Dear Parents

In its most traditional form, student leadership in schools provided opportunities for a small group of senior students to play roles that were usually ceremonial in nature. Our school offers a much broader range of experiences for a larger group of students under the umbrella of student leadership, building the understandings and skills of leadership through the total curriculum and the many varied activities of school life.

In this way students develop their individual capacity to lead and influence others in a responsible manner. Student leadership activities link strongly with learning about citizenship and the processes involved in a democracy. They can assist all students to learn about and exercise their rights and responsibilities of participating in a community that values social justice. A new initiative this year is the Year 6 leadership team taking part in Quest Training at South West Rocks Public School next Tuesday.

What is QUEST? Quest is a dynamic program designed to train Year 6 students in leadership and mediation qualities to trigger the emotional intelligences in students.

Outcomes of the training day:

- Develops individual and group assertiveness
- Establishes contracted consequences structure
- Builds awareness and knowledge of negative behaviours
- Provides skills needed for leadership roles and responsibilities
- Creates bonding between peers

Tomorrow is our school assembly at 2.00pm. Swimming medals will be given to our swimming champions and badges to Year 6 Peer Leadership and Sports House Captains and Vice Captains. Parents are welcomed to attend, look forward to seeing you there.

Gillian Stuart
Principal's Column

Principal Awards - Respect
Congratulations to Sienna, Asher, Isaac and Joel

Indo Corner

“E” is pronounced:
- Like the “ē” sound in “river” when it is the first letter.
- Like the “ē” sound in “step” when it is within a word.
- Like the “é” sound in “eight” when it is the last letter.

1. Empat - ōmpat (four)
   Enam - ōnum (six)
   Entah - ōntah (who knows?)
2. Teman - ōmun (friend)
   Jendela - ōndella (window)
3. Sore - sawray (late afternoon)
   Made - mudday (Balinese name)

Pronunciation

“The more that you read, the more things you’ll know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
Dr Seuss
Year 3/4—Numeracy Games

On Friday we played some numeracy games with Mrs C to help us understand expanded notation and numeral value. It was fun. We played in teams and had to race to get the answers. Kobi, Zayn and Kasimir won the first round. I like doing maths when I get to move. By Kobi and Isaac.

This week I’ve had a great week because we did lots of sport and maths. I have gotten better at it because the teachers help me a lot and that makes me happy. I also learnt how to send an email and use Ctrl+C and Ctrl+V to copy and paste. 😊 By Kobi.

The Whale Mural

Perspective Drawing—Year 5/6

In the 5/6 classroom, we have been doing some perspective drawing on simple shapes such as rectangles. Soon we will be drawing a whole city. On Thursday we did one from looking at the front of it and the top of it.

By Koby
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 24/3. Raffle tickets have gone home, please return to school by Tuesday 22/3.

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. The last day of the program is Thursday 24th March.

Harmony Day BBQ at the park—Monday 21st March
Celebrate Harmony Day with us after surfing on Monday. All welcome. Notes to be sent home with more details soon.

Cross Country
The Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 30th March.

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

P&C News
AGM—At the AGM last week, April Miller was elected as President, Natasha Watson as Vice President and Mel Daly as Treasurer. Thank you to Jenny Medica who has volunteered to become secretary. P&C Meetings are held in the LLLCC at school twice a term: Week 3 Wednesday at 4.30pm and Week 7 Wednesday at 6.00pm. Please come along to support your P&C.

Canteen Roster for Term 2—Could you please advise your availabilities for the Term 2 Canteen roster. Email: scottsheadpandc@hotmail.com.
**Weekly round up**

**Alfira and Bang**

Last Tuesday 8 March we hosted a dance incursion by Bang and Alfira from Suara Indonesia Dance. The whole school was treated to a performance of dances and interactive songs from throughout Indonesia, followed by individual workshops for each class. Our guests used mostly Indonesian language during their performance and our students demonstrated great language skills in understanding and responding to this.

Suara Indonesia has delivered workshops to our school since 2005. Their ongoing tutelage has fostered a vibrant dance culture within our school, motivating and engaging our students and enabling our student dance groups to perform in the local community and beyond. Perhaps most importantly Suara Indonesia have provided a continuum of genuine friendship and interaction for our students who rarely engage with native Indonesian speakers. This incursion was a great example of fostering genuine engagement with Asia in our school.

