Dear Parents

It is an honour to be the Principal of Scotts Head Public School. I have a passion and love for learning, students and the community. My leadership is about enhancing a school culture that creates opportunities for students, families, staff and community; all to work collaboratively, to expand their capabilities locally and globally. I am proud of Scotts Head Public School as it is a centre of excellence where all are welcomed. Scotts Head Public School has a coherent, sequenced plan for cross-curriculum delivery that ensures systematic teaching and learning through our Bilingual Bahasa Indonesian Program, Indigenous Education through our Bush Tucker Track and sustainability through our gardening programs.

Our school continues to perform positively across so many areas, building upon its impressive reputation, a philosophy of great opportunities: no one misses out. This can only be achieved when we all work towards common goals and maintain effective respectful partnerships – with our children benefiting significantly from these collaborations.

This week we will continue to implement our Surf Safety Pilot Program, which will be offered now to all students through the partnership with the local Macksville-Scotts Head Surf Lifesaving Club. The Kindys will start on Monday the 29th February. Thanks to Annie Baxter for all her hard work in getting this program up and running. A special thank you must go to Peter Ross and Cath O’Donnell, as their input has been outstanding. Challenging outdoor experiences impact powerfully upon a young person’s moral development while building self-confidence and self-esteem.

The Year 6 Leadership team, which is every student in Year 6, will have the opportunity to work with Mrs E and Mr Johnson on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They will be down at the Youth Centre learning the skills and art of leadership. Thanks to both the trainers for so freely giving up their time.

Thanks to Scott Balfour who at the beginning of the year came along and did some much needed pressure cleaning of the student COLA area. All very much appreciated by us all. Thanks also to Lee Barbour who has kindly volunteered his time to come and brighten up the school with his painting talents and pressure cleaning.

Looking forward to working together in 2016.

Gillian Stuart
SHPS Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday, SHPS students and staff attended our 2016 Swimming Carnival. All students from Flinders and Oxley Houses put in some fine performances and showed what students from Scotts Head are all about. Students showed great sportsmanship throughout the entire day and have to be commended on their outstanding behaviour and cooperation.

It was very pleasing to see everyone “having a go” especially students in the 8/9 years age group, many of which were until recently, unable to complete 25m of the pool. The staff and parent helpers were amazed to see most of these students not only just swimming the entire length of the pool, but doing so in many different strokes, including butterfly! Well done.

We had some outstanding performances from the likes of Finlay, Henry, Imogen, Wulaaran, Callum, Evie and all students who competed in the Relay events.

Possibly the race of the day in the Junior Boys 4 x 50m Relay saw an amazing comeback from Flinders thanks to Zayn ‘Thorpedo’ Williams-Horne who managed to claw back a 25m advantage and claim the win for his team.

For the first time in memory, we had a tie with both Flinders and Oxley finishing the day on 275 points.

A huge thank you to the parents that could attend and help assist the staff. Without you guys at events like this it is difficult to run successful events. So thank you again.

Thank you to all the staff for your wonderful organisation and assistance throughout the day.

Biggest thank you has to go to the students who really made the day with their exceptional sportsmanship and behaviour.

By Pak Roy.

Yesterday some year two’s and higher grades went to the swimming carnival and I went in a senior race. I also did another swimming race. It was really fun. We went by bus with all my friends. By Zaki

Yesterday I went to the swimming carnival. I had so much fun. Between Oxley and Flinders it was a tie. I went in the freestyle and back stroke. I nearly ate all my food but I did not have enough energy to. I went on the bus back to school and there was a sleeping competition and Zak won. Then I got back to school and had a play and then I went back home with my sister. By Jade.

SHPS Swimming Carnival Champions

Medals to be given out at the end of term assembly, date to be confirmed.

Junior Girls— Imogen Lamont, runner-up Grace Hill.

Junior Boys— Callum Wicks, runner-up Gypsy Presser-King.

Senior Girls— Wulaaran Walker, runner-up India Stephens.

Senior Boys— Finlay Lamont, runner-up Henry Peachman.

Visiting Performance—Dance for the FUN of it!

Year 3/4 reflected in Indonesian on the "Dance for the Fun of it" performance at school last Wednesday 10th February. The caption reads:

*On Wednesday the 10th of February, Alistair came to school and taught dance. I like hip hop*. By Dimity O’Connor.
Weekly round up

Bush Tucker

As part of our Aboriginal Culture Studies we had Mark Flanders (from National Parks and Wildlife Service) visit our school to share his stories and bush tucker knowledge, a great time was had by all. Mark will be coming back each term to teach us a program which includes learning about Gumbaynggirr place names and language, dreaming stories and local stories. It was great to see all the children interested and engaged in this learning. Some information on the program is listed to the right.

Guunumba Gumbaynggirr Nyarri Gu - To Learn Gumbaynggirr Life with Local Mark Flanders

About this program
This program, presented by Aboriginal Discovery Ranger Mark Flanders, aims to introduce the Gumbaynggirr Aboriginal community to students, with background on traditional Country and language, Dreaming stories, totems, traditional tools, weapons and music. Students will be able to engage in activities and ask questions related to this program. This introductory program is designed as a prerequisite for an Aboriginal Ranger-guided activity at a local national park of reserve.

Objectives
Students will recognise that Aboriginal people are the first Australians and use interactive mental mapping to locate the places they know to create a sense of place within Gumbaynggirr Country. Students will engage with local Aboriginal culture through fun interactive activities.

