



Dear Parents and Carers

We have been receiving your very kind thanks and appreciation for the enormous work our staff have accomplished this year. **Thank you!**

Many of our Year 6 families have shared their gratitude for the education, care and support our teachers have given to their children over the past 7 years, in building character and learning. **Thank you!**

**Thank you!** To our wonderful P & C, for the dedication and ongoing support throughout the year to enable all of our community and children to have the resources they need to excel, connect and to thrive.

**Thank you!** To our staff. What an outstanding group of individuals you are. It is seen in the strength of commitment found in our teachers who continually strive to do their very best to ensure our children learn. It is seen in the long hours our teachers put into our school often at the expense of their own families. It is seen in what they do above and beyond the call of duty. It is seen in the professional way in which they meet many challenges and care unconditionally for every learner in our school without exception or any expectation of reward or thanks.

Additionally, teachers have been working hard to adapt and show flexibility to ensure you can all see inside the classroom. We hope you enjoy the end of year Zoom assemblies and presentations.

Farewell to our magnificent, outstanding teaching staff who will be heading to other roles and taking with them a piece of South Coogee magic next year:

- Stephanie Brewer (ES1 Assistant Principal) who was successful in attaining the Assistant Principal position at Rose Bay PS. Thank you for all your dedication to our school and the support for our staff and learners,
- Amanda Richardson (5/6 R) who has left us to start her family, we wish you all the best and many sleep-filled nights,
- Nicole Trinca (APLaST Assistant Principal Learning & Support) will be focusing on completing her Doctorate in Special Education. Thank you for your dedication to our children and families,
- Anita Samson, our school counsellor, is relocating to another area of the NSWDoE. Your knowledge and support will be missed,
- Nic Johnson (2J) will be leaving us for a teaching position at Bourke St PS. We will miss your passion and personality,
- Sivannah Brooks (KP) and her family are moving south. We appreciate your commitment to our learners and wish you the very best,
- Melissa Mui (2M) has been successful in joining the Ultimo PS team. Thank you for your enthusiasm and care,
- Lara Richardson (PDHPE) is continuing to spend time with family. Thank you for the time you shared with us,
- Maria Stathis, a long term, well-loved member of the SCPS team, will be taking time to see if retirement fits, and
- In a temporary capacity for 2022, Chantal Cake will be relieving at Randwick PS as Deputy Principal. We wish you the very best and thank you for all you have done to support our school and our children over the years.

It is with a saddened heart that we farewell these wonderful people who have made a real difference to our school and your children. Thank you so much for the energy and support you have given us here. We will miss you but wish you all the very best.

For our newest members of the South Coogee PS team, please watch for the first newsletter 2022 for introductions and class allocations.

Welcome to:

Emma Ward (rel. Assistant Principal), Mary Floratos (rel. Assistant Principal), Daniel Baker (Assistant Principal Learning and Support), Lisa Pivato (Teacher), Sarah Madden (Teacher) and Lexi Jenna returns to teach Science (2 days).

**Thank you!** To our children, our learners, who come every day and try their very best. They are not afraid to make mistakes, support their friends and their teachers, and are always willing to have a go and try new things. Our learners are always filled with encouragement of their friends and a generosity of spirit. Myself and our teachers are so very, very proud of every single child. We enjoy watching them learn and grow into responsible, loving, compassionate and caring human beings.

**And thank you!** For your flexibility and support during the muddled world of COVID and the impact on our school and the community. It is an important time for us all to appreciate the positives and resilience learned. As always, our continued gratitude that we are successful because we put our children at South Coogee PS at the centre of what we do every day.

We wish you and your family joy and happiness. Enjoy this special time with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing you all back at the school on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

Sincerely  
Trish Fisher  
Principal