Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

NAPLAN TESTS 2015

A reminder that the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015 for our students in Years 3 and 5 will take place next week on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. Friday 15th May is allocated as a ‘catch up’ day for students who may have missed a test due to unforeseeable circumstances e.g. illness. The timetable for NAPLAN is as follows:

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KINDERGARTEN 2016

To assist us with planning for 2016 we are now accepting expressions of interest if your child is eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2016.

Please complete the form attached and return it to school and/ or pass this information on to family and friends who have children who are eligible to start school in 2016.

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

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

In line with Shoal Bay Public School Enrolment Policy 2015, parent and carers can submit a Non-local Application Form to enrol. These applications will be considered but due to lack of available places at this point in time the chance of these applications being successful is very limited, even if you already have an older child enrolled at our school. Please contact me for an appointment if you wish to discuss this matter. A copy of the Enrolment Policy is available on our website.

KINDERGARTEN 2016 – TRANSITION TO SCHOOL – TEDDY BEARS’ PICNIC

We are well on the way to planning our “Little Learners” transition program for Kindergarten 2016. The first event on our calendar will be a Teddy Bears’ Picnic. Our current Kindergarten students will host the event to be held on Tuesday 23 June from 12.00 – 1.00pm. Invitations are being sent out to Preschools and Day Care Centres to invite them to bring along children to the event. If your child does not attend preschool or childcare on this day parents/ carers are invited to bring their child along. Please see the note attached for this event. RSVP to the school by Friday 19 June.

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.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT 2016

Application for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 opens on Monday 27 April 2015 and closes on Friday 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Parents of Year 4 students of the online application process and must apply before the closing date. Parents must complete their applications online. There are no paper applications. The application website is at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

MOTHER’S DAY STALLS

A reminder that Mother’s Day Stalls will be held in classrooms this Friday. Students are asked to donate a suitable gift or gifts (if your child is purchasing more than one gift, e.g. for mum and grandmother) and bring along $5 - $10 to buy their goodies. Moneys raised will go towards Year 6 fund raising for end of year activities and a gift for the school. I am sure there will be many surprised and happy mothers on Sunday.

Narelle Mann

Principal
Dear parents,

May is National Family Reading Month and I would like you and your families to participate because I know that reading role models and shared reading time are critical to a child’s learning and literacy development. In fact, research shows that family reading time is one of the best ways to grow a child’s interest in the wonderful world of books. Kids who read, succeed!

If you don’t believe me … see the message from the ambassador of Family reading Month - Aaron Blabey:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=XWkriUcBhJl

For more information on how to participate or to download entry forms please go to this link:


Book club Issue 3 is due back at school this Friday the 8th of May. Spend 10 minutes reading through the catalogues with your children and discuss some of the titles this could be a shared reading time that you can record on the entry form. Happy Reading everyone!

Gai Swartz  Teacher Librarian

Kinder Sound Day

Kinder Sound Day is this Thursday 7 May. It will involve kinder kids dressing up as a sound that has been chosen for them according to the note going home to parents in the new homework folder today. Kinder will also bring in a small plate of food beginning with that sound and will participate in a small parade just for kinder children not parents. Please check out the homework folders as they will have notes for your children in them.

Donna

Australian Hearing Bus

The Australian Hearing Bus is coming to town on Wednesday, 27 May from 9am-3.30pm in the Bunnings Carpark, Taylors Beach Rd, Salamander Bay. Hop aboard for a Free hearing check or to speak to an expert about your current hearing device. No appointments necessary, just turn up on the day. For more information, check out www.hearing.com.au or phone 4941 3600.

Clothing/Lost Property

Please check your children’s clothing and check tags in particular, because some kids are taking home other children’s jackets/jumpers/hats. We understand that it is very frustrating losing uniforms that you are paying for over and over.

Band

Band will commence rehearsals again, next week (week 3) on Wednesday lunchtime in the SPA, after lunch eating. Band students will need to bring their instrument and their music. Thanks.

Mrs Forester

Garden Club

Garden Club will be having their Mothers Day stall Friday morning before class outside the hall. Banana, strawberry and Rosemary plants for sale plus beautiful scented candles and lavender pouches. Prices start at 50c, up to $8 for a banana tree. Please help support your school garden. All money raised will go towards new soil and mulch.

Canteen

Thank you to parents and children who continue to support the canteen. Due to the unfortunate weather we had last week, we lost stock and are slowly refilling our freezers back up. This takes time, therefore, the menu this term will be basically the same with some additional lunch time snacks. However, there are some things that we will not have that are on the menu. Check with the canteen, as we change from day to day. Thanks once again for your support and patience and if you ever want to volunteer just come and see me anytime. Donna

The Merit awards:

- KH James, Oren, Lyla
- KP Diezel, Oliver, Tara
- 1S Rory, Isabella, Cody
- 2G
- 2/3B
- 3/4C
- 4/5B
- 5/6H
- KK Sonny, Sequoia, Bella
- KB Sari, Kobi, Jazmin
- IB Alana, Lexi, Dustin
- 2L Hunter, Taleah, Evie
- 3D Kade, Tyler, Matthew, Indi
- 3/4N
- 5/6C
- 6B

Around the School

Playball

Some of our storm damage

More from ANZAC Day March
There is now a Zumba Kids class, there is a class on Monday's at 4.15pm at Corlette. The address is:
CORLETTE COMMUNITY HALL
49 SANDY POINT RD, CORLETTE
Please contact Rebecca McArthur on 0419 272 435 or email- rebeccamac3@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook - Activate Dance Fitness Studios