Dear parents and carers,

Shoal Bay Public School has started Term Two very smoothly and calmly. I have enjoyed meeting and greeting all of the students in our school as well as members of the school community including parents, carers, scripture teachers and other visitors. I have been impressed by the way students are able to demonstrate our school values of quality, care, respect, cooperation and honesty while working towards excellence through effort.

Last week the staff undertook extensive professional learning in the new Mathematics and Science syllabus and also updated their training in CPR. Professional Learning will be ongoing for staff in the implementation of the new syllabus documents so that our students will be provided with current, innovative and targeted teaching and learning programs into the future.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting for Term 2 will be held this evening at 6.30pm. I am looking forward to meeting those who are able to attend. Everyone is welcome.

NAPLAN – NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2014

A reminder that the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5 at Shoal Bay Public School. The results of these tests will provide important information about what each student can do, and be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement in these tests. It is important to remember that these tests are a snapshot of each individual student’s performance on a given day. At the end of this term you will receive your child’s Semester 1 report which will give a more comprehensive report on your child’s overall progress.

NAPLAN testing will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 from 13 – 15 May 2014. These tests will be administered by school staff. The program for testing is as follows:

TUESDAY 13 MAY_ Language Conventions – (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) - 40 mins duration - Years 3 & 5, Writing - 40 mins duration- Years 3 & 5

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY – Reading - 45 mins duration - Year 3, 50 mins duration - Year 5

THURSDAY 15 MAY – Numeracy (Number; Algebra’ function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space) - mins duration - Year 3, 50 mins duration - Year 5

A ‘catch up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day on Friday 16 May.

Please contact me at school if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information for parents about the National Assessment Program can also be found on this website: http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/

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.

You could also call in at school or contact us on ph. 49811007.

Narelle Mann, Principal
New Government Dental Scheme
Have you heard about the new government dental scheme “Child Dental Benefits Schedule”? From January 1st 2014, it is providing eligible kids with $1,000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. This great incentive expects to help around 3.4 million Australian kids between the ages of 2-17 years. To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A or receive a relevant Government payment. Services that will be covered include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work. To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you.

MedicAlert® in Schools Program
The MedicAlert® Foundation have given us brochures, which are in the front office, if you would like to come and grab one. Your student’s medical information and special needs can be communicated in an emergency with a MedicAlert® medical ID. For every student who joins, as a new member, $10 will be donated to your school. To help parents, MedicAlert® are waiving the member registration fee for children who join ($15 saving). You need our unique school code, which is SHOSMT. For more information about this program and to request additional resources visit www.medicalert.org.au/schools or contact Kelly Moffatt, Program Coordinator via email schools@medicalert.org.au or call 1800 88 22 22 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm CST.

Lamington Orders
Please remember that lamington and pie orders are due in THIS FRIDAY, 9th May and NO LATER :) quick get your orders in.

School Ambulance Cover Scheme
The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the Scheme. Further information can be found at: www.det.nsw.edu.au/workhealthandsafety/bulletins

Gymnastics
Monday: 5/6, Year 5, Year 1, Kinder and 1/2B
Tuesday: 6B, Year 3, Year 4, Year 2

Bunnings Mother’s Day FREE Family Night
Thursday, 8th May from 6pm to 8pm there will be a night of fun where kids can make a gift for mum, teacup ride, jumping castle, petting zoo, light refreshments, free gift wrapping, DIY workshops. Bookings are recommended in store or visit www.bunnings.com.au.

Merit Awards
KC Harry, Sara, Tommy
KP Oscar, Tate, Max
1W Abbie, Lachlan, Jade
2L
3A Jacob, Toby, Emma
4B Polina, Olivia, Miranda, Hayley
5C
6B Campbell, Gemma, Joel
KH Shubham, Cooper, Tillyrose
1S
1/2B Evie, Kira, Tyler
2R
3W Ebony, Josh, Reece
4D
5/6H Hallie, Brodie, Harry