Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

This is the last newsletter for the term with the school holidays beginning on Friday. I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who have contributed to a very enjoyable and productive term at Shoal Bay Public School. I hope all at SBPS enjoy the holiday period and get to spend some quality time with their family.

Term 4 will begin on Tuesday 6 October.

Even though this is the last week of the term there are still numerous events and activities for our students to explore and experience. Here is a summary of the week ahead:

1. Spelling Bee Representatives
   Congratulations to Noah G, Hannah N, Ryan H and Caitlan D, who will be representing SBPS at the Premiers Spelling Bee finals. They are all credit to our school as this is a very difficult competition to be part of and we wish them all the best.

2. Burwood College Girls Strings Orchestra
   This girl’s ensemble have kindly offered to provide a free concert for all classes. There will be two one hour performances for K – 2 followed by 3 – 6.

3. Sport News
   **Touch Football Gala Day**
   Miss Cains was team manager for the boys and girls touch football teams at the gala day held last Friday at Tomaree Sporting Complex. Both teams played well, demonstrating sportsmanship and skill, competing to the best of their ability throughout the day. Thank you to Miss Cains and Mrs Nicole Mitchell, who gave up many hours of her time coaching the teams, and to parents who assisted with transport.

   **Rugby Union Knockout**
   Mr Bayliss is team manager for the SBPS Rugby Union team today as they participate in the knockout at Tomaree today. Good luck team.

4. Footy Colours Day
   On Tuesday (tomorrow) your child is invited to wear their favourite footy team’s colours to school. Your child will be able to enjoy their canteen lunch special (pre – ordered last week) and get in the spirit of finals footy by wearing their favourite teams colours (league, union, soccer, AFL...).

5. Year 6 Science and Engineering Challenge Discovery Day
   On Thursday our Year 6 students have been given the opportunity to be part of the Science and Engineering Challenge Discovery Day program being offered at Tomaree High School (THS). The program is provided by Newcastle University in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of the lower Hunter in five schools across the lower Hunter. This is the first time Tomaree HS has had the chance to host the event. Students will be involved in hands on activities to provide them with a positive experience of science and engineering.

6. Book Character Dress Up Day
   On Friday we have all been invited to come dressed as our favourite book character and participate in a parade that will begin at 12.15pm under the cola. Parents and carers are also invited to come to see the parade.

7. Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
   Our awards will be handed out this week. Congratulations to every child who has earned their next award. On Friday recipients of these awards will receive their reward – GOLD – sausage sandwich, SILVER – ice block, BRONZE – extra play time. These rewards will occur from 10.40am on Friday leading up to lunch time.

P & C Events & Meeting

Don’t forget to support our P & C at the movie event occurring this Friday evening at Nelson Bay Cinema from 6pm. Tickets can be purchased at school until sold out. There will be lots of goodies for sale at the cinema on Friday with proceeds going to the P & C fund raising.

The first P & C Meeting for Term 4 will be held on Tuesday 6 October (first day back at school) in the library at 6.30pm.

Narelle Mann
Principal
The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey
Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Important Note:
The link should open directly to the ‘Begin Survey’ page of the parent survey, and no login details should be required. If the survey opens to a login page, please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey. This link will also be emailed to parents and carers. Your feedback is important to us so we appreciate you taking the time to complete this important survey. Thank you to the 24 parents that have already taken the time to complete this survey.

Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers are available to be dropped either at the office or there is a Shoal Bay box at Woolworths, where you can also deposit your stickers. Full sheets of stickers can be dropped into the box, or we have some spare sheets to stick your stickers onto, if you haven’t got a sticker sheet.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
Our Little Learners and Kindergarten Orientation Programs for Kindergarten 2016 will begin this term. The dates are as follows:

- **Little Learners Visit 2: Term 3 - Week 10**
  - Thursday 17th September from 2 – 3pm
  - **Parent Information Session** to be held in school library.

  This session will be a parent information session.

- **Little Learners Visit 3: Term 4 - Week 1**
  - Thursday 8th October from 2 – 3pm

- **Little Learners Visit 4: Term 4 - Week 2**
  - Thursday 15th October from 2 – 3pm

- **Little Learners Visit 5: Term 4 - Week 3**
  - Thursday 22nd October from 10 – 11.30am

- **Little Learners Visit 6: Term 4 - Week 4**
  - Thursday 29th October from 10 – 11.30am

School Banking
The Commonwealth Bank is recalling the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ as part of their School Banking Rewards Program due to a potential safety issue. Please rest assured they have not received any reports of injury but concerns have been raised about the potential for a child to access the button batteries inside the Torch. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Garden Club
Garden club will be holding a fresh produce stall Friday, 18 September, last day of term in the morning outside the hall. This money will go towards plants for the sensory garden. They will be selling lettuce, snow peas, strawberries and herbs.

**TOMAREE AQUATIC CENTRE - Waterslide!**
The waterslide will be open everyday these school holidays from 21 September to 4 October. See ad next page.

