Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

School Administrative Support Staff (SAS Staff) Conference

If you contacted the school or came to the office yesterday you would have been greeted by Mrs Sharon Forsyth, who usually found completing administrative tasks and helping out in the library on a Monday. Our regular office staff, Mrs Alice Harrison and Mrs Jenn Ballard were attending a conference specifically designed to provide professional learning and updates for them in their key roles in our school.

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Wednesday our school leaders will attend this conference which is specifically designed to train student leaders for their role as school leaders. Our premiers, Isabel Moore and Toby Fraser, and parliamentarians, Tamara Stevens, Jack Stewart, Sam Tonks, Mitchell Affleck, Maddison Mitchell and Mackenzie Goring, will be accompanied by Mr Hamshaw to the conference in Newcastle.

The GRIP Leadership Conference team provide the following information about the day:

“The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW. Our goal is that your student leaders would leave our conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.”

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Narelle Mann

Principal

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From Narelle’s Desk ...

Payments Due (on or before) | Amount | Due by |
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Grip Leadership: Parliamentarians only | $25 | ASAP |
Stage 3 Camp Deposit | $40 | 23 May |
Didjieribone Naidoc Show | $3.50 | 13 June |

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From the library....

Book club Issue 3 orders should be arriving home soon! Thank you to everyone who supported the school and bought some wonderful books to read....

National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, preschools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 21 May at 11am (AEST) and Shoal Bay Public School is joining in and sharing the book *Too Many Elephants in This House* written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner. For more information about National Simultaneous Storytime click on the link: https://www.alia.org.au/nss#About

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National Simultaneous Storytime

Coming to Shoal Bay School this Term!!

**DIDJERIBONE SHOW**

The Performer – with TJUPURRU

Queensland based international performer Adrian Fabila Tjupurrula – aka Tjupurrula, is a descendant of the Djabera Djabera Tribe of the Western Australian Kimberlies. Inspired by the music of Gondwanaland, Tjupurrula first began his career with the didgeridoo learning to play through a vacuum cleaner pipe as a child at school.

A very skilled and gifted musician, Tjupurrula has toured extensively throughout nationally and internationally doing performances and school workshops since 2006.

The Performance

Tjupurrula plays the DIDJERIBONE which is an Australian Made and designed instrument fusing the elements of the didgeridoo and trombone. His shows present a seamless entertaining and educational exploration of an ancient tradition, modern technology and personal creative development. Tjupurrula shares his inspiring personal journey, the history of his culture and the Djabera Djabera Tribe and the expressions of Aboriginal art and music, enriching a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture.

Tjupurrula captivates students with his extraordinary live interactive performance of the “Didjeribone Show”. Students contribute as he interacts with them using his Face Bass – a unique seismic sensor, to create ingenious and innovative songs and sound-scapes that blend elements of the traditional with contemporary, using a combination of masterful sequencing and sampling technologies along with traditional instruments and live organic sounds.

Dont miss out.... one show only!!

**All Saints Church, Nelson Bay**

All Saints have a new kind of church service called Families @ Four. There is fun, food, interactive play and quiet reflection. Bring your children to a church service where both parents and children can relax. Following the service there is a free home cooked meal (mains, dessert, tea and coffee). Everyone invited. The next service is on Sunday, 25th May. 4pm for the service and 5pm for the food. The church is located on the corner of Church & Tomaree Streets, Nelson Bay. For more information please call the church office on 4981 1839 email allsaint@nelsonbay.com.

**School Banking**

There will be no school banking next week only as the coordinator is going to be away. Thanks.

**Merit Awards**

**KC**

KP Ava, Oscar, Anakin

1W

2L

3A Olivia, Zach S, Eliza

4B Harry, Reegan, Lewis

5C

6B Stephanie, Tamara, Preston, Bradlee

**KH**

1S Taleah, Ethan, Quelyn

1/2B Luke, Henry, Tahlia

2R

3W

4D Cody, Abbey, Zayden

5/6H Harry, Tygh