

Sussex Inlet Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 1 – 01.05.2018

Welcome back to Term 2

I hope everyone has had a great break and comes back refreshed and energised for another great term.



We have revisited our “homework” policy and have decided that SIPS will no longer issue homework each week. Home Readers will still be given out and we ask that parents continue to listen to their children read and to read to them as well. Classroom teachers may give out projects to be completed at home and these tasks will be directly linked to what is being taught and which are built upon in school and are likely to be more effective than regular daily homework. These projects may be each term or semester.

We reached this decision based on current research into the value of homework. There is little consensus in the literature as to whether homework raises student achievement. *“Most researchers conclude that for primary students, there is no evidence that homework lifts academic performance.”* (NSW Dept. of Education and Communities Homework Policy 2012) Reviews on homework in schools have been published in NSW and Victoria and both states concluded that there was little evidence that homework improves academic performance for primary school students.

The research indicates that a ‘more homework the better’ view is misleading and should not be the basis for policy and practice. Excessive homework may impact negatively on student achievement and also reduce student access to leisure activities that can also teach valuable life skills.

According to the NSW Department of Education, the setting of homework and any indicative time allocations across year levels is not compulsory.

Instead, we ask that you:

1. Read the “Home Reader” every night – (and read to your child/ren as well).
2. Encourage your child/ren to go outside and play – less screen time.
3. Encourage your child/ren to get a good night's sleep.

Janelle Radke - Principal

Dates to Remember

Wed	May 2	10.00am Anzac Ceremony
Thurs	May 3	Soccer Clinic
Tues	May 8	ICAS Digital Tech
Fri	May 11	District Cross Country 11.30am K-6 Assembly
Tue -Thurs	May 15 - 17	Naplan
Fri	May 18	National Walk Safely to School Jnr AFL Gala Day
Mon	May 21	7pm P & C Meeting
Thurs	May 24	9.30am Westpac Helicopter Visit
Fri	May 25	11.30am K-6 Assembly Boys & Girls Zone Touch Trials
Tues	May 29	ICAS Science
Wed-Fri	May 31 – June 1	School Camp Yr 5/6
Fri	June 8	11.30am K-6 Assembly Pirate Day
Wed	June 13	ICAS Spelling
Fri	June 15	Athletics Carnival

Starfish Awards presented

Wednesday 11th April, 2018

Bree Van Der Heiden, Josh Leaver, Aidan Bown,
Faith Nevin, Cooper Freebairn, Koby Barrett,
Ethan Brownlee, Savenna McCracken,
Jayme Firmstone, Layla McDonald, Hayden Webber,
Noah Goodwin, Malakai Halligan,
Mia Bradbury, Kasey Ward, Sam McNeil, Ella Tye,
Lily Klimiuk, Finn McDowall, Jordan Sassall, Isabella Safi,
Payton McDonagh, Layla McNamara, Riley Rosengrave,
Koby Ravasz, Scarlett Hore, Sage Drummond,
Sharni Smalle, Kai Bowman, Maddison Miller,
Shayla Moss, Sam Herbert, Tallis Mason, Ava McCarthy,
Evie Bradbury, Luran McCormack, Lucas Sargood,
Indiana Herbert, Bonnie Caldwell, Miley Lord,
Sean Croker, Harley Gill and Brax Foti.

K-2 Assembly Class Awards:

KH: Quinn Wright and Kingston McDonagh
K/1H: Maddison Ackland (absent) and Kiarn Smith
1M: Thai Hurt and Mylee Barnett
2N: Summer Firmstone and Indianna Herbert

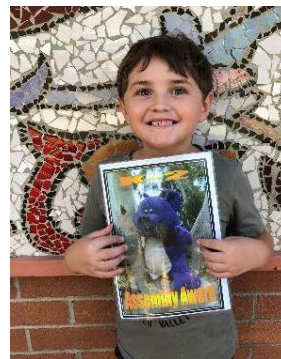


Clifford:

Bobby Nguyen did a good job of looking after Clifford in the school holidays.



2N received an assembly award for their great behaviour. Well done!



Soccer Clinics

All classes will be participating in free soccer clinics with Mark Johnston on Thursdays. Please send your child to school with suitable shoes.

