# Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 4 WEEK 5

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last Friday was World Teacher's Day. I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank our teachers for the contribution they make to our students and wider school communities.

At Scone Public School, we are indeed, lucky to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff who are always looking to make a positive difference to our students and constantly pursue educational excellence.
One such educational practice is that of "Quality Teaching Rounds". Our staff visit each others classrooms and observe lessons. They participate in professional dialogue and give feedback regarding what is observed. This reflective practice is highly regarded in educational research and was the reason we had the Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli visit our school last term.

I again thank our teachers as a parent and as a colleague.

*Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal*

*Quote of the week:*
*Education is the best investment we can make in our children and young people.*

*Value for the week:*
*Responsibilty*

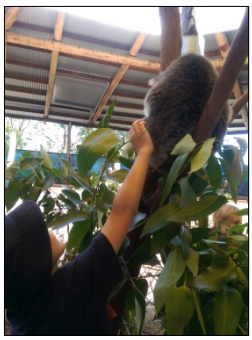
## KINDERGARTEN'S GREAT ESCAPADE

Last week, on a beautiful Thursday morning, Kindergarten went on a huge adventure to Oakvale Farm. With a few stops on the way, some planned, we finally arrived at the farm and were greeted by the very friendly staff. A quick drink and we were off to feed the baby animals. Sixty students with sixty milk bottles added up to some very happy, full lambs and kids (the four legged kind). Then we were off to the very placid, wide eyed cow to be

milked by those very same sixty students. I can only imagine what the poor cow was thinking.

No time to stop! On to the tractor train for a ride around the park. We saw dromedaries, water buffalo, ostrich, emus, kangaroos, ducks…I could go on and on, but alas, no giraffes. Next, we learnt about how to keep our two and four legged friends safe. Poor Mel might have been attacked by a cute, fluffy little duckling at this time, but she showed how brave she was when she cuddled the huge python! The python also showed how brave it was when the aforementioned sixty students had a photo with it.

A quick bite of lunch and off to pat the koalas. Thankfully they managed to stay asleep while they were being doted upon by our very happy bunch. Then it was time to explore the farm on our own. I don't think the extremely large, scary looking kangaroos were warned of our attendance earlier, but they managed to keep their cool while our boisterous bunch patted, hopped and jumped around them. Phew! The baby animals were a huge hit and they loved the attention as much as our students loved them.



All too soon it was time to head back to school. We had an amazing day and the staff from Oakvale Farm were very impressed by our students – well done everyone! A special thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who assisted on the day. Your help was invaluable.

| COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2015 | |
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| **Date** | **Event** |
| Mon, 23 Nov – Fri, 4 Dec | Intensive Swimming |
| Tues, 8 Dec | Sports Presentation |
| Fri, 11 Dec | Presentation Day |

## SAVE THE DATE

Scone Public School will be holding its 2015 Presentation Day on Friday 11 December. It will commence at 10.00am with K – 2 Awards followed by the 3 – 6 Awards. Our 2016 School Leaders will be announced during the 3 – 6 section. As in previous years all students K – 6 will be recognised for the success during the year at Scone Public School. We look forward to our school community joining us on this very special day.

## PARENT INFORMATION

**Whooping cough information for schools**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

## PLEASE SUPPORT

The SRC are looking forward to holding a raffle of Christmas hampers at the end of the year. We need your help to make this fundraising effort a successful event. Any donations of non-perishable goods, toys or gifts will be gratefully accepted. Please send them to Mrs Borg's room. Money raised will be donated to the Red Door charity, a food kitchen, in Muswellbrook. Thank you!

*SRC*

## PARENT REMINDER

Parents are reminded that the **Canberra 2016 excursion** note and $150 deposit is due back **this week Friday 6 November.**

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is in desperate need of sports house tops. If any Year six students no longer require their sports top, could they please pass them on to someone in need or they can be sold on your behalf. Please leave any donations at the front office.

*Deb Potter*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Scone Films will screen the drama, *Last Cab to Darwin,* rated M on Friday 6 November at 7.30pm at Scone Films pop-up cinema at the Senior Citizens Centre Oxford Rd. Jacki Weaver & Micheal Caton star in an iconic Aussie film with a road trip from Broken Hill to Darwin. Advance tickets $10 from Serendipity, Scone or at the door. Refreshments available. Everyone is welcome. For insurance under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Details are on the website: www.sconefilms.org.au

| CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 WEEK 4 2015 | |
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| Mon, 2 Nov | Cassandra Wilson |
| Tues, 3 Nov | Racheal Johnson |
| Wed, 4 Nov | Wendy Paterson |
| Thurs, 5 Nov | Wendy Paterson |
| Fri, 6 Nov | Wendy Paterson / Erin Clifford |

# You are invited

to a

# Celebration

of our

# Health, Emergency & Community Care Services

## 5pm, Sunday 8 November

at

St Luke's Anglican Church
Liverpool Street, Scone

followed by a 'High Tea' in the Parish Hall

**All welcome** - those who work or volunteer in these services and those who wish to show their appreciation.

*Activities for children will be provided*

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