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 at the zone carnival on Monday. We now have a much smaller group competing at the district carnival tomorrow! Go Sandy!

It was great to see some new faces at the P&C meeting on Monday evening. There was lots of energy in the meeting and some great ideas for 2015 coming from our discussions.

A highlight is a proposal to hold a dinner-dance later in the year to mark our school’s 30th Anniversary. This would be a great opportunity for families old and new and ex-students to get together to celebrate the Sandy experience!

The P&C also endorsed our plans to:

1. Proceed with a sun-shade project over our top quadrangle ($37,000)
2. Air-conditioning on last two classrooms ($7000-8000)
3. Replace our bell system with an integrated PA/Music/Emergency system ($8000)

These are expensive but wonderful projects that will really make a positive difference at our school so, for your part, please help out wherever you can: pay your school fees, help out with fundraisers. Help make our school the best we can be!

Next Tuesday afternoon we are hosting an Aboriginal Family Gathering here at 4.30pm. It should be a lovely evening with a barbeque and an opportunity to have a “yarn”. All welcome (adults and children). See you there!

Look out for a proposed Twilight Working Bee to help us get on top of all of the weeds that have loved the recent rain!

By the way…. The teaching and learning in this school is AWESOME!

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
26/2    Mid North Coast Zone Swimming. Selected primary students only

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
KE     Sam Nicholson
KG     Keira Stokes
1B     Fern Albrow
1C     Will Bennett
2E     Dakota-Rose Riebel
2N     Hopi Wilder-Gillic
Star Solver: Cooper Joseph
3A     Savannah Bartley
3W     Noah Williams
4HD    Erica Sharp
4/5C   Lily Etles
5CM    Ally Cork
6M     Jack Nelson

SPECIAL AWARDS
Ruby    Aiden Simpson-Riley
SNACK SHACK NEWS - thanks to all our volunteers who have been in to help this week: Pete, Janet, Cheryl and Tracy and I would also like to welcome two new mums to the canteen family: Tathra and Emily, great to have you on board.

If you can volunteer some spare time please drop in or call, we would love to have you.

Our Meal Deal was held today unfortunately we have to have a cut off day as all the food is freshly prepared by me that’s why we need orders in a few days in advance to enable me to purchase the appropriate groceries and then cook the dishes.

Jody Phillis—Canteen Supervisor.

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.

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?
School shirts are now available after a sellout.

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).