Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This week we will begin our journey towards the implementation of PBL into our school. On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week our school team (Mr Lockey, Miss Sternbeck, Miss Haddad, Mrs Beck, Mrs White and myself) will attend ‘Universal Training in PBL’ in Newcastle. This program is supported by the Department of Education (DoE) with over 900 schools in NSW implementing the program to suit their own school settings. As the program develops we will consult with our school community and keep you informed about how this will operate at Shoal Bay PS.

Information about PBL:

“Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:
- addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful
- supports students in early childhood settings through to senior years of schooling
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every students.

When implemented well:
- students respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them
- staff deliver consistent responses to student learning and behaviour
- students feel safe and cared for at school. Their parents, family and community are more involved in their school
- unproductive and challenging behaviour can be significantly reduced for most students.”

For more information about PBL please visit the NSW DoE website: http://www.pbl.schools.nsw.edu.au/home

Primary Executive Network (PEN) Conference

On Friday 11 September our school executive, Mr Beck, Mrs Hamshaw and Mr Lockey, will attend the regional PEN Conference. This conference provides professional learning for executive to enable them to fulfill their roles in schools effectively, as well as the chance to network with colleagues from other schools across the Hunter.

School Attendance – Arriving on Time

All students are required to arrive at school on time every school day. It is important that routines at home are in place to ensure that this occurs.

Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. Please see the flyer attached to remind parents/ carers of their responsibilities in regards to school attendance.

School Transition Programs

This week our ‘Little Learners’ Kindergarten Orientation Program begins and the Year 6 transition to Year 7 Taster Day takes place. On Thursday 10 September (from 2pm) we will welcome Kindergarten 2016 children to our Kindergarten classrooms to meet teachers and our current Kindergarten children. Parents are invited to enjoy an afternoon tea in the library to meet staff, other parents and hear about some of the programs that will be provided for children in 2016. On Wednesday 9 September all Year 6 students have been invited to Tomaree High School to the Year 6 Taster Day where they will have a ‘taste’ of some of the exciting key learning areas that will be offered to them when they move into high school.

From Narelle’s Desk ...

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Years 1 and 2 – Newcastle Transport Excursions

Last week’s excursions to Newcastle’s museums were a real highlight for those who participated. I accompanied Year 2 on their excursion on Wednesday and was extremely pleased with everyone’s ability to listen and engage in presentations and activities and their excellent behavior and manners throughout the day. A huge thank you to the excursion organisers, Mrs Perry and Mrs Beck, supervising staff and parents who assisted on the excursions.

‘Cranky Bear’ Performance – Newcastle Civic Theatre

Tomorrow a bus load of excited K – 2 students will travel to Newcastle for the ‘Cranky Bear’ performance. Fortunately we were informed last Friday that our tickets were for the 10am performance (not 1pm as originally advised) meaning that the bus will be departing at 8.30am in the morning and arrive back at school by lunch time. All children participating in the excursion will need to be at school by 8.15am.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Important Note:

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kindergarten enrolments 2016

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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
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Our school’s access details to the Partners in Learning Parent survey:

Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17246&j_password=Sho4589

Learn and earn study and sport: via direct school link

Many students have been participating in our school as part of the Learn and Earn program. Participation in the program will not be compulsory, and the program’s main focus is to support students in their learning. Students will be able to participate in the program at any time during the school term and voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

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TERM 3, WEEK 10

Next week will be that last week of Term 3 (already). The week will continue to be a busy one with the following events occurring for us to look forward to:

Monday 14 September
Burwood College Strings Orchestra will visit our school to perform a concert (Free of charge) for all classes.

Tuesday 15 September
2.30 2/3B Assembly (please note change of date)
Canteen Lunch Special Order day

Narelle Mann, Principal

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Merit Awards

KP  Diezel, Oliver, Mya
2/3B  Gabe, Riley, Cooper
3/4C  Henry, Ava
4/5B  Krystal, Matthew C, Jesse
5/6H  Connor, Olivia, Lachlan
1S  Cody, Mitchell, Isaac
2L  Hunter, Taleah, Nina
3D  Logan, Chantelle, Olivia
3/4N  Jacob, Finlay, Mason
5/6B  Zara, Caitlin, Amaelie
6B  Lachlan, Ojaswi, Takoda
**Family Movie night**

**Where:** Nelson Bay Cinemas  
**Date:** Friday the 18th of September 2015  
**Movie:** Oddball  
**Time:** Doors open 6 pm, movie starts 6:30 pm  
**Tickets:** Adult and kids tickets are all $12.  
**RSVP:** Notes/money must be sent to the office by the 11th of September to secure your spot.

Limited tickets available. Food / Popcorn and drinks will be sold by the P and C committee in the Cinema from 6pm.

Join us with your friends, brothers/sisters, parents, and grandparents and help raise money for Shoal Bay Public school...

There is no supervision on the night so children must be with a supervising adult!

To help raise more money we will be holding raffles on the night so please donate if you can.

If you do have a business then you can also support this event via advertising: by donating $50, we will place your logo on the admission tickets and we will present your business on screen before the movie starts. It’s as easy as you emailing us your business logo!

If you can donate please contact Nadine Dellow: 041 265 8672 or email nadinedellow@hotmail.com for more information.

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**NAME: ........................................ CLASS:..........................** (*ALL TICKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO THIS STUDENT ON MONDAY the 14th of September 2015*)

**YES I would like .......... Movie tickets at $12 each; total of $........**

**YES I can donate ....................... for the raffle**

**YES I have got a business named: ........................................**

Email address: ........................................ Contact number:............................... and I will donate $60 for advertisement. Total amount enclosed: Yes / No