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- Primary School HRIS Netball Trials

Tuesday 17th March
- K to 6 Parent/Teacher Evening
- HRIS Open/U15 B&G Touch Trial

Wednesday 18th March
- Secondary Cross Country Carnival
- K-6 NRMA Science & Road Safety
- K to 6 Parent/Teacher Evening

Thursday 19th March
- HRIS Open B&G Soccer Trial
- Primary CIS Swimming C’ships
- Primary Choir Concert & Afternoon Tea

Friday 20th March
- National Day of Action Against Bullying
- Years 5 & 6 Safe Boating Sessions
- Year 2 Camp Out on Front Oval
- Year 8 Sea Acres Excursion

Monday 23rd March
- Year 10 Work Experience Week
- P&F Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 24th March
- Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations
- Year 7 Camp Diamond Head
- Year 8 Camp Gunnedah
- Year 9 Camp Barrington Tops
- Year 11 Tertiary Awareness Trip
- NSW Country Schools Cricket Trial

Wednesday 25th March
- Primary School Grandparents’ Day

Thursday 26th March
- Year 2-6 Cross Country Carnival
- Year 3 Sleepover in Iona Centre

Friday 27th March
- AICES Schools Tennis Cup
Whole School

Innes House Fundraiser

Mrs Templeton & Miss Watters
Primary and Secondary Heads of Innes House

This year Innes House will be raising funds for Bear Cottage in its efforts to support terminally ill children and their families. Bear Cottage is the only children’s hospice in NSW, one of only two in Australia, and the only one in the world affiliated with a children’s hospital. It is dedicated to caring for children with life-limiting conditions and their families and receives no government funding.

Bear Cottage provides support, respite and end of life care for children with life-limiting illnesses and their families. Children from across Australia are cared for at Bear Cottage, regardless of where they receive their primary care, although the majority of families that access the service are from NSW. The children who visit Bear Cottage will range from newborn infants to 18 years of age; however accommodation is also available for parents, as well as siblings, of the children staying. Most families staying at Bear Cottage will come for respite; with the average length of stay is around one week to ten days. Families are generally able to visit Bear Cottage around 4 times a year for general respite.

Students in Innes House (both Primary and Secondary School) are kindly asked to donate an Easter egg to the Innes Easter hampers which will be raffled to raise funds for Bear Cottage. Students are asked to donate an Easter egg by Week 9 (Friday 20th March, 2015) to their Classroom Teacher in Primary School and Tutor Teachers in Secondary. These hampers will then be raffled on the last day of Term 1 (Thursday 2nd April, 2015) with all funds raised going to Bear Cottage. Raffle tickets will be 50 cents each or 3 for $1.

While this is not a compulsory donation, any support given is appreciated by the Innes Student Leadership Teams in both Primary and Secondary Schools. Thank you in advance for your support in this event.

Car Safety

We would like to remind parents and caregivers to clearly display their laminated car signs for Kiss & Drop pick up. This allows the staff on Kiss & Drop duty to send students to cars in a safe and efficient manner. Please also ensure that students remain seated with their seat belts fastened whenever the vehicle is moving. Families that require car signs can email primaryschool@scas.nsw.edu.au for Primary families or secondaryschool@scas.nsw.edu.au for Secondary families.
As the Pastoral Care program moves up a gear, there are some exciting activities happening around the school.

Year 7 and 8 have been doing Peer Support, goal setting, promoting positive friendships, team building and Camp preparation work. Meanwhile, Year 9 and 10 are engaged in discussions and debates on ethics and current global events as well as Career options and goal setting. Year 11 and 12 are Reading with the Stage 1 students, Peer Support Leading and attending a workshop of their choice. Some of these include: Gap Year options, resume construction, study skills, mental stillness meditation, chess, and physical activity for senior students who have trouble fitting exercise into their work schedule.

Pastoral care occupies thirty minutes of your child’s time twice per week and is aimed at developing thoughtful, positive, autonomous, functioning adult citizens. This time is also a time for staff to check and sign diaries and make a personal connection with the students in their care. We hope family discussions may ensue from the effective work done during Pastoral Care sessions.

Primary School says “Bullying. No Way!”

On Friday 20th March, the Primary School will be taking part in activities for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. It is an opportunity for the whole school community to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.
1G makes 2D Shape Monsters

Mrs Jaana Gray
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Last week 1G studied two dimensional shapes in Maths. Students had fun learning all their shapes and we finished up making some monsters using 2D shapes. The student that used the most 2D shapes was Colton Craig who used 53 shapes to make his monster.

