**27 February 2014**

**Principal’s Message**

Who could believe it is week 5 already? The students have started to get into the swing of school and real learning is beginning. The curriculum which we fondly call C2C (curriculum to the classroom) Unit One has just about been completed. This has allowed teachers to assess student work and target students for Improvement. Our focus is upon writing and reading.

Our signature program for writing is called POWER Writing. Within power writing students practice their writing regularly and set goals and improvement strategies.

All students from Year 2 to Year 7 will have set a goal in writing for the next 5 weeks, this will allow them to be able to see and talk about improvement.

**Principal In the classroom**

Now That I have completed the first round of paperwork required for our school to function, I am happy to be working closer with staff and students in the classroom. In the Years 3, 5 and 7 I am now supporting teachers with NAPLAN preparation. I also am teaching literacy and numeracy in the Year 4-7 class every day except Tuesday. It takes a community to educate a child and I am excited to be part of the learning community at Scottville State School.

**Our Behaviour focus this week is:** Be Respectful

**Attendance**

Our attendance for Week 1-3 was 98.7%.

Our attendance for Week 3-5 is 97.7% Congratulations Year 4 students for 100% attendance

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

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**90TH Anniversary Fete**

The P&C are in the planning and organising stages for the 90th Anniversary Fete. Your contribution as a parent or family of Scottville State School will be greatly appreciated. This support can occur in a variety of forms, be it sending in resources for the classroom stall or volunteering on the day.

If you are interested in helping with the organizing of the 90th Fete your time and energy would be valued.

You can contact Mr Coffey or Karla Fisher P&C president at the school office.

**Lions Youth of the Year speech competition**

Good Luck to Katrina and Jessie from year 6 with their speeches on Thursday. This event starts at 6pm at the Collinsville Golf Club.

**School Photos**

Our 2014 school photos will be held on Thursday the 27th of March starting at approximately 10.30am. Letters will be sent home regarding individual and family photos closer to the date.

**Regards**

Rowan Coffey

Acting Principal

See our notice boards for up and coming events and Information!

**EVERYDAY COUNTS!**

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

Be Committed to Learning
WEEK 4 - 2014 20/02/14
Lily West: 4 - 7 Student of the week:
Being respectful to all staff and students 100% of the time. Well done lily!!!
Matilda Colls: 2-3 Student of the week:
Always being Respectful and using her manners.
Lexie Jones: Safety: 2-3
Being safe around the school grounds.
Regan Kelly: Safety: Prep - 1 Being safe around the school grounds.
Ella Binkley: Principals Award:
For showing respect in class, listening to the teacher and working to the best of her ability.
Jack Groocock: Safety: 4-7 For mentoring a peer about the ‘Be Safe’ rule.

WEEK 5 - 2014
Emily Dicker - For always being kind and polite to her teachers and classmates.
Jordyn Carmody - being a respectful person to all students and staff. Fantastic stuff Jordyn!!
Bailee Hanlon-Davis - For always being respectful and polite to others.
Jada Villegas - For always following the ‘Be Safe’ rule in the playground.
Caden Colls - For always following the ‘Be Safe’ rule on his bike.
Bailey Bull - For following the ‘Be Respectful’ rule. Bailey is always respectful to other students and teachers.
Alana Goody - For always following the ‘Be safe’ rule in the playground and during school.
Matilda Colls - ‘Gotcha’ Positive Behaviour Award.
Year One Sight Word Awards go to Clay Colls, Clancy Colls, Hamish McLean, Tristan Taylor, Jada Villegas, Emily Dicker, and Darcy Kelly.

Our apologies for missing our Prep - 1 Student of the week Award recipient in the newsletter 13/02/14
Sam Jones - Prep - 1 Student of the week: For being committed to learning, always listening careful and putting up his hand.
You’re a superstar!!!
The year 2-3 class were very fortunate to have had a visit from Whitsunday Regional Council Health Officer Mr Dale Mengel who spoke with them on the Dengue fever mosquito and the preventable measures we can take to prevent them.

In a NUTSHELL...

Practical and positive advice from your school’s Guidance Officer!

THIS WEEK: Helping with HOMEWORK

Learning doesn’t begin and end in the classroom. Once your child starts school, you may think that the teachers take charge. However, parents and families still have a vital role to play. Here are some tips in helping your child with their homework and learning:

- Find the right time! For some children it may be best to get homework done straight after school, whereas others may need a break. No matter what, the optimal time for homework is when someone can be around to give your child a helping hand.

- Find the right space! Set up a quiet and clutter free space and ensure that distractions are limited (turn off the TV/ remove all that extra paper).

