Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are always glad to see the children after the holidays. They always seem happy to catch up with their friends and teachers. I trust you have all enjoyed their company over the holidays. This is going to be a busy term with swimming, Celebration Assembly, Graduation Assembly and associated activities, excursions and Interschool Athletics.

South Coogee school community would like to thank Alcoa workers led by Mr Kilrain and Mr Mac who worked so hard on a very wet and windy day during the holidays to do some tough jobs which needed skill, concentration and strength. Children are now enjoying using the big basketball backboard, soccer nets and mini cars which were put together on that day. Mr Mac is really pleased with the clearing of the proposed Nature Play area. We are very grateful for their community focussed work and to Mr Mac for being here on his holidays.

On Monday your children’s teachers had a very productive day. They closely analysed NAPLAN data so that we can plan to continue the improvement we have seen this year. Further information regarding the good progress we have seen as a school will be presented to your School Board on Tuesday week. We were also lucky enough to be able to participate in some activities which can be used for drumming for therapy with the children. Staff were taken through the BYOD presentation which parents saw last term so that all of our community has the same message regarding this important innovation at our school.

South Coogee Primary School has invited you to complete a survey on your child’s school. You can access the survey at https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ZFFxGY4e. The survey is available between 13/10/2016 12:00:00 PM and 4/11/2016 11:59:00 PM, Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

If you choose to participate, your responses will be completely anonymous. If any of your responses enable administrators to identify you, this is unintentional, and your responses will be regarded as personal information and will be protected by applicable privacy laws. Any personal information you may provide is collected within the privacy policy of South Coogee Primary School for the purposes outlined in that policy, and will not be used or disclosed except in accordance with that policy. You can contact South Coogee Primary School for more information about the privacy policy.

We have sent the link to those of you who have provided email addresses. This was a very effective way of contacting parents. Please provide your email address if you want newsletters and a range of other information to be sent to you by email.

Everyone is also very pleased to see the undercover air conditioning has been installed. Your children are indeed very lucky to have such a well-resourced school.

Lynette Beard
Principal
Congratulations to students who have received an Honour Certificate!

B1  Anna Gunther
    Savannah Mason
B2  Mia Pavlovic
    Emma Chingombe
B3  Rafael Duque Basilio
    B3
B4  Siba Alzoughbi
    Alliera Cross
B5  Nischal Koppu
    Aaliyah Thomson
B6  B6
B7  Justin Harrison
    Chevy Takacs
B8  Gabriella Dolan
    Brody Passmore
C1  Isaiah Wingell
    Matthew Sedlacek
C5  Kasey Shaw
    Jordynn Savannah
C6  Flynn Ratcliffe
    Massimo Di Lello
W2  Taj Butler
    Aaron Piromalli
W4  Lily Pettet
    Sakeenah Esau
W5  Cameron Powell
    Brianna Shaw
    James Zuvela

Students Not Returning in 2017
Please advise the office if your child WILL NOT be attending SCPS next year.

Boot Donation
B2 would like your old boots please! Any condition. Any sizes - but we would love adult sized or older children’s boots please! Thankyou

Ukulele Club
This is held during lunch play time every Monday and Tuesday in B2 and before school in the music room at 8.10 - 8.45am each Friday. We have limited spots left for the term. If your child is interested in learning to play this fun instrument, please leave a message for Miss Simon. Your child does not need to have their own instrument - but they may wish to own one to practice at home if they are really interested. Our ukuleles are new, colourful and regularly tuned. The lessons are run by Mr Wheatley and Miss Simon and we use a variety of popular teaching resources to teach the students basic skills to play songs they can sing along to.

We would like to offer a huge thanks to Alcoa who came in during the school holidays to help Mr McNamara. These volunteers helped by putting together two Little Tike cars, soccer goals and basketball goal. They also cleared a lot of garden area at the back of the school in readiness for the Nature Playground. We appreciate the time and effort they offered SCPS at this time.

Keep Up to Date
Keep up to date by downloading our School App

Canteen
Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday’s

Uniform Shop
Open every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm.

Breakfast Club
Open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Coastlands wet area.

School Voluntary Contributions
$60.00 per child
Banking Information for Direct Deposit
BSB: 016454
Account No.: 3408 68105
Account Name: South Coogee Primary School
Reference: Please use your family name as the reference.
From the School Nurse

**Screen time - limit your child’s use of TV and computer games**

Children and adolescents should not spend more than two hours a day on screen based activities. Excessive screen time often leads to poor health, poor fitness and overweight.

Activities like surfing the net, social networking, watching TV and playing screen games can be educational and fun, but all involve sitting still for long periods of time. Set family rules around screen time and encourage your child to try a range of active pastimes.

For more information, go to [http://raisingchildren.net.au/nutrition__fitness/school_age_nutrition.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/nutrition__fitness/school_age_nutrition.html)

**Sleep**

School-aged children need 10 -11 hours sleep a night. Getting a good night’s sleep will help your child to be more settled, happy and ready for school, and will strengthen his/her immune system. Here are some sleep tips;

- Have a bedtime routine – this will help your child wind down from the day.
- Keep the bedroom dark, cool and quiet - this will help your child drift off easily.
- If your child has a restless night or bad dreams, it may be because the day’s events and worries are still rattling around in his/her head. Help your child to settle and relax for sleep by promoting good sleep habits.
- Remember, medication is not the answer to children’s sleep problems.

Contact your local Community Health Nurse, Margie MacFie on 93140100, or go to [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au) for more information.

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**Canteen**

Just a reminder that the canteen is now open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The menu can be found on our website alternatively please visit the lovely ladies in the canteen who will be happy to assist.

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will now open on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30pm.

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**P & C News**

There is a P&C meeting next Monday 17th October at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.