Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

SCHOOL PLANNING AND REPORTING

Our school plan is in the final stages of its development. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our school plan and its creation. Our strategic directions have been the focus of our planning which has reinvented itself into a model which we believe reflects our community and the learners within it. The school plan will be finalised ready to publish on our school website at the beginning of Term 2.

2014 Annual School Report (ASR) is also nearly completed and will also be published on our school website. This report gives information about the programs and performance of Shoal Bay Public School in 2014. It has been written for accountability purposes for both our community and the Department of Education and Communities (DEC). It is part of our process of self-evaluation, reporting and planning. The ASR includes information about:

- summary staff and student information
- student performance outcomes in national and state-wide tests;
- student achievement in the arts and sport;
- information relating to significant programs and initiatives;
- school self-evaluation of performance and progress on targets; and
- planning for improvement for the coming year.

P & C AGM REMINDER – WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held tonight at 6.30pm in our school library. Please come along to support our school’s very important P & C Association.

FRIDAY 20 March – NRMA Science and Road Safety Day, Harmony Day and National Day of Anti – Bullying and Violence

This Friday will be a day where many important messages will be re-visited and reinforced with all classes participating a variety of activities. The NRMA is providing a free workshop which includes science activities to remind our children about key areas of road and bike safety. See the NRMA website for more information:


The following quote explains the approach this program takes.

'We take a fresh approach to road safety education by using science demonstrations so students can see what happens to objects (humans) in motion (in cars and on bikes) so that key messages such as “use your seatbelt” and “wear your helmet” take on a new level of relevance in their lives.'

Harmony Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence will be class based lessons and activities to address key messages of:

- inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone; and
- strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

On his day children are asked to wear something orange and to bring their bike helmets.

Meet your Parliamentarian

Hi my name is Cody and I was elected to be Parliamentarian for 2015. I have also been given the job of being the Minister for Sport & Recreation for 2015. I am an 11 year old boy who is passionate about surfing, rugby and nippers. I am worthy and helpful when you need my support and I will also listen to your ideas.

So remember I’m here!

Cody

From Narelle’s Desk…

Payments Due (on or before) | Amount | Due by
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2015 Resource Pack | $70 | OVERDUE
Solid State Circus Performance ES1-S1 | $6 | Wed, 25 Mar
Athletics Carnival (K-2/turn 7) | $4.50 | OVERDUE

2015 Term 1 Calendar

| Week 1 | March
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17 | Athletics Carnival K-6 CANTEEN CLOSED
20 | NRMA Road Safety Talks
Harmony Day
NO ASSEMBLY

| Week 2 | March
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16 | P&C AGM @ 6.30pm
25 | THS Info Night for Y6 students going to Y7 2016
27 | 2L Assembly @ 2.40pm

| Week 3 | March-April
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31 | K-2 Solid State Circus Perform
2 | Last day of Term

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2015 Term 1 Week 8

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Sporting Achievements
Congratulations to Tori S on her pleasing result at the Hunter PSSA Swimming Carnival and to Zach B and Athan C for giving their best at the recent AFL trials.

Year 6 Expression of Interest Forms – High School 2016
A reminder that the Year 6 Expression of Interest Forms for Year 7 High School placements for 2016 are due back at school by this Friday 20 March.

Narelle Mann, Principal

Good for Kids good for life
Reminder about Crunch&Sip®
Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program. To ensure that your child takes part in Crunch&Sip® you need to pack a piece of fruit or vegetables and a bottle of water every day.

Allowed for Crunch&Sip®
- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Tinned fruit in water or juice
- Dried fruit in small amounts and on limited occasions
- Plain water

Not allowed for Crunch&Sip®
- Fruit products (e.g. fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups, fruit straps)
- Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
- Tinned fruit in syrup
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties)
- Baked vegetable breads
- Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
- Popcorn
- Flavoured/carbonated water, cordial, Fruit or vegetable juices
- Any drink other than plain water

If your family is having difficulties providing a piece of fruit or vegetable every day please let us know and we will assist you in addressing this.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is this Friday. Children will be celebrating the diversity of our school community through a range of activities. They are asked to wear orange in some form on Friday - shorts, shirts, sock, dress.
This Friday is also The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. All children will be working through a range of activities focusing on friendship and cyberbullying.
We will also be having a visit from the NRMA Road Safety team. Children are asked to bring in their bike helmets on Friday.
There is no cost for any of Friday’s activities.

Athletics Carnival
Parent Helpers: The Annual Athletics Carnival is on tomorrow and as usual we will be relying on your support and assistance on the day in order to make it a success. There are a number of ways that you can help which are listed below.
- Timekeepers
- Escorts (Place getters from finish line to recorders tent)
- Supervisors of Infants Novelty events
- Long Jump assistants (raking, helping measurement)
- Shot Put assistants
- Discus assistants
- Setting up in morning before children arrive. (approx. 8 a.m.)
- Helping with the canteen and BBQ including donations of morning tea cakes, etc. for the helpers
- Packing up in afternoon after children return to school
You can volunteer for a job for as long as is suitable for you. One hour’s help is better than no help at all.
I look forward to seeing you!
Regards Peter Hamshaw

Easter Egg Raffle
It’s that time again to bring in donations for the P&C Easter Egg raffle. There will be a box in the office foyer where you can drop off donations. The raffle gets drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April.
**Good for Kids**

**Why volunteer in the school canteen?**

Schools and community organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help out. With many parents working or busy looking after children there is a real shortage of volunteers in school canteens.

Volunteering in your child’s school canteen has a whole range of benefits to you, your child and the school community:

- You may be able to have some input into what food is sold in the canteen
- It gives you an opportunity to meet other parents at the school and gives you another social outlet
- You can support your child in their food choices at the canteen
- Your child is able to see you at the canteen
- You are supporting the school be able to provide a food service for the students

Our school is in need of more volunteers for the canteen so if you are interested please contact our Canteen Supervisor.

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**Merit Awards**

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**NSW Family Energy Rebate**

$150 towards energy bills

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015
Around the School

Athletics Carnival Above and around the playground below