From Narelle’s Desk …

Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Term 3 has begun very smoothly with everyone settling back into school routine. It has been pleasing to see everyone playing happily in the playground and getting involved in their learning in the classroom.

A big welcome to the new families who have begun this term. I am sure that your children will enjoy their time at our school.

Education Week 2015

Monday 27 July – Friday 31 July

Education Week is a major event on the NSW public schools calendar. 2015’s theme is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. SBPS will be celebrating Education Week on Thursday 30 July. We have a very exciting program of activities planned for this day to celebrate both Education Week and NAIDOC Week. All children will participate in a variety of activities that will be provided by Murrook Culture Centre, Williamtown throughout the day.

Parents will also be invited to come to school on this day to view activities and/or visit their child’s classroom. The timetable for these events is as follows:

**NAIDOC Activities**

9.30 – 11.00: KH, KP, KK, 1B, 1S, 1W

11.00 – 11.50 Lunch

11.50 – 1.20: 2L, 2G, 2/3B, 3D, 3/4C

1.20 – 1.50: 3/4N, 4/5B, 5/6H, 5/6B, 6B – begin activities

1.50 – 2.15 Recess

2.15 – 3.10: 3/4N, 4/5B, 5/6H, 5/6B, 6B – continue activities

**OPEN CLASSROOM Times:**

12.10 – 12.40 – KH, KK, KP, 1S, IW, 1B

12.40 – 1.10 – 3/4N, 4/5B, 5/6H, 5/6B, 6B

Sports Opportunities

This week two of our sorting teams will compete in the next round of PPSA competitions. Tomorrow the girls’ soccer team will play against Tanilba Bay PS and on Thursday the Netball team will play Tomaree PS. We wish both teams all the best in these games.

Other sporting events that are coming up shortly include the zone athletics carnivals, Touch Football Gala Day, Jarrod Mullens Rugby League Cup competition and PCYC Basketball Gala Day.

P & C Meeting

A reminder that our first P & C meeting for Term 3 which will be held on Tuesday 4 August at 6.30pm. Mrs Sue Xenox, Principal of Tomaree High School will be attending this meeting to meet and talk with parents and answer any questions that you may have regarding transition to high school.

Narelle Mann
Principal
**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 1: Term 3 - Week 9**
Thursday 10th September from 2 – 3pm

Parents and carers are invited to afternoon tea in the school library.

**Little Learners Visit 2: Term 3 - Week 10**
Thursday 17th September from 2 – 3pm

**Parent Information Session** to be held in school library.

Information on/ from:
- Canteen Supervisor
- Counsellor
- From the office
- P & C Representative
- YMCA before and after school care provider
- School Uniform

This session will also include first day information.

**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

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIMES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS***

**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

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.

From the Library

Books Light up Our World is a wonderful theme for Book Week (22-28 August). The latest book club (issue 5) is offering some of the shortlisted books and some other great titles to curl up and read in this cold weather we are having. Orders for this issue will be processed on Friday 24 July so please have them in by Thursday 23 July. Remember we are a LOOP school so you can order online as well as still bringing your orders into school.

The Premiers Reading Challenge closes at the end of August as well so students need to get reading to complete the challenge in time.

Congratulations to the students in Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2 who have now completed the challenge with their classes. These students have completed the challenge independently … keep your eyes out for the PRC display on the library …


During Book Week we will be hosting a visit from popular Australian Author ‘Aleesah Darlison’. Aleesah is a multi-published award winning children’s author. She writes picture books and novels for children and young adults. For more information on Aleesah please go to her website: [www.alessahdarlison.com](http://www.alessahdarlison.com). I am very excited to announce that we have two shows booked with Aleesah on Friday 28 August:

**Puggles and the Little Bent** for the K-2 classes

**Author Talks Performance** for the 3-6 classes

Cost will be $6 per child. Notes and further information will be coming home shortly.

**Books at the Bay** (at the Bay Village Shops next to Shoal Bay IGA) will be getting in some of Aleesah’s books and some of the shortlisted titles for you to purchase as well so pop in and have a look!

Mrs Swartz, Teacher Librarian.

**Public Speaking Information**

Congratulations again to our public speaking finalist from last term. As part of the process these finalists have now earned a spot in their Stage to participate in the **HUNTER INTER-SCHOOLS PRIMARY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2015**. Below are the session times and venues. Finalists will receive a letter home with further details.

Good luck to our public speaking finalists. I am sure you will do our school proud.

**Session Times and Venues:**

**Early Stage 1:** Monday 3rd August 12pm - Garden Suburb PS
**Stage 1:** Tuesday 4th August 12pm - Stockton PS
**Stage 2:** Thursday 6th August 12pm - Hamilton South PS
**Stage 3:** Wednesday 5th August - 12pm Soldiers Point PS

**Mathletics**

We have three top students of Mathletics. To master an activity, students must achieve a score equal to or greater than 85%. Congratulations to:

Callum D who mastered 100% activities attempted
Nina R who mastered 92.86% activities attempted and
Caleb N who mastered 93.9% activities attempted.

On average students now score 91% in curriculum activities. That’s an improvement of 19% on their first attempts.

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**Merit Awards**

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Everyone working hard around the school and a very big farewell to Siddhu and Shravan who are heading back to India.
Minecraft for Stage 2 Classes

As a leader in technology education, Shoal Bay Public School has funded the installation of Minecraft on the school ipads. Teachers will be incorporating Minecraft into their lessons as a creative technology tool. Students are able to design and build virtual worlds and develop their technology skills. Direct any questions about the use of Minecraft to your child’s teacher.

Girls Soccer Practice

Miss Ava below holding her own with the senior girls in soccer practice

Very first day of Drama Club … very well attended

NAIDOC and EDUCATION WEEK Celebrations

To celebrate NAIDOC and Education Week the Murrook Centre will be running Aboriginal workshops on Thursday the 30 July, in week 3. All students will participate in activities run by Aboriginal people of the Worimi Nation. We invite parents to the school during this day to visit your child’s classroom during designated times. We also invite you to watch your child participate in some of the activities throughout the day. The costs for the day are being covered by the school to enrich student engagement in the Aboriginal culture. We hope to see you there, refer to the timetable for open day times.

Jess Day, Naidoc Coordinator

Please contact the office by tomorrow, Tuesday 21 July, if you are wanting to attend the above workshop. Thanks.