Program outline
Part 1
• Welcome to Country by local Aboriginal Elder in Gumbaynggirr language and in English
• What is Gumbaynggirr Country; where do you live in Gumbaynggirr Country
• Gumbaynggirr place names and language
• Gumbaynggirr Dreaming stories, including local stories


AWARDS

Sea of Kindness Awards

Leadership Awards

Responsibility Awards

Each Kindy student got ‘Student of the week’ for their great start to school.
Weekly round up

**Intergen Club**

A meeting was held on Monday the 15th to organise the final arrangements for the INTERGEN Club. What a turn up from our local community. The room was buzzing with enthusiasm, ideas and plans of how this amazing cross generation of talent and information is going to be shared between the different generations. Thank you to Mrs E (Angie Evans, our previous SHPS principal) for the leadership and passion for lifelong learning, who is continually guiding our school into the 21st century. After hours of planning, Mrs E has gathered the local talent to share their hobbies and expertise. Thanks to everyone for their involvement, our students are very lucky!

The program will start straight after school on Monday 22nd February between 3.00-4.30pm with afternoon tea provided to the students before they break into various groups with their tutors around the school. This includes activities such as:

- Cooking
- Knitting
- Crochet
- Art (painting and drawing with different mediums)
- Jewellery making
- Model making
- Woodwork
- Bush survival skills
- Sewing your own clothes
- Sewing cushions and home decor
- Card making
- Candle making
- Lead lighting (stained glass)
- Knot tying
- Woodwork
- Fishing
- Where to fossick to find interesting crystals, fossils, gems and faceting
- Gardening

**Partnership with TAFE-Trading Skills For Life: Certificate 2 in Construction-’Constructing the Gumbaynggirr Cultural and Leisure Track Project’**

Over the last year and a half North Coast TAFE’s Macksville Campus has delivered an ‘Introduction to Trades’ course in Partnership with the school. The course originally delivered at a Certificate I level, where participants formed the Community Construction Crew (CCC) and were rebuilding the pathway through the Bush Tucker Garden. Now it is a pathway to a Certificate II by introducing participants to the style of learning they can expect when undertaking a trade.

The participants were involved in the project of rebuilding the Yarning Circle, which is now complete and a tribute to the workmanship that has been involved.

Last year the Scotts Head Community Group under the leadership of Angie Evans sponsored our grant writing to support this great project so the participants have the best materials to complete the building tasks. We were fortunate to receive a $10,000 grant to continue this great project. The crew are now starting in 2016 to work on designing other learning spaces along the pathway. They will also be doing a lot of much needed construction projects around the school.

The outstanding success of this delivery method has been evidenced in the increased attendance and participation. The word has spread amongst the local community and other young males are walking into TAFE and asking if they can join the class. Thanks to the outstanding contribution of Will Cartwright who is our school volunteer that manages the supervision of the crew, organising the materials and hospitality.
**Surf Program Years 1-6**

Reminder to students and parents—Mondays and Thursdays for the next 6 weeks, don’t forget to pack your gear for the Surf Program. Kinder will start the program on Monday 29th February.

**Nambucca/Bellingen District Swimming Carnival**

The District swimming carnival will be held this Friday at Macksville Aquatic Centre. Notes went home to qualifying students yesterday. Just a reminder that parent supervision is required for the carnival. Pak Roy will be attending the carnival but will not be there in a supervising capacity as he will have specific duties on the day.

**District Rugby League Trials**

District Rugby League trials will be held on Thursday the 3rd March to avoid a clash with District Soccer. This year they will be held at EJ Biffen field at Nambucca Heads from 12:30-2:00pm. Permission and info note available from the office.

**Bio—Dynamic Garden**

Thanks to Michael Blockey who has spent many hours getting the veggie garden ready. Thanks to Marcus Blockey who helped his dad get the garden beds ready by replacing some of the old sleepers. If you would like to give a hand in getting the Asian garden ready there is a working bee on Wednesday morning (tomorrow) between 9am-12pm.
Community News

SCOTTS HEAD BOARDRIDERS - Love Surfing?
Want to learn to rip? Then we need you especially 5 to 18’s
COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN ALL AGES AND ABILITIES MOST WELCOME

Our first comp is on Valentines Day 14th Feb. 8.00am start at Scotts Head Point.
Join up costs are $45 for a child $50 for an adult and $130 for a family (2 adults & 2 kids) any additional child is $30. We will take sign ups until the April comp.
For information ring Jodi: 0448919944.

Learn to Swim & Water Safety Program
Proficient Instructor, accredited with AUSTswim & accredited Royal Life Saving Lifeguard. Babies, pre-schoolers, infants, starting from 6mths old. Heated mineral water outdoor pool. For more information, telephone: 0428 116637
Adult aqua aerobic classes also available.

Clean Up Australia Day
Sunday 6th March 2016
Meet at the Rec hut at 8.30am for registration.
Bring hat, sunscreen, gloves.

Macksville Soccer Club
Welcome to the 2016 season with Macksville SC. Our registration fee packages are now loaded up to the MyFootballClub website so if you follow the link: http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/index.php?id=38 follow the prompts to find your registration number and then follow the path to register. We will be holding registration days at the fields on the 6th and 20th February from 8am-midday on both days.
The club needs parents and carers to be aware that unless we begin to get more assistance this season including coaches and parents willing to assist with team management and activities with the 5-7 year olds on a Saturday morning, our club will not exist in its current format in 2017.
Any parents that are interested in sponsoring our club, please email club president Andrew Moran at see or hear from you soon.
Registrar, Macksville SC

Vernon Street OOHSC
The before and after school care will be continuing in 2016.
Morning session: 7am-9am
Afternoon Session: 3pm-6pm
CCB and CCR available to eligible families. For enquiries please phone Nambucca Valley Family Day Care on 65694222.