Dear Parents,

As a young student at school, I can only remember few occasions where the primary school engaged the local community. As I reflect, all were very memorable and had a long term positive impact.

The concept of wellbeing and its close links with learning are not new. The school environment, and the world in which our children and young people will grow and function, continues to change. There is a heightened awareness of, and commitment to, personalised and differentiated learning and support for every student to succeed. The themes that are driving wellbeing in our public schools into the future are Connect, Succeed and Thrive.

Our commitment to our students, parents and members of the community is that our school is a teaching and learning environment which enables the development of healthy, happy, successful and productive individuals. In turn, our students will be expected to contribute to their own wellbeing, the wellbeing of their peers and the collective wellbeing of their communities. In this way our school, in partnership with parents and carers, will equip children and young people to be active and positive contributors to the society in which they live.

Our student wellbeing is being enhanced constantly, as our school connects with and draws on the expertise, contribution and support of our kind community groups. These groups consist of: our caring and dedicated staff; our volunteers that come in and help around the school, in the garden, in the library, with reading and in the office; the Surf Safety Program with the local Surf Club; Intergen with many of our senior creative locals; the Supported Playgroup through Lifetime Connect and TAFE with vocational employment skills offered to the youth of the valley.

Community engagement maximises how students connect, succeed and thrive. Congratulations to all the members of the village involved and a huge heartfelt thank you, we are making a difference.

Gillian Stuart

Principal’s Column

Indo Corner

“U” is pronounced:
1. Like the “oo” sound in “foot” when it is the first letter or within a word.
2. Like the “oo” sound in “food” when it is the last letter of a word
“Never like the “uh” sound in “fun”.

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   (Age)
2. Tujuh
   - Toohjooh
   (Seven)
3. Ulang tahun
   - Oolung taoon
   (Birthday)
4. Kamu
   - Kummoo
   (You informal)
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   (Mother; Mrs)

“Teamwork Respect Responsibility Honesty”

Important Dates

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Bush Tucker with Damian

Last Friday, Kindergarten went into the Bush Tucker Garden with Damian. We got to taste lots of different plants and we talked about how to look after our bush tucker plants. We tasted the Lilly Pilly, native ginger, bush tomato and we chomped on sugar cane. We had to do lots of watering and we planted a beautiful lemon grass plant to grow in our amazing garden here at Scotts Head Public School. Bu Bettina.

Welcome to Duke

We welcome Duke Lee to our staff team. We are very fortunate as Duke comes with many years of expertise working as a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) in a number of schools. He is helping out in Kindy and a support to all during lunchtime sharing his basketball and chess expertise. As you can see from the photo we have a few budding basketballers on the rise.

Year 3/4 Similes

Year 3 and 4 have been working on using similes to improve their description writing. They have written some excellent ones and wanted to share them with you. Mrs C

I’m as gentle as a canary singing in a forest shrouded by mist. Chloe
I’m as clever as an orang-utan playing cards in a tree. Evie
I’m as clever as a chimpanzee working on a sheet of algebra. Grace
I’m as happy as an orang-utan sliding on a bubbly slippery slide in the jungle. Elkie and Nina
I’m as slow as a snail eating a plant. Allie
I am as confident as a fly in my house looking for food. Dimity
I am as cheeky as a monkey stealing money from a tourist. Lucy
I am as dirty as a pig rolling in the mud on a farm. Gypsy
I’m as scary as a tyrannosaurus rex. Jye
I’m as smart as a scientist. Henry
I am as dirty as a pig rolling in wet, sticky, brown, and stinky mud. Elkie
I am as tall as a giraffe having a snack from the top of a tree and as dirty as a worm in the dusty soil. Jalaara
Surf Safety Program

Thanks to the Tafe crew, who with their concreting expertise have solved some ongoing drainage issues by paving two areas outside the senior classrooms. They have also created a pathway which has allowed the recycle and rubbish bins to be removed to a more discreet area, which is far more visually pleasurable as you enter the school and hopefully more hidden from our resident ibis population.

Last week the crew met with Aunty Shaa and Nelli to get further Aboriginal and Cultural perspective on the Bush Tucker Track, as they design, plan and construct the next learning spaces along the pathways.

Thanks to Will Cartwright who manages, supervises, cooks and cleans for the TAFE teachers and students while they are on site.
School Assembly

A whole school assembly will be held on Wednesday 16th March in the LLLCC at 2pm. Leadership badges will be awarded. Parents welcome.

Surf Program for all students

Reminder to students and parents—Mondays and Thursdays, don’t forget to pack your gear for the Surf Program.

SHPS P&C Meeting and AGM

The next P&C Meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th March at 6pm in the LLLCC. Please come along to support our P&C.

Alfira and Bang Visiting Performance

On 8 March 2016, Alfira and Murtala from Suara Indonesia dance will provide a performance workshop incursion to our school. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the morning performance at 9:30 am in the LLLC. http://suaraindonesiadance.com.au/page/Workshops

Alfira and Murtala have been visiting us since 2005, fostering a vibrant dance culture within our school. They have also provided a continuum of genuine friendship and interaction for our students who have little engagement with native Indonesian speakers. Last year we acquired a grant from Sydney University to cover the costs of this incursion as well as a trial delivery by Alfira and Murtala of a virtual Indonesian dance lesson from our school via videoconferencing to the 3/4 class at Stuarts Point Public School.

Bell Times

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Links

School facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/scottsheadpublicschool/?fref=ts
Skoolbag Application: Search “Scotts Head Public School” in the app store.

A letter from Peter Cooper.

“Thank you; I would like to thank the Scotts Head Public School, Macksville Lions Club, the SRC of SHPS and Macksville High School for donating money for a new diabetic pump for me. This has helped me through a tough time but all the help and support has helped me throughout this time. And also a shout-out to the community for the help. Again thank you for all the support.”

From Peter.
**Community News**

**The Intergen Club**

![Intergen Club images]

**Clean Up Australia Day**

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

**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.

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