Dear Parents and Carers,

Upcoming events

The last week of school is looking very busy with a variety of events and activities being conducted. Please be aware that on:

- Tuesday, “Nuf Nuf” day will be run by our senior students for the whole school
- Wednesday, the school ANZAC service will be held and our representatives for state swimming will be doing their very best in Sydney (GOOD LUCK!)
- Thursday, stage 3 will be out on an excursion to Maitland Gaol.
- Friday, is the whole school Easter Hat Parade

High School Students

Over the past term we have been seeing an increasing number of High School students entering the school grounds who are ‘picking-up’ their siblings. While this in itself is not a problem, I have been increasingly disappointed with the interruption they are causing to our learning environment. It is not appropriate for anyone, especially high school students to interrupt classes and students, threaten, intimidate or harass our students, staff or parents. Until further notice, all high school students are to make new arrangements for the pick-up of siblings and remain outside the school grounds. It is unfortunate that there are high school students who are there doing the right thing but I have an overriding responsibility to ensure a safe and productive educational environment for students, staff and parents. If you have a high school student, please inform them of this arrangement as further interruptions will be referred to the appropriate authorities.

Opportunity classes for year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

Goodbye

The first term has almost come to a close after eleven very full weeks. It also marks the close of my work here at Shoal Bay PS as the relieving Principal. I would like to thank the students for the respect and enthusiasm they have shown me and the effort they put in to make Shoal Bay PS a great place to be. I would like to thank the staff of this school for their trust, collaboration and enormous lengths they go to in making education a priority for every student and the close partnerships they forge with the families. It has been wonderful meeting with the parents and carers of this school and catching up with some old school friends who attended Shoal Bay PS with me many years ago.
From Mat’s Desk Cont ...

Thank you to everyone for your kind words of appreciation and well wishes. I have had a fantastic time at Shoal Bay PS and feel privileged to have been part of such a great school.

Mrs Narelle Mann will commence as the substantive principal as of day one next term (28th of April). I would like to wish her the very best in her role and every success to the students, families and dedicated staff of Shoal Bay PS.

Congratulations

Mrs Allardice has just been successful in gaining a promotion position as Instructional Leader for Karuah Public School. Her position will be 2 years in duration with the possibility of extension but will retain the right of return to Shoal Bay. Mrs Allardice is a highly competent and well respected educator who has made many significant achievements at Shoal Bay PS. She will be sadly missed as she takes on her role from the beginning of next term. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common-sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/IpBlfmk

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/IldSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?

It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

School holiday kids and family camps

It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/IhWxTre

Help: Lost Item

Miss Cains has lost her iPhone. It has precious photos of her son on it. The phone is blocked so it’s of no use to anyone. The case has a lantern and some blue wrens on it. Please hand it to Miss Cains or the office if you find it. Thank you.

ANZAC Day Ceremony and March

If you are going to march in the ANZAC day parade on Friday, 25th April, please let Mrs Bzadough know and meet her in the Nelson Bay Bowling Club carpark between 10am and 10.15am for a 10.30am March off.

Rotary Readers Needed

Please contact Kaitlin Bzadough via email kaitlin.bzadough@det.nsw.edu.au to let her know if you can help Monday’s and Tuesday’s from 10am to 11am. Thank you.

Shoal Bay Public School P&C Association Job Advertisement

Canteen Supervisor
Part time position (casual) School Canteen Supervisor at Shoal Bay Public Primary School, Shoal Bay

Shoal Bay Public School P&C are seeking an enthusiastic and reliable person to manage/supervise their canteen. Job duties include and are not limited to, food preparation, cleaning, serving customers, purchasing stock and managing volunteers. The working hours are between 8am and 12:30pm, 5 days a week during school term only and excluding public holidays.

Pay rate and conditions are in accordance with the Fast Food Industry award 2010

Essential Selection Criteria:

• Ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy food.
• Ability to have initiative, leadership and manage volunteers.
• Time management skills and ability to manage day-to-day operations of canteen, including stock taking and rostering.
• Strong communication skills in promoting healthy food to the school community.
• Experience and/or qualifications in food preparation, food safety and handling.
• Cash handling and numerical skills

Desirable selection criteria

• Food Safety Handler Training
• NSW Drivers licence

Please forward a current resume, at least two employment referees and a letter of application outlining your experience and knowledge addressing the selection criteria.

Send application to Sharon Molloy, President, Shoal Bay P&C, Shoal Bay Public School, 61 Rigney Street, Shoal Bay NSW 2315 or via email to shoalbay-pc@hotmail.com.au.

For further information or to obtain a full job description please contact Sharon Molloy on 0417768025

Closing date : 24th April

Merit Awards

KC Izzy, Hunter, Kaidan
KH Lillie, Alana
KP Jazz, Mia, Paige
1S Ethan, Addie, Estela
1W Mark, Sierra, Hunter
1/2B Henry, Mitchell, Tina
2L Jack, Madeleine, Milla
2R Noah G, Sophie, Piper
3A
3W
4B Gypsy, Jayden, Harrison
4D Krystal, Liliana, Bobby
5C
5/6H Alex, Austin, Isabella
6B Kiah, Carly, Dyllan
## P&C Lamington & Pie Drive Order Form

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"Let your taste buds decide"
Concert Band Workshop

4 children from Shoal Bay attended a Concert Band Workshop, along with band members from Soldiers Point, Anna Bay and Tomaree Public. Here is a photo of the children with their mentor, who took the workshop, John Morrison. John’s brother is James Morrison, a famous Jazz player.

Kinder Sound Day

Well, the kinders and their teachers, went all out for Kinder Sound Day today. Here are some photos. They will all be on the website shortly.