Dear Parents and Carers

The cold weather has arrived. Please ensure your child has the correct winter uniform and they are dressed warmly. All school clothing and equipment should be clearly named. If property is named it is usually easier to trace the owner of the lost articles.

Money and valuables

If children are required to bring money to school, a note from the school will be sent home beforehand. When children bring money or valuables to school, they are encouraged to keep it safe until either handed in to the front office or spent at the canteen or other events at the school. If the child receives change from their purchase, they are required to keep it in a secure place. The school cannot accept responsibility for lost money or valuables and cannot monitor every child’s bag etc. to keep their money/valuables safe. However, all precautions are taken to maintain a secure environment. We discourage children from bringing unnecessary amounts of money to school.

Janelle Radke - Principal

WHS Consultation Meeting

Sussex Inlet Public School is committed to protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of all our employees and others undertaking work such as volunteers and contractors. Our school will consult with its employees and others undertaking work in implementing safety practices and systems. The involvement of employees at all levels and of others undertaking work such as volunteers and contractors is critical for ensuring a safe workplace.

An invitation is extended to our volunteers to attend a short meeting on Friday, 25 May 2018 at 9.15am in the school staffroom to discuss the options and determine our future arrangements. We currently have informal arrangements.

If you wish to attend the meeting please notify the front office by Monday, 21 May 2018.

Val Williams - SAM

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**Starfish Awards presented Wednesday 9nd May, 2018**

Isabelle Farrugia, Shayla McCarthy, Toby Ackland, Patrick Bannon, Jed McDowall, Riley Spencer, Amelie Buchanan, Hayden Firmstone, Dylan Hollier, Matt Sloan, Marc McCormack, Corey Price, Sofie Farris, Tyler Ferguson, Kaylee Chittenden, Abby Tye, Lucy Brady, Cooper Jones, Molly Nguyen, Austin Bussani-Wright, Koby Budy, Miley Lord, Rose Curtis, Cameren Brownlee, Jordan Ferguson, Jules Murray, Emma Keene, Indie Barrett, Vivian French, Callum Solari, Hope Pavitt, Abbie Carpenter, Lewis Bruns, Mia Ferguson, Beau McDowall, Mykayla Hamilton & Kimberley Williams.
District Cross Country
Last Friday forty-seven students represented our school in the District Cross Country Carnival at Tomerong on a sunny but cold and windy day. Our participation was outstanding. Students achieved their highest standard on the day and our sportsmanship was really something to be proud of. You all need to be congratulated.
A very big thank you and our appreciation to Mrs Firmstone who took on the role of Team Manager. All parents chipped in to make our day so pleasant. We ran like a well-oiled machine.
The following students won themselves a place:
Hayden Webber     1st     8/9 year boys
Tyson Clarke       2nd     8/9 year boys
Summer Firmstone   4th     8/9 year girls
Liliana Klimiuk    3rd     8/9 year girls
Violet Keywood     3rd     11 year girls
Isabelle Harris    4th     Senior girls
Students who placed 1st to 5th in their age race will continue on to the Regional Cross Country at ‘Wilandra’. Students with invitations to the regional carnival should have received their note. Please return ASAP.
Sussex Inlet Public School placed third in the overall point score tally with 300 points, the winning school scoring over 400 points. However, we won the District Percentage Points Shield once again for the fifth consecutive year.
Thank you all for another wonderful day. We are all very proud of all our competitors.
Could any student who left the carnival with the school cross country/athletics shirt please return it to school as soon as possible.
**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now well underway and Term 2 will be an important time for students to continue to read and record their books. Two hundred and twenty-five of our students have begun the Challenge so far and most students have received at least one SIPS Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificate. Keep up the good work everyone! Fifty of our students have already completed the Challenge and have had their records validated. Congratulations to these students on this fine effort.

A huge thank you to all members of our school community, class teachers, parents, carers and our school librarian, Mrs Glasson for your continued support of students participating in this year’s Challenge. Many of our students have the opportunity to receive a Gold Award at the completion of this year’s Challenge, so let’s go everyone don’t let all your hard work from three previous challenge years go unnoticed, strive for those Gold Awards! Students who are dedicated enough to complete the PRC for seven years will receive a Platinum certificate and we do have students in Year 6 who can achieve this outstanding result. Well done!

Easy reads: Students can find books that are easier to read whilst being appropriate for their Challenge level by accessing the PRC home page and typing easy reads in the Search box (top left of screen) for a list of titles. You can be more specific by typing Year 3 easy reads etc. Also, search for Aussie nibbles, bites or chomps; Making tracks series (3-4) and Lightning strikes series (5-6). SIPS has the full list of books that are easy reads so please don’t hesitate to ask for a range of titles if this would help with the challenge.

Series Books: In an approved series, any two books from the series can be read as part of official PRC reading. Up to five other books from the same series can be read and recorded as personal choice books if personal choice books (5) have not already been used.

This year’s SIPS K-6 Home Reading Program is an excellent opportunity to complete two tasks at once by reading every day and reading PRC books students can tackle both jobs.

Parents can access information regarding The PRC at - www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge.

A wonderful thing about a book, in contrast to a computer screen, is that you can take it to bed with you.  
~ Daniel J. Boorstin ~

**Garden Club News**

On behalf of our little Garden Clubbers, I would like to send a big thank you to Sara Sherrif and Samantha Brady for donating watering cans, gardening gloves, shovels, spades, seeds and much more. Your generosity has been amazing and is really appreciated. Thank you from Mrs Hamilton and our Garden Clubbers.

**WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018**

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday, 18 May 2018!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

**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.

**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.

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**Book Club**

Book Club order forms were sent home with students last week, and are to be returned by Monday 21st May. Cheques should be made payable to ‘Sussex Inlet P & C Association’. Credit card transactions – you must phone Scholastic and pay with your credit card over the phone and they will give you a number which should be recorded on your child’s order form.

**P & C News**

**Mothers Day Stall**

We hope all the amazing mum, nans and carers had a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday. Thank you to Nicole Canon, Kate Jarrett, Tina Noordermeer and Karen Jones for all your help with Thursdays stall. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Tracy Solari for organising all the amazing gifts for our children to have the opportunity to purchase. The stall had raised a total of $357 profit.

Well done to everyone involved.

**P & C Meetings**

Our next P & C meeting is 7pm 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 - 2.30pm-3.15pm
- Wednesdays – 8.30am-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.

Melissa Sloan - Publicity Officer

**Canteen Roster**

**Closed Mondays & Tuesdays**

**Week 3**

- Wed 16.05.18 T. Noordermeer
- Thur 17.05.18 K. Gilbert
- Fri 18.05.18 R. Ferguson

**Week 4**

- Wed 23.05.18 E. Shinn
- Thur 24.05.18 Help Needed
- Fri 25.05.18 K. Jarrett

Volunteers are required from 10am until approximately 1.30pm.

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

**Community News**

**Fitness Classes – Sussex Inlet**

Mad About Fitness
Mon & Fri 8am Fit for Life
Tues & Thurs 5.45am Bootcamp
Monday Night 5pm Pilates
Enq: Madeline 0421 120 376
Classes at Thomson St Hall

**Zumba Classes**

Tuesdays 6pm-7pm
Thomson St Hall
Enq: Heather 0451 975 868