

# Scotts Head Public School

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## *Newsletter - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Week 7*

### CALENDAR

Dates to remember:	March	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	P & C AGM & General Meeting
		Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Harmony Day
		Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country/Boardies Day
April		Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Toast Masters - Eungai P S
		Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Activities

### Reminder for the Week

Book Club orders are due back at school by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Canteen: Monday 17<sup>th</sup>:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>:

### Indo Corner Salam (Greetings)

Hai	- Hi	Halo	- Hello
Selamat Pagi	- Good Morning (until 11am)	Selamat Siang	- Good Day (11am - 3pm)
Selamat Sore	- Good Afternoon (3pm - 6pm)	Selamat Malam	- Good Evening (6pm - 6am)
Sampai Jumpa	- Goodbye (until we meet again)	Sampai Nanti	- See you later (i.e. soon)
Sampai Besok	- See you tomorrow	Sampai Hari Senin	- See you on Monday

Hello, Giinagay, Hai,

'The words that enlighten the soul are more precious than jewels.'

Hazrat Inayat Khan

### Classroom Visits

Monday afternoon's open classroom visits were a huge success. The highlight was to see the enthusiasm and joy of the students, as they proudly showed their family and friends their school, workbooks and creative artworks. Thanks to the dedication of the staff for the time and energy they all put into creating a school of excellence. Thanks to the parents, for your support in coming along and celebrating your students' achievements. Thanks to the students for thriving in this safe, happy, beautiful environment. The pictures attached show the success of the afternoon.

### Year 6 Students moving into Year 7 in 2015

All students in Year 6 who are going to a government High School next year received an application form earlier this week. These forms need to be completed and returned to Scotts Head School Office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We understand this seems very early for such decisions to be made, but the High Schools need to have an indication of numbers for planning purposes.

### Welfare and Discipline Policy

The conferencing process has been very successful. Please keep encouraging students to request a conference, if something has upset them in anyway in the classroom or playground. We want students to come to school feeling they are in a happy and safe learning environment.

At an SRC and staff level it has been raised that a levelled behaviour monitoring system need to be introduced to offer support for students who at times are still struggling with following our school values of respect, teamwork, honesty and responsibility. See the letter attached. These changes will be implemented in Term 1, Week 8, 2014.

## Scotts Head Public School

We follow the 4 values of:

**Teamwork, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility**

Dear Parents,

The below is an outline of our new levelled behaviour monitoring system. This will be implemented in Term 1, Week 8 2014 after a meeting with the whole school next Monday morning

Level 1 – Purple Form:

- Student will attend 'Off the Playground' for **two whole days**.

Level 2 – Orange Form:

- Student will attend 'Off the Playground' for **three whole days**.

Level 3 – Red Form

- Student will attend 'Off the Playground' for **four whole days**.

Level 4 – Grey Form (**Suspension Warning**)

Student will attend 'Off the Playground' for **five whole days**.

Level 4 – Grey Form (**Suspension Re-entry**)

- Student will be able to play at both lunch and recess but will be monitored for 1 week.

If a student has been placed on a purple monitoring card within a term and incurs three more white slips in the same term, they will advance to an orange monitoring card. If they incur three white slips in the same term and have received an orange monitoring card that term, they will be placed on a red monitoring card. Any student that has been on a level or is currently on a level in one term will not be able to go on any excursions or any extra curricula activities.

Once the bike track is up and running any student who has received a white slip during that week will not be allowed to access the bike track.

Regards,

The Staff of Scotts Head Public School

### SRC Harmony Day Disco - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

The SRC are going to be running their first fundraising event for the year with a Harming Day Disco

When: 21<sup>st</sup> March

Where: LLLCC

Food: Barbie and Fruit Ice Poles

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Notes will be out early next week re food and ordering. Time: 5.00 - 8.00 pm

**Regional Carnival results Lismore** Congratulations to Finlay and Imogen Lamont who participated at the Reginal Swimming Carnival at Lismore yesterday. Finlay competed in breaststroke and back and was placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Imogen swam in the freestyle event and placed 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Date Change for Boardies Day**

Boardies day and the Cross Country are going to occur on the same day and the best tide time is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We are calling on students around the school to swap their school attire and "Show us your Boardies on Boardies Day" By wearing your board shorts to school we all can help raise vital funds for local Surf Life Saving. Gold coin donation will be required.

Boardies Day is an annual event to raise funds and awareness for our local MACKSVILLE--SCOTTS HEAD SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

With over 250 members, the club are is one of the largest organisations in the Nambucca Valley and the club relies on support from our local community. Members are found across the area, from Eungai and Stuarts Point, Grassy Head and Way Way, Bowraville and Tewinga, and of course Macksville and Scotts Head. They come together as junior lifesavers (Nippers), cadets, active lifesavers or general members to help us fulfil our mission statement: to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities.

Activities for the day will include:

Cross Country Events

Information session from a local club member

An excursion to our beautiful local beach and club with beach activities

Sausage sizzle

Mark this in your diary and keep the date free .

We need as many parent helpers as possible on the day.

### **SRC Badge Presentation Assembly - 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

Students who have been successful voted in to represent the student body at our school will be presented with their badges at next week assembly. Parents and Friends are welcome to come along to our fortnightly assembly where students are honoured for their academic, sporting and creative talents.

### **PPP Course 'Be a better parent'**

The way you raise your children is the way you raise your future generations. Since few of us have formal training in the fine art of parenting, most of us simply treat our children the way our parents treated us. We know of no other way to do it, yet our children are facing a much more different world that when our parents were parents. Please take this wonderful opportunity that is in our local school, free with child minding available. Dates to be announced early next term.

