Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2016 School Year. We start the year with 148 students confirmed, with a possible enrolment of 152. This puts us very close to another teacher. Our classroom structure is as follows:

- Kindergarten – Mrs Lewis
- Year 1 – Mrs Smith
- Year 1/2 – Mrs Wilson
- Year 3 – Miss Roose
- Year 4/5 – Mr Frost
- Year 5/6 – Mrs Domazar
- Librarian – Mrs Hanson
- RFF Years 1 - 6 – Mr Vidler
- RFF Kindergarten/ Support Teacher Learning – Mrs Brooks

NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome three new staff to our school community. Ms Lewis is our new Assistant Principal. Mr Frost gained the advertised classroom teacher’s position and Miss Roose was appointed to replace my teaching duties. They are very happy to be here and think the students and school community are just great.

KINDERGARTEN

Our twenty-two kindergarten students have made a fantastic start to ‘Big School’. Ms Lewis has commented on how ready they are for formal learning and the day to day rigours of school. Well done Kindergarten!

BANKING

Banking re-commenced this week. Sara will continue as the coordinator. There will be a presentation by a representative of the Commonwealth Bank at our first assembly (Week 4 February 18th).

HOMEWORK REVIEW

Staff discussed the current effectiveness and goal of homework at our recent staff development day. As a staff we believe the focus of homework should be on literacy and numeracy. However, we also believe it should not limit the opportunities for students to become involved in many after school sporting, leisure and creative pursuits. With this in mind homework will be kept to a minimum. It will include regular reading to continue to develop the habits of being a reader for pleasure and enjoyment. Each class teacher will set up a reading log their students can maintain. It will include spelling practice to support their writing and some numeracy activities such as learning their times tables. Staff are very keen to work with parents to ensure our students are positive about completing homework and see its relevance to developing the fundamental study skills needed in high school.

LEGO TECHNICS WORKSHOP

During the holidays three of our students attended a two-day lego technics workshop at the University of Wollongong. The school sent two students Tanner and Colby under the sponsorship of Ann Sudmalis (Federal Member for Gilmore). Jack attended courtesy of his parents.

Colby wrote an account of the two days. Photos of the students having a great time and representing our school as ambassadors are included in this week’s Husky Star.

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Year 6 will participate in African Drumming workshops every Thursday starting today. The program is free and is sponsored by the Bay and Basin Community Resources. What a unique opportunity!

P&C MEETING

Our first meeting for the year is this Monday coming. Come along and meet fellow parents. The P&C and the school are very interested in parents and staff working together, so they can contribute to decisions that enrich the learning that we offer at Huskisson Public School.

Glenn Sansom
Principal

WE ARE PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE
ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AS THE TRADITIONAL
OWNERS
OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS

Glenn Sansom
**Diary Dates**

**Monday 8th Feb:** 6pm P & C Meeting plus AGM

**Friday 12th Feb:** Swimming Carnival (See details inside newsletter)

**Thursday 18th Feb:** 2pm Whole school assembly

**Thursday 25th Feb:** Welcome BBQ (More details later)

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**Huskisson Public School Before and After School Care**

**Operating hours**

- Mon - Fri
  - 7:30am - 8:30am
  - 3pm - 5pm

Casual positions available daily - if an emergency occurs during the day please contact the office on 44415074

Class teachers will make sure your child is sent to After School Care.

Huskisson P & C Association

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**NO TINNED FOOD**

**FOR STUDENTS LUNCHES OR RECESS.**

Please remove food from tins and put into a plastic container before sending to school with your child.

The lid of the tin is very dangerous and children can easily cut themselves.

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**SWIMMING**

Tomorrow, children in Years 3 to 6 and some students from Year 2, will participate in swimming activities at the Husky sea pool.

We will cater for beginning, intermediate and confident swimmers.

With our school carnival being held next Friday (12th February) this is an opportunity for the children to prepare and refine some of their swimming strokes

Mr Vidler

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**Foster kids need more people like you!**

Call 1300 130 585!

Great kids come from good families. Please help.

[William Campbell Foundation website](http://www.wcfoundation.org.au)
LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to 2016. This year library lessons will be on Wednesdays. Don’t forget to bring books back on that day so that regular borrowing can happen. Always remember to bring a library bag so our books are protected when being transported. We still have a few books outstanding from last year so please return them as soon as possible. (A replacement book or payment would suffice if a book has been lost.)

This year the library is getting a new look! So far students have noticed that we have transferred the computers to classrooms to free up space for our new bookshelves and some cool furniture. During lunchtimes the library will still be open for games and other activities. We are now seeking donations of board and card games so that we can encourage cooperative play and teach students some of the important social skills of game playing.

In the meantime, happy reading from Mrs Clark and myself!

