

# Sussex Inlet Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 2023

## Sounds Write

Mr Musson, Ms Cropper and Mrs Tunks at Sounds Write training earlier this term.

This year, we have been implementing a school-wide approach to teaching reading and spelling, using the Sounds Write program. This is an evidence-based, phonics program which begins with the **sounds** in the English language and moves from sounds to the written word, teaching students that letters are the agreed ways in which we represent those sounds when we **write**. Students progress from an 'Initial code' to more complex 'Extended code' spellings, and learning to blend, segment and manipulate sounds so that they can read and spelling new and unfamiliar words with increasing ease. Last term, we assessed all students in the school to enable us to set up Sounds Write teaching groups that suit student needs at every level. Students and teachers are enjoying the program, and some students are seeing some great progress in reading and spelling already! We encourage parents and carers to continue to support students by reading to and with them at home. These resources for parents on the Sounds Write website, including access to a free online course to help you support reading and writing at home:

<https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

If you would like any further information or are interested in attending a parent workshop, please contact the school on 4441 2053.



## Public Speaking

Willow and Evie represented SIPS at the Multicultural Perspectives public speaking competition local finals. Well done girls!

We are so proud to announce Finn was the 2023 Multicultural Perspectives local final winner! Congratulation Finn on an outstanding performance!

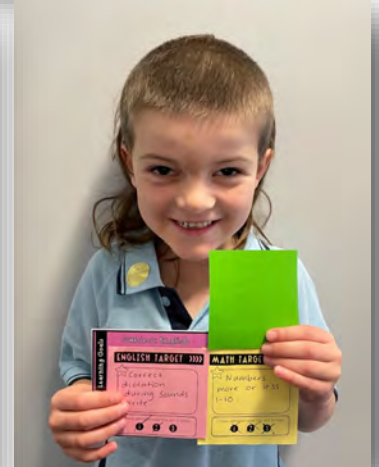


## Spelling Bee

Stage 2 Spelling Bee final was an exciting and close contest. Our final 3 came down to Elijah, Hollie and Kai with Kai taking out the title.

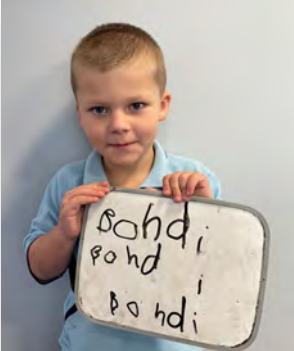


# Achieving learning Goals



## Look at us learning!

Our students are smashing their learning goals! We are so proud of how they are accomplishing these amazing learning achievements. Keep up the great work!





## Term 2 in review

### Assembly winners



### Chess Club

The Chess Club meet every Wednesday during the first half of lunch. Players are from all age groups with the youngest being in Year 1 and all levels of ability and knowledge of the game.

Ms Horneman has her work cut out, as she is playing against some really great players.

All students are welcome to join in!

### Choir

Choir has really taken off this term and we now have an average of 25 students turning up to sing each week on Thursday lunchtimes. We were also really pleased to welcome 4 new Kindy students to choir this term! We have enjoyed singing some new songs,

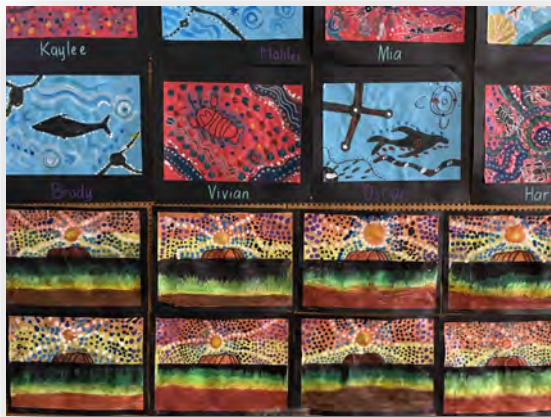
including 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams, 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and 'Canon in Swing', which is an awesome and quite complicated 3-part round. We've also been singing some old favourites such as 'Fight Song' and 'Cover Me in Sunshine', and we have been learning some very silly warm up activities to get our breathing, mouths and voices ready for singing... have a go at singing 'My mother makes me munch mini M&Ms on a Monday morning'!







## NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS





## Term 2 in Review

### Sports News

### PSSA Rugby League trials

Beau, Brody and Cooper played for the Nowra Zone representative team at the South Coast PSSA Rugby League trials. Well done!



### PSSA Soccer & Touch Football

Three teams from SIPS competed in Round 1 of the boys and girls PSSA Soccer and boys Touch football competitions. All three games were exciting with the girls' soccer team progressing through to the next round. Well done!



### PSSA Girls Touch football team

Our girls PSSA knockout Touch football team scored a solid Round 1 win at home.



### Senior Rugby League



Our Senior Rugby League team showed plenty of grit and skill while competing at the PSSA Classic Shield gala day at Bomaderry Sports complex. Fantastic!





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# District Cross Country



On Thursday 18 May, 48 SIPS students travelled to Willandra for the Shoalhaven District Cross Country carnival. There were outstanding efforts all round and some excellent individual results.