### **Money Found**

Over the last couple of weeks we have had some money handed into the Office which was found around the school. If you have lost any money please see Jo in the school office.

### **Aboriginal Culture Cross Relevance in the Implementation of the New Australian Curriculum**

This term we are very fortunate to having Aunty Shaa one day a week working with the infant and junior areas of the school in aboriginal culture. Her dreaming stories, wisdom and knowledge is being shared amongst staff and students in numeracy, literacy and HSIE. In the pictures attached she is reading a dreaming story to year 2/3 and with the year1/2 she is helping the students understand where and how they are a part of nature in our school.





### Trainee Students Teachers from Southern Cross University.

Next week we are lucky to have two second year trainees student teachers from Southern Cross University visiting our school. They will have five school experience days 1 day per week from next week 17th March till 5<sup>th</sup> May and then a 3 week block from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. We welcome Mala Austin will be in Kindy with Bu Anna and Alinda Rose will be in 4/5/6 class with Bu Lyndsey.

Gardening starts today with classes to take turns each week. Year 4/5/6 will be beginning the rotation, and starting to plant out biodynamic garden bed.

### School Gardens

Thank you to Tom Goldschmidt for the great job you are doing in cleaning up and renewing our beautiful gardens.

### Bike Track

Thank you to Will Cartwright and Pat Milne for coming on Sunday and compacting the bike track in readiness for the road base, which will be delivered very soon.

Thanks to Ben Evans for the use of his 'compactor'.

Thanks, teima kasih,

yaarri yaraang

Gillian Stuart

### 2/3 Homework

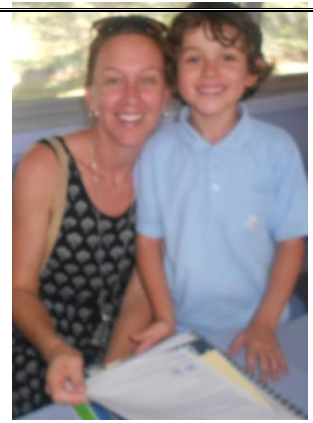
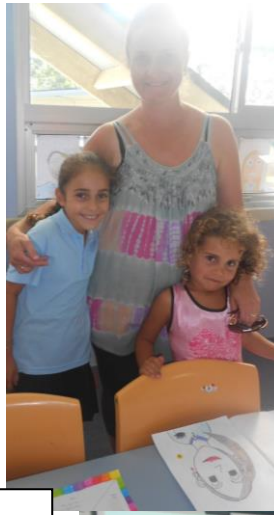
The 2/3 class have been enthusiastically completing their fortnightly homework. One of their activities was to create a musical instrument at home and bring it in to use in their music lesson. We have seen drums, didgeridoos, rain makers, tamborines, guitars and more. What a great effort 2/3!



### SRC Report

This week in SRC we have been talking about the behaviour in our school and how we can improve it. One strategy to help with behaviour is that we now have a referee (Peter Cooper/Solomon Hill) to manage the soccer games. They are using a whistle and red or yellow cards to manage behaviour. We are in the process of designing the colouring in competition for the upcoming Easter activities which will be handed out to students shortly. SRC meetings have now been moved to lunch times and we will receive a reward at the end of the term for our contribution to improving the school.





Students very proudly showing family and friends around their classrooms.



### **Peer Support Activities**

On Wednesday afternoon our peer groups got together and we learnt about each other and how to get along with everyone in our group. Getting to know and getting along with your group can be very challenging because everyone has their own type of special personality.

First as peer leaders we introduced ourselves told our group about what is happening with our peer groups and that we are their leader and we have to be able to get along with each other otherwise it's going to be a long year.

After that we played a couple of games. One game was lining up from shortest to tallest, in alphabetical order or in age. This is a good game to get to know each other because we learn things about each other that we wouldn't know. Those types of games are also good for learning about teamwork.

To finish off our peer group activities we traced each other's hand and coloured them in. Once we finished cutting and colouring in our hands we paster them on a piece of backing card and made a wreath. All of them looked really good.

At the end of our activities we knew each other much better. We always have room to know each other better but those activities made a great start to making great peer groups. By Solomon Hill.

### **Stewart House Fundraiser**

The staff have decided to run a fundraiser this term to support Stewart House. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides staffing support for this school, but all others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations. High bounce handballs are available to order for only \$3 each and will support this great cause. To order, simply fill out the order form and return to school with the money by 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Thanks in advance, SHPS staff

Yes! I would like to support children at Stewart House by purchasing a High Bounce Handball for \$3.

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ balls. Please print name of student/s\_\_\_\_\_

Signed\_\_\_\_\_





Everyone had a great time at the Peer Support activities on Wednesday afternoon.

### Community News

#### **NAMBUCCA VALLEY DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.**

An invitation is extended to all ladies in the area who would like to join us for a Social Tennis morning coupled with a delicious morning tea. If you have not played for a while or are new to the area it would be great to see you come along and enjoy our hospitality and the welcoming atmosphere at the Macksville Courts. Join us from 9am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Enquiries can be made with Gayle 65687273 or just come along on the 25<sup>th</sup>. A reminder to all our current players - the winter comp for 2014 will not commence until after Easter on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Cool Cubby Update

We are applying for a Community Grant which closes at the end of March and we need your support. Please fill out your Cool Cubby questionnaire and picture and return to the front office with any ideas where it might sit in the school grounds. Thank you.