FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome to the 2017 school year. Our new basketball/netball courts and fences are looking fantastic improving the aesthetics of our school and improving safety for all users. We ask that the courts be used for the intended sports after school and over the weekends please.

This year we have 5 new staff members: Mrs Phillipa Rainbow: Primary AST, Miss Emily Chapple: 5/6 teacher, Mr Adrian a’Court: 1/2 teacher, Mrs Coby Gore: Prep/1 teacher, Mrs Jane Cairns: Teacher Assistant and Mrs Vanessa Chorley School Office. Mrs Hayley Heazlewood is our Early Childhood AST for Terms 1 and 2 whilst Mrs Christine Edmunds is at Ringarooma Primary School as Acting Principal and Mrs Cox has returned from Long Service Leave.

School Newsletter
This year our Newsletter will come home every second Wednesday. This change has been made to coincide with Kindergarten days. The Newsletter is available in print, on Facebook and by email. If you haven’t told the School Office, the way you wish to receive the School newsletter a hard copy will be sent home with the eldest child in your family.

Swimming Carnivals
Our annual Grades 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held at the Scottsdale Pool commencing at 9:30 next Tuesday, February 21. If the day is cancelled due to bad weather, it will go ahead on Thursday February 23. We hope to see you all there cheering students along.

Following our school carnival, a school team will be chosen to compete against other NE schools at the NE Swimming Carnival on Wednesday, March 1 at the same venue. If your child makes the team a separate letter will arrive home with your child.

School Assembly
We will host our first school assembly for Grades 3-6 plus class representatives on the SRC from Prep Farrell, P/1 Gore, 1/2 a’Court and 1/2 Cox on Friday, February 24. The presentation of badges to the following leaders will occur as well as SRC representatives for terms one and two.
Bus Captains, Newsletter Committee, Chair Committee, ICT Committee. The assembly will commence at 2:10 in the school hall.

MYTERN- Dr Jane Foster
Dr Jane Foster worked with staff and your School Association representatives last week and has been working with classes yesterday and today introducing everyone to MYTERN. MYTERN (Take Emotional Responsibility Now) is a simple yet powerful language that helps students and adults cope with their response to the ever-increasing stresses of life. Rather than trying to eliminate the stress (which is impossible) and allowing it to affect their health, MYTERN teaches people how to create health and resilience out of these everyday stressors. Using the common metaphor of driving, the simple yet powerful language is designed to cross age and cultural barriers, so that it can be used effectively both at home and at school. MYTERN is a preventative intervention. It teaches everyone how to be in control of their reaction to the everyday altercations, helping to stop them from building up into more serious problems. It teaches that we may not be able to change the circumstances around us, but we always have the option to change the way we feel.

School Association
Mr Jim Wilson and Mrs Elizabeth Hadley have completed their two-year role on the School Association. I thank them very much for their time and the dedication. We are now asking for nominations to fill the 2 vacant positions. A nomination form accompanies this Newsletter and I ask that you consider nominating. Nominations close on March 1. If we have more than 2 parents nominate, voting slips will be sent home for the school parent body to vote. Please ask one of the existing members any questions you may have if you are interested in becoming part of the School Association.

Dawn McCauley

Naming of Uniforms
Please ensure that all school uniforms are named clearly to avoid accumulation of un-named items in the lost property basket.

2017 BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS
Dear Parent/Guardian/
Grade 6 Student

Scottsdale Primary School will be holding Breakfast Club every morning between approximately 8:15 – 8:45 am this year, starting Monday 20th February 2017.

We need parent help to assist us in the preparation, serving and cleaning up of each breakfast. Ideally, it would be great to have a roster, you would need to be at school by 8:10 am – 9:00am if you volunteer. We would also like to extend an invitation to any Grade 6 student who would be interested in volunteering their time.

If you are interested in being involved, please let the School Office know, so we can put you on the roster.

School Banking
All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Monday, commencing Monday 20th February.
Late Arrivals/Early Departures:
If your child arrives late at school or leaves early, please ensure that they are signed in or out by a collecting parent/guardian. All parents/guardians/visitors are required to report to the school office between the hours of 9:00am and 2:45pm.

Student Absences
If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the School Office on 63 520 200 to speak with Office Staff or if prompted, please leave a short message (Name of child; reason for absence). If you receive an SMS concerning an unexplained absence, please reply to the message or phone the school. It is mandated that children attend school Monday to Friday unless they are sick. Please make appointments for after school hours and keep holidays to the times approved by the department. Children who attend school every day achieve greater academically! Give your child the best possible future by ensuring they attend school every day possible.

