From Narelle’s Desk ...

Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

With only days left in our school year, the staff and students are busy finalising learning programs and tidying classrooms. The students have been steadily bringing home artworks that have decorated the walls of classrooms and the teachers are thinking long and hard as they cull resources that we need to consider whether or not they’ll be needed in the New Year. I have been busy signing reports and enjoying reading about each student’s successes this year. I look forward to tomorrow’s Shoal Bay Public School Presentation Day where staff and students can acknowledge and celebrate student achievements with distinguished guests, family and friends.

“Matilda” excursion

One highlight of last week was joining a bus load of students from Years 2 – 6 on an excursion to the Lyric Theatre to see the stage show, Matilda. The show was spectacular and most enjoyable. The students who attended loved the show and were a pleasure to accompany on such a big day out. We would not have had this opportunity without the time and effort needed to organise it by Ms Cains. Thank you to her and also to our parent helpers, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Banner, Mrs Green, Mrs Brown and Mrs Roach.

Twilight Band Concert

Another highlight from last week was attending the annual Twilight Band Concert at Soldiers Point Public School last Thursday where Shoal Bay Concert Band joined bands from Tomaree, Anna Bay and Soldiers Point to entertain a very captive audience. It was also wonderful to see our local public schools come together to celebrate the talent of our students and staff. A surprise performance for the evening was the appearance of Superman (Archie M.) and Batman (Evie M.) during Soldiers Point PS Concert Band performance of Superheroes theme songs. Invited to dress up and take the stage on the evening, Archie and Evie took on the roles as if they had been rehearsing for weeks.

A huge thank you to Mrs Forester and Mrs Bianca Wilson who have spent so much time rehearsing with the band and to the boys and girls for their dedication to practising so hard as well. Thank you also to Mrs White who jumped in to help the band practise when Mrs Forester was on leave.

Mudgee Public School Band

On Thursday afternoon we were fortunate to have the band from Mudgee Public School visit us and perform. They are touring and performing around the region so it was a pleasure to host them, listen to them perform and admire their talent. Our students who are learning to play an instrument could see what they could aspire to if they continue to practise.

P & C Meeting

Our final meeting for 2015 was held last Tuesday. Those present gave the OK for the P&C to fund the installation of a split system air conditioner for the server room in our library. This room needs to be kept at a moderate temperature so that the server does not overheat and breakdown during the summer months. The air conditioner will be installed next week. This is an item that has been on their list to provide for the school this year. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the SBPS P&C throughout this year. The committee led Mrs Katie Hughes and including Mrs Emma Butler, Mrs Zoe Hilder, Mrs Nadine Dellow and Mrs Kelly Brael, have had a busy and productive year. They will provide a report on their activities and achievements at the AGM to be held on Tuesday 1 March, 2016. Our first meeting for the New Year will be on Tuesday 2 February, 2016.

Welcome back Mrs Parker

Those who were present or viewed updates on our Facebook page would be aware that last Wednesday Miss Haddad had a final rehearsal for her upcoming wedding at our morning assembly. On Saturday her real wedding took place and she returns to school tomorrow as Mrs Parker. Congratulations Dom & Brad and best wishes for your future together.

Classes 2016

Over the past few weeks we have been planning classes and teachers for 2016. These classes will not be finalised until the beginning of 2016 as we will need to place any new enrolments that may arrive at the beginning of the year. Therefore new classes may not be formed immediately until our final enrolments are known. Boys and girls will stay in 2015 class groupings for first few days and new classes will be formed as soon as possible.

Narelle Mann
Principal
School Banking
Please remember that this is the last week for school banking. You can bank yourself at any Commonwealth Bank, if you want to keep making regular payments. We will let you know when it resumes next year! Cheers and Merry Christmas.
Alison Bonser, School Banking Coordinator.

Canteen
Canteen is CLOSED tomorrow due to Presentation Day and the final day for canteen is Friday, 11 December. Limited stock will be available this week, due to the end of year. Please do NOT send your children with lunch orders tomorrow or next week. Thanks for your understanding.
Donna Douglas, Canteen Manager

From the Library
Next year, in 2016, Shoal Bay Public School Library will be introducing the SBPS Birthday Book Club!
We invite parents, guardians and grandparents to participate in the program.
When you join the birthday Book Club you donate a book to our library and we will all celebrate your child’s special day!

How it works:
The cost is $10 to participate. Your child will select from a great selection of new, popular titles available in the library for their Birthday Book! The book selected will feature a special book plate with your child’s name and birthday on it. The book will be presented at an assembly near to your child’s birthday and your child will be the first student to borrow that book!
The book will become a part of the library collection for all students to read, borrow and enjoy!

Notes will be coming home early next year and watch snippets for further information. Please note that we will catch up the holiday birthdays in the first couple of weeks after we return to school.

Thankyou in anticipation
Gai Swartz
Teacher Librarian
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.

Ashley recently competed in Melbourne in the Australian National Championships for Cheerleading. They came 2nd and 6th in the Australasian Pinnacle Comp (invite only for the best of the best)! Congrats!

Miss Haddad “marries”

KP
Tara, Maddison, Diezel

IB
Kobi, Maxine, Paige, Oscar

Mudgee PS Band Visit

2L
Luke, Sophie, Ash

2/3B
Ava, Jack, Cooper

6B
Harry, Jeremy, Mackenzie, Jason-Lee
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