K-2 Hockey Clinic

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 had a great time at a recent Hockey Clinic held by the Port Macquarie Hastings Hockey Association.
Primary School

Curriculum Corner

Mrs Lisa Gooding
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What’s New in the Primary School

Progressive Online Reporting:
The Primary School Progressive Reporting Parent Guide was sent home via the Parent Lounge on Friday afternoon of Week 7 and the invitation to the Parent Information session was sent out in Week 6. The Information session was held at 5:30pm on Thursday March 12th in the Chapel. During the session I outline the changes to our reporting system and how to access the “Notifications” on the Parent Lounge and the A to E Outcomes for assessment tasks. A team of teachers have been working on the development of the new system with the first of the “Notifications” being released on the Parent Lounge in Week 11 of Term I. These ‘Notifications” will indicate what assessment has taken place this term and the A to E outcomes will be released for them as well at or soon after this time.

Questions highlighted by parents:
Notifications will become live to the Parent Lounge on a Friday so you do not have to check it every day if not in that habit. This will make it easier for both staff and parents.

Calendars - to move items to your own personal calendars you go into the Home page of the Parent Lounge and go the calendar event. If you click on the specific event then you can save it to your own calendar.

Thank you to the parents that attended the session and became involved in the discussion.

Curriculum Developments

The old HSIE syllabus has been divided up into History and Geography in the new New South Wales Australian curriculum. The History topics cover concepts of “People” in history. Kindy are looking at Personal and Family History; Year 1 and 2 are looking at Similarities and Differences in Family Life by comparing present with the past; Year 3 are looking at Community and Remembrance; Year 4 are looking at the First Contact with world explorers and the First Contact with Australia; Year 5 are looking at Australian Colonies; and Year 6 are looking into Australia as a Nation.

The Geography units are designed to develop a knowledge and understanding of nature and geography across a range of scales, the interactions between people, places and environments and how to select and apply geographical tool for geography inquiry so to develop skills to communicate geographical information.

What’s On in Kindy!

Here is a sneak peak of some recent work by our Kindergarten students.
Nicola reached her teaching career in an unconventional manner. After completing a double degree and working for a children’s publishing house in a marketing and graphics manipulator role, she felt unfulfilled, albeit satisfied with the access to free books. Sparked by a desire to foster in others the same passion for reading and all things literature as she had, Nicola decided that a career teaching English was for her. Nicola likes to use her art and technology background to support traditional teaching methods. Nicola has taught at St Stanislaus’ College, Bathurst and most recently at St Joseph’s Regional College, Port Macquarie. In her spare time away from teaching, Nicola enjoys reading (how strange), cooking, playing netball and fantasising about when she will be able to have a property that allows her to have chickens. Nicola is relishing the opportunity to be part of the SCAS community.

Ms Nicola Gallace
Secondary Teacher

Mr Paul Hodge
Secondary Teacher

Year Representatives for 2015

I am often asked by my senior students to provide advice on selecting career paths and why I selected teaching as a profession. I convey two reasons for my choice of career - firstly, my absolute love for the subject of History that I am blessed to teach and having the ability to empower another person in my care to have an interest in the world in which they live. Secondly and most importantly, having the ability to be inspired on a daily basis by young people. In my role at SCAS I work with incredible young leaders who constantly challenge and inspire me. I am lucky enough to find these attributes on a daily basis here at SCAS.

On the 25th of February, I was both empowered and inspired after witnessing the creative inspiration of many young people who were brave enough to nominate for the converted Year Representative Leadership positions. I was particularly taken by the speeches made by Year 7 students which were equal with American Presidential campaign speeches and Year 10 for showing their unique qualities in creative ways. Thank you to all students who nominated in the various years. Irrespective of the outcome you have all shown yourselves to be leaders and I would encourage you to apply again next year. I look forward to the inspiration that the new Year Representatives will provide throughout 2015.

Please congratulate the following students who were nominated by their peers as the 2015 Year Representatives:

Year 7  Emily Reynolds and Mitchell Hardie
Year 8  Lana Pelser and Blake McLean
Year 9  Anna Morrison and Jack Nethery
Year 10  Lana Calvi and Bradley Magann
Year 11  Grace Sneddon and Jed Morrison
Secondary School

Interact assists Zonta and Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia

Mrs Gayle Houlahan
Interact Club Facilitator
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Interact Club members joined with the local Zonta Club to help save the lives of mothers and babies last weekend. Grace Sneddon and Madeline Houlahan attended a fundraising luncheon to raise funds for the Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia (BKFA). The organisation helps to provide clean birthing environments, train birth attendants and supply simple birthing kits to women in need in Sub Saharan Africa and southern Asia. The students are pictured with Dr Joy O’Hazy who was guest speaker at the luncheon discussing her work as director of BKFA. Dr O’Hazy also addressed students at the SCAS Year 7/8 Chapel last Friday to raise awareness of the issue. Following the luncheon Stella Hannock and Caitlyn Howard helped Zonta Club to put together 1000 birthing kits. Interact Club meets Tuesday of Week B in SL9 at long break for any interested students in Years 9 to 12.

