Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Last Friday the students in Stage 3 (Years 5&6) went to the beach!

No swimming, no paddling, no surfing, no lying about. So why are they going to the beach??

As NSW’s first marine primary school we have a commitment to learn more about our marine environments, to protect and sustain them for the future.

So, from time to time our students study their local marine environment at Sandy Beach: the ocean, the waves, the ecosystem and its components, the dunes, the impact of humans. They also clean up any mess down there and they are partnering with Dune Care to rehabilitate and plant out selected areas of dune. Oh, and the exercise is good for them too! Good work, good stuff.

All of our Year 5 & 6 students are working on attaining their Marine Estate Agent Passports this year. Well done! Of course all of our students from K-6 focus on our marine environment from time to time including excursions to the National Marine Science Centre, Aquarium and Dolphin Marine Magic. It’s all just part of learning to understand our world.

On Sunday we had a number of families turn up to help out at the Gardens Working Bee. Great enthusiasm and a great result, all blessed by Mother Nature with a good soaking later in the evening. The front of school looks so much better and our vegie garden is ready for autumn plantings. Thank you to all of the mums, dads and children who volunteered in such good spirit – you have made a real difference. Cheers to you!

Meanwhile, a selection panel has been working hard to shortlist for a teacher vacancy at our school. We will interview the selected candidates this Friday and some lucky teacher will be offered the prize of a job at Sandy Beach PS starting next term. It’s good work.

Thank you to the families who have paid the school fees. If you haven’t paid yet, it’s never too late! Every contribution helps us to deliver the quality education your children deserve.

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).
Happy families working at the Gardens Working Bee, Thank you for helping our school.

Did you know all children aged up to 17 years are entitled to FREE DENTAL CARE. To be eligible all you need is a current Medicare Card. No Health Care Card is required. For an appointment please phone 1300 651 625.

Woolgoolga Garden Club donated a $100 Mitre 10 voucher to the school for gardening projects. Monies raised at the Club’s annual Expo in October allow the club to direct funds back into the local community schools to foster interest in gardening and beautification projects. Here club member Joan Simson presents the voucher to our Principal.

Thanks for giving up your Sunday boys, it was appreciated.

Pictured is William Gromadzki who won the gold medal in the Under 11 Beach Sprint at the recent NSW State Surf Lifesaving Championships. Congratulations William we are proud of you!