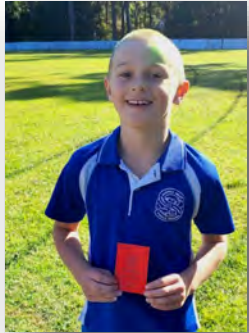
Well done!



# Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics carnival was held at Sanctuary Point. We had a heap of fun with lots of great competition and sportsmanship on display.

Thank you to the P&C for operating the canteen and to the staff and parents who helped out on the day.





Term 2 in review

# NRL - Football Clinic

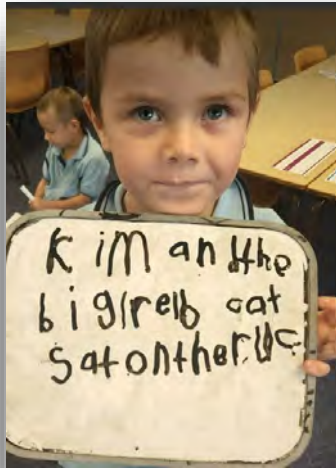
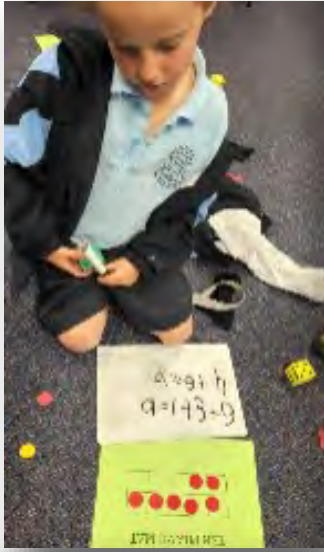




## Early Stage 1

### K Octopus

What a fantastic term for K Octopus! In maths lessons we have been learning about friends of 10 and experimenting with all the different ways we can represent numbers. We have learnt all the single sounds of the alphabet and have been learning to use those sounds to write sentences which include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We were very excited to see Healthy Harold, he taught us how to keep our bodies healthy and happy. We have also been enjoying learning AFL skills each week.



### K Seahorse



Kindergarten Seahorse have had another great term of learning with all students working hard to meet their individual goals in English and maths. In Term 2, students participated in their first athletics carnival, visited Healthy Harold, enjoyed the AFL coaching clinics, and joined Peer Support groups which are facilitated by the senior students. They also made an amazing short film with Mrs Glasson to support their author study of Kate and Jol Temple during library time. Their active participation and enthusiasm for all new experiences is a credit to each student. Congratulations on another amazing term!





## Stage 1 - 1/2 Shark, 1/2 Snapper & 1/2 Stingray

### 1/2 Shark

We have been working on equivalence in mathematics. 1/2 Shark built their own boats to test balance and equivalence by placing 5 clay animals strategically in their boats, without flipping or sinking. Students came up with some great designs and successfully completed the challenge, keeping all the animals safe and dry!

Well done Sharks!



### 1/2 Snapper



This term our class have been learning about equivalence in maths and how authors use different language devices to engage the reader during writing. We have been working really hard to achieve the success criteria that is provided for each lesson to help us achieve the learning intention. We were all awarded a principal's sticker from Ms Horneman after she read our joint construction about 'The Friendly, Flexible Pizza'. We have been learning about the past in the present. We were so lucky to have Mrs Bowerman come and visit us at the old school museum. She is 99 years old and had so many stories to share and lots of old things to show us as well. It's been a big term of learning!

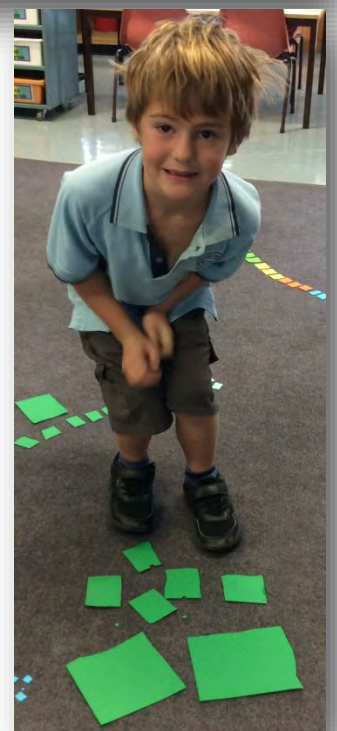




## Term 2 in review

### 1/2 Stingray

This was great hands-on activity out of our Unit 5 Numeracy Unit - creating squares. The prompts given were: How do you know you have made a square? What features must be included to make it a square? What tools could you use to prove your shape is a square?





## Stage 2 - 3/4 Jellyfish, 3/4 Mulloway & 3/4 Seal

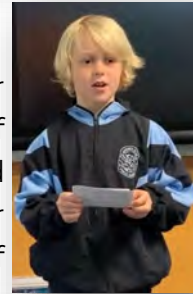
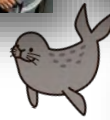
### 3/4 Mulloway

This term we were focusing on poetry writing. All the students wrote a Haiku poem about their favourite season and learnt the song 'Best Day of My Life' which they performed at our Week 6 whole school assembly. To conclude the wonderful learning time our class had this term with the Gadhungal Marring group, the students painted boomerangs.



