Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Staffing – Semester 2
As the term draws to a close and we are all looking forward to a well-deserved holiday we are thinking about saying our farewells to Mrs Challen and her daughters Amaya and Milla. As the note sent home last week announced, Mrs Challen will be leaving Shoal Bay Public School to take up a permanent appointment as a classroom teacher at Nulkaba PS next term. During her time as a temporary teacher at SBPS Mrs Challen has made a significant contribution to the education of many students and has been a valued member of our school staff. On behalf of our school community I would like to thank her for all that she has done and wish Mrs Challen and the girls all the best with their move and for the future.

The new teacher for 5/6 C will be announced in the near future.

More Farewells
This week also is the last week for two of our visiting teachers who have been completing various stages of their university practicums. Miss Jordan Bennett has been with 3/4C all of this term and will have completed her final practicum before beginning her teaching career as a casual teacher. Mr Shaun McLaren has been working with Miss Day and 3D for the past three weeks, completing his second year practicum. Thank you to both Miss Bennett and Mr McLaren for their contribution to our school and we wish them every success in their careers ahead.

Semester I Reports
This Thursday all students will take home their Semester I reports. As I have been reading them I have been very impressed with the numbers of students who are living up to our school motto of ‘Excellence Through Effort’. We know that we cannot ask for much more that everyone putting in their best effort to achieve to the best of their ability.

A reminder that parents and carers are invited to make an appointment to see their child’s teacher next term if they wish to discuss their child’s report and progress so far.

I can’t believe that this term is almost over and half the year has flown by in a flash. As this will be the last Snippets for the term, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

School resumes for staff on Monday 13 July. This will be a Staff Development Day. Students return for Term 3 on Tuesday 14 July.

Narelle Mann
Principal
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.

A note from the P&C
Thank you to our school’s amazing staff that helped supervise the disco. Thank you Mr Beck for another awesome DJ job. Thank you to the parent volunteers that helped with the hair spray, glo products and the hundreds of photos taken. Thank you to Donna and her canteen helpers, that helped feed all the Tizzs over 280 hotdogs. Thank you to the students that attended and made the night such a successful fundraising evening. Thank you P&C team, for volunteering and Nadine Dellow for organising new activities. They were great. The disco raised over $2,200.

From the Library
Snuggle up and read lots these holidays and get up your Premier Reading Challenge hours. If you’re not doing the challenge... read anyway :) Happy Holidays from Mrs Swartz.

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT SRE...
Please have your say in the Review of “Scripture” Classes (SRE) in Public School

The Department of Education is currently conducting a review of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE). Providers have been assured that the review is not being conducted to determine whether SRE should continue, nor will it inform ongoing improvement of SRE.

Christian providers of SRE and other religious traditions strongly encourage all those who value the place of SRE in public schools, to contribute to the review via an online survey.

Parents, grandparents, SRE teachers, and all friends of SRE, are encouraged to make sure that the valuable contribution made by SRE to Public Education in NSW is recognised and enhanced.

SRE teachers across NSW are trained, authorised and supported. It is not compulsory but it is a valuable choice open to families in our multi-faith society. SRE forms students in the beliefs and ethical systems of their family’s faith tradition.

It is vital that members of our faith communities do not miss the opportunity to highlight why SRE is a strength of Public Education, and to give insights as to how it might be made even better.

Please take 10-15 minutes to complete the series of survey questions that may be found: http://artd.com.au/sre-see-review

Merit Awards

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What we did at Playball
Warm up: obstacle course (heels, balance steps and hurdles)
High 5 smiley ball
Fun Games: Mommy hippo (listening skills and following game rules)
Kowalbanga (courage and observation skills)
Spiderman and spider girl (dodging - decision making skills)
Lizards and flies (Movement)

It has been an awesome 8 weeks, well done to all the Kindy Playbatters. You are all superstar enjoy your holidays and keep SPORTING.

Warm Regards

Summary

Nutrition Snippet

...to understand Health Star Ratings.

You may have noticed Health Star Ratings on the front of many packaged foods.

What do they mean?
Health Stars will help you make healthier choices when choosing packaged foods at the supermarket. The star rating is based on an assessment of the nutrient content of the food including the kilojoules, saturated fat, sugars and sodium (salt) as well as fruit, veg and fibre content. The more stars, the healthier the product.

