Dear Parents and Carers,

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to Mr Hamshaw, the dedicated staff of Shoal Bay PS and our army of volunteers and supporters for making the Athletics Carnival such a success. We should be very proud of the effort that all students put into each of the events and the outstanding behaviour that they displayed on the day.

Zone Cross Country

We have a massive contingent of 48 students from across each of the primary year groups at this year’s Zone Cross Country. I would like to wish all of our representatives the very best of luck this Wednesday in the competition.

Parents and phone bills

How do you teach your child to use their credit wisely? Ever seen the monthly phone or internet account and felt sick? It's called “bill shock”, and there are many new ways families accidentally rack up hundreds of dollars of costs each month. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/avoiding-bill-shock

What makes a good book for young kids?


Helping kids learn how to make friends

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

From Mat’s Desk ...

Term 1 Calendar

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Payments Due (on or before) | Amount | Due by
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UNSW International Competition | $8.80 ea | 4 Apr
K-2 Cross Country

From the Canteen
A huge thank you to Katie for all your help with the Athletics carnival. It was a great success. Thank you to Meg, Menka and Cara for your help. I couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you to the mum’s who baked beautiful cakes, toffee, muffins and biscuits, they were very popular. All round, we had a great day. The teachers and volunteers worked very hard to make it a great day for the children.

Also, due to Suppliers, we can no longer sell spring rolls, wafers and choc muffins. Instead we have Milky Bites for 20c and Weetbix Bites for 5c each. A new menu is on the website. We have a few over the counter options day by day. Thanks, Donna.

Free Disco
There is a free kids disco on Saturday, 19th April at the Nelson Bay Bowling & Recreation Club for anyone interested. Please call Athena for more information on 4981 1272 or email to enquiries@nelsonbaybowlingclub.com.au

Holiday Fun at Tomaree Library

P&C Lamington Drive
There is going to be a P&C Lamington Drive in Term 2. Orders will be going out before the holidays, so you can collect orders over the holidays.

Athletics Day Sausage Sizzle
A big thank you to Kelie for organising the donation of everything from Woolworths and to Carl for cooking. It was fantastic and we raised over $300.

A note from your P&C President
Hi everyone. I have had a number of parents (who are not on the Executive nor a member of the P&C) approach me over the past weeks expressing an interest in helping out at the various events we organise. I was thinking of developing an email contact list to keep people informed of our upcoming events and as a means of finding out if people are available to help. If you are interested in being on such a mailing list please email me at sharon.molloy@environment.nsw.gov.au. On another note our next P&C meeting is tomorrow night the 1st April at 6.30. I hope to see some familiar faces but also some new ones! All welcome. Thank you. Cheers Sharon.

Athletics Carnival

Some great photos coming to the website this week.

Merit Awards

K-2
KC Ashliyah, Jye, Elara
KP Flynn, Tate, Lincoln
IW Kelly, Oskar, Lakeia
2L Wk 9: Maison, Matt, Dylan
Wk 10: Taj, Cambell, Riley
3A Fletcher, Ellie, Jack
4B
5C Takoda, Cooper, Jason
Maya, Valentina, Mikayla
6B Freeman, Gemma, Monique
6B Preston, Aaron, Jack