SCOTTVILLE STATE SCHOOL

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State School

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Principal’s Message

Welcome to 2014

Welcome to 2014. I would first like to thank all the community, parents, staff and students for the warm welcome to Scottville State School. I look forward to working with the P & C and the community to present a great anniversary celebration. Please don’t forget to check out the 90th Anniversary bricks on the Anniversary walk that were laid in December last year. They were laid next to the 80th Anniversary pavers in the walkway.

Staff and Classes for 2014

A big welcome back to all our students and our special welcome for the new students in 2014. We welcome back Miss Monique Faust, Ms Sheena Stokes and Mr Scott Lenti who will be taking on Form class roles with Year 2, 3, Prep / 1, and 4, 5, 6, 7 respectively. Mr Sam Denning will be back for Instrumental music and our new HPE teacher, Mr Adrian Kass will be working at the school on Wednesdays and running afternoon and Saturday morning activities around the schools along with Mrs Lyn West who will be running Active Afternoon School Sports program. Mrs West has replaced Mrs Tammie Jenkins as grounds person due to Mrs Jenkins family moving to Ayr. Lyn has done a great job over the holiday break of looking after our school grounds. Familiar faces such as Mrs Helen Sawyer in the office and our valued Teacher Aides Mrs Sue Laidlow, Mrs Collette Patteson and Ms Christop Drinkwater. We also warmly welcome to the team temporary teacher aide Ms Jaala Murray. Ms Jennifer Godwin is still returning as our school cleaner.

Open Door Policy

Parents are advised that the best way to get any information clarified or cleared up is to come to the source and ask. This prevents inaccurate and misinformation which can be very damaging to our great school. Appointments with myself or other staff can be made by calling the school or arranging a time when you are on site.

Booklists

By now all students should have all their books and stationary requirements as per the book list. If you aren't sure if you have all items on the booklist, a copy of the list can be obtained from the office from 8-4pm, Mon—Thursday. (Office is closed on Friday)

Student Improvement

Throughout North Queensland every school is focusing upon improving student outcomes. This year we will focus upon student improvement. To ensure every student gets a fair go to being successful at school. The teaching staff at Scottville State School has shown great commitment in the classroom in the past and I am sure that will continue in 2014.

Reading

This year our academic focus is reading. Reading as the base learning for all other areas of learning be it History, Mathematics, or Geography. Our goal is ensuring every child reads every day and that every student improves their comprehension and gains knowledge from the reading at school and at home.

As part of this focus our first initiative is implementing a reading log for students. Teachers will be distributing these to the students from week 2 as part of your student’s homework. The log is a simple tool to communicate your child’s reading habits and to ensure our students are reading every day.

P&C AGM and BBQ

P & C are holding their annual AGM on FEB 4 2014 at 2.45pm followed by a normal meeting.

After this meeting, we are holding a Welcome Meet and Greet BBQ put on by the P & C and Scottville School. A note was sent home for ordering purposes and it has been decided that it will be a FREE BBQ. Come have a BBQ tea with us at no cost to you and meet yourself and other parents and staff and students. It goes from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Soft drinks will be on sale.

Attendance

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all days unless there is a reasonable excuse. School’s must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers and unexplained absences.

If you child does not want to go to school, or missing school without you knowing, contact us immediately for assistance and support.

EVERYDAY COUNTS

Regards

Rowan Coffey

Acting Principal
Scottville State School welcomes our teaching staff for 2014:

Scott Lenti - 4, 5, 6, 7
Rowan Coffey - Acting Principal
Monique Faust - 2, 3
Sheena Stokes - Prep/Yr 1

Scottville State School welcomes our Teacher Aides for 2014:

Ms Jaala Murray
Mrs Sue Laidlow
Mrs Collette Patteson
Ms Chrisop Drinkwater

Scottville State School welcomes our Active After Sports Coach and Grounds person Mrs Lyn West

Scottville State School welcomes our HPE teacher Mr Adrian Kass sponsored by Xstrata
Scottville State School also welcomes back Mrs Helen Sawyer Administrator in the office and Ms Jennifer Godwin who is our facilities cleaner.
Welcome back everyone!
Welcome to the new teaching staff and teacher aides as well as our familiar staff faces and welcome to the children for classes of 2014. We are looking forward to a very busy but productive year and hope to see you all at the AGM on the 04th Feb 2013 at 2.45pm in the undercover area. See you there!

There will be NO Tuckshop this Friday. Tuckshop will resume on Friday 7th Feb 2014. If you can spare a few hours on a Friday to help in the Tuckshop, please fill in the note attached to this newsletter and return to the office. Without your help, we cannot keep the tuckshop running.

WEBBER WINNER - Congratulations goes to
CHARLOTTE DERRICK
WINNING TICKET : # BLUE E26
Congratulations Charlotte.

CSCSC INC. SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO
*New look program starts this week
The motorbike will be drawn

This Sunday 2nd February, 2014
12noon Bowls Club
$10,000 in 55 calls
This includes 5 bonus calls now rising one call every fortnight $3,000 in 52 calls & $1,000 in 59 calls
Lucky numbers, Ace of Hearts + much more

Parent Volunteer Helpers Welcome
We invite any parents who have some time during the school week to please become a parent volunteer helper. It is a task which can be quite frightening but very rewarding and you will be getting a first hand view of the demands of all the new challenges school provides for your child each and everyday. Prior to starting you will need to read and sign a school confidentiality agreement which you can pick up from the Administration Office.

Thought for the day:
“If one cannot enjoy reading a book over and over again, there is no use in reading it at all”
Oscar Wilde
GOLF NEWS

There will be Junior Golf Day sign-on and game to follow on the 15th February 2014 at the Collinsville Golf Club starting at 8am. If you don't have Golf clubs don't worry, you will be supplied with clubs for the day at the sign on and there is a BBQ to follow.

ALL WELCOME!