Senior Biology gets practical on excursions

During the term, Year 11 and Year 12 students of Biology have been taking their learning out of the classroom and into real world environments. Year 11 visited Rainbow Beach in Bonny Hills to explore the rock platforms as part of their unit *A Local Ecosystem*. Biology students from Year 12 who are completing their HSC this year were able to experience some novel and hands-on learning experiences generally unavailable to regional schools. The students went to Sydney for a three day excursion that saw them undertake workshops at the University of Sydney and the University of NSW on topics such as evolution, genetics, disease and communication as well as experience an overnight stay at Taronga Zoo to learn about ecosystems and equilibrium maintenance in organisms.
Sport

NSW/All Schools Triathlon

Seven SCAS students recently travelled to Sydney International Regatta Centre to participate at the joint Combined Independent Schools (CIS)/NSW All-Schools Triathlon.

SCAS was represented on each of the two days at the meet with results as follows:

- Joe Begbie (Junior Boys) - 2nd out of 230
- Maemie Bann-Murray (Intermediate Girls) - 66th out of 103
- David Wilkie (Senior Boys) - 34th out of 59
- Junior Boys Relay Team: Izaac Stewart (Swim), Joe Begbie (Bike) and Will Goodwin (Run) - 9th out of 115 teams
- Intermediate Girls Team: Maya Hulse (Swim), Maemie Bann-Murray (Bike) and Annabelle Smead (Run) - 41st out of 191 teams

Congratulations to all students and special mention to Joe Begbie who after finishing 2nd has now qualified to represent NSW All-Schools at the National Titles later this year.

Combined Independent Schools Tennis Competition

On Monday the 23rd of February I went to Sydney to represent HRIS at a Tennis competition for the Combined Independent Schools (CIS). My journey began by qualifying at school to go to the Hunter Region Independent Schools tournament where I finished fourth overall, losing to the eventual winner in the semi-finals. This fourth place finish allowed me to go to the next level: CIS. I was very excited as I had never represented HRIS in tennis before.

My mum and I went to Sydney the day before so we could get to the tournament on time for the 8:30 am start. After getting stuck in traffic and stressing about being late, we finally found the right place. Ironically, the tournament didn’t start until 11:00am due to rain delays. The competition finally got underway and I lost my first game 4-2, but won my next two games 4-0. I then lost my final game to a very skilled player who told me that he trains seven days a week. I finished the tournament with two wins and four loses. I really enjoyed the experience and even made a few new friends. I would like to thank my tennis coach Mr Greg Alchin for his training and Mr Tony Harrison for all his support.

Jack Mills
Year 6
Combined Independent Schools Basketball

Year 5 student Peyton Hilberts, along with Year 6 students Shannon Burton and Sean Bosschieter, recently represented SCAS at the CIS Basketball Trials held at North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre. Approximately 100 basketballers from throughout NSW showed off their skills in the hope of making the final 12 person CIS team with selectors making comment that competition for places was of an extremely high standard. Sean and Shannon progressed through to the final stage while Peyton narrowly missed out. Congratulations to each of the trio for making it through to this event.

HRIS U15 Boys Tennis

Ronan Wallace, Leyton Brislane, Braeden Philpott and Kai Canham recently represented SCAS at the HRIS Tennis Gala in Newcastle. The boys left Port Macquarie at 5am for a full day of competition to compete as a team against a number of schools from the Central Coast to the Mid North Coast.

The quartet played some exceptional tennis and were undefeated throughout the entire day – winning the final against Lake Macquarie School. Organisers for the event noted that they were very pleased with the day, including the hard fought final, noting players from both teams displayed outstanding sportsmanship by applauding good shots from their opposition. Congratulations boys.
Community News

Fiji Oz Donation Drive

As you will remember last year the SCAS community came together to bring Maddi Wren home from Fiji after she was born eight weeks prematurely. Sadly a week after their return to Australia, Ashley Wren a year 1 teacher from our school, passed away suddenly. The school rallied together to offer a lot of support for Jayne during this very difficult time. Jayne and Ashley had a dream to return to Fiji for Madisons 1st birthday in May this year.

Jayne has made a strong connection with Fiji Oz, a non for profit organisation that helps to elevate the lives of the Fijian people. The founder Karen Aide worked with Jayne last year to transport hospital beds, clothing and toys and school equipment to Fiji. Many of these items came from people in the SCAS community and the wider community after a Clothing Drive held at school late last year.