### 3/4 Seal

What a busy term! Laughter echoed through our classroom as we enjoyed a delightful share reading experience of Roald Dahl's classic, The Twits. Seal students also immersed themselves in the enchanting realm of poetry, fostering their creativity and deepening their appreciation for the beauty of language. We embarked on a captivating journey, exploring the intriguing origins of bin chickens and had the pleasure of meeting the brilliant authors Kate and Jol Temple, and our Year 4 students had the privilege of a writing workshop with the authors. Our historical explorations led us to delve into the remarkable tales of eminent adventurers and the epic voyage of the First Fleet. We also investigated the impact the exploration had on the Aboriginal people of the time. Well done on all of your hard work and enjoy your well-earned break.



### 3/4 Jellyfish



This term, the Jellyfish dived into the world of poetry to foster creativity and appreciate the beauty of words. We discovered the fascinating origins of bin chickens and met wonderful authors Kate and Jol Temple. The Jellyfish raced, jumped and booted their way through athletics and AFL workouts. Healthy Harold visited and we bellied laughed at a reimagining of Roald Dahl's classic The Twits. We've chronicled eminent explorers and the famed journey of the First Fleet. The Jellyfish have sharpened their number skills and put Rip Rip Woodchip on a permanent loop in our brains. Well done on a great term!





## Stage 3 - 5/6 Crayfish & 5/6 Dolphin



**5/6 Dolphin presenting  
'Shakespeare'**



**5/6 Crayfish presenting  
'3 Little Pigs'**



## 5/6 Dolphin

In Stage 3, we have been diving into the world of poetry this term. It's been quite a journey as we've stretched our language skills and discovered new words. Through poetry, we have let our creativity soar, using similes, metaphors, personification, and idioms to express ourselves in the most imaginative ways.



## 5/6 Crayfish

In Stage 3, we had a blast with exciting AFL activities that brought our PE curriculum to life. These engaging activities were designed to take our knowledge and skills in AFL to the next level, ensuring a deeper involvement and a whole lot of fun along the way.





## Stage 3 - Canberra

Stage 3 students this term attended an education tour of the national capital, Canberra. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school which was deducted from the cost to families.



*Canberra 2023*



# Library News

Our Kindergarten to Year 4 students were busy this term in Library preparing for our author visit from Kate and Jol Temple. Our students looked at a range of Kate and Jol's books including picture books, graphic novels and fantasy and realistic fiction. Kindergarten were so excited to present their video to Kate and Jol during their visit who were very impressed with their cheeky bin chicken dance moves. Students enjoyed listening to Kate and Jol's entertaining author talk with many of the students agreeing their favourite part was passing a giant inflatable bin chicken over the students' heads or getting their own 'Bin Chicken' books signed by the authors. Stage 2 students looked at the characters in Kate and Jol's books and created their own unique paper mâché bin chicken character, with Year 4 expanding on their character development skills in a writing workshop with Kate and Jol. Stage 2 were also lucky enough to attend a play adaptation of Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre earlier in the term. Stage 3 developed their research skills with a guided inquiry project into the history and geography of Canberra ahead of their excursion. Our focus on purchasing books this term has been on engaging mentor texts for literacy lessons and beginning chapter books series for our students as they begin to move from learn-to-read books to independently reading for pleasure.





# P&C news

Term 2 has been a very productive term for the P&C.

### Fundraising

Each year we hold the much loved Mother's Day stall. Gifts were very thoughtfully purchased by each student for their loved one. We hope you all enjoyed the gifts. Next year we will look into celebrating Mother's Day a little differently.

The Athletics carnival was another very successful day for the P&C and was well received from students, parents and teachers. The children really enjoyed the hot dog meal deal.

Our biggest fundraiser for year was the Viking festival. This even takes a lot of planning, organisation and time from our volunteers. Many hands made this another successful this year.

Overall, the P&C has raised over \$4,200 so far this year. The funds raised will go towards air conditioning for the hall, new representative blazers, Year 6 shirts, Kindergarten orientation packs and representative swimming caps.

### Canteen news

Term 2 has also seen the introduction of 'Sushi Tuesday' through the SIPS Snack Shack. This has been very popular. We are working out a more manageable way to meet your child's sushi requests. Stay tuned for further information regarding sushi orders in term 3.

Can you donate a few hours to help in the canteen? Our lovely canteen managers Chris and Ayumi would love an extra set of hands. Email or log onto My School Connect volunteers to see the availability, plus your kiddies will love seeing you helping at our school.

### School safety survey

Thank you to everyone who participated in our road safety questionnaire, together with the schools input we will keep pursuing safer school access.

### Thank you

Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers. The P&C manage both the SIPS uniform shop and canteen. We have a fabulous dedicated P&C members and we are always keen to welcome more. We value your input as we work together to support our school and our wider community. Please email us or message us on Facebook if you would like to become a member.

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Happy holidays,

*Haylee*

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P&C President

**Next meeting - 7pm, Monday 24 July 2023**

**held in school library**

**All welcome!**