Dear Parents and Carers

A fortnight ago our Chair of Council wrote to you regarding the long term viability of our Junior School. I am pleased to announce that our budget and business plan which have been submitted to the Board of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation have been approved.

In the letter from our Chair, Mr Shields reiterated that the School Council and School Executive and staff are committed to the continuous improvement of our teaching and learning environment for all students of the School. Over the last few weeks, for example, we have been working on improvements to our Junior School music program and we have moved into “A” block next to the library. All band instruments have been sent away for servicing and I am keen to play with any of our Junior students.

Secondly, Mr Shields spoke about improved communication between the School and parents and a more proactive marketing campaign. I hope that you have received copies of our new marketing brochure in the post recently outlining the wonderful educational opportunities available at our school. This brochure has been sent to all households from Vincentia to Ulladulla and already we have received an increased number of enquiries.

Finally Mr Shields wrote about the repair and refurbishment of facilities at the School. We are currently moving the entrance of our Gumnut preschool onto the inside of the school site to allow a safer entry for families to the preschool and better parking.

I would like to thank you, our parents and families for your support of our school and we will continue to work to provide an outstanding learning environment for our students. Your continuing support and feedback as parents will be very important in this respect, and I encourage you to raise any issues that you feel need to be addressed with either myself, the Head of School, Mr Tim Knowles, or Head of the Junior School, Mrs Anna Carswell.

Finally I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students who are just finishing their HSC examinations. Well done to both the parents and our young people on getting through these really difficult examinations. I am really looking forward to receiving your results and I hope that you will have some down time over the coming weeks.

Mrs Lorrae Sampson
A week of radio, action and farewells

The Power FM Healthy breakfast was a real hit last week as students and parents braved the wet and wild weather to join Loz and Jack from the breakfast program, for an action packed morning in the school gym. The P and F served up a wonderful healthy breakfast and Maverick Coffee looked after the mums and dads, so there were smiles all round! Thanks again to all the families who made it in on the day. Some of the highlights from the morning included:

• Our students talking to Loz and Jack on the radio – how cool!
• Non-stop basketball action in the gym
• Hanging out with the Minion, who by the way, may have needed a body guard at several times during the morning!
• The Junior School Karaoke stars
• The half-court basketball match with the Trades Skills Centre boys Vs. Jack and Sam from Power FM and Mr Knowles (the old guys won 10 to 8)

One of the activities that won’t be quickly forgotten by the students was the opportunity to drive a vehicle at low speed while wearing a pair of specially designed goggles that simulated being affected by alcohol. The students found negotiating the car park course while being distracted by loud music, other people in the car and the simulated effects of alcohol, quite confronting. Thursday will see the students head to the Marulan Driver Training facility for some advanced driver education. Overall, there were definitely a lot of good take home messages from the program and it was great to be able to involve our students again this year in such a fantastic community initiative.

The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner and Chapel are coming up on Thursday 5th November and we will be farewelling a remarkable group of young people. Many of our current and former staff will be attending (including a flying visit from a very special individual who now resides in Dubbo) and we look forward to a wonderful celebration on the night. As I look toward this final schooling milestone for Year 12, I am reminded of a passage that I know has resonated with many of our students this year:

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

Tim Knowles

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

“The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner and Chapel are coming up on Thursday 5th November.”

Our Year 11 students have this week joined other young people for the Southern Shoalhaven to participate in the Milton Ulladulla Drive Training program. Now in its 25th year, this program has been educating young drivers and helping to make the road safer for everyone for quite some time. The session included PowerPoint and video presentations on the role of local police in keeping people safe on the roads, a presentation from local ambulance officers, the NSW fire brigade, and a local mechanic speaking about vehicle maintenance and safety.
Newsletter information from the P&F

Hello Everyone,
I am feeling so overwhelmed with pride after the PowerFM event. Thankyou to all the parents who came and supported the event and also to those who helped out on the morning serving food. It was such a great morning, seeing all the children having fun and all the parents chatting. Our true spirit of a close knit community shined brightly that day.

I would like to formally invite everyone to our next meeting on the 17th November. We are intending this night to be a thankyou evening to all parents who have been involved in our P&F in any manner and we will have food and fun activities available for the children.

We have our end of year disco coming up on the 4th of December. After speaking to the children for ideas our theme will be ‘Under The Sea’. The disco this year will be in school hours and we are encouraging children to dress up as it will be a mufti day. More information will be provided closer to the event. Though if any of you families have any suitable decorations we can borrow for the night we would love to hear from you.

Also if you are available to work a BBQ or cake area on the 7th and 8th November for Brickfest can you please contact Kim Knowles ASAP. She needs all the volunteers she can get and any amount of time taken is appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate that I am here for you as the parent representative 24/7. If you have an issue or a problem or simply have an idea, please come to me. I can be contacted via the P&F email sasparentsandfriends@gmail.com or personally at 0488910680.

I am always here to support our beautiful families. We are a small community and I have always seen us as a family with all the best intentions for our children to strive in an amazing school run by dedicated and honourable staff.

Thankyou.

