Students have been extra busy in the Art program this term. All students have completed an art piece that will be exhibited in the South Gippsland Sustainability Art Exhibition and Matherson Dowdle and Sam Lennon have completed individual art pieces for the art exhibition that is part of Toora’s Pear Party. They needed to complete a piece of work that had Pears as the central theme. Sam’s work is titled ‘Pear Pressure’ and Matherson’s ‘There’s A Pear In There’ (a twist on Playschool’s ‘There’s A Bear In There’). Good luck to all Room 4 students!

To Vote for the Room 4 art piece: ‘Like Diamonds, Plastics Are Forever’, please go to the South Gippsland Sustainability Festival Facebook page and ‘like’ the photos. These should be up by next week. Thanks in advance for your support.

Tracy Lehman
Resource Smart

Students and staff are continuing their work to:

Avoid Reduce Reuse and Recycle

Room 5 students are pictured here with our new brand of toilet paper. “Who Gives a Crap”

This toilet paper is 100% recycled from paper, bamboo or sugar cane. The company also donates 50% of their profits to WaterAid to build toilets in parts of the world where people don’t have access to a toilet. And, it’s soft, strong and without dyes or perfumes.

Great for our school and great for the environment.

Please send us ideas of how we can be more resource smart.

Michelle Ward
This week's Award Winners

Room 1: Blake S. and Wyatt for playing in a friendly way together.

Room 2: Riley A. for making a friendly and safe return to school this year.

Room 3: Matthew S. for talking to staff about his feelings.

Room 4: Matthew D. for trying new activities.

Room 5: Lucy, Daniel, Jayden, Breelle, Blake and Maddie for exceptional behaviour at Sailability.
EVENTS THIS TERM

PARENTS & FRIENDS
President: Kris Vallay  Secretary: Jodie Lennon  Treasurer: Tona O’Connor

Next meeting: Monday 21st March, 2016 @ 10.30am at SGSS for a coffee and chat. New members needed. Please contact Jodie via the office if you are interested.
All Welcome

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Next weeks Award Winners for assembly on Monday 7th March at 10.30am.
All parents and carers welcome.

Room 1: Nethli for participating in circle time.
Room 2: Saxon & Riley for being safe and calm.
Room 3: Murray for doing great work in maths. Tom C. for participating in gymnastics.
Room 4: Marcus for coping with changes with his literacy and numeracy program.
Room 5: Blake and Brandon for great work at work experience.
ROADIES

Respite Options for Adolescents with Disabilities In Enjoyable Situations

ROADIES is a recreation program for specifically for teenagers with disabilities aged 14 - 17 years. This innovative program provides ‘time out’ for families by providing teenagers with disabilities with access to a variety of cultural, sporting and social activities in a fun, safe and supportive environment.

ROADIES offers participate with both day activities and overnight camps and is available for teenagers aged 14 - 17 years with a disability. On the ROADIES program teenagers are matched with a volunteer similar to their own age who act as their supportive buddy for the duration of the trip. A team of adult Support Workers provide support and supervision to the group. Transport is provided via minibuses with centralised pick up locations in each local government area.

Eligibility
To be eligible participants must be between 14 years and 17 years living at home and have a disability that is intellectual, physical, sensory or fits into the Autism Spectrum range living in the local government areas of Latrobe City, Baw Baw Shire, Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire.

Screening and Training of Staff and Volunteers
Interchange Gippsland is a ‘Child Safe’ organisation. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people accessing our service and support the rights of the child. We will act without hesitation to ensure that a child safe environment is maintained at all times.

We adhere to Child Safe standards in the development and production of all our promotional material and newsletters, recruitment documents (including advertisements and application forms) and in electronic communication media involving our internet, intranet and social media pages.

All Support Workers, Adult Volunteers and Young Volunteers on all our program must have satisfactorily completed the screening procedures as outlined in our Program Guide and on our website located at www.icg.asn.au.

Connecting Families
Families eligible for the ROADIES Program (including those on the Register of Need) are also eligible for Connecting Families which offers social support and fun activities for all members of your family.

Would you like to know more?
People interested ROADIES can ring Interchange Gippsland on 1300 736 765.
Summer has visited this week with full vengeance. Great to see the majority of our students wearing their broad brimmed hats when playing outside or on excursions.

School Council Nomination Forms
I have not yet received any nomination forms back from any interested parents and in order to have a school council we require at least 4 parent members to be on the committee. Please call me to discuss if you have any questions.

Emergency Procedures
The recent threats at schools that have been occurring across the state have prompted all schools to review their emergency procedures. Here at SGSS, we run our emergency evacuation drills once a term and our students are used to the process, following the plan accordingly and in an orderly manner. Our evacuation area is the cricket nets at the rear of the oval. Parents can be reassured that the school has plans in place for a variety of emergency situations.

Welcome
Next week we welcome a new student, Lucas, to Room 3. Lucas spent 6 months with us in 2014 and has now returned. We hope he enjoys his time with us.

Attendance
Reminder to parents that if your child is going to be away for any reason, you need to either call the school or write a note in the communication book, or fill out the absence notices located at the back of the communication diary. Otherwise they are marked as “unexplained” and a notice gets sent home for parents to fill out. These procedures are Departmental Policy.

Volunteers
This week we welcomed Bev Pipier into room 1 as a classroom Volunteer. Bev was a teacher at our old school in the junior room and left 10 years ago. It didn’t take her long to get involved with our students who very much enjoyed her company. Bev will be a regular volunteer on Tuesday. If anyone knows of someone who would like to volunteer please let then know we would be very happy to have them.

Yooralla Stories
Room 5 students have been working along side Yooralla clients in our Trade Skills Centre to produce some construction projects. Students made boxes with handles and a new woodwork table. It’s nice to see our old students doing to well with their independence skills. Many of them telling our students about the paid work that they do, the units they live in with their friends and the cars they drive. Inspiring young people.

Have a great weekend
Heather Braden
Principal

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