Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Interrelate Family Evening – Tuesday 18 August.

Interrelate organisation will be providing 2 sessions for families on the topic of sexuality. Please see the flyers below for more information and costs. The sessions will be held in the library as follows:

- 6pm Years 3 – 6 (Where did I come from?)
- 7.15pm Years 5 & 6 – (Preparing for Puberty)

If you and your child/children would like to attend one or both of these sessions, please complete the form included in Snippets and return to school with payment by Friday 14 August 2015.

Sensory Garden News

Garden Club continues to be a very popular place to be on Thursdays at lunch time. Many children go along to help Mrs Stenhouse plant, weed, water and generally tend to the caring of the vegetable garden. During the past few weeks a new garden has been taking shape and eventually will be a Sensory Garden. Mrs Stenhouse and Mrs Beck have a vision and a plan to develop a garden with a variety of plants that will appeal to the senses. Mrs Stenhouse has worked hard to clear the area and cover it with mulch. The appearance of minions (painted by Mrs Beck in her own time) and donation of a beautiful garden bench has already brightened up the space. We would like to thank Mr Shane Byrnes for donating the bench. We are looking forward to the addition of plants.

Public Speaking Champions

Congratulations to our Public Speaking representatives, Breanna, Bailey, Harry, Abbey, Noah, Ebony, Alex and Enyah, who all participated in the zone public speaking finals last week.

Excursions

Staff have been very busy organizing wonderful learning experiences for many classes to participate in beyond the classroom. Kindergarten are looking forward to their excursion to the Australian Reptile park on Wednesday 26 August. Stage 1 classes will be travelling to Newcastle as part of their “transport” unit to visit the Newcastle museum and the Maritime Centre on Tuesday 1 September (Year 1) and Wednesday 2 September (Year 2). Stage 3 are looking forward to their excursion to Sydney in Term 4.

A limited number of K – 2 children will also have the opportunity to travel to Newcastle to see the stage production of “The Cranky Bear” on Tuesday 8 September. Unfortunately we were only able to access 50 tickets so these will be sold on a first in, first served basis.

Sport News

Last Thursday’s Jarrod Mullen Cup Rigby League Day saw a Tomaree Peninsula school, Anna Bay PS, defeat all teams they played to win the day and move to finals of the series in the near future. Congratulations to the team. Shoal Bay PS found the competition very strong throughout the day and were defeated in all their games. Mr Bayliss and Mrs Ballard (who was also there on the day) both reported that the boys never gave up and improved their skill level with each game. Their sportsmanship and effort throughout the day showed that they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done boys and thank you to Mr Bayliss for coaching and managing the team.

Good luck to all our zone athletics representatives this week as they participate in carnivals on both Tuesday (field events and 800 metres) and Fridays (track events). Thank you to Mr Beck, Mr Hamshaw, Mrs Alwood and Mrs Ballard, who will accompany the teams this week.

Staff Leave

This week we will welcome back Mrs Forrester from her 4 week period on leave. Mrs Brealey and Mr Lockey are both on leave this week. Mrs Sue Lawless will change hats as she takes over teaching 2L after relieving for Mrs Forrester and Ms Kylie Everson will be teaching 2/3B this week.

Narelle Mann, Principal
We will be holding an adidas School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, 29 July within the school grounds.

The adidas School Fun Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers are available to be dropped either at the office or there is a Shoal Bay box at Woolworths, where you can also deposit your stickers. Full sheets of stickers can be dropped into the box, or we have some spare sheets to stick your stickers onto, if you haven’t got a sticker sheet.

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.

This session will be a parent information session.

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

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

Aleesah Darlison Author Visit
Don’t forget to pay your $6 for all kids K-6 to attend the fabulous author visit workshops happening on Friday, 28 August. That will be for our book week: Books Light up Our World.
Around the School

Jarrod Mullen Cup League Team and the 3/4 Walking Excursion to Shoal Bay Beach

Kids enjoying the bench and sensory garden