From Narelle’s Desk ...

Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Donna’s Kitchen
We are pleased to advise that our school canteen (to be known as Donna’s Kitchen) will return to opening five days a week from 8.30am to 12.00 noon. (No longer open at recess). Breakfast and lunches, as well as yummy snacks are available. We hope that you have had a chance to check out the new Summer menu which has a variety of delicious options available. A hard copy of the menu has been sent home to all families so that you can put it on the fridge to refer to when needed. A huge thank you to Donna and Mrs Kelie Kenzler for time and thought gone into preparing this new menu. Thank you also to Mrs Katie Hughes for typing up the colourful menu.

Little Learners
This Friday is our transition program will continue for Kindergarten 2015. While your child is joining in the fun in the Kindergarten classrooms, Cancer Council NSW will be providing a free informative session about preparing simple, healthy lunches. This is part of the “Eat it to Beat it” program. They will also provide a show bag of goodies for you to take home. This session will be in the school library from 2pm.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
Congratulations to every child who has received their bronze, silver or gold award during the past week. On Wednesday of this week the children will receive their rewards for achieving these levels as follows:

Bronze: 10 minutes extra play
Silver: 10 minutes extra play plus an ice block
Gold: 10 mins extra play plus a sausage sandwich for lunch

Sausage Sandwiches and ice blocks will be available for children at lunchtime and children will have their free play prior to lunch on Wednesday.

Planning 2015
This term we will begin planning classes for 2015. If you know that you will be relocating in the near future and will not be returning to Shoal Bay Public School we would appreciate it if you could contact the office to let us know.

Welcome back!!
Last week we welcomed Mr Bayliss and Mr Hamshaw back to school after a period of leave. A huge thank you to Mrs Norman and Mrs Lawless for their great work teaching 6B and 5/6H during this time. We also enjoyed and appreciated having Miss Grace relieving for Mrs Norman while she was teaching 6B.

Excursions
We have a number of staff and students looking forward to upcoming excursions. On Friday Stage 1 classes will be attending the Wetlands Environmental Centre. Next Monday 20 October Kindergarten and Years 5 and 6 will be walking to Fingal Bay to participate in a variety of activities including Water Safety and Creative Arts. Members of Fingal Bay Surf and Life Saving Club will be volunteering their time to present water safety talks. The Stage 3 camp at Morisset is also getting closer (5 – 7 November) with final payments due for this exciting event this Friday, 17 October.

Narelle Mann
Principal
Kindergarten Enrolments 2015

To assist us with planning for 2015 we are now accepting expressions of interest if your child is eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015. Please complete the form attached and return it to school and/or pass this information on to family and friends who have children who are eligible to start school in 2015. You could also call in at school or contact us on ph. 49811007.

Canteen Helpers

Our school canteen operates with the assistance of parent helpers. Parents can assist on a rostered basis weekly, fortnightly or monthly or just help whenever they are available. New volunteers are always needed, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please contact the canteen on 49811007.

Garden Club

The garden club will be selling potted strawberries, rosemary and flowers from 50c to $3 on Wednesday morning outside the canteen. All money raised will go towards buying seeds and mulch for the garden, so please come along and show your support.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter

The Westpac Helicopter in conjunction with Event Cinemas Glendale are holding a MOVIE NIGHT on Friday, 24 October. The Movie is This Is Where I Leave You, starring Jason Bateman, Tina Frey & Jane Fonda. The evening will start at 6pm with Champagne, light finger food, stalls to browse, live entertainment, raffle and prizes galore with the movie commencing at 7pm. All money raised will go directly to your Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Tickets are $30 p.p. Tickets can be purchased by going to: http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/events/2014-helicopter-movie-night

Student Profiles

Name: Emma S, Class: 4B
Nickname: Em, Hobbies: Drawing
Favourite Book: Unhinged by A.G.Howard
Favourite Movie: Ferris Bueller’s Day Off
Favourite thing about school: playing with friends
Favourite Subject: Sport
What do you want to be when you grow up? Photographer
Name: Lewis A, Class: 4B
Nickname: Luigi, Hobbies: Surfing
Favourite Book: Little Lunch by Danny Katz
Favourite Movie: Finding Nemo
Favourite thing about school: Sport
Favourite Subject: PE
What do you want to be when you grow up? Policeman

From the Library

Dear Parents

Welcome back to an extremely busy and exciting term! Christmas will be on us before you know it! So now is the time to start collecting some quality literature to read over the holiday break. The current issue of Book Club (which came home last week) is jam packed with popular titles and gift ideas and is due back this Thursday, 16 October. Please remember that every purchase helps support the school and if you would like us to keep special purchases at school for you to pick up later please let us know.

On Wednesday the 29th of October, Maclean’s Booksellers from Newcastle will be hosting a book fair at our school. This is a great opportunity for us to have a book store right here in our library. Each class will get a chance to have a look at the books for sale and parents will be invited to see and purchase from the wonderful collection of titles. Please watch this space for more details.

Also to support the study of literacy texts from other countries and times being done by classes this term, there will be a performance at the end of November called ‘Fractured Fairytales. A note will go home shortly with further details!

Thanks everyone!!
Mrs Swartz
Teacher Librarian

Merit Awards

KH
- Tilly, Riley, Emilee

I/2B
- Tahila, Tyler, Cohen

4D
- Jesse, Harmonie, Jema

6B
- Freeman, Kiah, Aaron