COMING EVENTS
Fri 16 May  District Cross Country
Tues 20 May  Doing Things Together Day
Tues 27 May  Yr2 Water Plant Excursion
Thur 29 May  Yrs 5/6 Excursion to Canberra
Thur 29 May  Eisteddfod Nowra

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
You will notice that we have a new look to our newsletter this week. We are in the process of re-vamping it. Mrs Cheney and a group of students will be working on this over the next few editions. We are also looking at how we get the newsletter to you. The more information and pictures we add sometimes makes the file too big to email to some families. We are going to trial sending a link to your email that lets you know that the newsletter is now available on the school website. Please check our website if you are looking for any notes that have been sent out, they are now available in the notes section.

Our year 3 and 5 students started NAPLAN yesterday completing Language Conventions and Writing. Wednesday is Reading and Thursday Mathematics. On Friday our school team will compete at Potato Point in the Cross Country, good luck everyone. This is a very tough course with hills and sand to contend with.

I am very proud to announce that Ms Jenny Brennan, our schools Senior Administration Manager, has been awarded the ‘Pride in Workmanship’ from Rotary in Batemans Bay. This is a very well deserved award recognising her beginnings in our school as a volunteer in 1992. Congratulations Jenny from everyone involved with our school.

Our electronic sign has been malfunctioning, particularly with temperature; we are in the process of having this fixed. Part of this process is to have limited information up for a week to see what is causing the problem. Please bear with us while we complete this process.

Thank you to all the parents who supplied gifts for another very successful Mother’s Day stall, and a huge thank you to the parents who spent hours wrapping each afternoon and selling on the Friday.

Roy Counsell is still on leave, I will continue to be relieving principal until his return. Miss Laura Bennetts will continue on 5/6D and Miss Candace Harris will be our release teacher.

Earlier this year Sunshine Bay Public School was involved with a ‘Dare to Lead’ snapshot, from this came many commendations about our school. Over the next few newsletters I will be sharing a few of these.

Our first commendation:

“The school supports students very well – their sense of belonging and ownership of the school is high.”

Lastly in celebration of National Volunteer week, on behalf of the staff and students at Sunshine Bay Public School, I would like to say ‘THANK YOU’ to everyone in our school community who volunteer their services.

Maree Dielman
Relieving Principal

DOING THINGS TOGETHER DAY
As part of our Multicultural Education program the students and teachers will be taking part in a ‘Doing things together day’. Students are encouraged to dress up in clothes or costume from another culture on the day.

Students will be visiting different countries (classrooms) in the school and complete activities to do with that country.

Parents are most welcome to join in, there is an optional gold coin donation on the day to raise funds for UNICEF WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) programs.
RECYCLE YOUR ORAL CARE PRODUCT PACKAGING
Our school has signed up to the TerraCycle brigade to recycle used toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging and floss containers. We are helping to divert landfill waste and earn points for our school.
A collection box will be located in 2JD classroom for students to put their old oral care products.
Thanks for your support,
The Environmental Committee

HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
We have had a case of hand, foot and mouth disease at our school.
Symptoms: Mild illness, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, also on the hands and feet.
Do I need to keep my child at home? Yes, until the blisters have dried up.
Time from exposure to illness: 3 to 7 days.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS
$35 for one student, $45 for two and $60 for three or more children. Payment can be made at any time, but early payment allows us to better plan for the year’s programs.
Payment by instalment can also be arranged.

EXCURSIONS
Years 3/4 Excursion to Canberra. Wednesday 5- Friday 7 November. Deposit of $50 required by Friday June 20.
Years 5/6 Excursion to Berry Sport and Recreation Camp Monday 3 - Friday 7 November. Payments can be made by instalments.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Parent/s or caregivers are required by law to provide an explanation to the school, within seven days, as to why their child was absent from school. Explanations should be made by a note handed to the classroom teacher.
An explanation should contain the following information:
• Your child’s full name and year
• The dates that the child was absent from school
• The reason the child was absent
All absences, explained or unexplained, are recorded and placed on school reports.

LIBRARY NEWS
As part of Library and Information Week, school and town libraries all over Australia will participate in National Simultaneous Story time on May 21st at 11am. The chosen book is Too many Elephants in this House by Ursula Dubosarsky. The purpose is to promote literacy among children and expose them to the magic and excitement of reading. Even if you don’t have access to this book, it would be lovely if you could read to your child on this day or you can view a copy being read on YouTube.
Library Days: As library is only once a fortnight, many children are finding it hard to remember their library day. If children bring their books every week on their set day, they will be able to change their books at lunch time or leave them in their classroom until the following week. Library Days are:
Monday: 1W, 2JB 3L, K-6B, 2/3B, 4H
Tuesday: KB, K5, 1H, 2B, 5/6B, 5/6D
Wednesday: KD 3/4L, 5/6S
Reminder : Book club closes on Wednesday this week. Sorry, we are unable to take late orders this time.
Premier's Reading Challenge: We already have 3 students who have completed their Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Tadhg, Ciara and Tara Doran. Keep up the great reading everyone else.
Mrs Cheney

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
This year we will be providing students from years 3-6 with the opportunity to complete the University of NSW Writing, English and Mathematics Competitions. The dates for the competitions are listed below along with the date that payment would need to be made by. Please note that payment cannot be made online.

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P and C NEWS

EASTER / MOTHERS DAY STALL SUCCESS!

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU at how amazingly generous you all have been for our recent fundraisers. These funds will go towards the much needed renovation of our toilet blocks.

The total amount that we raised for the Easter Egg Raffle was $1246.00. Your generosity meant that we had a total of 20 hampers for prizes.

Congratulations to the winners which were:
Matilda King, Robert McBride, Sarah Freeman, Max Whitter, Sam Konstantakis, Mia Bryce-Glenn, Jessica Lomnicki, Kalita Hood, Kyle Scott, Zebedee Jaksic, Kaileigh Peard, Aiden Lewthwaite, Aimee Goodridge, Jaque, Brandon Spooner, Allyssa Jolly, Kason Dorn, Tanaya Large, Emma Lassau and Max Eberle.

For the Mothers Day Stall we sold a variety of beautiful gifts ranging from $1-$5. We also held a raffle for some larger items donated. Sales from both was $1049.00.

Winners of the Mothers Day raffle were:
1st: Large Print - Tyler Frawley 3/4W
2nd: Gift Hamper - Miley Dann KS
3rd: Decanter Set - Madison Odlum 1W
Runners Up: Recipe Books - Bella Hope Manton KD, Julia Roberts 2B

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.