Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

I enjoyed leading 5/6R along Saye Close last Friday as we participated in **Clean Up Australia (Schools)**. What an enthusiastic and delightful lot of girls and boys. No grizzles or groans, no passengers. All on task.

I think that’s the dominant culture, not only in 5/6R, but across the whole school!

Our school is vibrant, positive and enthusiastic about learning and about teaching.

The boys and girls seek to do their best, get along and they aim to be the best that they can be academically, socially and emotionally.

And the teachers, in my opinion, are amazing! They are student focused, they individualise learning, they are compassionate, caring and committed. **They really like coming to work!**

**Our teachers** are also learners and they are giving their best to grow the future – your children! We are so lucky. You probably are too!

This afternoon we are hosting an **Aboriginal Family Gathering** 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!

How about coming up to the school between 10 and 3pm this SUNDAY for a **Garden Working Bee**? It will help us get on top of all of the weeds that have loved the recent rain!

We cram a lot into our curriculum here at Sandy Beach PS. It’s never boring!

I love the energy of students who design and deliver their own interest clubs. The Chess Club is firing and the newly established Animal Club is a hit! Good on you girls and boys!

We have students out at basketball today and footy on Friday. Tomorrow, Jaslyn Ross & Sam Hodgson will be individually competing in the **Regional Swimming Carnival** in Lismore! What a great accomplishment!

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

**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).
CONGRATULATIONS to the following families who will receive the $25.00 component of their school contribution money refunded to them.

Taj Waters, Harrison Clark and Adele Williams.

Cheques have been sent home

Thanks to everyone who has so far paid their fees, it is greatly appreciated.

We are still awaiting payment from quite a number of families for their child’s Resource Packs. If you have not yet done so please forward in $45.00 for each child’s pack at your earliest convenience.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the school, we can organise a weekly/fortnightly payment plan for you if needed.

Again, many thanks to those families who have paid for them already.

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World Read Aloud Day – Wednesday March the 4th

“The single most important activity for building knowledge for their eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.

("Becoming a Nation of Readers”, 1985)

“Reading aloud to children appears to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills needed for reading success.” (http://www.audreyway.com/2014/03/the-right-to-read-and-writeworld-read.html)

“Reading aloud to children every day puts them almost a year ahead of children who do not receive daily read alouds regardless of parental income, education level or cultural background.” (Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.)

It is important to read aloud to children of all ages, not just pre-schoolers and beginning readers because children can:

* "Continue to associate reading with warm, peasant feelings; learn about words and language; build listening skills; expand vocabularies; talk about the characters, setting, and plot then relate them to their own lives; gain knowledge about a variety of topics.

* Gain exposure to a variety of writing styles and structures

* Become more skilled independent readers.

* Discover which authors and writing styles they like.

* Be motivated to read on their own.

* Have fun!”

Please take the time out to read to your children not just today but every day. It’s an investment in their future.


Edwina Reynolds - Teacher Librarian

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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.