Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

2015 Parliamentarians elect

Today the Year 5 candidates presented their prepared speech to the school. All students from years 2 -5 have had the opportunity to vote for the candidates. I would like to congratulate all the nominees and take this opportunity to wish all the students the best of luck. Counting is taking place this week. The successful parliamentarians for 2015 will then be announced at Presentation Day on Tuesday 9 December.

Road Safety

Safety of our students coming to school and on their way home is just as important as when they are at school. Wearing helmets if riding bikes and scooters, walking safely across the road at the school crossing, wearing seatbelts when travelling in cars and remaining seated and behaving on the school buses are just a few safety measures. Also be aware that local police have been patrolling Rigney Street recently and a few people have been caught parking incorrectly or speeding. Don’t become one of these statistics.

Nuf Nuf Day

Next Wednesday will be our final Nuf Nuf day for the year and Year 6 are preparing an exciting event for their last Nuf Nuf at Shoal Bay Public School. The event will take place from 10.15am and conclude at lunch time.

School Attendance – Why is it important for your child?

As the end of the year approaches it is still important that your child attends school every day. As I walk around the school and visit classrooms I see the effort that our students are putting into their learning each day. There is still so much happening with a focus on core literacy and numeracy including revision of these basic skills. Many other enjoyable events are also still occurring or are being planned in the coming weeks including rehearsals for band, choir and musical performances, final weeks of Zumba programs for Kindergarten and Stage 2 classes, Nuf Nuf Day, Fractured Fairy Tales performance and end of year pool party (years 2 – 6) and movie day (K – 1). More formal events including assemblies, Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell are also coming up.

Must I send my child to school every day?

Yes – unless:

- your child is too sick to go to school
- your child has been injured
- your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
- your child has an infectious illness (such as chicken pox, mumps or measles)
- there is a serious family situation which requires their involvement.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

- It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child is absent.
- Please provide a written note explaining the absence or contact the school by telephone.
- Any absence from school needs to be explained within seven days of the absence.

Narelle Mann
Principal

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Payments Due (on or before)</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Due by</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nuf Nuf Day</td>
<td>$3</td>
<td>25 Nov:Office</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K-1 Movie Reward Day</td>
<td>$14</td>
<td>5 Dec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2-6 Pool Party Reward Day</td>
<td>$9</td>
<td>5 Dec</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Student Profiles

Name: Jack B  Class: 6B
Nickname: Jack  Hobbies: Archery, Reading, Video Games
Favourite Book: Brisingr by Christopher Paolini
Favourite Movie: Forest Gump
Favourite thing about school: PE
Favourite Subject: Library
What do you want to be when you grow up? Engineer

Name: Freeman K  Class: 6B
Nickname: Jonny  Hobbies: Rugby, Video Games
Favourite Book: Sponge Bob: Laugh & Ride
Favourite Movie: This is the End
Favourite thing about school: Canteen
Favourite Subject: PE/Sport
What do you want to be when you grow up? Famous Rugby Player

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, Thursday and Fridays. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please contact the canteen on 49811007.

Kindergarten Zumba
If you want to see a video of Kindergarten getting very involved in their Zumba sport lesson, then click on this link to have a peek. Alternatively, if it doesn’t work for you, go to our website: Curriculum & Activities Tab, then Sport & Physical Activities Tab.

Helen O’Grady Drama Presentation
We advertise for the Helen O’Grady Drama Corp every term. Just in case you were wondering what it was about and whether or not you wanted your child to go, you may want to go and see their free end of year presentation that goes from 5.30-6pm on Monday, 15 Dec at Tomaree Primary School hall. There are some Shoal Bay children who will be in this performance.

Oliver Musical
The tickets will go on sale for Oliver tomorrow. Please note it is first in first served AND we are not keeping track of the tickets. Once you have been given a ticket it is your responsibility. You can swap with others or sell off if for some reason you can’t make it to the perfor-

mance you have bought tickets for. Toddlers will have to have a ticket also. Thanks for your understanding.

School Banking
The last day for school banking is Wednesday 10 December. Any prize orders will need to be in by then or you will not get your prize till next year. Cheers Mrs Bonser, School Banking Coordinator.

Year 6 Farewell HELP Needed
If there are any parents who would like to assist in helping Mr Hamshaw and Mr Bayliss please let them know. The jobs on offer are helping to purchase decorations, set up the club on the day (15 Dec) and preparing a slide show for the night. You can either see the teachers directly or leave a message in the office. Thanks.

Swimming Scheme Awards
Olivia F and Cambell T

Book Club Information
Book Club has been closed through the school. However, you can still order through bookclub online at the Scholastic Website and you will have to pay a delivery fee. This is a new offer from Scholastic.

Year 6 Farewell HELP Needed
If there are any parents who would like to assist in helping Mr Hamshaw and Mr Bayliss please let them know. The jobs on offer are helping to purchase decorations, set up the club on the day (15 Dec) and preparing a slide show for the night. You can either see the teachers directly or leave a message in the office. Thanks.
We will be holding an Adidas School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, 29 July within the school grounds. The Adidas School Fun Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and...
P&C Fun Run

We will be holding an adidas School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, 29 July within the school grounds.

The adidas School Fun Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form today, to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase new play equipment for the Early Stage 1 playground.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for their effort. In the Sponsorship form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland! Students wanting to track their progress and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the adidas School Fun Run event day at the school on Tuesday, 29 July to help cheer on our students. If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day please contact the school on 4981 1007.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Cara Hudson, on behalf of the P&C.

P&C UPDATE

The following is an update for parents and students in regard to what’s been happening with expenditure of money raised through various fundraising projects this year. We understand there have been some enquiries regarding the proposed new playground.

In 2013, the P&C asked the school what was needed so they would have a target for fundraising events. The recommendation proposed at the time was an addition/upgrade to the existing south (or Early Stage 1-Stage 1) playground. Some work was done late last year and earlier this year researching prices and seeking feedback from the staff about what exactly was needed for the playground in terms of types of equipment etc. It became clear that any modifications to the playground as per new NSW Government guidelines around safety meant that it would be a very costly project to undertake. In addition further feedback during the year from staff and members of the P&C suggested that whilst a new playground would be wonderful, there was a greater need for more basic educational items.

In consultation with Mrs Mann and the staff, the P&C were presented with a list of items that were a priority which included books, home readers, PE equipment, T-shirts and blazers for school leaders and representatives, outdoor seating and speakers for the COLA.

At a recent P&C meeting, it was voted to defer any expenditure on the playground as the school had also completed repairs on the existing play area. Instead, the P&C transferred $5000 to the school to spend on a number of items urgently needed. To date funds have been expended on readers to supplement resources for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 reading programs and new home readers for K – 2. New PE equipment is also being ordered in the near future.

We will continue to follow recommendations from staff and parents in regards to expenditure of any P&C monies raised. As always, we are happy to receive your feedback via email or by attending one of our meetings, where if you are a member of the P&C you can take part in the decision making process. Our next meeting is on Tuesday December 2nd in the Library from 6.30pm.

P&C Executive