Hello, Giinagay, Hai,

‘Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and help them become what they are capable of being’

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Welcomes back everyone. How lucky were we all with the fantastic weather in the holidays. It was great seeing so many happy smiling faces all dressed proudly in their lovely bright blue uniforms.

The school looked absolutely beautiful and a huge thank-you to Scottie Balfour who spent three days gurneying and Annie Baxter tending the garden and general area. Thanks to Donna Cockbain (school cleaner) and Ben Borthwick (general assistant) for their consistent time and energy.

Thanks to Will Cartwright, Tom Goldschmidt and Michael Blockey who are all making a significant contribution around the school.

Thanks to Bu Anna who visited our sister school in Bali with her family in the holidays. Great to renew contact again. See her report and photos at end of Newsletter.

Staff Changes
Joshua Hurley has been successful in gaining work at Bellingen PS and will no longer be part of our school community. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for his contribution over the many years that he has been here at Scotts Head PS.

We also farewell Fiona Waddy in an official capacity of Reading Support and thank her for her contribution in setting up of the successful reading support program. Fiona will continue to come in on a casual voluntary basis to assist with reading and we certainly appreciate all you have done and continue to do.

The Reading Support program will continue under the care and guidance of local teacher Debra Schmidt who we welcome heartily. Debra has been working already as a casual teacher in the school this term and is familiar with the students and their individual needs.
I would also like to officially welcome Mel Daly who started during the last term as a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) in the kindy room. Thanks for all your hard work.

**Anzac**
The Anzac service was as usual a very beautiful ceremony, as an act of remembrance, for peace and for the future of Australia. The school leaders Freya, Sol, Jamison and Ruby did an outstanding job. Thanks to all the students, parents and community members who came along and supported the service. It was great a success. The number attending was fantastic.

Thanks also for the ongoing support of Club Scotts, Scotts Head Butchery, Scotts Head Junior Sports Club and Scotts Head Rural Fire Service. Special thank you to Vanessa Barbour, Terry Hughes, Alan and Margaret Lane and all committee members who meet regularly to plan the service.

A letter that was sent to our school email sums it all up:

Hi, my name is Kym Anselmi I live in Wagga and I was in Scotts Head during the last week of the school holidays and was privileged enough to be able to attend the Dawn Service conducted by the students of your school. On behalf of my husband and myself I would like to congratulate all concerned for way the service was conducted, your school leaders did a fantastic job, I know how hard it must have been for them to have to stand in front of so many people and conduct themselves with such maturity. Thank you and well done.

Regards
Kym and John Anselmi
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

The following ICAS tests are available for students to participate in over the next few weeks. The tests that students will be able to sit are Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths. The cost of these tests need to be met by parents. Please complete the expression of interest form at the end of the Newsletter and return it by Monday for further information.

P & C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 May at 4pm in the LLLL Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all the students for their performance on the day. Championship medals will be given to the winner and runner up in each section at our next assembly on 14th May

Senior Girls Cross Country Champion 2014  RUBY PEACHMAN
Senior Girls Cross Country Runner Up 2014  CHARLIZE BLAIR
Junior Girls Cross Country Champion 2014  INDIA STEPHENS
Junior Girls Cross Country Runner Up 2014  WULAARAN WALKER
Infants Girls Cross Country Champion 2014  NINA LAWSON
Infants Girls Cross Country Runner Up 2014  ELKIE WERNER
Senior Boys Cross Country Champion 2014  PETER COOPER
Senior Boys Cross Country Runner Up 2014  ELLIOT JOYCE
Junior Boys Cross Country Champion 2014  JACK PEACHMAN
Junior Boys Cross Country Runner Up 2014  HENRY PEACHMAN
Infants Boys Cross Country Champion 2014  GYPSY PRESSER-KING
Infants Boys Cross Country Runner Up 2014  SEOUL RAVONOKULA
Cross Country 2014 Team Spirit Award  HOLLY BEARD

Cross Country Bowraville 9th May

Notes have been sent home about the cross country to all the students who have been selected to attend. All students who finished in the first 6 places, who will be turning 8 this year and above are welcome to compete. Bu Gillian will be one of the organisers of the day, so will not be able to supervise any students which will need to remain in the care of supervisor adults.

Playground Program Overview

The students have opportunities to participate in various activities during play times;

Monday- Friday; Passive Play in lunch area
Monday- Knitting with Pam Perry
Tuesday- Recess; Cricket with Mark Smee and Merrilyn Mason
Thursday- School Band with Annie Baxter

Chess Club Helpers

We would like to get a regular chess club going and need volunteers from the community to make this possible. Please contact the school if you are interested.

Week 2 School Program

No costs for any events.

