Dear Parents

School Excellence Framework
The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading. Our school is committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high-quality educational opportunities for each and every child. Each year, our school will assess our practices against the Framework to inform our school plans and annual school report. These are all available to read on our school website.

The focus is on students
All parents want the very best for their children. Our school commitment is to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students – to find the joy in learning, to build their skills and understanding, and to make sense of their world. As students progress, it means knowing that they are well supported as increasingly self-motivated learners – confident and creative individuals, with the personal resources for future success and wellbeing.

Please take the opportunity to come along to the P & C meeting this Monday the 27th of July at 4.00pm. Where we will continue consulting with our school community to develop our shared vision, update our progress of strategic priorities, and drive further improvements.

Thanks for your continued support

Gillian Stuart

Principals Column

Important Dates

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Indo Corner
Di sekitar Scotts Head — Around Scotts Head

| Pantai besar | Big beach |
| Tanjung Gajah head | Elephant |
| Pantai kecil | Little beach |
| Sungai Warrell | Warrell Creek |
| Pantai Weki | Wacky’s |
| Taman skate | Skate park |

Jalan (………..) - (………..) street: eg. Jalan Vernon, Jalan Adin, Jalan Wallace

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Sekolah Scotts head - Scotts Head School

“Life is kind of like Chess, with struggle, competition, good and ill events”
Benjamin Franklin
Weekly round up

4/5/6 Mathematical Chess Day

Mr Johnson and the students had a fantastic chess day. Mr Johnson said it was the best two hours this year. He and the students learnt so much and on the days reflection later back in the classroom, he was impressed that all students understood new mathematical concepts.

Report: On Tuesday our class took part in a Chess Day with the Chess Club from Westport Public School. The day was organised by Mr Ainsworth and run by his students Bill, Jack, Lachlan, Blake and Harry. Our class took part in five different activities that involved chess strategies and mathematical theories. We learnt how to survive the opening part of a chess game and how to achieve a four move checkmate. Then we learnt about Pascals Triangle and Goldbach’s Conjecture. We then enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch provided by Toni Jones before taking on the Westport students in games of chess. Considering how experienced the Westport boys are our players were very competitive. 40 year old Mr Johnson actually managed to win one game against his 10 year old opponent! The day was a lot of fun and some fantastic learning took place.

NAIDOC Celebrations

NAIDOC Celebrations Primary: Public Speaking – We All Stand On Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate

As part of celebrating NAIDOC, four students Lilly Pacey, Wulaaran Walker, Joe Young and Elliot Joyce have been selected after a competition at school to go to Frank Partridge next Tuesday the 28th of July and compete with other local primary schools in a public speaking competition. The theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respect to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture.

We wish them the best of luck. Notes sent out today.

2/3 News

The 2/3 class were so excited to receive a package yesterday from the author and illustrator Alison Lester. We read some of her picture books last term and were inspired to write to her. Each student wrote about their favourite place and drew a picture. Alison’s response is below. She also sent us a hardcover copy of her book ‘Noni the Pony’. What a wonderful experience for a wonderful class! Bu Brooke
Ghana Beat My Drum Performance Wednesday 5th August
On Wednesday 5th August we will be visited by School Performance Tours for a show called “Ghana Beat My Drum”. The cost will be $4.00 per student for the performance.

Nambucca Valley District Athletics Carnival
A team of 20 students will be representing our school next Friday the 31st July. We wish them well as they compete against other local schools to go through to the next level. Mr Johnson will be working at the event, so parents will need to supervise the students and help out on the day making sure students do not miss their events.

Senior Excursion to Sydney—24-28th August
Please keep your payments coming in, final payments to be made by Friday 7th August. Payments can be made via EFT, see office for details.

Showtime Rehearsal
On Thursday 30th July the will be travelling to Macksville High School Stadium for the rehearsal of our performance in Showtime 2015. Students will travel by bus, leaving the school at approximately 11.15am and returning by 2.30pm. There is no charge for the bus. Permission notes have been sent home and further information on the final arrangements will sent home to all the performers early next week.

The performances will commence at 6pm. All students need to make their own way to the Stadium in the evening for their performance (time to be confirmed). Students performing in Showtime are free. Tickets are $5 each and are available here at the school. All children under 5 are free. Promo of our performance: “From the sacred land upon which we walk Scotts Head Public School transports us on a musical journey from our earthy roots, through flowing water over the rainbow to Indonesia and then joyously celebrates the togetherness of humanity. Live musicians accompany the choir and dancers keep our high moving performance spellbinding, sit back and enjoy the ride.”

Teacher Conferences—13th August LLLCC 3.15pm–5.30pm
Notes have been sent home to arrange parent/teacher conference times. Please return the note as soon as possible. Contact your child’s classroom teacher if this day/time is not suitable. Parent teacher conferences are an opportunity to discuss students’ progress, concerns, goals and directions. Our teachers look forward to having this open discussion with parents in Week 5 this term.

Book Fair and Grandparents Day with an Indonesian Flair
We are holding our highly successful Book Fair and Grandparents Day celebration once again. This year we are incorporating an Indonesian theme to celebrate Indonesian Independence Day.

On Thursday 20th August we will be selling books in the LLLCC and holding a book character parade. Students are invited to dress as their favourite book character and encourage parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends to join in the fun. More information to come!

Bu Brooke

Links
School website:

School facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/scottsheadpublicschool?ref=ts
The Royal Far West, Healthy Kids Bus Stop is coming to Macksville 15-17th 2015. The idea of the Healthy Kids Bus Stop is for a screening health check for 3–5 year kids (turning 5 in 2015). Notes have been sent to the students at the school. Please pass on the details of this initiative around the community and get them to contact the school for application form.

**Stuarts Point and District Little Athletics**

Registrations are now open for Little A's and we are encouraging online registration. The cost per athlete when online registration and payment is made is $65. An administration charge will be added if you register and/or pay in person. The cost is $70 per athlete.

The first competition night is August 7th, beginning at 4:15pm. Please bring your online receipt to the registrar before competing. For manual registrations we will be available at Buz Brazel Oval on Fridays 24th July and 31st July from 4pm.

The first 60 athletes registered will receive a Jetstar shoe bag.

New athletes are welcome to trial for 2 consecutive competition nights before payment is made.

We hope to see you all there for family fun and fitness.

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**Before and After School Care**

The before and after school care service on Vernon Street is now open. This service is government subsidised. Hours of operation are:

- **Monday to Friday**
  - 7.30 am – 9.00 am
  - 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm

For more information call Nambucca Family Day Care on 65694222 or Jackie on 0404663662.