Dear Parents

Relationships Engagement Ongoing Learning.

We plan and promote school practices to support the cognitive, emotional, social, physical and spiritual wellbeing of all students resulting in improved educational outcomes, positive behaviour and more effective engagement.

In the Australian Curriculum one of the cross-curriculum priorities is that all young Australians will learn about the histories and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their contribution to Australia. One of our school directions is to create learning environments where Aboriginality, identity and the diversity of Aboriginal cultures are valued, respected and promoted to ensure Aboriginal students are attending, engaged and achieving.

This year we have connected again with Aunty Shaa who is supporting the school in the continuing of the Whale dreaming mural, to be painted at the front of the school. Over the coming weeks all students under the guidance of Nelli, a local Aboriginal artist, will work together to achieve the whale design.

Last week SHPS welcomed some important visitors from Victoria and Sydney who observed our Surf Program first hand. They praised the enthusiasm and positive approach of the staff and volunteers and were impressed with the obvious results and benefits of the program.

Gillian Stuart

Principal Awards Responsibility

Congratulations to Luka, Tegan, Jay, Jye and Kobi

Pronunciation

“0” is pronounced:

Like the “o” sound in “stop” when it is the first letter or within a word.

Like the “o” sound in “low” when it is the last letter of a word.

1. Bola - Bohla (ball)
2. Orang - Ohrung (person)
3. Olahraga - Olahrugga (sport)
4. Potong - Pohtohng (cut)
5. Komodo - Kohmohdo (Indo island & its giant lizard)
6. Kuno - Koono (ancient, old fashioned)
Weekly round up

The Whale Mural

“This is of Gurruuja the whale, he is singing through the solar system and holds mother earth in his heart”

Descriptive writing in year 3/4

This week we have been continuing our descriptive writing. This week our focus was on Scotts Head and the beach. Here are some examples of our writing. Mrs C.

I went down to Scotts Head beach, it was early in the morning and the water was glistening and twinkling in the sunlight. I could feel the sand crunching under my feet. I saw armies of crabs preparing for battle. As I dived into the waves the water cleanses any bad thoughts in my head. It feels like the water is alive, playing and dancing all around me. By Grace.

I could taste the salty air on my tongue. Then I went for a swim and I saw fish darting around me like it was a busy highway. By Chloe.

Surf life saving program - Year 3/4

On Monday and Thursday each week we have been doing the surf life saving program. We have learnt lots of skills like the board rescue, tube rescue, running in the water, wading, dolphin diving, swimming and it has been lots of fun. We are so lucky to have such a great surf life saving club to help us run the program. We live in a great place. This week we saw a puffer fish and it was all blown up, we had to rescue it and put it back in the sea! Thank you to Miss B who has put lots of effort into organising the program. By Belen.

Three facts about puffer fish by Isaac

1. They are also known as blowfish
2. Puffer fish blow up to protect themselves.
3. They can grow up to 1m in length.

Whale Painting Mural

On Friday morning 4 students (Elkie, Lucy, Kasimir and Evie) from the 3/4 class worked with Nellie to draw ‘gurruuja’ the whale on the outside of the library wall. First we all taped the grids up, then we had to draw in grids to make the belly, eye and the sun. It was a lot harder than it looked. Gurruuja is going to be a beautiful mural. By Kasimir.

The book - ‘Ripple’s Effect’ - Year 3/4 class

In our class we read a book called ‘Ripple’s effect’ which was about the ripple effect and how it can effect and influence others. The book was about a shark who was letting other fish play and be happy. Then a dolphin came along and changed everyone’s attitude. Then we did a picture of us in the middle of the piece of paper and coloured ripples going out to the edge of the page in oil pastel. The book told us that our good choices can make others happy and then they will make good choices too. By Chloe.
Parent Information - reminders

Year 6 Transition to High School
Jenny Conway and Melissa Robertson, year 6-7 transition teachers from Macksville High School will be coming to school tomorrow to talk to the Year 6 students about high school.

Cross Country—change of date
The Cross Country will now be held on Wednesday 30th March.

Resourceful Schools Program
We have Ryan from Cascade Environmental Education Centre coming to school to talk about the Resourceful Schools Program that we will be a part of. It is a comprehensive waste education program for students to learn about waste management in the local area and about global waste issues. This is a progression from our successful “No Trash Tuesday”.

Easter Raffle 2016
We are asking for donations of Easter eggs and bunnies, soft toys, etc (anything to do with Easter), to be brought in and placed in the Easter box in the office. Raffle to be drawn Thursday 24th March. Raffle tickets will go home soon.

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 tomorrow night at 6pm in the LLLCC. Please come along to support our P&C.

Forms have been sent home for the Bebras competition. Please ensure your child has returned the permission sheet so they can participate in this valuable, free opportunity.

What is Bebras? It is an international student competition whose goal is to promote computational thinking for teachers and students (ages 8-17 / school years 3-12). Bebras is aligned with and supports information and communication technology curricula across Australia. Bebras Australia is run by NICTA under the Digital Careers program, funded by the Australian Government as represented by the Department of Communications. It’s a great way to get students interested and participating in information and communication technology (ICT) which could lead to an interest in pursuing a career in the exciting ICT industry! Bu Emma

Bell Times

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Links
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Surf Safety Program

For History this term the concept we have been learning about is “All about Me” and how we are “Alike and Different”. We read a book called Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley, the story of two people who were very different but the best of friends. They made sure each other felt special and loved. Kindergarten students drew a picture of someone in their lives who was kind and made them feel special and loved.
Broadening Rural and Remote school curriculum through virtual learning

Scotts Head Public School piloted a recent initiative that brought our virtual language learning program to life. The program aligns with the strategic plan of our school and department in developing new and better ways of delivering public education, raising expectations and enhancing the quality of 21st student learning. The program brought two leading Indonesian dance teachers to our school from the Suara Indonesian dance company in Sydney. “It is fantastic to see this project finally come to life” said Bu Emma, the developer and writer of the program. We used this school's video conferencing equipment to deliver a virtual dance incursion to Stuart’s Point Public School. This was a pilot project for future virtual incursions by Suara Indonesia Dance Group to share Indonesian arts and culture on a larger scale and hopefully deliver dance lessons from our school as a base. Thanks to Bu Bibi for organising the day.

Raising expectation and enhancing the quality of student learning

Computer literacy and computational thinking is a fundamental skill that every 21st Century student should have. At Scotts Head public school we are delivering a unique STEM program developed by our technology teacher Emma McAuley this term. The program will be run across year 5/6 students that will build up these important practical and academic skills. The program is designed to focus on the Maths and Science/Technology outcomes for STAGE 3 in an engaging and fun way. Students this week learnt the components of a computer system, inside and out. They also discovered the magic of coding by learning some clever deciphering techniques.

Using the pictured binary code, can you write your name using computer binary language?

Congratulations to Imogen and Finlay who recently competed at the MNC Zone Swimming Carnival. They both achieved a PB (personal best) in their events. Finlay came 5th in breaststroke and 9th in freestyle. Imogen came 5th in backstroke and 6th in freestyle. What a fantastic effort!
Community News

The Intergen Club

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP
Scotts Head Public School
Wednesdays 10am to 12pm in the LLLC

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