

Sussex Inlet Public School Newsletter

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Welcome back to our new school year. I hope everyone has had a relaxing break.

The staff and I are back and ready to engage and inspire your children. It does take a few weeks for classes to settle and get to know each other and of course get to know their 'new' teacher.

In 13 plus years of education, your child will eventually find themselves in a class without their close friends. It's normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it?

Tempting as it may be to request a class swap (which can be a logistical nightmare for schools and not always possible), here are some important things to consider first.

- School is a place where our children learn important social skills as well as academic ones. Finding their place and making friends in a new group is a vital skill to develop and one they'll rely on their entire lives. The classroom is one of the gentlest places to start learning this.
- Teachers turn a "bunch of kids" into a team every year. They keep an eye out for students who aren't mixing in, and create opportunities to pair them up with different children.
- There's still lunch and recess to play with their friends.
- It's also a great opportunity for them to learn about separating social time and work time.
- Lots of their classmates are in the same boat.
- Everyone is starting a new year, with a new teacher and a new classroom and many will be looking for new friendships too. Some kids choose a new "best friend" in every class they have, which builds a rich network of friendships over the years.
- Children learn different skills from different classmates.
- These days there are lots of opportunities for group work in class, when students team up and work through tasks together. Unlikely pairings can produce excellent workmates, who share a common language of learning and help each other along.
- Veteran parents and teachers tell us that more likely than not, your child will be absolutely fine and will have developed a new level of resilience from spreading their wings a little.

In next week's newsletter, I will announce any staff changes, with classes and their teachers.

2018 will be a great year!

<http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/January-2017/12-ways-to-parent-differently-in-2017>

Janelle Radke – Principal

Dates to Remember

Wed	Jan 31	Kindergarten Commences
Tues	Feb 13	Swimming Carnival
Fri	Feb 16	11.30am K – 6 Assembly
Mon	Feb 19	7.00pm P & C Meeting
Fri	Feb 23	District Swimming Carnival
Fri	Mar 2	Clean Up Australia Day

School Leaders 2018



School Captains:
Luca Boyton & Olivia Crehan



Vice Captains: Jude Lenard & Isabelle Harris

Book Packs for 2018
If you haven't paid please bring in
BOOK PACK money
to the office as soon as possible.



Every child will be required to have a pack for the beginning of 2018
Class packs cost \$15.00.

Reminder

All children need to wear a wide brimmed hat at recess and lunch. **NO HAT NO PLAY!**

Please write your child's name in permanent pen on the inside band or on inside of hat. Name can be printed on label but unfortunately labels do come off.

SIP Colour Fun Run

Thank you to everyone that participated in last year's colour fun run. An amazing \$4,508.10 was raised to go towards the new STEM room.

School Assemblies

Whole school assemblies will be held on Friday at 11.30am in the school hall. Assemblies are normally held on a fortnight rotation however we do need to accommodate other school activities that arise.

Late Arrival/Early Departure

Students arriving at school after 9.00am or leaving the school prior to 3.00pm for any reason must call into the office with a parent or carer and receive a notice of absence slip to be given to the class teacher. This is a school regulation requirement.

School Banking

Students have the opportunity to bank with Bendigo Bank through the school banking system. The school banking day is Thursday and children are asked to take their bank books direct to the office on that day. If you would like to open an account, please do so at the Bendigo Bank.

School Contribution

A letter has been sent home today requesting an annual Voluntary School Contribution. These funds are used to supplement educational resources and programs.

Voluntary Helpers – Working With Children Check

It is a Departmental requirement that any volunteer helper at school must complete a **Working With Children Check**. Could you please call into the office to pick up a form if you have not already completed this form.

Scripture

Please send a note into the school office if you require your child to be withdrawn from scripture

lessons. Value lessons will be provided for children not attending Scripture.

Permission Notes & Payments

Please leave all permission notes and money at the front office.

Absentee Notes

To be handed to class teachers.

Around Our School

Playground Supervision

A reminder that there is no supervision of students in the playground prior to 8.40am.

Morning: Students to sit on the seats until bell rings at 8.40am and then play on concrete area only.

Recess: Students walk to concrete area, sit down to eat their recess for 5 mins. The teacher on concrete duty blows a whistle to play. Students may play on concrete or grass (weather dependant).

Lunch Duty:

Students to eat lunch (supervised by class teacher). At 1.10pm the bell rings and students play on concrete, grass or play equipment (weather permitting).

Late Bus:

Students sit on the silver seats outside Year 5/6 classroom until the teacher arrives for duty and then they play on concrete area only.

P & C News

Welcome back, welcome to all our new students and families, we hope everyone has had a wonderful break. This year the P & C will be doing something a little different. We will continue to include information in each week's newsletters of what is coming up. Additionally the P & C will be sending home a newsletter at the end of each term of what will be coming up and what has been completed in that term. This will include the funds raised and how those funds helped our children with resources purchased.

P & C Meetings

Our monthly P & C meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the month (school term). Please always feel welcome to come along to these meetings as it's a great place to express your thoughts and ideas for our school.

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week from 9.00am -10.30am.

The uniform shop's operating days will be confirmed in the coming week.

Please see the notice board for some uniform items that have now been **reduced to \$10**. We have limited stock and sizes available. Alternatively, you may order via the front office. Melissa Sloan - Publicity Officer

Canteen News

Canteen re-opens next Wednesday 7th February. New menu/price list will be in next week's newsletter. Volunteers are required from 10am until approximately

1.30pm. **If you are unable to attend** please call Chris Parth on 4441 2921.