Bu Bibi

*Baby Damai loved interacting with our students!*

*Alfira performing*  
*Class 1/2 Randai (big pants) workshop*  
*Bu Emma McAuley and Wayne are collaborating their knowledge to create a quality learning experience for the students. During this course, students are required to develop and research, plan and prototype, build and test an aquaponics system. Students from 5/6 will be using the robot bricks (brain) to monitor and record data from their Aquaponics System.*

The system requirements:

- needs to be sustainable.
- use renewable energies i.e. solar
- produce food seedlings to be grow in the garden.

This week students were asked the question:

**What makes food production unsustainable?**

(image source: [http://hydroponicsociety.org/is-aquaponics-right-for-you/](http://hydroponicsociety.org/is-aquaponics-right-for-you/))

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Scotts Head Public School - 21 Vernon Street, Scotts Head NSW 2447
Weekly round up

Media Release

Headline: Scotts Head Public School WAVES Program Gets Dramatic Result

Scotts Head Public School (SHPS) WAVES Program is an innovative and unique six week program to educate the children of SHPS in personal wellbeing, surf safety, beach awareness and surf fitness in our idyllic beach setting. The students are improving their surf skills and personal fitness levels and developing their understanding of safety within their home environment, at the beach.

Scotts Head Public School is situated in the beachside village of Scotts Head, on the mid north coast of NSW. The wellbeing of students at the beach is a priority for our community, ensuring that they are safe and confident in their local environment.

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, continue 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 this community is that our school, and its surroundings, is a teaching and learning environment. This enables the development of healthy, happy, successful and productive individuals. In turn, our students are expected to contribute to their own wellbeing, the wellbeing of their peers and the collective wellbeing of their communities. This program is only possible with the generous support of our surf lifesaving volunteers and the facilities of the Scotts Head Macksville Surf Lifesaving Club.

This has been so clearly demonstrated only after three weeks of the program by a year four student, Kobi Evans, who saved his mother who was caught in a rip at Scotts Head beach. April said that Kobi was on his surfboard when he spotted his mother in trouble. She said he paddled over and reassured her that she would be OK. She said at the time that she was panicking and exhausted however Kobi remained very calm, got his mother on his surfboard and then guided her onto the beach. When he was sure she was safe and confident of her recovery he continued surfing. Kobi said his father and the WAVES program taught him about the surf, looking out for others and beach safety.

All SHPS students are participating in the WAVES program, from Kindergarten through to Year 6. We are providing activities that are improving our student’s fitness and their understanding of safe play and knowledge of the risks and benefits of the ocean. The program will run over six weeks during Weeks 3 to Week 8 of Term 1. We have just completed the fourth week of our program. Sessions are held on Monday and Thursday 9:30 to 11:30. Kindergarten students will complete 8 one hour sessions, all other students will complete 12 one hour sessions. Each session at the beach consists of a structured one hour lesson that includes 45 minutes of physical activity.

When students were asked, in a recent Australian Surf Lifesaving Evaluation, of how the program could be improved the overwhelming response was to extend the program. The surf lifesaving representatives were impressed with the enthusiasm and skills of the students.

Kobi Evans and his mum April Miller

Harmony Day Barb-B-Que at the Park after Surfing at 12pm.

All welcome!

Harmony Day, 21 March, celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

To celebrate the outstanding success of the WAVES Program we are going to use Harmony Day to thank the outstanding contribution of the volunteers from the local surf club. The theme is “It’s time for us to look after you” by coming together as a school community in a harmony bar-b-que at Scotts Head Reserve. We would love as many parents and families to come along on Monday and celebrate Harmony Day. This event is being organised by the Years 3/4s. A note with further details will be sent home on Thursday.
Community News

The Intergen Club

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP
Scotts Head Public School

Wednesdays 10am to 12pm in the LLLC

CAMPING CONSTRUCTION FIRST AID MAP READING
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NAMBUCCA VALLEY SCOUT GROUP

What should you be prepared for? Fun and adventure, team involvement, helping other people, being a leader, making friends, caring for the environment, and being a positive influence in your community.

Scouts is for kids aged 6+

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