**Scotts Head Public School**

**Responsibility Respect Teamwork Honesty**

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**Newsletter – 29th January 2015  Term 1 Week 1**

**CALENDAR**

**Term 1**

February 2  Kindergarten Students Start
February 9  School Swimming Carnival at Macksville
February 10  P and C meeting 4pm LLLCC
February 12  Year 6 Peer Leadership Camp and Overnight Stay Youth Camp
February 13  Year 5/6 Peer Support Training and Youth Camp
February 16  District swimming Carnival at Macksville
February 26  Mid North Coast District Swimming Coffs Harbour
March 7  P and C meeting 6pm LLLCC
March 21  Harmony Day

**Reminder for the Week**

**P&C Notice**

**Canteen Roster**

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**Indo Corner**

**Cultural Note - Terms of Address**

In Indonesia, when addressing someone as "Mr" or "Mrs", the first name is used instead of the surname.

Teachers at our school are addressed in this way.

Female teachers are called "Bu" ("Mrs") and their first name. Eg. Bu Anna

Male teachers are called "Pak" (Mr) and their first name Eg. Pak Lawrie

"Bu" (short for "Ibu") also means "mother" and "Pak" (short for "Bapak") also means "father".

When addressing someone senior in age or rank, these terms can also be used on their own, without the person’s name.

Eg. "Selamat pagi (I)bu" (Good morning Mrs)

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"The Time to be happy is now
The Place to be Happy is here
The way to be Happy
is to make others so.”

Elbert Hubbard
Hello, Giinagay, Hai,
Welcome Back!

It is great to be back at school. Thanks to all the students, staff, parents and community members for all your support over the last seven months. It is certainly very much appreciated by our family.

It is great to see all the old and new families safely back and the students’ happy smiling faces all dressed proudly in the school uniform and happy to be back at school. We welcome Mr Johnson as our Year 4/5/6 class teacher and we all hope your time with us is fulfilling with abundant job satisfaction.

At Scotts Head PS we aim to ensure a safe, caring, orderly and productive learning community in which the right of all students to learn and experience success is supported. We acknowledge and recognise appropriate behaviour and responsible choice making. Our school bases our expectations of behaviour on 4 key values. These values were decided on by members of our school community.

All children are cherished and valued at Scotts Head Public School. Their care and protection goes to the heart of our communities wellbeing. Restorative Practices is a school process that supports all our school community members in making responsible choices in creating and supporting RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS which is our schools first term focus.

**Restorative Practices and Conferences**
Is a way of viewing conflict and wrong doing that focuses on
- the harm this causes to people and relationships
- the obligation to repair that harm

This is an approach to behaviour management and discipline that emphasises the importance of positive relationships.

Restorative Practices is a way for students to develop a better understanding and empathy of others.

Our Aim is
- to educate students towards making positive choices.
- to promote, nurture and protect healthy relationships among members of the community.
- to enable students to be accountable for the consequences of any negative decision making.

Students will be encouraged to:
- Listen carefully to what others are saying.
- Talk about how they are feeling.
- Use kind words when talking to others in the class, at home and in the playground.
- Do their best to see a situation from the other person's point of view.
- Offer support to other students as a friend, buddy or mediator.
Your school needs you!
If a child is complaining of an issue, please encourage them to build the life skill of asking for support and get them to approach a teacher and request a conference.

Discuss and reinforce these messages with your children

Conferences will:
- Help you stay friends with everybody in our school.
- Let you tell your side of the story if you argue or fall out with somebody.
- Let you talk about your feelings more often.
- Help you to sort out any problems and to be friends again.
- Help you feel safer at school.

What’s the point?
You can help your school to be:
- A safer, happier place where your talents can be recognised and rewarded.
- A place where everybody feels that they belong.
- A bully free zone.
- A place where you learn how to make and keep friends.

Omar’s Art  ‘What a great message........PEACE IS POSSIBLE.