Why?
63 percent of adult Australians, and ¾ children are now classed as overweight or obese. The Health Star Ratings help us make healthier choices for our whole families - with a quick glance at the packet.

Cancer Council NSW helped develop the Health Stars - because we want healthy eating to be easier for everyone. Remember, nothing beats fresh - but if you need to buy a packaged snack - look for five stars!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It

playball

specialised sports coaching for children

Term 2 Week 10 Mon 22 Jun 2015
Recently Mrs Vanessa Thompson from Fingal Bay Surf Life Saving Club presented the school with a Lone Pine Sapling. The sapling was to be donated as part of ANZAC day following a re-enactment of the Gallipoli landing at a Sydney beach. Olivia S was going to collect the sapling on behalf of the school, however, due to weather conditions the ANZAC day event was cancelled. A huge thank you to the Fingal Bay Surf Club and Mrs Thompson for this kind donation.
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills Adventure  For 8 to 12 years  9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 July 2015  & Thursday 2 July 2015
How to make a bush survival shelter, cook dinner, learn tracking and other
survival skills.
Cost: $20 per child  Bookings Essential  Ph: 4951 6446

Wriggly Wetlands  For 4 to 8 years  10.00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 July 2015  & Tuesday 7 July 2015
Experience the magic of a wetland, encounter some of the small creatures
and learn about the water, wetland and wildlife
Cost: $35 per child  Bookings Essential  Ph: 4951 6446

Wetlands Explorer  For 8 to 12 years
Available any time
Collected your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands
Explorer. Do the quiz for a prize prize.
Cost: Free

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open everyday from 9am to 4pm
Access
• Carparking is available on site.
• Train - approx 15 minutes walk from Sandgate Station.
• Bus - C17 & C16 buses go past the Wetlands, 10 minute walk from stop at Hunter St & Sandgate Rd
Cost
$5 per primary school age child (special school holiday rate), $7 general entry.
Activities
• Watch the Hidden Creeps feeding at 10.30 am & 3.30pm
• Try spotting from the tower.
• Playtime at Discovery Playground
• Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
• Talk Talk - 11:00am (1045 minutes) - Children learn about reptile behaviour and
• Care. They can actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
Facilities
• Toilets available in Visitor Centre
• Undercover picnic tables and shelter
• Cafe - meals, drinks, ice cream, drinks
• Shop - gift shop
• Children’s playground

Term 2 Week 10                                                                                                        Mon 22 Jun 2015

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Thousands of picture, chapter and
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1 DAY ONLY!
Thursday, 25 June 2015
8am – 5pm
Newcastle Jockey Club
Darling Street, Broadmeadow
NSW

WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS
THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

New friendships Fun Great value and Save!

Our popular Hunter Kids and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular ski / snowboard
 Camps at Jindabyne.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.
Our kids “Camps” are suitable for kids aged 7 to 14 years and range from 3 to 5 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include:
• 24 hour supervision  
• Instructor led activities  
• Accommodation  
• Meals  
• Supervised transport

Group Sports camps are suitable for kids aged 7-10 years.

Family Camps include:
• Instructor led activities  
• Meals  
• Accommodation  
• Lift and lesson tickets and transport to Perisher (for Jindabyne camps only)**

**Only for young 6 year olds can participate in group lessons as part of a Family Camp.
www.hppi.com/adventures

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC
SKILLS CLINIC > 8 – 13 YEARS
6th & 7th of July 2015 – Charles Sturt Indoor Centre
9th & 10th of July 2015 – Charles Sturt Indoor Centre

SPECIALIST CLINIC > 11 – 14 YEARS
9th & 10th of July 2015 – Genesis Newcastle

For further info contact Jula Zlice
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www.pivotnetball.com.au

HELEN O’GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY
TOMAREE SCHOOL HALL
2015
(Improvisation, Scriptwork and Performance)

DRAMA CLASSES – 2015

PRIMARY: 7 – 11 YEARS
4pm – 5pm
YOUTH: 12 – 15 YEARS
5pm – 6pm
MONDAYS: Tomaree Primary Hall
Enrolments now being taken.

Principal: Shane Skerly
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