2017 Validation and Information Packs
A reminder to all parents who have not already done so, to please return the 2017 student validation and information forms to the School Office as soon as possible. It is important that we have the correct information regarding your child/children’s emergency contact details as well as a correct mailing address. In addition could any outstanding Aquatic and Major Excursion forms please be returned to the School Office as soon as possible.

Canteen
The School Canteen is now operating for students from Kinder to Grade 6 who wish to order their lunch or to purchase other items. New price lists are available from the School Office.

Newsletter Items
As the newsletter will now be published on a Wednesday fortnightly, any requests for items to be placed in the newsletter will need to be received by Monday 12:00 pm.

School Hats
Students are now required to wear their hat outdoors during Term 1.

Playground Award Winners
Kristen Holmes, Presten Fursey.

Playground Token Winners

COMMUNITY NOTICES
NTJFA
Scottsdale Magpies Junior Football training will commence for U/10’s Sunday 5th March @ 11 am at Scottsdale Football grounds
Boys and girls welcome between ages 7-10 years.
Enquiries: Manuel Hall 0419 849 439
Key Dates

February
21 – Swimming Carnival Gr 3-6
22 – Launceston Cup Day Holiday
23 – Swimming Carnival Rain Day
24 – Launching into Learning begins
24 – Assembly SLC

March
1 – NE Swimming Carnival
2 – Grip Leadership Launceston
7 – School Association
10 – Assembly 5/6 Garside
13 – Eight Hour Day Holiday
14 – Athletic Carnival
16 – Athletic Carnival
24 – School Fair
28 – NE Athletic Carnival
29 – Grade 5/6 Camp – Camp Banksia
30 – Grade 5/6 Camp – Camp Banksia
30 – Tour de Cure assembly
31 – Grade 5/6 Camp – Camp Banksia
31 – Assembly 1/2 Cox

School Association – 2017
Mr Jim Wilson – Vacant position
Mrs Karie Hall – Vice Chair
Mrs Rebecca Kitchin – Secretary
Mrs Elizabeth Hadley
Mrs Wendy Timperon
Mrs Dawn McCauley – Publicity Officer
Miss Lauren Carter
Mrs Debra Lade
Mrs Sandra Cox

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Welcome to Launching into Learning 2017 at Scottsdale Primary School!

Below are the session details for this year. We hope to see you there!

**Reading Magic**
Reading Magic is a pre-school literacy based program for children from birth to 5 years. Come along with your child and listen to stories, share books, sing songs and have fun! Sessions will commence on Friday 24th Feb, 2017.

**When:** Friday (Weekly) 9:00am – 9:40am

**Where:** Kindergarten Room

**Contact:** Scottsdale Primary School on 63 520 200 to register your child for these sessions.

**Cost:** Free

**Busy Bodies**
Busy Bodies is a pre-school program for children from birth to 5 years. The sessions will involve indoor and outdoor play experiences, which focus on the development of fine and gross motor skills. Come along with your child and squeeze, touch, feel, create, climb and move. Sessions will commence on Friday 24th Feb, 2017.

**When:** Friday (Weekly) 10:00am – 10:45am

**Where:** Kindergarten Room

**Contact:** Scottsdale Primary School on 63 520 200 to register your child for these sessions.

**Cost:** Free

**Pre-Kinder**
Was your child born in 2013? If so, they are eligible to attend Pre-Kinder sessions this year. The Pre-Kinder sessions help to prepare your child for Kindergarten by familiarising them with the Kindergarten environment. The sessions will involve hands-on activities, outdoor play, stories and songs.

**When:** Friday 11:30am — 12:30pm (We will notify parents of the start date once your child is registered).

**Where:** Kindergarten room.

**Contact:** Scottsdale Primary School on 63 520 200 to register your child.

**Cost:** Free
Nominations are open for 2 positions on the Scottsdale Primary School Association. Several objectives and functions of the Association as stated in the School Associations Constitution are:

- To participate in the formulation and development of a set of beliefs, values and priorities, school policies, and code of conduct.
- To foster cooperation between the School Community.
- To approve the School Budget.
- To provide advice and recommendations to the Principal in relation to the general operations and management of the school.

SPS Association consists of both staff and parent representatives that meet on a monthly basis to discuss topics and issues relating to the school community. Parent representatives are elected for a two year term, however a one year term could be considered if your child is in grade 6.

SCOTTSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CANDIDACY NOMINATION

Nomination .................................................. Address ..................................................
(Printed Name) ..................................................

I ...........................................................................consent to this nomination as a candidate for election to the above School Association and affirm that I am a parent/guardian/have care of a pupil at Scottsdale Primary School.

Date ...........................................................
Proposer ....................................................
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(Proposed name) .........................................(date)

Seconder ....................................................
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(Proposed name) .........................................(date)

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