







Gillian Stuart–Principal

#### **Important Dates**

Term 4	2019
9/12/19 to 13/12/19	Swimming Scheme & Surf Awareness Program
Thursday 12/12/19	End of Year Presentation 5.00pm
Monday 16/12/19	Yarrahappini Waterslide
Tuesday 17/12/19	Bike Safety
Tuesday 17/12/19	Year 6 Farewell 6pm Club Scotts
Wednesday 18/12/19	Last Day of Term for students
Term 1	2020
Tuesday 28/1/20	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29/1/20	Years 1 to 6 students return to school
Monday	Kinder students start

"Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need." — Khalil Gibran.

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# **Fantastic Donation!**





Thank you to Dyan and Steve Thais who travelled from Newcastle to generously present the school with a cheque for \$1,000.00.

They represent the Newcastle SUP (Stand Up Paddle Boarding) Club based in the inner City of Newcastle. The money will go towards buying long sleeve rash shirts for our WAVES Surf Program.

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# Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers

#### Burgers, Disco and Family Fun !

Thanks to the school community who came together on Friday night to celebrate.

A huge thanks to Bu Annie, Bu Lyndsey, Bu Debra and Bu Bettina, who helped supervise the event. Thanks to Jo Devereaux who came in the afternoon and worked all evening. Thanks to the SRC, students and families for a great evening.

#### Stand Up Paddle Board Club Kind Donation

On Friday night, Dyan and Steve Thais travelled from the Newcastle SUP Club, based in the inner City of Newcastle to generously present the school with a cheque for \$1,000 to buy long sleeve rash shirts for our WAVES Surf Program.

They are a Not For Profit organisation with around 45 registered members ages ranging from 7 years to 75 years of age. They are a social Club with great support from their local Newcastle businesses. The club runs monthly surf competitions around local beaches and flat water paddles on the local waterways around Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens.

In early 2018 the SUP club was approached by the local organisers of the Scotts Head Paddle Games to take over the running of the event. Many of their members and committee had been competing in the games since the beginning and had always looked forward to their trip to Scotts Head, in June of every year.

The committee was keen to ensure the Games continued to grow as it had become a major Paddle Boarding event in Australia. At risk of folding without support, they made the decision to band together and get behind the event. This would ensure it remained strong for the local Scotts Head Community and the Paddle Boarders of Australia.

The club made a commitment to ensure any profit made from the event (once their costs were covered) would go back into the community of Scotts Head. They wanted the donation to be used where it would have the greatest impact. It was decided Scotts Head Public School and the Junior Board Riders were the most obvious and best choices.

"If all the children of Scotts Head can benefit from the Scotts Head Paddle Games, then it's well worth the investment of our time and effort and to ensure the games continue", said Dyan Thais from Newcastle SUP Club. LUCKY US!!!

#### Healthy Relationships.

Interrelate, in conjunction with our school, in the last two weeks has presented a 6 hour course to our students in Year 5 and 6 to prepare them for puberty. It was called 'Moving into the Teen Years' and explored a range of adolescent issues, offering a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program, designed specifically for this important time in life.

At an age when talking about healthy relationship can be embarrassing. The resources below were recommended. The school has bought a set for families to borrow, so you can share this with their children. Interrelate ensures that they are informative and will provide an enjoyable learning experience for all.

Thanks, yaarri yaraang, terima kasih.

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#### This Week's Whale Awards and Outstanding Progress Awards



#### **HELPFUL RESOURCES**

Interrelate has a range of books for parents and carers and their children. These books answer the Questions Kids Have<sup>®</sup>, a collection of real questions asked in Australian classrooms.

Purchase the following books at <u>www.interrelate.org.au</u> or at an Interrelate Family Evening Program.



#### 500+ Questions Kids Have About Sexuality Recommended age: 11+ | Price: \$25 incl. GST

A great resource for older primary students, covering puberty, relationships, sexuality and more, that will also be useful in the early teenage years.



#### 100+ Questions Kids Have About Bullying Recommended age: 8+ | Price: \$10 incl. GST

This book offers practical strategies and advice for parents, carers and kids based on real-world examples of bullying and cyharbullying



100+ Questions Kids Have About Puberty

Puberty is the time in our lives when we move from being a child to becoming an adult – and this book has the answers to all of the questions that could ever be asked.



100+ Questions Kids Have About Having A Baby Recommended age: 8+ | Price: \$10 incl. GST This book covers how babies are born and how different family units can be formed.

#### or more information or to make a booking, call 00 i relate (1300 473 528) or email schoolservices@interrelate.org.a

Please note: Interrelate's pricing may increase on an annual basis to keep in line with CPI and other program costs.

#### **Parent Information - Reminders**



Remember to send in a note if your child is absent from school. After 7 days, the system automatically records as an "Unexplained Absence".

#### <u>Links</u>

School website:

http://www.scottshead-

p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

School facebook page:

https://

www.facebook.com/

scottsheadpublicschool?fref=ts

Skoolbag Application:

Search "Scotts Head Public School" in the app store.

#### **Bell Times**

8.30am	Morning Supervision in cola
Start School	8.55am
9.00am until 11.00am	Morning Session Crunch and Sip
11.00am	Lunch
11.50—1.30 pm	Middle Session
1.30 pm	Recess

#### Wednesday 4 December - MySkills Program—Year 6 Students

Students will travel on the 8am high school bus to the stadium at MHS.

