Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

   Our school is a place where we all learn, to understand our world, others and ourselves so that we can accept challenges, create, and be the best that we can be!

Congratulations to our swimmers who participated so enthusiastically yesterday. Thanks to our coordinator Mr Sam Murgatroyd and all assisting and supporting staff and parents. A contingent of about 45 students will compete at the zone Swimming Carnival on Monday. Good luck!

Unfortunately, I didn’t end up making the Carnival yesterday as I was part of a teacher accreditation panel. This is important work as more and more teachers seek formal accreditation at the higher levels. It is a rigorous process ensuring that those teachers who are accredited at the higher levels are truly exceptional. Consistent with our school plan, a number of our own teachers are seeking high level accreditation under the Australian Institute of Teaching and Learning (AITSL) through the NSW Board of Studies and Teaching and Education Standards (BOSTES). Exciting!

On Monday night we will have our first P&C meeting of the year. Wouldn’t it be good if you could come along and learn more about our school and contribute to our ongoing success? In my report I will refer to the quotes for sun shade on our top quadrangle and I will share our budget income and expenditure items for your comment. Lots more from the parents too!

Our school turns 30 years old this year so that’s another reason to come along to our P&C meeting on Monday night. After 30 years we can be proud of our contribution to the community so come along and be part of our exciting future.

As we are expecting a “rain event” over the next few days, it is timely to remind parents to take extra care in our school zone. We would rather somebody gets drenched than hit by a car or have an accident. Be patient. Be safe. Be legal.

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
INTRODUCING THE NEW LIBRARY BOOK WORMS…….

This year as a class incentive to borrow from the library ever week, a Book Worm will be awarded to the class, per stage level that has borrowed the most books.

Our new Book Worms (kindly made by Mel Bartley), were named by the students Rosy, Fred and Professor Squiggles!!

This week our Book Worms were awarded to 2E, 4/5C and 6M for outstanding borrowing.

Please encourage your child/ren to bring their library books back every week and borrow new ones.

Remember, the saying at our school goes “kids who read, succeed”.

Edwina Reynolds - Teacher Librarian

Did You Know?
Parent-Teacher interviews for 2015 can be scheduled for any time in the first half of the year – by mutual arrangement with your child’s teacher(s). Some parents love to have a parent-teacher interview earlier rather than later to set the scene and discuss any issues.

Did You Know?
There are BIG fines for driving offences in School Zones. Safety is our number one priority for your children and that is why we have no sympathy for those parents or caregivers who break the law in our school zones.

Please do not park in the Bus Zones. Do not make U-turns in school zones. If dropping off or picking up your child (at the front of the covered walkway) never leave your car unattended. NEVER call your child across the road.

What’s New or Different for 2015?

- Sun Shelter over the glaring concrete on our top quadrangle
- Implementation of the new Science syllabus
- Improved provision for students with dyslexia (entrenched reading difficulties)
- Improved provision for teacher professional learning through collaboration, coaching and mentoring
- Introduction of Primary Ethics - an option for those who have opted out of SRE
- An eventual move to electronic newsletters rather than paper-based newsletters
- More parent-information sessions around new syllabuses and cybersafety
- More ‘spending money’ from the government that will improve our ability to cater for different types of learners in our school - expect some innovation in how we deliver learning opportunities for our boys and girls.

Did You Know?
Our School Plan 2015-2017 is published on our school website. It details our directions, priorities people, processes and expected results. Worth a look!

Did You Know?
Our school’s Facebook page now has 500+ followers!

You Did Know?
We have accreditations as an Asthma Friendly School, a Live Life Well @ School (Crunch & Sip) school, a Kidsmatter (children’s mental health) school, as a Sunsafe School and as a Waterwise school. We also run a Healthy School Canteen. Our staff are also up-to-date with child protection, anaphylaxia (sever allergies), emergency care and CPR best practice.

Did You Know?
All visitors to the school must sign in and out of the school at the front office – this includes volunteers and canteen helpers. It’s a safety thing.

Did You Know?
Our School Calendar is available on our school website: www.sandybeach-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Any permission notes are also found under the Notes tab (in case your child claims that they weren’t given a note).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS are now open and can be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or go to www.woolgoolgaunitedfc.sportingpulse.net registrations are open until the end of the month.

REGISTRATIONS are now opening for BCU Coffs Tri on 7 & 8 March please visit www.villagesports.com.au for further information.

SES PUBLIC INFORMATION NIGHT the Corindi SES Unit are holding a public information night on Monday 23rd February at the Woolgoolga Scouts Hall from 6.30pm, for further information please call Jenni on 0439 737 035.

WOOLGOOLGA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE are having sign on days at the Seaview Tavern for 7—16’s on Sundays 15th and 22nd February from 10.00 am—1.00pm.

AFL sign on days 21st & 28th February at Beach Reserve Woolgoolga from 9.00—12.00 for further information please call Karl 0477 312 505

Baseball registration days will be held at the Bray St, Sports Grounds on 14, 21st & 28th March from 9.00—12.00 for further information please call Bill on 0421 553 093