Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Last week the students in Years 3 and 5 participated in their NAPLAN assessments. Every student worked hard and need to be congratulated for their efforts. NAPLAN provides a snapshot of their learning and is used in conjunction with a host of other assessment data completed by our teachers. Each student works on building their progress and improving on their own score every two years. This is what we are interested in. If they keep moving forward, they are working to their potential. This assessment provides our school with valuable information about their strengths and areas of development and means that their individual learning needs can be built on as they grow.

**GRIP Student Leadership Conference**

Today our school leaders are attending GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Newcastle. The conference is specifically designed to train student leaders for their role as school leaders. Our premiers, Poppie and Alex, and parliamentarians, Aimee, Zach, Cody, Mikaela, Enyah and Austin will be accompanied by Mr Hamshaw.

The GRIP Student Leadership Conference includes main presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games, entertainment. Some topics that will be covered are “Making the Most of Leadership Opportunities” and “Looking for Opportunities to Lead”. I am looking forward to hearing about their experiences and how they can implement the ideas that they have learnt about in their roles as school leaders.

**National Simultaneous Storytime**

Next Wednesday our classes will all be participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). At 11.00am we will be sharing the story The Brothers Quibble written by Aaron Blabey, along with many libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

NSS is an annual event, now in its 15th year, that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. It is “a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum”.

**Book Fair**

Next week we will also host a Book Fair in the library link in with NSS and National Family Reading Month. Please visit the library during the week to see the wide range of books that will be for sale — a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping or purchase that special birthday gift. A commission from sales goes towards the purchase of new resources for our school library.

**Sport Update**

During the past week students and their team coaches have been training for a variety of sports at lunch and/ or recess breaks in preparation for trials, games or gala days. Sports include touch football, soccer, rugby league and netball. Last week seven children attended touch football trials. Congratulations to Aimee and Sam on their selection to try out for the Hunter PSSA touch team. On Friday Mr Lockey was team coach/ manager for the boys soccer team in their game against Anna Bay PS. It was a close game, but unfortunately the boys lost 4:3. On Thursday, 21 May, Mr Bayliss will travel with our Rugby League team to compete in the Knights Knockout Rugby League Gala Day. Mrs White is preparing our netball team for their game against Tanilba Bay which will occur in week 6 at this stage. Congratulations to all who have represented or school so far and good luck to those whose competition is approaching. A huge thank you to the teachers and parents who have coached teams and assisted with transport.

**Welcome back Mrs Wynn**

Today Mrs Wynn returned to school following a period of leave. Unfortunately Mrs Wynn and her family were victims of our recent storms with damage occurring to her property. We have been thinking of her and are very pleased that she is back at school. IW was thrilled to see her return.

Narelle Mann
Principal
KINDGARTEN 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 at school or contact us on ph. 4981 1007.

Zone Touch Trials
The zone touch trials were held at Raymond Terrace. The boys who represented Shoal Bay were Flynn, Sam, Lachlan, Jason-Lee and Ethan L. The girls were Aimee & Taleah D. Congratulations to Sam M & Aimee D who successfully made it through the zone trials to now play to see if they can make it to the Hunter Regional PSSA team. A huge well done to Taleah & Ethan who made it to the possible and probable list. Thanks to Nicole Mitchell for assisting on the day.

Struggling with Debt
For FREE debt help call 1300 227 000. CAP is the organisation keen to help CAP stands for Christians Against Poverty. CAP will help anyone regardless of their religious beliefs. Their service is free and if you have creditors, they will work with CAP as they have seen many positive results in the past. CAP offer 5 steps to freedom from debt:
1. Home visits 2. An effective budget 3. CAP account 4. Managing severe debt and 5. Debt free. For more information give them a call or visit capaust.org or email them at help@capaust.org. The office has a brochure they can photocopy for you if necessary.

Library News
May is National Family Reading Month, and to celebrate, Shoal Bay will be hosting a ‘Kingdom of Books’ book fair. Bring your whole Royal Family - Princesses, Kings, Queens, Fair maidens, etc. to check out the fabulous books that will be available. More details to follow.

There is now a Zumba Kids class, there is a class on Monday’s at 4.15pm at Corlette. The address is:
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