This year on her return, Jayne will be renovating the bathrooms in the hospital with supplies from Port Macquarie and the Fijian trades people. She would love to take a supply of clothing and shoes for adults, teenagers and children again. On Saturday 21st March we will be holding another clothing drive at school from 10-3pm outside the Iona centre. We would love to have helpers to sort the clothes and pack boxes even for a little while. If you can’t make it that day you can drop off any items in bags, that are labelled “Fiji Oz” to the Hope Shop in Milton Circuit. The final opportunity to donate clothing will be on Monday 23rd March. Items can be dropped into the Iona centre kitchen for sorting and packing.

Jayne is partnering with Fiji-Oz for a fundraising campaign called ‘Save Lives With a Dollar’. Right across Australia we are asking people to donate one dollar in the hope that fifty thousand people will help raise $50,000 to help keep Fiji-Oz afloat for the next five years. One single dollar is not much to us, but it is literally life changing for them…

You can donate your $1.00 directly to the: Fiji-Oz Foundation:

BSB: 083 417
ACC: 949 342 111

Or you can donate in person to St Columba front office, Hope Shop, Zebu, Hello World Travel, Settlement City, Eastport Bowling Club, Classic Cafe at the Glasshouse. To find out more about Fiji Oz go to their website http://fijioz.org.au.

Mrs Mary-Ann Parer

Columba Cottage OSHC

Columba Cottage offers an extensive and enjoyable Out of School Hours Care service that caters for all primary school children in the Port Macquarie area. University trained and qualified educators present and lead the program, incorporating a range of sports, craft, science and cooking experiences.

Before School Care is available mornings from 6.45am, with a drop off service to other schools, at a cost of $15 per session.

After School Care is available from 3.15pm until 5.45pm, with a pick-up service for other schools, at a cost of $20 per session.

Our service is CCB and CCR approved, which can significantly reduce the overall cost to parents.

Vacation Care is offered during School Holiday breaks and is open from 7.45am until 5.45pm, 10 hours a day, Monday to Friday at a cost of $55.00 per day.

Excursions to attractions in the local Port Macquarie area are provided including Billabong Zoo, Hydro and Putt Putt Golf, Centre of Gravity, Wow Fun Park and Timber Town.

For all enquiries please contact our friendly staff at Columba Cottage on 6581 4433 or email cce1c.oshc@gmail.com
Are you looking for your Duke of Ed - Service Opportunity?

“Trinity Youth” the newly formed Trinity Anglican Church Youth Group seeks volunteers to assist through its fun, popular and rapidly growing Friday night gathering for guys and girls in years 7–12 at high school.

We invite you to consider volunteering and having fun while meeting the criteria for your Duke of Ed “Service” component.

**Trinity Youth Meets..........**

**Time:** Friday evenings from 7 to 9pm

**Where:** St Columba Anglican School, Iona Centre

Through volunteering with Trinity Youth you will:

- Make a real difference
- Connect with people and make new friends
- Achieve a personal goal while having fun
- You can volunteer with your mates
- You will feel great
- You will learn new interpersonal skills
- You may learn a lot about yourself

Volunteer tasks might include:

- Assisting with Games
- Musicianship duties
- Leadership duties
- “Trinity Dusk” 5pm Sunday Youth Church Service duties
- Canteen duties
- Communications
- Fund Raising

If you are willing, we will be sure to find a task especially for you.

**Come along to Trinity Youth any Friday to discuss your Duke of Ed option, or contact Mr Hodge personally or via email p.hodge@scas.nsw.edu.au at SCAS.**

[Trinity Anglican Church](http://www.trinityanglicanchurch.org.au)

Facebook.com/groups/trinityyouthpm
Musical Magic at Bago....

A whole school welcome hosted by the Friends of Music

Sunday, March 22 2015

* Featuring Primary and Secondary school ensembles!

At Bago Vineyard

Gates open 10am
Music from 11am
Food and Coffee available from SCAS BBQ and Bago Jazz Cafe

Enjoy a cupcake from the famous Cupcake Stall

* $20 per car - pay at the gate
Entry to maze $7 kids & $10 adults

Bring your friend for the fun day

contact:
pace@scas.nsw.edu.au
SCAS P&F presents

CAMP WEEK SOCIAL
Thursday March 26, 6-8pm

Enjoy a glass of wine or craft beer and
tasty nibbles with other SCAS parents/staff
at Black Duck Brewery.

This casual social event is timed to coincide
with Camp Week & Sleepover events.

Tickets $25 MUST be pre-purchased
(includes one wine/beer on arrival plus delicious canapés)

Tickets available from:
- Grumpy’s Butchery, Lake Innes Shopping Village
- Bels Bakery, 128 Gordon St Port Macquarie
- OR pay online - email admin@scasbusinessdirectory.info for details.

Why not relax for an hour or two with other SCAS people!

No BYO  For more info phone Jan Dennis on 0412740518  Guests must be 18yrs.
Black Duck Brewery is at 6 Acacia Avenue, Port Macquarie