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Around the School

Gymnastics .. This is fun!

Shoal Bay PS Garden Club hard at work

Having a smashing time

In the computer lab

Simultaneous Storytime

Posing for the camera ..

Library Fun

Chess Club

Bread making in 1/2B

This bread is delicious!
Gymnastics
The classes that do gymnastics on Monday's have a make up lesson for the Public Holiday on Monday 9th June. The makeup lesson will be held on Thursday 5th June. If your child does gymnastics on a Monday, they will do gymnastics twice in week 6, the Monday and the Thursday. More photos on the website.

Get the Kids Active
Do you find it challenging to get the kids away from their computer or TV to play outside? We all know how important it is for a child’s health, growth and development to be physically active each day, but with increasing technology in our lives, this can sometimes be a real challenge! We may have the answer for you! Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It is run after school hours by a qualified Dietitian and Exercise Leader. To see if your child qualifies for the Go4Fun program, or for more information, visit the Go4Fun website at www.go4fun.com.au. Encourage your child to be active, happy and healthy TODAY!

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Grip Leadership Conference
On the 21st of May in week 4 the parliamentarians (Maddi, Toby, Mitchell, Jack, Tamara, Sam, Makenzie and Isabel) and Mr Hamshaw went to the GRIP leadership conference at Panthers club in Newcastle where we were taught how to be great leaders. We travelled on a bus with Tomaree, Anna Bay and Soldiers Point schools on the way there and the way back. There were 5 speakers at the conference including Mason, Andy, Freya, Rebecca and Michael. There were a few different sessions during the day a couple of the main ones were “Loud Noises,” “Schoolyard Superhero,” “Simon Says” and “Strawberry Leader.” All together is was a good day and we all had lots of fun.

From the library....
Last Wednesday we all had a lot of fun reading ‘Too many elephants in this house’ by Ursula Dubosarsky for National Simultaneous Story time. It is such a great book and it will be a very popular book to borrow and share at home with the family. Thank you to all of the classes who made elephants to put up in the library ... it looks fantastic!! Photos from the day are on the website. Check them out! Readers are Leaders!!!

Gai Swartz
Teacher Librarian

Merit Awards

| KC   | Aaliyah, Kaidan, Darcy |
| KP   | Lily, Mia, Jazmin     |
| 1W   | Nicholas, Ava M, Blake|
| 2L   | Gabriel, Cambell, Shari|
| 3A   |                        |
| 4B   |                        |
| 5C   |                        |
| 6B   | Will, Mikayla, Kai    |
| KH   | Rory, Jack, Emilee    |
| 1S   | Christopher, Ellie, Ali|
| 1/2B | Mitch, Sasha, Luke B  |
| 2R   |                        |
| 3W   | Cody, Reece, Sol      |
| 4D   |                        |
| 5/6H | Blake, Alex           |