**Principal’s Message………………..**

**Best Start Interviews for 2015 Kindergarten children**
This year we are conducting our Best Start Kindergarten Interviews **THIS week** rather than at the beginning of next year. **If you are enrolling a Kindergarten child for 2015, you should have received an appointment time.** If you have mislaid this, please contact the office.

**P&C Volunteer’s Dinner**
Thanks to the P&C Executive for their organisation of the P&C Volunteer’s dinner last week and thank you to all who attended this event. It was a lovely evening. As mentioned in my brief speech on the evening, I am so delighted to be working alongside such a great community who are so helpful and supportive of our school. Our P&C meeting is this evening at 6.00pm. Feel free to attend even if you haven’t come before!

**Swim school**
Swim School is almost over! Kinder and Year 1 were unable to attend their last swimming session on Friday due to the pool being closed. They will go swimming on Tuesday. Please make sure you send in the swimming gear your child needs. Well done to our primary students who attended the swim school at Kempsey Pool.

**Hat Head Picnic**
Our Hat Head Picnic will be held on Tuesday 16th December. A reminder to parents whose children are on an Orange or Red Level, they will not be eligible to participate in this activity. An alternate program will be organised at school for those students who are ineligible to attend.

**Assembly**
Our next assembly will be our **Presentation Assembly** which will be held on **Monday 15th December** at 9:30. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend this assembly.

**Library Stocktake** is about to start. PLEASE return all library books as soon as possible.

**Christmas Cards**
Whilst it is a lovely sentiment for children to exchange Christmas cards, we ask that students do this in **Week 11 ONLY**.

**School Survey**
Thank you to the parents who returned surveys. Please return the survey if you haven’t already done so.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING…………………..**

**Week 10**

**Kindergarten 2015 Best Start Interviews**
Wednesday 10th Dec – Netball Clinic
Thursday 11th Dec – Year 6 Graduation and pool party

**Week 11**

Monday 15th Dec – Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 16th Dec – Hat Head
Wednesday 17th Dec – Last day for 2014
Thursday 18th Dec – Staff Development Day – no students

**2015 Week 1**

Tuesday 27th January – Teachers resume for 2015
Wednesday 28th January – Year 1 – 6 students return for 2015
Thursday 29th – Kindergarten starts

**Nationals**
Congratulations to Jarno for his participation in the National Athletics Carnival. He tells me he had a great time and that he couldn’t say what was the best part of the experience as it was all amazing.

Thanks again to all those who supported him by purchasing raffle tickets.

**See Beyond Borders**
Just thought you might be interested to know that I will be travelling to Cambodia at the end of the year to volunteer with See Beyond Borders. I will be working with other teachers to provide professional development to Cambodian teachers in how to teach Mathematics, with a particular focus on problem-solving. Perhaps you would like to have a look at their website, it is inspirational.

Mrs Bradshaw
Principal

**FPS is a NUT FREE school**
Just a reminder that we have students with anaphylactic reactions to nut products and for their well-being our school is nut free. Please do not send your child with peanut butter sandwiches, nut bars, nut cookies or any product containing tree nuts.
News from Class 1O
Remember to bring your swimming items and $2 for chips for our last swimming lesson tomorrow and picnic.

On Wednesday please ensure your child has suitable shoes (ie joggers) as we will be participating in a netball clinic.

Our class has returned all of our classroom library books - please make sure your child’s library books are returned as soon as possible.

Year 1 have been learning about Japan and with the help of Mrs Williams, this week we will be attempting to make our own sushi.

News from A Class and R Class

Congratulations and welcome back to Jarno. We are all extremely proud of your wonderful results.

It would be greatly appreciated if $3 could be sent in, to contribute to the cost of Christmas cooking. We have only had one third of A and R class contribute. It is not too late to send in the $3. This week we will be enjoying Christmas craft and cooking Rocky Road.

We encourage students to continue reading at home and bring their novels to school daily.

Please send in school or Library books as soon as you can. Old ones found that are overdue are also greatly appreciated

Any students that have not presented their term speech on Climate Change have the opportunity to present this week. Speeches can be finalised this week, except for Thursday this week.