Emma Sambolec, SAS P&F President

Do not worry

So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:34

Whenever I am feeling lost and confused about my direction in life the best place to turn is Jesus words. I love that he speaks right to the point of human struggle. His teachings show God’s perspective as radically different to ours:

• ‘Blessing comes through suffering, not prosperity’ (Matt 5:3-10)
• ‘Anger towards others leads to judgement’ (Matt 5:22)
• ‘Lust is adultery of the heart’ (Matt 5:28)
• ‘Turn the other cheek’ (Matt 5:39)
• ‘Love your enemy, pray for those who persecute you’ (Matt 5:34)

What our world acknowledges as acceptable and right is totally turned upside down by Jesus’ words. Yet Jesus has something to say more than just our way of life and actions. He speaks to the core of our hearts that lead to our actions. The insecurities that drive who we are and what we strive for. He says, do not worry. 2000 years ago anxiety and worry were issues for humanity and they still are today. Jesus’ words have relevance as much today as they did back then.

The attitude Jesus promotes is simple, give your energy today and don’t stress about tomorrow. In Jesus time the people lived hand to mouth. What they had was what they needed for that day. Tomorrow was a new struggle. For us we generally don’t have this problem. We have our savings and we have our debt. Yet the principle is no different for us. We still worry, even with riches. We are so future-oriented with our investments, job prospects, family planning, holiday planning etc. The lure is that life will be better when we do this, achieve that. We find some small satisfaction in the planning because we believe the lie that we will be better off in that future. But life is what we have right now! Part of this problem is in our planning for tomorrow is that we neglect today. We can easily neglect family and relationships with work and busy schedules. God has given us everything we need for today. And he will provide for tomorrow. We need just give tomorrow to him and our worries and doubt. After all tomorrow does not even exist yet. And God is ready for us here and now.

Mr Shane Orchard

Kiss and Run Reminder

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that the Kiss and Run area is designed as a quick drop off/pick up area and cars should not be left unattended. If in doubt, please park in the designated parking areas. Please be considerate of all carpark users and their needs, and if you have any concerns contact either Anna Carswell or myself.

Yours Sincerely,

Tim Knowles.
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

This week has seen some wonderfully creative and inventive work by the students in the Junior School. We have seen:

- Students in Years 1 and 2 create some colourful and well constructed artwork based on famous artists’ original work.
- Years 3, 4, 5, 6 worked on inventing robots that will have simple lighting circuits attached.
- Year 5/6 designed and created dragons out of clay.
- Kindergarten almost finishing their very first year of big school.

There is so much happening and I encourage you to spend time chatting to your child(ren) about the many wonderful things that are still to come this year.

I still have to say though; my favourite time at school is seeing the students interacting in both the classroom and play areas. Watching the younger students digging and imagining, to the older students initiating games, is so wonderful to see. We are truly blessed here at SAS and each day that I drive into the gates is another reason to believe this – it is a pleasure to come to work, to teach your children and to see these young people grow and develop into our future professionals.

Anna Carswell

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**Screaming in Year 1**

In Visual Arts Year 1 have been looking at the well-known autobiographical artwork ‘The Scream’ by Edvard Munch. We researched and discussed some of the historical story behind the painting. We then created our own ‘Scream’ artwork using the different mediums used by Edvard Munch. First we drew the outline of a person. Next we used coloured wax pastels to colour our person. Lastly we used the blow painting method to create our ‘scream’ hair.

We also produced a digital ‘Scream’ artwork. Using a backdrop projected on the board we all took turns to pose with our scream expressions.

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**Digital Screams**
PRESCHOOL NEWS

Lunch with the Residents at Sarah Claydon
28th Oct 2015

The children from the Echidna Group were invited to have lunch with some of the residents at Sarah Claydon Retirement Village in Milton. The children packed their lunch boxes into their back packs in readiness. There was much excitement as their backpacks were put on and we walked up the highway to the village. Sheree greeted us and led us into the Mimosa section of the village. Here the children sang and danced after chatting with the men and women.

The Milton Times newspaper came up to photograph everyone in the new garden that was opened yesterday. Following this we all had lunch together in the dining room. The children were then offered an ice cream for a treat.

This was truly a wonderful experience for all people concerned. The look on the resident’s faces was one of pure joy.

Milton Brickfest 2015

$4/person  $10/family

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th Nov

10am - 4pm
Shoalhaven Anglican School, Croobyar Rd, Milton

Exhibitors from as far as Canberra, Sydney and the Central Coast.
THIS IS A LEGO FAN EVENT.

Proceeds donated to 2 organisations working against child trafficking:
Jumping castle, sausage sizzle, fire engine, giant lego play area & more.

Milton Brickfest 2015
For FREE Dental Care for children under 18 years

contact

Illawarra Shoalhaven Oral Health Services

1300 369 651

Clinic Location

Ulladulla Dental Clinic
St Vincent Street
Ulladulla.

Appointments are now available for children under 18 yrs!

Ulladulla Colour

Village to Village
High Tea Nepal Fundraiser 2015

Saturday November 14
Milton/Ulladulla Baptist Church
1.30pm for a 2.00pm start, 4.00pm finish
For information and RSVP contact
Fiona 0415 533 865 or 4455 7985

Friends, Food & Fair Trade.
Come and enjoy Music, Give-aways and Prizes, Pampering, Auctions.
Sit ~ Relax ~ Chat