Thank all students, staff, parents, P&C and wider community for welcoming me so openly. I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and wish you all the best moving forward into Term 2. Ms Bannah and students will return on Monday, 11th April.

Kind Regards,
Emma Vine

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. At Somerset Hills we have celebrated this day by wearing cultural dress to school and participating in classroom activities about belonging. We are proud of the diversity in our school.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is held annually in March. Somerset Hills SS is ‘taking a stand together’ against bullying and violence today to coincide with Harmony Day. Students participated in activities around bullying awareness and strategies, including a presentation by our senior students on parade.

From the Acting Principal

This Thursday, 24th March, will be our last day of school for Term 1. It has been wonderful to be a part of the Somerset Hills SS Community over the past five weeks and I would like to...
Watch to keep our school safe these holidays.

P&C News

Update from the P&C AGM
The P&C AGM was held recently with a good level of attendance from interested people within our community. The new Executive Committee includes; President - Adam McNiven, Vice-Presidents – Scott Lane and Steve McMahon, Secretary – Anita Groundwater, Treasurer – Tony Bonfiglio.

The P&C welcomes feedback, suggestions and participation in our School’s events from all families. Email shsspandc@hotmail.com or call/text 0437 308 791.

P&C meetings will now start at 6pm and should finish by 8pm. The next meeting is on April 12 – all welcome!

BBQ and Cake Stall on Election Day
We hosted a BBQ and Cake Stall on election day raising just under $1000. A huge thank-you goes to the 17 families that contributed by providing baked goods or by helping out on the day. Thanks also to the families that popped in to say hi and spend money at our stalls.

Indigenous Parent Group Meeting
An Indigenous Parent Group Meeting was held recently and an Action Plan for the year was discussed. This plan is being circulated to parents. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 5th May at 3:15pm at the school. All families are welcome to attend.

Circus Skills at Somerset Hills
Children in grades 1-6 can learn tumbling, hula hooping, juggling, acro-balance and more on Thursdays from 3:20-4:20pm in the Somerset Hills School Hall. Learning circus skills is a great way to develop coordination, flexibility, strength and concentration in a fun and supportive environment. Term fee is $125 (11 weeks). To make a booking email claires.circus.school@gmail.com or phone 0439 532 299. For more information visit www.clairescircusschool.com.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The Uniform Shop would be grateful for donations of second-hand uniforms. Small sizes are particularly needed.

JUNIOR YEARS EASTER HAT PARADE
Junior 1, 2 and 3 are holding a magical and musical Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24 March. Everyone is invited.

The Parade will be held in the school Hall and will commence at 9:30 am. There will be a Morning Tea following the Parade for students in Junior 1, 2 and 3. We look forward to seeing the students Easter hat designs and sharing a special morning tea with parents.

2016 INTER-HOUSE CROSS - COUNTRY CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our Cross Country competition, especially to the following Age Champions:

Prep: Lincoln & Maddi P
Year 1: Megan Gunton & Trey
Year 2: Megan Groundwater & Leon
Year 3: Hayden & Eva
9 yrs: Lucas & Ashley
10 yrs: Tom C & Bailey P
11 yrs: Tom H & Kiki
12 yrs: Gypsy & Lachlan S

Medals will be presented at Assembly next term. The date is still to be determined.

The winning house for 2016 is Goorari, second was Amaroo and a close third was Patonga. Well done everyone and thank you to all staff and parents who attended and helped on the day.

Swimming Club Championships
Congratulations to all of our students that swam in the Championships on the weekend! Lessons and Learn-to-swim classes will continue in terms 2 and 3 – contact seals@seals.org.au for more information. New families are always welcome! This is a great way for kids to gain confidence, build their self-esteem and make new friends.