Wednesday Gamelan Music Indonesian Workshop
9.30-10.15 1/2  10.15-11.00 2/3  12.00-12.45 Kinder  12.45-1.30 4/5/6

Thursday Tooth fairy Visit
9-10.00 Kinder and Year 1

Thursday Fire Brigade Visit
9.30-11.00 Primary (3-6)  12.00-1.00 Juniors (K-2)

Thursday Gardening Group

Gardening starts today again. Thanks to Alex Harrison for creating the seedlings for our garden in the hot house. Any parents that would like to come on a Thursday are welcome to come between 2.00 to 3.00pm.
Cross Country and Peer Group Medal Presentation Assembly
Our next assembly will be on the Wednesday May 14th between 2-3 pm. At this assembly the peer group leaders medals will be presented and championship medals will be given.

Impact Student Leadership Conference
Today the Student Leaders from our school will attend an information session for parents and students at Macksville PS about the ‘Impact Leadership Training’ in Coffs Harbour next Thursday 8th and Friday 9th May. ThankS to Greg Hill for helping with transport.

Macksville Show
Macksville Show is this weekend. If you are going don’t forget to go into the School Display pavilion and have a look at our school display. Thanks to Bu Brooke, Annie and Scottie for setting up the school display this year.

Readers at the Primary School.
If you have any free time please come along to the school and listen to our students read. The school is flexible with arrangements of fitting into your weekly schedule, as it is an individual program, working with students one -to- one outside the classroom in a supervised area outside the office. Please give the school a ring on 65 698 144.

Food and Wine Festival Art Display
Thanks to Toni Jones, Debra Schmidt and Megan Cartwright who volunteered their time and helped me put the school display into the surf club.

Donation of Plants
We are looking to put a garden on the eastern side of the classrooms and we are looking for specific plants to beautify the area such as the small variety of Birds of Paradise, any sized Kangaroo Paws and Lavender cuttings from your garden.

Support for Parenting
Although being a parent is a great joy, it is also a privilege that involves tremendous responsibility. While we all would do anything for our kids, willingness is not enough. We all need to develop the skills of being excellent parents. We cannot just hope that the way we are raising our kids is the right way and hope for the best that they will become thoughtful, caring and wise adults. Please sign up to this local initiative to improve your parenting abilities by attending the PPP course.

For more information visit www.families.nsw.gov.au
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Triple P Seminars:
Session 1: - 22nd May 2014 - THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING
Session 2: - 29th May 2014 - RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN
Session 3: - 5th June 2014 - RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN
Time: 10am - 12 noon
Where: Scott's Head Primary School
FREE childcare is available - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - a limited number of places

Thanks, teima kasih, yarri yaraang
Gillian Stuart
Rat Problem in the Sports Shed
In the sports shed at the school there is a rat problem. A rat has been nesting over time and it is now beginning to be a hazard. In the sports shed there is a pile of rubbish and rat droppings. Now we are unable to use some sports equipment because you could get sick. The rat has been entering the sports shed through the gaps. So the sports monitors were asking if we could have a working bee later this term. We will be sending out a note soon. This is a big responsibility for us and our school so it would be lovely if some parents and family members could attend the working bee. We would like to strip the sports shed and give it a massive clean and sort out all the equipment as a working bee. If we all attend the working bee it would be respecting our school and sports shed equipment. We will set a date soon.
By Wulaaran and Lilly (Sports Monitors)

JAMINDI DAY CARE & LEARNING CENTRE: was established 10 years ago.
Located on three acres of rural land, Jamindi is a registered child care centre in Scotts Head providing care for children from birth to 12 years of age.
Jamindi Day Care’s certified carers (10 years experience) aim to provide the children in care with the opportunity to learn and grow in a happy, safe and caring environment. We are registered with Nambucca Valley Family Day Care, government subsidised (CCB) and provide school holiday care.
If you are looking for quality child care please call for further information.
RICCI JANSEN: phone : 65 69 73 22 or email: ricci.jansen@bigpond.com
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Macksville-Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club Inc.
On behalf of all our volunteer lifesavers I would like to thank you for your generous support of Boardies Day 2014. We hope that your school had a great day wearing board shorts or beach gear and we would love to see you involved again next year. Money that you raised will assist us in buying equipment and resources to keep the beach safe. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of our volunteer lifesavers. Make sure you say hello next time you’re on the beach.

SMP 4, Namada
During the holidays I travelled with my family to Lombok where we visited SMP 4 Namada, our sister school in Lombok. In 2009, through the Australia Indonesia Bridge Project, Scotts Head Public School established a partnership with the school in Lombok.
It was a great privilege to be welcomed by the principal, staff and students and share in the experience of their flag raising ceremony. My daughter, Lani and I visited the classrooms and spent time talking with the students about life in Australia, while David and Ollie tried their best to teach some students to play touch footy as we had taken several footballs with us as a gift to the school. Aunty Shaa had also created a beautiful dream time painting that we presented to the principal and the students were thrilled to receive letters from students at Scotts Head.
We are so delighted we have had the opportunity to reconnect with the school and look forward to the students at Scotts Head maintaining the friendship with SMP 4 Namada in the future.

Terima kasih
Bu Anna
ICAS Tests Expression of Interest.
I would like my child/children to participate in the following tests:

Students Name: _________________________________________

Please tick the tests you are interested in.

Science ☐
Writing ☐
Spelling ☐
English ☐
Maths ☐