The Year 6 pupils celebrate on Thursday, with their Pool Party and then Farewell on Thursday evening. Mr Ashley and Mrs Rose will be attending Gladstone Pool on Thursday. Sadly Mrs Rose will be unable to attend the Year 6 Farewell dinner on Thursday evening as I have a prior commitment. I wish all the Year 6 students and their families a wonderful evening and I will be thinking of you. Enjoy your special evening.

Next Wednesday 17th December, is the final day in class for 2014 and any pupils wishing to bring something in, to share for a class party, are most welcome. Pieces of fruit, we can cut up into a fruit platter would be awesome. Biscuits, chips or popcorn is OK. Please remember no food that contains peanuts or nut products.

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. WE WISH YOU ALL A RELAXING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS and THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER 2014. BEST WISHES FOR 2015.

MRS ROSE and MR ASHLEY

P & C NEWS

Last Tuesday night the P&C had its annual volunteer’s dinner. It was a lovely opportunity for teachers, parents and community members to come together and enjoy a laugh. Thank you again for all that you contribute to our school, as well as the volunteers who were unable to make it due to other commitments. On behalf of the P&C I would like to extend our best wishes for Christmas and a safe happy holiday (5 weeks!!). See you 2015.

Last meeting for this year is at 6pm this evening in the library. Thank you

Renee Bubb-Edwards
P & C President

The Trial Bay Nestle Junior Triathlon

This event will be held on Saturday February 21st 2015. Enter online at the Trial Bay Triathlon site. Nestle will be providing a competitors sample pack full of their products. It’s usually a great fun day and an opportunity for your kids to participate in a worthwhile activity.
**South’s Care Dental Health Clinic**

Last Thursday 37 students from the school attended a South’s Cares Dental Health Clinic held at South Kempsey Public School. The students met players from the South Sydney Rabbitohs who delivered important messages about staying healthy. Each student was given a free oral check-up and were provided a healthy lunch. I would like to thank the students for their great 3B behaviour on the day. Mr Ingram

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**South West Rocks Nippers News**

**SOUTH WEST ROCKS NIPPERS NEWS**

What a day our Nippers had at the Hat Head Carnival yesterday, testing conditions in the water areas and loads of wipe outs.

We have two Nippers Days left till we have our Christmas break.

Firstly best of luck to Liam and Finn Askew and Tayla Maybon who will this weekend represent the Mid North Coast Branch in the New South Wales Interbranch Championships at Catherine Hill Bay this is a two day carnival that has the State’s best compete against each other. Have a great time kids and go hard.

We had Kate Ferguson and Damien Owens represent our Club for Junior Life Saver of the Year awards at Port Macquarie on the weekend, we will find out how they went in February. From talking with them they have both done very well.

1. Sunday the 14th December Normal Nippers Day.

2. Sunday the 21st December Normal Nippers and our CHRISTMAS PARTY...Please bring a plate of food to share. We will also have a special visitor coming. Over the years we have had some spectacular food creations from some of the Mum's and the kids so get creative kids with the Surf Club colours or beach themes. Dress up in your Chrissie Gear and get into the spirit.
**Stewart House**

For Sale: Hand Balls $3 each from the office, all proceeds go to Stewart House.

**GREAT FOR A STOCKING FILLER**
# Parent Survey about Learning

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. With the school's consent, the information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Colour the circle for the answer you agree with most. For example, the parental response was usually for the statement — What students are asked to learn is important. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all boxes blank.

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The staff have been working on a “vision statement” for our school.

Our final draft is:

Our vision is to equip students to be lifelong reflective learners, enabling students to be responsible and respectful global citizens with adaptive and creative skills ready to face the challenges of a diverse and rapidly changing world.

Do you agree/disagree with this?

Please comment:

The P&C identified 5 core values that they believe to be important for our school community. These were provided in a previous newsletter. They are:

| Trust | Achievement | Self-Worth | Accountability | Participation |

The staff also identified 5 core values. They are:

| Trust | Achievement | Integrity | Cooperation | Learning |

Please circle 5 values that you believe we should aspire to at Frederickton PS. Feel free to add ones that may not be listed.

Please identify 3 things that you think we do well at Frederickton Public School.

1.

2.

3.

Please identify one thing that you think our school could do better/could introduce/or could do more or less of.

Thank you. We appreciate your feedback. Please return to your child’s teacher.