Voluntary Contributions and Text Book fees for 2014
The fee will be $30 dollars as in the previous years to help cover students books and learning materials.
Staff and students reviewed the PBL merit system at the end of 2014. Following many discussions the system has been revised to ensure greater achievement of gold by students throughout the year. The merit system is now aligned with our positive behaviour for learning guidelines and focuses on the students' behaviour only.

Students need to achieve **72 merits** to reach gold by the end of the school year. (12-bronze, 24-silver, 36- gold)

The merits will be linked to the classroom behaviour matrix each week.

*Bonus merits can be given throughout the week for 'exceptional behaviour' or 'other'.

Each child will reach the goals of bronze, silver and gold at a different rate. These awards will be handed out at Assemblies. Assemblies are in weeks 4, 7 and 10 in term 1.

The merit focuses will be chosen by each teacher from the classroom matrix. For example, your child might receive merits for the following:

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<td>Using kind words (teamwork)</td>
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<td>Working well with others (teamwork)</td>
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<td>Giving it your best (responsibility)</td>
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Merits will be sent home on a regular basis to encourage school to home communication regarding your child's success and attainment of behaviour goals.
Swimming Carnival Monday 9 Feb.
Our school swimming carnival will be held on Monday 9 Feb from 10am to 2pm. Notes will be coming home early next week... We will need lots of parent helpers for timing events and water safety. The Kindy and Year 1 classes will be staying at school and participating in water activates.

District Swimming Carnival
This carnival will be held at Macksville Pool on Monday the 16th Feb. Only students turning 8 years of age and over are able to attend this carnival.

School Reading Volunteers
The Reading Program Volunteer Program will continue this year. If you can spare an hour or 2 any day of the week to come to school and listen to students read it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the Principal, Gillian Stuart for further information. The Department of Education and Communities have instigated a plan which requires all adults who work or volunteer in schools to complete a “Working with Children Application”. This is for the benefit of all concerned - students, volunteers and teachers.

School Banking will start again next week, Tuesday is banking day. There will be some exciting new rewards for students to redeem this year once they have collected their 10 tokens. Stay tuned for more details to follow. If you would like to start school banking, please grab an information pack from the office. Any questions please contact Kelly on 0416 013190 or kjpacey@gmail.com.

Student Leadership- School Peer Leadership Camp Thursday/ Friday the 12th 13th of February
Year 6s students will be attending a peer/leadership camp to prepare them for leadership roles in the school. The camp will be held over two days, with the Thursday night being spent at the Youth Centre. Mrs E the previous principal will be the guest presenter and will lead the activities. Year 5’s will join the camp on Friday. They will walk down from school. Notes with more information will be sent out as soon as final arrangements are made. Cost: Year 6s $35.00 per student, Year 5's $5.00. Financial assistance is available by contacting the Principal.

HOME READING 1000 MINUTE CLUB 2015
On Monday the 2nd your child will receive a form to participate in the 1000 Minute Reading Club. Children should read or be read to for 10 minutes per night. This can include Saturdays and Sundays. When your child has completed 100 minutes a small certificate is given to your child. When your child has completed 500 minutes an award is given to your child. After your child has attained 1000 minutes a Super 1000 minute Award is given to your child. This continues until 3000 minutes is completed this year. More details in the letter to follow.

P and C News
No Canteen this Monday the 2nd of February

Canteen Volunteers
Volunteers are needed for the school canteen to operate. We especially need a parent for next Wednesday the 4th of February. Please contact Toni Jones on 0416278055.

P and C meeting
All welcome. Due to swimming carnival P and C meeting moved to Tuesday the 10th February at 4pm LLLCC.
Bu Nik and Bu Tracey happy to be back

A big Welcome to Mr Johnson

Kinder Students during Best Start
Newsletter
This week all students will receive a hard copy of the newsletter. Remember it is available online on our school website: http://www.scottshead-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/newsletters

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Please indicate by returning this slip to the front office.

My name is ___________________________. My child is called ______________________ and is in year _______.
I wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter sent home each week

Signed: ________________________________
Year 2/3 Bu Brookes Class

4/5/6 Mr Johnsons Class