- Explicitly teach time management and organisational skills to develop independence! A homework planner completed at the start of the week will set them up for success.

- For homework extension, play a game, read a book or do an activity that is linked to the homework task. Use examples and experiences to link their learning to real life.

- Find out how your child best learns – are they visual or practical? Do they learn through music or discussions? Do they learn by teaching others? Tap into your child’s strengths to build upon their knowledge.

- Build a good relationship with your child’s teacher and communicate regularly about how you can help with homework.

If you promote, model and celebrate lifelong learning, homework will become less of a chore and a bore and will have them wanting more (what a poet – I learnt that in Year 2!) Make it clear that we are all lifelong learners and learning is always going to be an essential part of their life!

- Miss Ross
Our school leaders Grades 6 & 7 were fortunate enough to be able to attend a GRIP Leadership Day in Bowen on the 14th February 2014 at the Bowen PCYC.

The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW

Our goal is that student leaders would leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.

There is a safety concern with cars reversing out into the street. Please do not park too close to the fence so as to allow for pedestrian access along the fence line along Eleventh Avenue. Please walk along the fence line in front of the parked cars to access the school or your vehicle.

Please be aware of the NO PARKING signs on the gate and also the pedestrian crossing. The police will be patrolling our school at peak times.

This is for your child's safety.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**WHITSUNDAY DISTRICT SPORTS DATES 2014**

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Please watch this space for training dates.
We can touch count!

Preps have been counting objects.
We love counting teddies!
Year Prep to 3 were very lucky to be part of the Q Coal Dental Hygiene Flying Doctors demonstration and talk held at the Community Centre on the 11th February. The children were given new toothbrushes and items to help keep their teeth in great working condition as well as were given an healthy afternoon tea.
Scottville State School
90th Anniversary Fete

The students at Scottville State School are preparing for the 90th Anniversary Fete and we are asking all families if they could support the school by donating various items for the Lucky Dip and Bottle Stall.

Prep/1 Class- Lucky Dips

Lucky dips are irresistible to most children. Some suggestions for prizes include hair clips, hair slides, ribbons, necklaces, earrings, rings, match box cars, Lego, Tektas, Nala pods, Tattoos, small figurines and any other small gifts.

Lucky dip items need to be wrapped and labeled boy or girl depending on the item and handed to Ms Stokes.

Year 2/3 Class- Bottle Stall

Please support us by collecting empty bottles and jars and filling them with various items. Some ideas for filling bottles include:

- Coloured pencils, crayons, small activity pad, felt pens, beads with string or wire to make jewellery, marbles, pencil sharpener, rubber, McDonald’s toys, hair ribbons, scrunchies, clips, comb, brush, sticky tape, drawing pins, small post it notes, whiteboard marker, poster clips, rubber bands, lozies, chocolates
- Bath bombs, bath crystals, soap, hand cream
- Make-up - unsealed make-up samples: cotton wool, cotton buds, lip gloss
- Nail file, nail polish, hand cream, nail clippers, cotton wool
- Nails, screws, bolts, screw drivers, tape measure
- Small candles, chocolate
- Perfume, bath salts, bubble bath

Please send all of your items for the bottle stall to Miss Faust in the year 2/3 classroom.

Most of these items can be sourced at discount stores such as: Dollars and Cents, The Reject Shop, Crazy Clarks and Big W. We appreciate your support to make this a 90th Anniversary to remember.

Acting Principal
Rowan Coffey
90th Anniversary

P & C and Scottville staff are busy getting ready for our 90th Anniversary. To celebrate this auspicious milestone, we will be having an old fashion Fete on Saturday 3rd May from 2 - 5pm with a commemorative ceremony followed by a BBQ dinner to end off the day.

If you have any great ideas or are able to help with the organising of this day, please contact you P & C Karla Fisher, Sue Carmody or Barbara Diprose or simply let the office know and we will be more than happy to have you on board.

Many hands make light work!

Volunteer Position Available

P & C GRANTS CO-ORDINATOR

We are seeking a person to facilitate organising and applying for P & C school grants. Grant money buys items for your school that we would not normally be able to afford. E.g. - iPADS were purchased last year from Aust Post grant.

Next P & C Meeting is the 4th March 2014

Fete volunteers are required. If you have any ideas that would make our anniversary fete one to remember, please come along and share your ideas.

We meet every week on Tuesday afternoons in the Yr 2,3 classroom at 2.45pm.

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 every day. 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:
‘The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.’
GOLF NEWS

Regular Golf rounds have begun.

Saturday Golf starts at 8am sharp.

Monday golf practice 3-5pm

LOOK out for our ‘Bring a Friend Day’ to be advised.