**Principals Message**

Welcome to 2016. This year our school will continue upon it’s journey to reach excellence. Our goal is to focus upon reading, spelling and especially early years language acquisition. Our school continues to improve in both academic and cultural success and I am sure it will continue to grow in 2016.

It is with pleasure that I welcome back staff and welcome new staff to our school. I look forward to working hard with our dedicated teaching and ancillary staff.

**DAY 8**

Day 8 is this Friday the 5th of February. It is VITAL that all children attend on this day to ensure we are able to retain a third teacher.

**Saturday Sports**

Tennis Hot Shots starts this Saturday at Collinsville State School

It is with a smile and a skip that Scottville remains part of our community sports project that is Saturday Sports.

Saturday sports is a shared responsibility across the three primary schools in Collinsville and Scottville and is a chance for the community to get together for a bit of fun and sport.

**P&C AGM Tuesday 9th February 3PM**

Next Tuesday is our AGM meeting. This is a meeting where we elect our school P&C positions. It is followed by a monthly P&C meeting. All interested parties are invited to join us as we support our school and organise some great, fun events that make Scottville the special place it is.

**Meet the Teacher BBQ Wednesday 10th February 5-7PM**

Please be aware that our meet the teacher BBQ is on the 10th of February. This is a chance to meet the teachers and staff, talk and hear about your child’s classroom and have a bit of dinner. This is a valuable part of our community strategy to ensure our classrooms are always open door, inviting and communication is clear.

**Classroom stationery**

Please ensure you have completed purchasing the correct books for your child. Our teachers are ready to teach, however it is frustrating if the students do not have the resources required to complete classroom work. If you require support to get the stationery list complete, please contact the office.

**Leadership Ceremony**

We will be inducting our new School Leaders on Wednesday 10th February on parade at 8.30am. We would like to invite all parents for morning tea in the hall to help cut the cake and celebrate their achievement.

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**See our notice boards for up and coming events and information**

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**Homework**

As ever our Green bags and reading logs remain part of our homework strategy. The Year 4-6 and Year 2-3 classes will be carrying out a homework sheet. Year P-2 students will be receiving SSP folders for homework to accompany their home readers.

SSP folders will distributed after our new staff have participated in SSP professional development.

**PARENT SSP SESSIONS WILL BE OFFERED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE**

**Attendance - Every Day Counts**

**Every Day Counts.**

**Our goal is 93%**

**In week 2 We achieved 95%**

**Thankyou for your support getting our students to school**

Our behaviour focus for the coming week is

**SELF MANGEMENT AND RELATING TO OTHERS**

**Can I play nicely with others?**

**Can I work in class with others?**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Safe**

**Be Committed to Learning**

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**4th February 2016**

**DATE**

**ACTIVITY**

**WHO**

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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 your 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.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:  P/1 - Kingston West, 4/6 - Claudia Lee, 2/3 - Darcy Kelly
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:  Boyd Ramage
HPE AWARD: Joanna Villegas
GOTCHA: Clay Colls
CLASSROOM OF THE WEEK: Congratulations to Prep /One

WELCOME TO OUR PREP CLASS FOR 2016

Welcome to Miss Sibson, Olivia, Breanna, Rylee, Sione, Indy, Kendall, Tahlia and Miss Brown.
Scottville State School welcomes teachers Miss Tammy Brown and Miss Emma Fisher. Miss Brown is from Brisbane and is in her 2nd year as an Early Childhood Educator and will be teaching Prep-One. On the right is Miss Emma Fisher and she hails from the Sunshine Coast. Emma is a 4th year Educator and will be taking year 4-6. Mr Coffey (Principal) will be taking the year 2-3 for the present time.
A big welcome to Miss Alex Ponting (pictured below) who is our new Instrumental Music teacher for 2016. Alex hails from the Gold Coast and he is in her 7th year as a teacher. Miss Ponting previously taught at Surfers Paradise Primary School.

Scottville State School welcomes on board our new teacher aide Monique Sibson. Monique is a local girl and is currently studying her Batchelor of Primary Education. Monique is helping in the Prep/One class room.

Have you seen our busy bees around the school, they are setting up for our instrumental music program starting in week 3. All children in year 4 - 6 are invited to learn to play an instrument. See your teacher or the office for more details.
"Hello Scottville State School community!
My name is Danielle Upkett. I am the new Guidance Officer that will be working at your school to support students, staff and parents. I will be here once a week on a Thursday. If you see me walking around please come and introduce yourself. I look forward to my time here in 2016."

For PE this term, the students will be participating in group and partner movement challenges aimed at cultivating their teamwork and problem solving skills. Notes for both Saturday Tennis and SSS Running club, will be going out this week. Please make sure that your child returns their permission forms to the office by the end of the week if they wish to participate.

Saturday Tennis starting 6th Feb - 8:30 - 10:30 a.m
Running club starting Wed 10th Feb - 7:45 - 8:20 a.m

For Term 1, our focus for Saturday sports will be Hot Shots Tennis, with Mr Aaron Klumpp. Previously last year, Mr Klumpp’s Hot Shots Tennis program in Term 1 ran very successfully, with students having fun and actively participating to develop their hand-eye coordination and fundamental tennis skills.

Who: P – Yr 6 Students When: Saturday Mornings – Commencing Saturday 6th February
Where: Collinsville State School What: Hot-Shots Tennis – Week 2-6 Time: 8:30-10:30 am
Tuckshop resumes for 2016 on this Friday, the 5th February. If you can spare a few hours once a month on a Friday to volunteer to help in the tuckshop, please see the office. Without our wonderful volunteers, our tuckshop ceases to run. So come on and meet other like minded mums and dads and be part of your school.

COLLINSVILLE & SCOTTVILLE AMATEUR SWIM CLUB

COLLINSVILLE SKINS NIGHT

1 Lap Freestyle Sprints

DATE: Friday 12th February 2016
TIME: 4.30PM Registration
5.00PM First Race

VENUE: Collinsville/Scottville Memorial Pool

NOMINATION FEE APPLICABLE.
NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE AROUND TOWN AND AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

‘A large part of education is choosing one’s company then listening.’

CSCSC Inc. SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO

This Sunday 7th February
11am Collinsville Bowls Club
(Pit Pony Capital of Australia)
$2,222 in 62 calls
& $10,000 in 55 calls
$250 in 57 calls

COMING SOON:
Next week: 6th Anniversary at the Bowls Club
MARCH 20TH - 26th BIRTHDAY SPECIAL
MARCH 27TH - EASTER SPECIAL

P&C AGM

Our school need you help in forming the committee for P & C 2016. We need new volunteers for all positions this year and the current committee will be there to help you at all times. Join in with your child/ren and be part of their education.

Congratulations to the Pit Pony Team!

As you may have heard, the Pit Pony Experience launch on the 28th of November, 2015 was awarded Collinsville Event of the Year at the local Australia Day awards!

Congratulations also to all the other recipients at the ceremony, strong community leaders build strong communities!

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Next Meeting Date - AGM : 9th February 2016
RATCH Lab - SSS Multipurpose Hall @ 2.45pm