Swimming Scheme and Surf Awareness Program - Monday 9 to Friday 13 December Students who have achieved "Marlins" at the pool will be taking part in our Surf Awareness Program at the beach. Notes and money for the pool need to be returned by Wednesday 4 December.

#### Presentation Night - Thursday 12 December - 5pm on the basketball court

#### Tuesday 17 December - Year 6 Farewell

Commences at 6.00pm at Club Scotts. Students are to arrive at 5.45pm SHARP. A note with a pre-order form was sent home last week and needs to be returned asap. Payment can be made on-line or at the office.

#### Payments to School

Payments can be made to the school using the following options:

- EFTPOS at the office.
- Parent online payment POP via the school website—using the 'Make a Payment' button.
- Cash and cheque are still accepted at the office.

### **Head Lice**

There has been an outbreak of head lice in the school. Please refer to link below to see the Department policy for treatment.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/conditions/head-lice



### Boomerang Bags - URGENT HELPERS NEEDED

Boomerang Bags is still working hard on producing bags for the community. If you are interested in being a part of this great initiative, come along on Mondays from 3.15pm. We urgently need helpers to get ready for the upcoming holiday period. We are calling for anyone who can sew to help at home as well, this could be grandmothers, mums or friends.

Please contact Stacy on 0432176448.

P&C News

P&C email scottsheadpandc@hotmail.com

Please note: The last day of Canteen for 2019 is Wednesday 5 December (this week).

Please ensure your child has food packed for lunch and recess to take to the pool or beach next week.

We would like to welcome some new volunteers in the canteen to be trained up ready for 2020. Please email the P&C or contact the office for more information.

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#### Weekly Round Up

### Performances



Last Friday students enjoyed a performance put on by Year 5/6. The school choir also performed a number of songs. Well done everyone!

## The Last Week of Little Whales



For the last day of Little Whales we had lots of fun on a nature treasure hunt around the school grounds.

# Surfs Up Disco

On Friday evening we held a 'Beach' themed disco in the LLLCC. What a fantastic night was had by all! A great time for our Year 6 students to be together and share their last disco at SHPS.

Everyone arrived in great costumes including mermaids, surfy dudes, lady beetles, princesses and Hawaiian sun worshippers. We all danced the night away with a super DJ and dined on delicious hamburgers, a sausage sizzle, watermelon, icy poles and delicious tropical punch.

Thank you to the P&C for paying for the entertainers. A HUGE thankyou to Jo Devereaux on the night, organising the food and drinks and also our School SRC Committee for organising such a happy, community spirited event!



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## **Pirate Day!**





Pirate Day was celebrated by the K/1 classroom last Friday at the reserve. We had fun finding treasure, making sandcastles and generally marauding around the community.



# The Berlin Wall

Today the Year 5/6 class got to learn about the history of the Berlin Wall. We really appreciated Elkies' families kindness of bringing in a real piece of the wall that the whole class got to look at. The Berlin Wall caused a lot of catastrophic problems which were.....

Some people couldn't see their families

Some people's homes were on the other side of the wall

Family and friends couldn't get reunited.

Conditions were not very nice on the other side of the wall.

As you can see when Berlin was split in half for almost three decades people got very sad and tried to pass the

guards, but sadly if they got caught they would get hung and/or sent to jail. Some of them were successful and over

5000 of them passed the wall. This year marks the 30th anniversary since the Berlin wall was taken down. It was put up in 1961 and taken down in November, 1989. We are lucky to have touched such an important part of history.

# **Chess Tournaments**



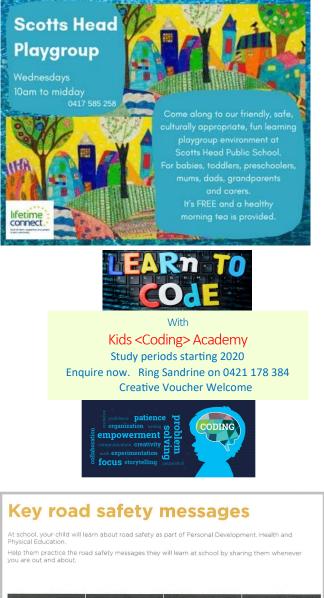
On Wednesday last week, our top chess players hosted opponents from Frank Partridge VC Public School, Nambucca Heads. Students were involved in rounds of friendly, competitive chess. The action was of a high standard, with both schools earning excellent victories. Our students were welcoming towards the visitors, especially our Year 6 members, Lucy, Isaac and William. Congratulations to everyone who made the team for the respectful way you hosted your competitors.

Congratulations to Isaac, Lucy, William, Riley, Cohen, Dexter, Liana and Lyla for making the SHPS Chess Tournament quarter-finals and earning the right to represent the school.

Congratulations to Lucy and William for their wins in the semi-finals. They will face off in the grand final on Thursday during lunch. We're expecting a sell out crowd so get your tickets now! Pak Chris



#### School & Community News





HOME **INTERACTION P**ROGRAM FOR **P**ARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS



HIPPY Nambucca Valley (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) is currently recruiting for 2020. There are a few spots still available for families living in the valley with a 4 or 5 year old child going to school in 2021.

HIPPY is a 2 year, home-based early childhood learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers as their child's first teacher.

If you are interested in the program, please contact the school office.



Office of Sport

From 1 July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers per calendar year for each school-enrolled child.

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