Mrs Hanson – Teacher/Librarian

BOOK CLUB

The new looking catalogue was be sent home today. It now has all age groups in it. The order form is inside of the catalogue and instructions how to order and pay. If returning order to school please place in an envelope the order form and money. Please ensure your child’s name and class is on the form. If you use the LOOP to order nothing needs to be returned to school.

Books make wonderful gifts and the school also gets to order books for the Library and school with the reward money.

Orders must be returned to school office by Tuesday 16th February.

SHOALHAVEN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

2016 Netball Season Registrations are now OPEN with all clubs in our association Let's Play Netball!!

Contact your nearest club to register your and your child 5yr - 7yr
8yr - 10yr
Juniors 11yr - 17yr Seniors 18yr and over

CLUBS

SAINTS - saintsnc.nsw.netball.com.au
REBELS - rebelsnc.nsw.netball.com.au
NORTH NOWRA BOMADERRY - nnbnc.nsw.netball.com.au
LYREBIRD - lyrebirdnc.nsw.netball.com.au
JERVIS BAY - jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au
GEMS - gems.nsw.netball.com.au
ALBATROSS - albtrrossnc.nsw.netball.com.au

JERVIS BAY NETBALL

Registration Day
Saturday 6th February 2016
At Vincentia Public School
9am - 12pm
5 - 7 years $65
8 - 10 years $110
Juniors 11yr - 17 yrs $130
Seniors 18 yrs & Over $180
Non-players $50
2nd registration $30

Online registrations can be made anytime before this date
More details available
jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au
For more details contact Vicky 0439 896 134 or
During the holidays Tanner and I were lucky enough to attend the Introduction to MINDSTORMS Lego Robotics Workshop at the Shoalhaven campus of Wollongong University. We were sponsored by Anne Sudmalis. Jack Revesz also attended.

On the first day we built the “Riley Rover” robot and were taught some basic programming. We used motors, ultra-sonic sensors and colour sensors to get our robot around an obstacle course. We also watched some robot videos.

On the second day we did sumo wrestling with our robots. In sumo wrestling you have to try and knock an opponent’s robot out of an arena. The arena is a small white table with a black ring around the side. We also got to modify our robots. My robot had touch sensors at the back which when another robot rams into the back of it, it will make my robot reverse and hopefully drives the other robot out of the ring. It also had a platform at the front which drives itself under the other robot which drives the wheels off the table and out of the arena.

It was great.

*Written by Colby Short*
**RECESS**

**RECESS IS TO BE PURCHASED AT THE CAANTEEN NOT TO BE ORDERED WITH THE LUNCH ORDER**

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**LUNCH**

**HUSKY STAR SNACK BOX**

- Will change every term. Term 1 will be Honey Soy
- Chicken Noodle Stir-fry (gluten free available) ... $5.00

**CHICKEN HAWAIIAN BURGER**

- Grilled chicken, pineapple, lettuce, mayo ... $5.00

**HUSKY HERO BURGER**

- Homemade burger with cheese, tomato, lettuce and tomato sauce ... $5.00
- Extras are beetroot, cucumber or carrot ... $0.50

**MINI HOMEMADE QUICHE**

- with carrot and cucumber sticks ... $1.50

**WHOLEGRAIN WRAPS**

- Chicken Coujon with salad of choice & mayo ... $5.00
- Grilled Chicken or Ham with salad & mayo ... $5.00
- Salad with mayo ... $4.00

**SANDWICHES**

- Ham, cheese and tomato ... $2.50
- Salad ... $3.00
- Vegemite, honey, jam or cheese ... $2.00

**HOT FOOD**

- Dino Snacks - 5 per serve ... $3.00
- Chicken Coujons - 5 per serve ... $3.00
- Pizza - Ham and Pineapple ... $3.00
- Sausage Roll ... $3.00
- Traveller Pie ... $3.50

**EXTRA’S**

- Tomato or BBQ Sauce ... $0.20
- Sandwiches Toasted ... $0.50

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*PLEASE SUPPLY A BROWN PAPER BAG FOR YOUR CHILD’S LUNCH ORDER COMPLETE WITH THEIR NAME, CLASS, MEAL AND DRINK WRITTEN ON THE FRONT WITH THE MONEY PLACED INSIDE.*
I am proud to announce I have been approved to deliver the Cycling Australia’s She Rides program in Shoalhaven, 2016! “She Rides” gets more women riding their bikes by developing their skills, their confidence and their social connection with like-minded women. Join me on Thursday mornings from 9.30am at Forest Rd, Coondoo MTB track for the inaugural She Rides Shoalhaven Confidence MTB program. Registrations are open now.

Please check it out at www.SheRides.com.au
Bomaderry Junior Rugby League Football Club Registration Day 2016

Will be held on Saturday 6th February 2016 at the Bomaderry Sporting Complex 10.00am - 1.00pm.

