Dear Parents and Families,

This week I have had the pleasure of spending time with both of the Grade 7 groups that have been on camp at the Forester Scout Cabin and camp ground. Luckily I arrived in time to share a BBQ tea with the students and staff and it appeared that the ice-cream delivery was received gratefully by all campers. The students were eager to share stories of their camp experiences with hiking adventures, snapping tent poles, cooling off by the river, Frisbee games and late night chatter some of the highlights shared. The positive outcomes of this camping experience for these students and staff are very evident. New friendships have been made and old ones strengthened, positive relationships between students and staff have been fostered and collaboration, cooperation and communication skills built. I would like to thank all staff involved for their support of this program with particular recognition of Orion Brandwood for his leadership of this camp experience. I’m sure our last group of grade 7’s are looking forward to their opportunity to visit the scout cabin next week.

If you happen to pass by or visit our school on Wednesday mornings for the next few weeks you may hear the sound of drums in the distance. Mark Brown, from the PCYC has secured funding to support the delivery of a Taiko drumming programs for a number of our year 8 and 9 students. Students will be learning the techniques of Taiko drumming with the aim of learning a Taiko song to perform in a school assembly. Mark is a highly experienced Taiko teacher and our students have already developed an excitement and enthusiasm for Taiko drumming.

Thank you to parents, students and families who attended our recent ‘Meet and Greet’ BBQ evening. We had a fantastic turnout and it was an excellent opportunity for teachers and parents to meet up informally and share information to support students to have the best start to this year they can have. Schools work best for students when there is a strong and positive partnership in place between home and school. I look forward to the next opportunity we have to meet together and encourage you to make contact with the school at any time if you have a question or concern or if you would just like to have a chat about how your child is going at school.

Attendance remains a focus for our school community this year. Currently we are examining attendance data and we will be making contact with parents around any unexplained absences. Our goal for this term is to have no unexplained absences across our school. Every day counts in achieving the best education possible and I look forward to sharing more information with you about our attendance strategies for 2017.

Kind regards,
Carolyn Watson
Hawks Visit

On Thursday the 16th of February, twenty grade 7/8s from Scottsdale High School visited Lilydale District High School to meet 4 Hawthorn Hawks players. The players were Luke Hodge, Jarryd Roughead, Ryan Burton and Marc Pittonet. We were able to ask them questions about resilience, a balanced life, success, and self awareness. One of the questions asked was, “how do you keep a balanced life between your football life and personal life?” It was good to meet the players and hear about the challenges they’ve overcome in their careers. Thanks to the Scottsdale High School teachers for giving us the chance to go to this awesome event!

By Lucas

Mathematics and Science Competitions

Every year at Scottsdale High School we are looking for ways to extend and challenge our students. This year, we will be once again participating in the ICAS Science and Mathematics competitions as well as the Australian Mathematics Competition. The ICAS competitions (International Competition and Assessments for Schools) are international competitions testing students in a variety of topics within the field of Science and Mathematics. The Australian Mathematics Competition is an Australia wide competition. Students compete in their year level against students from Australia and overseas. Once students have completed the competition they receive their results and a certificate of achievement which is handed out during a school assembly. All students able to participate in the competitions are asked to let their Science/Maths teachers know if they are interested in participating. If you have any questions regarding these competitions or would like your child to participate in them please contact Belinda Fletcher.

Belinda Fletcher

Learning Area Focus - Geography

In geography, students are learning to respond to and interact with the world around them.

The Australian Curriculum states that geography teaches students to respond to questions in a geographically distinctive way; through the planning of inquiries, collecting and evaluating, information and to draw conclusions about what they have learnt. Through learning in geography, students are provided with opportunities to develop a wide range of general skills and capabilities that can be applied in everyday life and at work. The subject helps students to develop an appreciation and respect for social, cultural and religious diversity. By studying issues from different perspectives students develop an understanding of ethical research principles; a capacity for teamwork; and an ability to solve problems and to think critically and creatively.

Teresa Sweetman

Student Absences - SMS Notification

If you wish to notify the school by SMS of your child’s absence please text 0416907483 with: YOUR NAME, DATE, STUDENT NAME, REASON FOR ABSENCE.
Think Positive, Be Positive

Cody has begun the year in a positive and industrious manner, always using his manners and constantly thinking of others both in the classroom and yard. This consistency shows many of our school values and makes him a worthy recipient of the Think Positive Be Positive award.

Cody

Jayden has made a good start to 2017. He has had a positive attitude, is supportive of others and has been dedicated to his work.

Jayden

Alice is a mature, polite and helpful student who has demonstrated many of the school values in the first few weeks at school. She has helped many of her classmates to settle into high school and is a positive influence on those around her. Well done on a great start!

Alice

Theresa has made an excellent start to the school year, demonstrating the school values of excellence and respect in all aspects of her school life.

Theresa

Indigo has started the year with a positive attitude to his learning. He is displaying excellence in his classes, particularly when he is sharing his ideas with the whole group. He is respectful of others and attends to his ICT responsibilities on time and with high attention to detail.

Indigo

Jacob has settled into his educational program at Scottsdale High School, where he has displayed respect and commitment to his learning.

Jacob

Hollie has made a great start to the year. She has demonstrated respectful behaviour at all times and is developing some very positive relationships. Hollie is focussed on learning and completes all activities to a high standard.

Hollie

Shania has made an exemplary start to the year. She is very focused and is upholding the school values of excellence, respect, learning, equity and relationships.

Shania

Kallum has been focussed on his learning and respectful to all members of the school community. He has made a great start to 2017.

Kallum

Jacob has made a very positive start to year 11. He has demonstrated outstanding commitment and motivation in Certificate II Automotive.

Jacob
Grade 7 Camp

Calendar Term 1 2017

March

Monday 6th          Grade 7 Camp week 2
Monday 6th -10th    Illuminate Nextgen Challenge 9/10
Monday 13th         Public Holiday
Tuesday 14th        SLB Assembly 9.30 -10.30
Wednesday 15th      Swimming Carnival
Thursday 16th       Diving Carnival
                    Swimming Carnival Rain Day
Friday 17th         Interhigh Golf (TBC)
Tuesday 21st        Progress Reports home
                    Interhigh Diving (TBC)