Tathra Fire Appeal

Thanks to all who contributed towards the Tathra Fire Appeal.

A donation of \$220.00 was sent by our school to the official Mayoral Appeal Fund hosted by the Bega Valley Shire Council.

Stewart House Handballs

Stewart House handballs are available to purchase from the front office before school each morning. Handballs are \$3 each and all money from the sale of these handballs goes towards this very worthwhile charity which has supported children from our school in past years.



Stewart House Donation Drive - \$4,000 Holiday

Please fill out your full details on the back of the Stewart House envelope and include a donation of at least \$2 in the envelope to go in the draw to win a \$4,000 family holiday. Envelopes need to be returned to school by Friday 18th May to be eligible to go into the draw.

Year 5/6 Camp

Please don't forget camp money is due no later than 11th May.

Illaroo Road Public School
2018 Opportunity Class
IS YOUR YEAR 4 CHILD GIFTED AND
TALENTED?
INFORMATION EVENING
Tuesday 8 May 6.00pm at
Illaroo Road Public School
Application 1 May to 18 May 2018
Contact Clare Nixon, Relieving Deputy Principal
PH: 4221 0422

P & C News

P&C Meetings

Our next P & C meeting is Monday 21st May 2018.

Come along, have a cuppa and share your ideas and have some input. We love to see new faces.

We work really hard to provide great community events for our school & your children. Parent help is always appreciated and our kids benefit greatly.

Uniform Shop

We are currently waiting on sports shirts, which should arrive end of May early June.

Uniform shops opening hours will be:

Tuesdays - 2.30 - 3.15pm
Wednesdays - 8.30 - 9.15am

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.

Regards
Melissa Sloan
Publicity Officer

Canteen Roster

Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

Week 1

Wed 02.05.18 S. Brady
Thur 03.05.18 R. Faulkner
Fri 04.05.18 S. Safi

Week 2

Wed 09.05.18 L. Duncan
Thur 10.05.18 K. Tye
Fri 11.05.18 K. Jarrett

Volunteers are required from 10am until approximately 1.30pm.

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

Learning Success STEMs from Partnership

Future Focus Learning Team

When community and business join forces to support our students' education, new heights in learning can be reached. SIPS has been raising money, with the support of the P and C and Education Charity, Australian Schools Plus, to create a flexible learning space that emphasises the 21st century learning skills future employers expect their staff to have acquired. These skills focus on collaborative learning, creative thinking, critical thinking and communication. The idea behind building these skills, is that they will help our students become lifelong

learners who are resilient, persistent problem solvers. To date, the funds raised through Salesforce with the support of Australian Schools Plus, Rotary Club, and our local community through fundraising by SIPS P and C, have purchased: coding and robotics equipment for all students K-6 – Blue bots, M-bots, Lego EV3, and Dash and Dot; apps to support digital learning, such as green screen and DoInk animation; mobile storage equipment; and professional learning for staff to keep them informed of current and best practices.

The focus has been on teaching our kids to code by providing access for every student to coding and robotics equipment.

We are soon to establish a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) learning space where we will be actively engaged in STEM activities that will challenge our ability to think creatively and critically. One of the activities we were engaged in recently, was a collaborative visit from Mim Macdonell and her father, Matt Macdonell who are members of the Sussex Smashers. Mim and Matt engaged our Stage 3 students in exciting EV3 coding activities, from learning about Lego graphical coding, to then attempting to write an algorithm that would allow their robots to 'herd sheep'. SIPS looks forward to keeping the community informed of future events that will showcase our students' learning.



Community News

National Disability Insurance Scheme

We have recently secured a space at the Sussex Inlet Community Centre, Jacobs Drive and will be available from 9.00am until midday every Thursday. Appointments not necessary, however a time can be made by phoning Kate White on 4253 6580 or 0481 915 466.

Basin Bombers AFL Auskick starts Thursday

Auskick is on again for all boys and girls between the ages of 4 & 8 years. Thursday afternoons starting at 4pm and finishing at 5pm at Vincentia Leisure Centre Oval. Don't forget that when you activate your "Active Kids" voucher through Services NSW registration is free! Call Jeff on 0420 749 402 or register at AFL Auskick. All auskickers receive the AFL Auskick Pack after registering.