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Great state. Great opportunity.
Principals Message

Welcome back for Term 2. This term our teachers are focussed upon student improvement in literacy and numeracy. At Scottville, we continue to focus upon the importance of reading and writing to achieve in the Australian curriculum. Everyday teachers are teaching new concepts to build new knowledge and consolidate ideas and thinking. Attendance this part of the year is down to 92.8%. It is proven that attendance increases learning and improvement in the long term. Our teachers and I would appreciate students coming to school everyday.

This term we will participating in the National Testing Program called NAPLAN. NAPLAN is an important process in determining our schools improvement plans and ensuring our students are supported within their learning.

Naplan

NAPLAN testing week is in Term 2
Tuesday 13 May -Friday 15 May.

Tuesday - Writing and Language conventions
Wednesday – Reading
Thursday - Numeracy
Friday– Catch up day

School camp Year 4-6

Our school camp to Charters Towers is 21 July – 24 July

Information will be distributed in the next few weeks and there will be a parent meeting this term to answer any queries and questions. If you have any concerns at this point please feel free to contact the school office.

School Uniform

As we enter the colder part of the year, may I please remind you that students are required to wear black or green jumpers to match the school uniform. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled. If you require a school jumper or jacket for winter they are available at the office for $25.00 Payment schemes are available.

Saturday Sports

A reminder that Saturday sports continues this term with the focus upon soccer and Athletics. Events will be shared between schools and parents will be advised about venues as we roll through the term.

Walk To School Day

Scottville State school will once again be taking part in the national walk to school day on Friday the 22nd of May.
It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school
When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it’s true.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it’s often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!
It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

As a Parent:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day.
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- Consider catching-up on missed work.
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.

Being late is not okay either
Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...
As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because aunty is coming to visit”

Nice try. But the answer should be “No!”.

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.
WEEK 1 - TERM 2

NO AWARDS IN WEEK 1 DUE TO ANZAC DAY PARADE CEREMONY

WEEK 2 - TERM 2

Student of the Week:  L to R

Yrs - 4/5/6 - Lily West & Jordyn Carmody
Prep/Yr 1 - Nate Hanlon
Yr 2/3 - Jakob Chapman

Principal's Award: Makayla Grant

HPE: Nate Hanlon

Gotcha: Dylan Ramage


Pride in the Classroom Award
Yr 4 - 6
Home Work Club
HWC - Every Tuesday of Term 2
HWC will run from 2.30 - 3.30pm at the RATCH Lab.
Please ensure students have an afternoon snack.
Students must be picked up from the school (no student to walk home).
Home Work Club is only available to those students who have registered.

Anzac day was remembered by Scottville State School with a ceremony held at school on Wednesday morning parade and by participating in the local march of remembrance up the main street to the Cenotaph on Anzac Day. Scottville SS selected students were also able to join in with CSS and SJB schools and sing the National Anthem with the community on the day. LEST WE FORGET!
HPE NEWS WITH MR M

BIKE EDUCATION

Our first week for Bike Ed was a great success with just over 30 students turning up on Monday! Sandy came out from Bowen PCYC and this week’s focus was on labelling bike parts and how to brake safely and with precision, when on a bike. Bike Ed will now run in 2 sessions for more effective teaching and 1 on 1 teaching.

1. 2:45pm - 3:45pm P-2
2. 3:45pm - 4:45pm 3-6

Hope to see you there next week!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - SALMAN KHAN

You only have to know one thing:
You can learn anything

Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but.......
DATE CLAIMERS

2ND MAY 2015
TIME: 1.30PM
BBQ AND BAR OPERATING
NOMINATION FORMS AT THE SCHOOL

P & C will be holding their Mothers Day stall on Friday 8th May. Start saving up now children so that you can spoil mum.
Price List will be available closer

URGENTLY NEEDED JUNIOR GOLF CO-ORDINATOR

Regrettably owing to the fact we have no Junior Coordinator there will be no Junior Golf this year unless someone is interested in taking it on.

If anyone is interested please contact Yvonne 47855907 or the Collinsville Golf Club 47855352

JUNIOR BOWLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS BUNDABERG

8TH—16TH APRIL 2015

Congratulations goes to Delta Phillips who has been picked by a leading Queensland coach with the potential for the Queensland Under 15 team next year. Her coach is giving her another year of maturity before all the travel and training that is involved with State Championships. Delta won one game out of the three in the singles that she participated in and missed the semi-final in the pairs by one shot, and also just missed the semi-finals in the triples.
Well Done Delta!!
Pit Pony Experience Donors Wall update

Hi Everyone,

Thank you all once again for your donations to help bring the Collinsville Pit Pony Experience to life ;)

As you know, there will be a donors wall situated behind the pony and we’ve listed all your names and grouped families as they are to appear on the wall here:


Please check through this list of names and make sure you are happy with the placement and spelling of your name/s.

If you have any changes please contact the Collinsville Connect Telecentre on 4785 6934 or 0419 703 835, email us at cvilleconnect@gmail.com or call in so we can make any changes needed.

After the 30th of April the wall will be going to print, so please ensure you notify us of any adjustments before this date.

Businesses, Clubs and Groups are all listed at the bottom of the page.

The list was last updated on the 21st April and will be continually updated over the next 2 weeks so please come back to the site regularly to check your information until your updates show on the site ;)

Thanks again for your support of this incredible community driven project!!!

CSCSC Inc. SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO
This Sunday 3rd May 11am Bowls Club
Make a Wish Foundation special.
$2222 in 63 calls
$10,000 in 50 calls
$500 in 51 calls
Wear blue and we’ll donate $1 for each to the
Make a Wish Foundation.
1st ABMT Cup drawn this week!!!!
NO BINGO MOTHERS DAY MAY 10TH.
Scottville State School are proud to be part of this reading challenge. To reward our students reading minutes in the read more in May competition, we will be presenting a prize from our library. Students with the most amount of minutes recorded will receive a prize. The prize will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
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