Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

As the end of term is nearly upon us, I take this opportunity to thank our teachers and support staff for delivering heart and mind to their job of helping your children to learn.

Thank you to the parents who support our efforts.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents and friends of the school who have volunteered in and out of classrooms so far this year, to help us be a successful school.

Welcome to Daniel who started in Kinder yesterday and Zanna who started in Year 1 today. We hope that you and your parents love your new school.

Our school is 30 Years old this year— that makes our first Year 6 graduates about 40.

We would love to hear from ex-students with good news stories of their “Sandy” experience. No doubt we will have some 30th Anniversary events where we can reflect on our short but powerful history as a school.

As we approach the holidays I again wish you safety and happiness & ask you to send your children back to us rested and keen for Round 2!

Happy holidays!

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

Our school will celebrate its 30th Anniversary this year.

We are looking for ex-students who are willing to share their stories about their time at our school and their adventures in life since then. Pass the word!!

Education Week this year will feature open days with a display of photos showing 30 years of Sandy Beach PS serving our community.

We also hope to have a dinner/dance get together for adults later in the year (details to follow).
DID YOU KNOW? We had a “Lockdown” simulation today purely as a mandatory safety exercise.

2015 Year 6 Librarians Our library is very lucky to have 4 dedicated and responsible Librarians helping out this year. I would like to congratulate Lachie Moriz, Jesse McNab, Jack Nelson and Toby Fluechter for their outstanding service to the library this term. These boys take their role very seriously and reliably carry out all their responsibilities. They have guided and mentored the younger library monitors working in the library and have the library running very smoothly each lunchtime. All 4 Librarians have truly shown great leadership within their role. Well done!

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015 The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is off and running for another year. This program aims to encourage students to read quality literature throughout the year. Stage 1 read all their books (30 in total) in the classroom and at the end of the challenge I transfer all their records onto the PRC website so that they receive their certificates at the end. Students from Stage 2 and 3 record the PRC books they have read onto their reading log during library lessons and then they enter them onto the PRC website. Stage 2 and 3 needs to read 20 books in total, 15 coming from the PRC collection and 5 free choice books. Students can read books from our library, home or the local public library. The Premier’s reading Challenge Website (link below) has more information as well as all the books on the PRC list. You and your children can search this site for titles included in the PRC and add titles to student’s individual reading records. The logon for the PRC site is the same as the student’s school logon. Please encourage your children to read, read, read!

If you would like more information please log onto: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

NEWS FROM THE SNACK SHACK—a big thank you to our volunteers Pete, Irene, Dianne, Cheryle & Tracy. A special thanks to Emily who prepared dampers for each class on Harmony Day, you did a great job. A huge thanks to Janine who volunteered to run the Sausage Sizzle & Cake stall with me on Election Day. Thanks to our mums, grandmas & students who also helped out on this day, it was very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who sent in cakes & slices. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer in the canteen please call in and see me. Hope you all have a great break.

Jody Phillis—Supervisor

EASTER HAT PARADE will be held on Thursday 2nd April commencing at 12.00 noon in our COLA.

Parents are welcome to join us on this day. Infants classes (Kinder to Year 2) will be finishing decorating their hats in their classrooms from 10.30am.

All children from Kinder to Year 6 will participate in the parade.

Year 6 will be selling coffee, tea, cakes/slices & sausage sandwiches throughout the day with funds raised going towards their major excursion to Sydney and Canberra.

Come along and join in the festivities, it is always a highlight of the Sandy Beach School year!!

DID YOU KNOW? Ginger Freudenstein in Year 6 has been invited to the 2nd round of auditions for the Schools Spectacular. Way to go Ginger!

DID YOU KNOW? We will have our school sprayed for pests and have our carpets cleaned in every classroom over the holidays.

EASTER FUNDRAISER Thank you to everyone who has donated eggs & sold tickets, we are very appreciative. A brief reminder to please return your raffle tickets to the office sold or unsold by tomorrow so they can be included in the draw.