the Aboriginal Family Well Being Service (Coffs Harbour). Students are looking forward to the next 5 weeks of the program.

Our annual Wheelathon was a raging success once again thanks to efforts of a dedicated group of teachers Mrs Carpenter, Mr Murgatroyd and all the Year 6 students. It is also through the ongoing support of the families, friends and community which makes Sandy Beach Public school a wonderful place to be a part of. Did you know that Year 6 students designed and managed each of the activities the younger students participated in? Prizes will be distributed by the end of Week 5. A special thanks to the staff from Woodsey’s Wheels who donated their time and skills to run the students and their bikes through a safety check as part of their bike education experience. They also donated some vouchers to be used as prizes. Please make sure your sponsorship money is returned by 9.30am tomorrow morning so your child can be included in the “lucky draw” for prizes.

Jolly Bops science show will be held on Thursday. It is an exciting show of the wonders of science and physics, where the children will get to be a part of experiments that shatter, blast, fizz and pop and even change colour.

Our Peer Support program begins this Friday 30th October: The program involves all Year 6 students as leaders. The Peer Support program focuses on developing communication skills, self-confidence and self-esteem. Improved self-awareness can help students resist peer group pressure that may be harmful to them.

There is a need for parents to remind their child/ren about responsible behaviour whilst travelling on school buses. We have had several issues with children doing inappropriate things whilst travelling to and from school recently which could have put all on the bus in harm.

Aldina Craig - Relieving Principal
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies

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A big thank you to all our volunteers who have been in through the week, Marsha, Janet, Diane, Cheryle, Celia and Pete.

Our Meal Deal is on tomorrow, no other lunch orders will be taken. If your child is without lunch on this day a basic sandwich and a piece of fruit will be provided.

All lunch orders are to be placed in the white box outside the office before 10.00am. Please remind your child to place their order in this box when they arrive at school as we often have children arrive with their order at lunchtime and with only 1 volunteer serving it puts us under pressure if we have to stop and start making lunches.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.