FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Every year I like to share and celebrate our school’s NAPLAN results with our community.

2016 NAPLAN summary
- Grade 3 and 5 students outscored “similar school” in all areas tested
- Grade 5 students outscored Tasmania in Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy
- The greatest gains from NAPLAN testing in Grade 3 to Grade 5 were in Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation

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Individual student results accompany this Newsletter. Parents please look in school bags if your son/daughter hasn’t passed them on to you.

Present daily attendance target is 92%. This is the lowest rate we have had all year! This is a gentle reminder that students need to attend school daily [unless sick]. Many are staying home for unacceptable reasons e.g. birthdays, haircuts. Please help us reach the school target of 93.5% by the end of the year.

Dawn McCauley
Footwear
Gum boots are unacceptable footwear for school. Either black school shoes or sandshoes should be worn, both are a part of our School Uniform policy which is ratified by the School Association.

2017
If your family is not attending SPS next year, please let us know asap so we do not count them in our projected numbers for 2017.
If your child is turning 4 this year and is not enrolled in our Pre Kinder sessions please let the School office (63 520 200) know of your intent to enrol your child.

Future Starting Age Update
As you may be aware, the Government has been working on a change to the school starting age through the Education Act review process. The original proposal to make the compulsory starting age of Prep 4 years and 6 months has now changed to a minimum starting age.

This is in recognition that parents and carers are best placed to decide when their child should start school, the Government has agreed that, although the age at which a child can commence in Prep will be lowered to 4 years and 6 months, the compulsory school starting age will remain at five.

The commencement of this change would take effect in Prep in 2021, which means children who are born in the first half of 2016 will be eligible for Kindergarten in 2020.

These changes result in an optional Kindergarten starting age of 3 years and 6 months in 2020, parents can decide on what suits their child best.

For further information on this topic please see the below link to an updated fact sheet:

If you have any questions about the upcoming changes, please email: comments@education.tas.gov.au

School Banking
A reminder that school banking is every Wednesday. There are many children who have more than 10 tokens and are eligible for rewards. It does not matter if you have not banked for some time. If you are not sure how many tokens you have please ask at the school office. Each term there are new rewards offered.

Playground tokens and rewards
As part of our Positive Behaviour Support we have modified the way our playground tokens work. Children will now exchange their tokens for a raffle ticket which they 'post' in a box outside the office. At each Assembly the SLC will draw names out of the box and those children will be rewarded for their efforts with a small prize. All children who have received tokens for being safe, being fair, showing care will have their names published in our weekly newsletter.

The children and staff are very excited about these changes and we look forward to the first ‘draw’ of names at this week’s assembly.

Congratulations to the following students who have received playground tokens:
Working With Vulnerable People Card
Just a reminder to parents/guardians who volunteer at the school; if you have not already done so, please apply for your working with vulnerable people card as soon as possible. The registration process takes up to 6 weeks to be completed and as at 1st September 2016 it will be mandatory that this card is held. If you have any queries please contact the School Office.

Canteen News
Pumpkin soup and a hot cheese roll will be available on these days only: Thursday September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd. Cost will be $3.50.

Book Week Character Parade
At this time every year, the Children’s Book Council of Australia celebrates children’s literature, its authors and illustrators, with Book Week. Yesterday SPS recognised the event when students came dressed as book characters, some chosen from Australian stories to fit with this year’s theme of Australia! Story Country, some just as a favourite character. It was a varied and colourful sight on the netball court as classes paraded at the end of recess.

Pyjama Day
On Wednesday 10th August we had a pyjama day and a guess the lollies jar. On the day we raised $403.55 which is an amazing amount for Scottsdale Primary. This money will go towards our new basketball hoops. Thank you to everyone that came in pyjamas and had a guess. Well done to Mehki Jones who won the guess the lolly jar. Thanks again.

Bookclub
Children will bring home Book Club catalogues this week. Orders are due on Friday September 2 and can be made via the online LOOP system or the classroom teacher.
**Cyber Safety**
With cyber safety currently headlining our news it is timely to remind students and parents of how to keep cyber safe.

Some things that you can do while having fun to be safe online:

- **Parents** – establish online rules and an agreement with your sons and daughters about Internet use at home and outside of the home.

- **Students** – talk to your friends if you see them making poor choices online that could compromise their safety

- **Parents** – spend time online alongside your daughter or son and establish an atmosphere of trust regarding computer usage and online activities

- **Parents** – computers/devices are used in an area of your house where you can easily supervise your family’s Internet activity.

- **Parents** – regularly discuss your sons and daughters about their online friends and activities. This helps you learn about how the digital generation uses the Internet – and may help keep your family safe.

- **Students** - if your brother, sister, or friends seems to be making bad choices online that could harm them, talk with them, and a parent or trusted adult.

- **Students and Parents** – block instant/personal messages from people that you or your son and daughter don’t know.

- **Parents** – review the amount of time your son or daughter spends on the Internet, and at what times of the day.

- **Students** – if one of your real world friends “lives” on the Internet – be a friend and invite that person to do something together that’s in “the real world.”

- **Parents** – Stress to your child that sexting is never safe under any circumstances. The texts or photos can become part of a cyberbullying campaign against them.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Save the date:**
Saturday 27th August
Dance with Rino Morea 50s, 60s and 70s music
Scottsdale RSL Club 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm
$10 pp - $20 family, raffle and lucky door
Ladies please bring a plate of supper to share
Raising funds for Rotary Dorset Christmas Celebrations
Ph: 0428 328 510 to book a table and book for tea

**NE Bushrangers Junior Cricket Club**
AGM and General Season Planning Meeting
Thursday 8th September, 7pm Scottsdale LINC.
All Welcome.
Please come along and show an interest for your kids to play Cricket in the North East.
Like our facebook page for updates
NE Bushrangers Junior Cricket.
Enq. 0438732720.

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|  | September |
|  | 1 – Performance Grades 3-6 |
|  | 5 – Country Gold Hockey training - Launceston |
|  | 7 – SLC casual dress/coin drive for Aminya |
|  | 9 – Assembly Prep/1 Irwin |
|  | 13 – School Association |
|  | 14 – Grade 5/6 to SHS production |
|  | 15 – Country Gold Carnival |
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|  | 20 – 23 – Growing Up Program 3-6 |
|  | 22 – Singfest |
|  | 23 – Final day Term 3 |

**October**

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|  | 10 – Term 4 commences for students and staff |
|  | 11 – School Association |
|  | 14 – T20 Blast Cricket |
School Association – 2016
Mr Jim Wilson – Chair
Mrs Karie Hall – Vice Chair
Mrs Rebecca Kitchin – Secretary
Mrs Elizabeth Hadley
Mrs Wendy Timperon
Mrs Dawn McCauley – Publicity Officer
Mrs Christine Edmunds
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Into Learning
In 5/6 Garside we have been using the Rio Olympics to inspire us in the classroom.

We have been using it for collecting data in Maths and we have also used it to inspire our creative side! Here are some of our logo designs.