P&C Raffle
Raffle tickets to be sold at Book parade and at the cinema Friday night and drawn at the cinema. Cost $2 ea or 3 for $5. Some of the raffle prizes we have so far are:
- Family dolphin cruise – moonshadow
- $50 Go Kart voucher
- 6 month swimming pool membership
- 4 family pool pass
- $60 Bunnings voucher

Just a reminder that Friday is our ‘Books Light up Our World’ dress up as assembly! It is the last day of term and what better way to celebrate the fact that we can spend two wonderful weeks reading our favourite books than to dress up as our favourite book characters!! The assembly will start at approximately 12.15pm and will be lots of fun..... The winning books for 2015 will be on display as well!!

Mrs Swartz, Teacher Librarian

Canteen Reminder
Please remember there will be NO other lunch orders taken tomorrow. It is the special meal deal only, which had to be pre-purchased. Thanks for your understanding.
Around the School

**Term 3 Week 9**

Mon 7 Sep 2015

**KH**

Ali, Lily, Zac

**KP**

1B

**1S**

Kobi, Oscar, Paige

**2G**

Quelyn, Lachlan, Renan

**2/3B**

3D

**3/4C**

4/5B

**5/6B**

Mateesha, Hailie, Jason-Lee, Jeremy

**5/6H**

**Touch Gala Day**

**Little Learner’s first Visit**

**Burwood String Quartet**

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**Waterslide Open**

**12-3 Fri, Sat, Sun**

**School Holidays 21 Sep-4 Oct**

**Tomaree Aquatic Centre**

3 Aquatic Close, Salamander Bay

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**Merit Awards**

**KH**

Ali, Lily, Zac

**KP**

1B

**1S**

Kobi, Oscar, Paige

**2L**

2L

**2/3B**

Quelyn, Lachlan, Renan

**3D**

3D

**3/4N**

4/5B

**5/6H**

6B

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**Whale Tales Bush Walk**

**Wednesday 30 September – 9.30AM - 11.30AM**

Take a stroll with a Ranger through Tomaree’s Changing Coastland and see the best places to watch whales migration. Look for whales from Mona Pond and experience up close whale watching opportunities. See some of the most spectacular flora and fauna and learn about the history of the area.

**Burwood String Quartet**

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**Information & Bookings**

Bookings are essential for all NSWNP tours. Book through either

**NPWS - Online**


For more information about these and other national parks tours and availability for group bookings, contact

**Dunstan Tourism (02) 4984 8210**

www.dunstan.com.au/merimbula visitors@merimbula.com.au

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**National Parks NSW**

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**Kelly’s Swim Academy**  
Learn to Swim Program 2015  
at Horizons Golf Course

**WHERE TO GO...**  
Kelly’s Swim Academy will be operating out of Horizons Golf Resort for the 2015 Summer Season.

**INTENSIVE PROGRAM – SEPT-OCT 2015**  
We will re-commence all swimming during the school holidays with an Intensive Program, a great way to re-ignite our swimming skills after the winter break.

**LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS -**  
WEEK 1: Monday, 28th September – Friday 2nd October, 2015  
5 Days of Group Lessons: $60  
5 Days of Private Lessons: $110

**SQUAD SWIM CAMP**  
Special holiday squad training from 2.00pm-8.00am, Cost - 5 Days of Squad: $50

**TERM 4 PROGRAM 2015**  
Tuesday 6th October – Monday 24th December, 2015  
Swimmer attends lessons once or twice per week, at the same time each week, for ten consecutive weeks.

10 Weeks of a Group Lesson per Week: $110  
10 Weeks of a Private Lesson per Week: $220  
10 Weeks of a Private & Group Lesson: $300

We also offer sessions for Squad, Junior Lifeguard, Beach Training, Adult Learn to Swim, Fluffy Ducks (parent & baby), classes and Aqua Fit.

For more information: www.kellyswimacademy.com or 0478 635 998
Email: anthony.kisa@bigpond.com

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**Family Movie Night**

**Where:** Nelson Bay Cinemas  
**Date:** Friday the 18th of September 2015  
**Movie:** Oddball  
**Time:** Doors open 6pm, movie starts 6.30pm  
**Tickets:** Adult and kids tickets are all $12

**RSVP:** Please return your booking form by the 13th September to secure your seat.

Limited tickets available. Food / Popcorn and drinks will be sold by the P and C committee in the cinema from 6pm.

Join us with your friends, brothers/sisters, parents, grandparents and help raise money for School Bay Public School.

There is no supervision on the night so children must be with a supervising adult.

To help raise more money we will be holding a raffle on the night so please donate if you can.

If you do have a business then you can also support this event via advertising: by donating $50, we will place your logo on the admission tickets and we will present your business on screen before the movie starts...It’s as easy as emailing us your business logo!

If you can donate please contact Nadine Debell: 041 255 8672 or email nadine.debell@hotmail.com for more information.

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**NAME:...............................................................CLASS:............... (*ALL TICKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO THIS STUDENT ON MONDAY THE 14TH OF SEPTEMBER 2015*)

YES I would like .............. Movie tickets at $12 each; total of $.....

YES I can donate ......................... for the raffle

YES I have got a business named:......................................................

Email address:.................................................. Contact number:.........................

I will donate $50 for advertisement. Total amount enclosed: Yes/No

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**Spring into nature around Port Stephens**

Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this spring school holidays. There’s something for everyone.

**BOOKINGS & INFORMATION**

For all bookings please visit www.nps.nsw.gov.au or call our Ranger Discovery Line on 1800 635 502 or 02 4982 6222.

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