Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

This is the last principals report for 2014 and it seems clear that we have a large amount to remember and celebrate from the past year. In this reflective report, I would like to mention just a few.

Term 1
Mrs Jill Ridgway took up a new position as Principal of Mayfield West Public School and Mr Mat Freeman relieved as Principal for the whole of Term 1.

Term 2 onwards
I became Principal of Shoal Bay Public School and began the journey of leading our wonderful school as we moved into an era of change and planning for the future.

Our students continued to shine through pleasing results in NAPLAN and International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) tests as well as participation in other competitions such as public speaking and Premiers Spelling Bee.

Our students entered many sporting competitions and achieved fantastic results. Many students represented the school and swimming, athletics, cross country and team sports with individual representations at zone, district and state level.

Major excursions across the stages to the Reptile Park, Wetlands Environmental Education Centre, Oakvale Farm, Shark and Ray Centre and Morisset Camp.

Participation of Junior and Senior dance troupes and choirs in the highly successful Tomaree Music Festival, our school band performance at the Twilight Band Concert and the wonderful production “Oliver”, the musical.

Special occasions such as P & C “Go Commando” fun run, Commonwealth Games Day, Book Week dress up day and mufti days.

As you can see I haven’t listed or included everything in this report but it’s certainly an indication that “Excellence through Effort” is something we promote and live by. Congratulations to everyone for their efforts, we are very proud to say we are part of Shoal Bay Public School.

To our Year 6 students, you have been an outstanding group with a range of individuals who have contributed to the school in different ways. Your maturity, sense of fun and perspective have made you a credit to your families and your school. I hope that you take away happy memories and a significant repertoire of skills, knowledge and values as you move to secondary school. A special mention for our Premiers, Toby and Isabel and parliamentarians, Jack, Mitchell, Sam, Mackenzie, Tamara and Madi, who have contributed much to the school this year. I wish you every success as you continue to strive towards your goals which you are all capable of achieving.

To the students and families of Shoal Bay, have a safe and relaxing break. Remember to slip, slop, slap and use this time to connect with family and friends and enjoy your holidays so you will all be ready to begin the challenges of next year!

Season’s Greetings to everyone

Narelle Mann
Principal
From the office staff, library and all other teaching staff … We also wish everyone a Merry Christmas. May you all stay safe and have a happy holiday. See you ready and refreshed in 2015.

Presentation Day

Congratulations to all our award winners. Special mention goes to Will A from 6B on achieving the fabulous result of Dux of the school. Congratulations also to Mackenzie G from 5/6H for getting Citizenship. There were 3 targeted maths awards that went to Noah 2R, Aiden 3A and Isabel 5/6H. The 3 targeted writing awards went to Vivelle 2R, Stella 4D and Chloe 6B. There were lots of outstanding sports accomplishments, however the outstanding girl for 2014 was Isabel 5/6H and the outstanding boys were Toby and Jack from 5/6H. Thanks to everyone who was involved in making Presentation Day special.

Congratulations especially to our new Premiers Poppie & Alex and to our Parliamentarians for 2015 Mikaela, Aimee, Enyah, Zach, Cody and Austin.

Replacement Volunteer Ethics Teacher Needed

Philosophical ethics classes are now available in NSW public schools as an option for students who are in Non-Scripture classes. Primary Ethics is the organisation authorised by the NSW state government to deliver ethics classes under an approved curriculum from Kindy to Year 6.

Currently we have 4 ethics classes and one of our wonderful volunteer teachers is moving on. To make sure our classes can continue and to provide classes right throughout the school, we need new volunteers.

Ethics Teachers facilitate discussion using training and material provided by Primary Ethics. Teaching and its required preparation would take no more than 2 hours per week.

Applications to volunteer are welcome from members of the school and wider community. To find out more about becoming an ethics teacher and to apply online, please visit http://www.primaryethics.com.au. You can also contact our school’s Ethics Coordinator, Ross Mainley, for more information. ph 4891 1152 or email rsmainley@gmail.com.

If you are interested in your child attending ethics classes and have not already let the school know, please return the slip below by Friday 26 November 2014.

Signed

Narelle Mann
Principal

School to return this position to your Ethics Coordinator or Primary Ethics QPO Box 4351, Sydney NSW 2001

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics.

My name: ____________________________  In 2014, my child is in year: ____________________________

My email address: ____________________________
Around the School

Presentation Day

Will: Dux of the School

Poppie & Alex as new Premiers and Parliamentarians below (- Poppie)

Fly Point Christmas Carols