

# Sussex Inlet Public School Newsletter

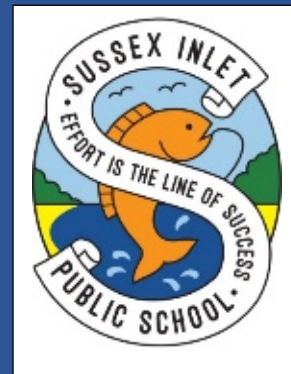
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## Three ways to help your child's learning at home

**The literacy and numeracy skills gained in early childhood set children up for life – so what can parents do at home to help their child get the best start?**

A home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than almost any other factor, but despite the importance of family involvement, few parents are aware of the impact they can have.

A recent [study](#) published in the *Journal of Early Childhood Research* showed a connection between children's home literacy environment and their language skills, especially when it comes to understanding the structure and rules of written language.

So what can parents do to create a home environment that encourages the development of meaningful literacy skills from an early age?

Having reading material available, whether it is owned or borrowed from the library, is directly associated with children's achievement in reading comprehension.

Based on the research available, here are three practical things parents can do to support their child's learning at home.

### 1. Talk to and interact with your child whenever possible

Talking with kids about what they are doing, what they are going to do, and what they have been doing, can help them to develop an understanding of the type of language used in books (e.g. Once upon a time).

## Dates to Remember

Fri	Mar 5	K – 6 Assembly
Mon – Fri	Mar 15 – 26	Swim School
Fri	Mar 19	AFL Gala Day Stage 2
Mon-Wed	Mar 22-24	Canberra Excursion Yr 5 & Yr 6
Mon	Mar 29	School Photos

## Library Days

KS K1/C	Tuesday
1H 1M	Tuesday
2H 2JV	Monday
3N 3/4D	Thursday
4/5B 5/6G 5/6R	Wednesday

Children need a lot of experience of this kind of language in preparation for literacy. Use the acronym TALK to remind yourself how to interact with your child.

**T** = Take time to talk, making yourself available for interactions

**A** = Ask questions to which you do not always know the answer

**L** = Listen actively

**K** = Know your child and the language they use. Build on this.

Also, children who are engaged in more conversation by their caregivers have been shown to know more colours, letters and shapes by the age of three than children who aren't engaged in as much conversation early on in life.

## **2. Don't limit your child to "baby talk"**

When around kids, it can be tempting to "dumb down" the way we talk, either to ensure that they understand what we mean, or simply because we find the way they talk cute and endearing.

However, research shows that the size of a child's vocabulary in kindergarten predicts his or her ability to learn to read, so by using only "easy" words and simplified or even made up terms around your child, you are greatly limiting their ability to expand their vocabulary.

If you are using a new or complicated word around your child for the first time, take a moment to give details about the word and explain what it means.

Also, rather than going along with a child's mispronunciation of something (as cute as it may be), try to correct them in a positive way. For example, if your child were to point at an avocado and say "acado," rather than repeating it the wrong way, you could say "Yes, you're right! It's an avocado."

## **3. Make reading materials readily available**

Research [shows](#) that having reading material available, whether it is owned or borrowed from the library, is directly associated with children's achievement in reading comprehension.

With this in mind, it's important to create a home environment where reading is valued. Even if you don't always have time to sit down and read one-on-one with your kids, you can still ensure that they are able to access a wide variety of age-appropriate reading material.

For babies, board books, cloth books, and touch and feel books can introduce them to the concept of "reading" early on, while toddlers and pre-schoolers will enjoy storybooks and rhyming books that contain plenty of pictures.

For older kids, include a variety of fiction and nonfiction books, comic books, and even informational reading materials like cook books, how-to books, an atlas or encyclopaedia, and magazines that are related to their hobbies, such as sports, fashion or music.

Just remember that creating a literacy-rich home environment doesn't have to cost a lot of money; the most important thing is your support and involvement, whether that means playing and interacting with your child, reading to them, or taking the time to explain and discuss new words.

An article by Marianne Stenger

Marianne Stenger is a writer with [Open Colleges](#), one of Australia's online education providers.

## **General Permission & Medical Consent Forms**

Permission/medical consent forms are being sent home today to those who have misplaced theirs. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

## **Staff Carpark**

Please note that the staff carpark is for staff use only. Parents/carers are requested not to drive into the carpark to drop off and pick up students. Carpark entrance is to be kept clear at all times. Students who ride bikes to school must enter by small gate and walk their bike along pathway to bike rack.

## K - 6 Assembly Friday 18 February, 2021



**School Leaders 2021**  
**Front Row – Sports Captains**  
**Back Row – Captains/Vice/Prefects**



**SRC 2021**



**Class Awards**

## SIPS Swimming Carnival 2021

Congratulations to our 2021 Swimming Age Champions!

Jnr Boys	Cooper
Jnr Girls	Gemma
11yr Girls	Lily
11yr Boys	Jake
Senior Girls	Emma
Senior Boys	Koby



**SIP Age Swimming Champions**



**Winning House Wahoo**

## District Swimming Carnival

On 18 February 2021, 19 students represented Sussex Inlet Public School at the Shoalhaven District swimming carnival at Nowra Aquatic Centre. The students displayed great behaviour, excellent sportsmanship and produced some outstanding results. Despite our small size, SIPS finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall points tally among the strong field of 21 schools. Final results and progression to the South Coast swimming championship on 10 March 2021 will be confirmed in the coming days. However, some of last week's highlights included our Junior Boys and Senior Girls relay teams finishing on the podium and Lily being awarded the 11 Year Girls Age Champion! Congratulations to all of the SIPS students who competed and thank you to the parents who provided transport and support on the day.



**District Swimming Team**



**Jnr Boys  
Relay Team**

## P & C News

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop opening hours are:- Tuesday 3.00pm - 3.30pm & Friday 8.30am - 9.30am.

Please note:- before going to the uniform shop please sign in at the office.

## Canteen News

Canteen Roster Term 1 - closed Monday & Tuesday

Day	Date	Name
Wednesday	24/2	E. Barnett
Thursday	25/2	K. Jones
Friday	26/2	A. Palmer

Volunteers are required from 9am - 9.30am until approximately 1.30pm. If unable to attend, please contact Chris Path on 4441 2921.

## Community News

[Rotary Club of Sussex Inlet](#)

[Bread Tags for Wheelchair Collection Point](#)

[Jar at the front office at school](#)



## Harmony Week

15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

#ShoalhavenCelebratesHarmonyWeek. See noticeboard for details.

## Catholic Children's Sacramental Program

Information night is on Thursday 18 March 2021 - 6pm at Ulladulla Catholic Church. All enquiries please contact Anne Hayward:- 0438 412 987.

## Australian Air League

NSW Group is now enrolling – for more information on the Australian Air League and your closest squadron please contact [www.airleague.com.au](http://www.airleague.com.au) email: [info@airleague.com.au](mailto:info@airleague.com.au) or free call: 1800502175

See noticeboard for more details.

## Shoalhaven Football

Soccer registrations are now open

Register at: [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

## Lifeline Money Minded/Saver Plus

Sussex Inlet 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Lifeline South Coast invites you to our FREE Money Minded program to improve your money management skills. Registration is essential ph: 4421 5365. See noticeboard for details.