The club will be entering teams from the Under 6's - Under 16's and also the newly formed Girl's League Tag Teams Under 12’s, 14’s & 16’s years of age.

Register on line now Go to http://swampies.leaguenet.com.au

Shorts, Socks and Polo Shirt are included in Fees. For more information contact the President Steve on 0403591014.
“Zero Tolerance” to protect your child

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance.

If you’ve heard the expression “It’s only a matter of time until someone gets hurt” then you understand why it is important for everyone to obey the road rules.

When an offence is detected – you will be fined!

Illegal parking around schools endangers children’s lives

FACT
When a child is hit at an impact speed of 30km/hr, they have a 99% chance of surviving. At 70km/hr, that child’s chance of survival is less than 7%.* *Source Australian Transport Safety Bureau

FACT
Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around schools zones.

- What does this mean?
  You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

- Why is it there?
  To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children and other pedestrians to avoid crashes.

- What does this mean?
  You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

- Why is it there?
  To provide safe places for children to be picked up – usually associated with Kiss and Drop Off zones

- What does this mean?
  You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

- Why is it there?
  To provide a safe place for buses to set down & pick up passengers

40km/hr School Zones are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.

Enforcement is required around schools to save lives.
A message from Shoalhaven City Council Rangers and Road Safety Officer.
St Georges Basin Football (Soccer) Club
Registrations Open online Monday 9th February
ONLINE PAYMENTS AVAILABLE AND PREFERRED:
Register and pay online at:
www.myfootballclub.com.au

The Club House at the STGB Sports Field, Wool Road, will be open Sunday 14th February and Saturday 20th February from 10am – 2pm for general enquiries, uniform purchases and manual payments of registrations if you are unable to pay online (please note we only accept cash or cheque if you are paying in person).

Fees: 5 – 8 yrs $105
9 – 12 years $125
13 – 17 years $135
17 (working) $185
18 + (Full time students) $185
Seniors $235

Registrations are only valid after full payment has been received, we cannot guarantee a spot in a team without full payment. Please register your child in packages according to their birth year (eg Born 2008), not the age you want them to play. If you have a special request (eg to play up or down) please contact the club (see below). Kids registering in the U6’s age group must turn 5 by 31 December.

Further information can be found at www.basinfootball.com.au
You can contact the club by email basinsoccer@gmail.com or by calling:
Tracy Mandary (for ages 5 – 11 enquiries) 0423846194
Renee Brown (for ages 12 + ) 0448823856

Nowra Players
Present
Camelot
The Panto
By Ben Crocker

Opening Night 5th March 8pm
Medieval Fancy Dress
with Prizes

doors open 30 mins
prior to performances
March 5th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th at 8 pm
March 6th, 12th and 13th Matinees – at 3 pm
Tickets available from:
Shoalhaven Visitors’ Information Centre
Nowra 1300 682 808
Fun-Filled Family Entertainment ~ Release your inner child
Shoalhaven’s Friday Night Rugby.

Please use the Jotform link below if you’d like to register your interest in Shoalhaven’s Friday Night Rugby.

https://form.jotform.co/60307930375858

The tournament is open to players in the following age groups
10s, 12s, 14,s 16,s both boys and girls. There is also a non-contact option for girls – VIVA7s.

The tournament will run on Friday nights at Shoalhaven Rugby Park, Rugby Rd, South Nowra
# Friday March 4
# Friday March 11
# Friday March 18
# Break for Easter
# Friday April 1
# Friday April 8

The tournament will run from 5pm-7pm on these dates.

All registrations must be received by 5pm on Monday February 29, so that a draw can be finalised and circulated the next day.

The tournament will run in 7’s format, most likely playing across the field with 7 minute halves, in a very similar format to our FutureTahs Primary and Secondary 7’s. We ask the teams looking to enter aim for squads of 10 players.

We will be endeavouring to provide two games to players per week, obviously dependant of registrations.

Given the nature of the event, there is the flexibility for players to merge to form sides. Therefore if you are an aspiring player with no team as yet, please register your interest so make appropriate arrangements for you to play.

There will be a cost of $50 per team registered (to be paid to the club). The club is willing to pay a retainer fee to Schools for the lending of sets of jerseys.

A tournament manual is currently being developed – and will be very similar to that circulated at the end of last year, looking to replicate Tamworth’s Friday Night Rugby.

Players and coaches can enter sides under their School banner/Club banner or enter their own side of their own accord.

If players would like to enter, and do not have a coach/manager – the club will allocate a suitable qualified person to look after logistics on the night.

The event will be sanctioned under special event insurance and all self-nominated coaches/managers must hold a current SmartRugby qualification (at minimum), along with a valid Working with Children’s Check letter of approval.

The club will host a BBQ at the end of each evenings proceedings.

There will no doubt be many further enquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Chris Sellar

NSW Rugby Union

Development Manager – Illawarra & South Coast

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