

Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 2 WEEK 5

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a big week last week was for all our Year 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN almost consumed the week! Now our students are all involved in the class public speaking finals and we wish them all the very best as they present their speeches to their teacher and classmates.

Public Speaking is such a wonderful skill that builds self- confidence and the ability to speak in public and is a skill that can be drawn upon all through life.

Scone Public School has a long tradition of excellence in Public Speaking and our students perform well in all arenas. I look forward to hearing this year's students in our Grand Finals during Week 8.

Lynne Gray- Principal

Quote of the week:

*You can speak well if your
tongue can deliver the
message of your heart.*

John Ford

Value for the week:

Trust and Honesty

WELL DONE RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS

On Friday, 15 May, Scone Public School's boys' rugby league team played Aberdeen Public in the second round (after receiving a first round bye) of the knockout PSSA competition at Aberdeen.

The boys got off to a good start with Liam barnstorming his way for the first try. The conversion was unsuccessful. Aberdeen was next to score with a converted try. Right on half time, Tevita weaved his way up the middle to put us back in front, 10-6 at the break. Junuh scored the important first try after the break with the conversion unsuccessful, 14-6. Aberdeen scored another converted try before Riley scooted out of dummy half to take the score to 18-12. Aberdeen scored next with the conversion hitting the post, bouncing away to make the score 18-16, a nail biting finish. Jake scored a try with Ryder converting to take the score to a comfortable 24-16 with a couple of minutes remaining. This was to be the final score in



a see-sawing game. Bailey was strong, always running the ball hard and Sam did well organising the team as first receiver. Many thanks must go to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Peter Warden for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day.

Brendon Hudson Rugby League Co-ordinator

INTRODUCING OUR VICE CAPTAINS

Hi, I'm Junuh and I'm the 2015 Boy Vice Captain. I think Scone Public School is a great place to be. It has a very good learning environment and offers us all a variety of different opportunities. I enjoy playing rugby league of a weekend.



Junuh



Summer

My name is Summer and I'm Scone Public School's 2015 Girl Vice Captain. Already this year I have had the opportunity to attend the Young Leaders Day in Sydney. I have also represented the school at the

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2 2015	
Date	Event
Thurs, 21 May	ALPHA show - Hercules
Fri, 22 May	Athletics Carnival – Field
Mon, 25 May	Athletics Carnival - Track
Wed, 24 June	Jollybops Science Show

ANZAC Service and proudly held the school banner during the Horse Festival Parade.

I like swimming and cricket. I look forward to the further opportunities that I will be given for the rest of this year.

LOOKING AFTER OUR STUDENTS

Our school began implementing a new process last Wednesday aimed at keeping all our students safe. On occasion we have had students who have, without their parents' knowledge or consent, failed to come directly to school or, to a much lesser extent, not presented at school at all. This is of considerable concern as it places them at significant risk of harm. In an effort to ensure that this does not occur again, we will be making contact with parents every time a child is away and the school has not been notified. This will also eliminate the need to forward notes after your child returns. The same process will occur for students who present to school late without a parent. We ask for your support in this matter.

PEEL RUGBY LEAGUE UPDATE

Please be advised the Peel Rugby League Carnival on Saturday, 13 June has been suspended until next year due to safety concerns. *Brendon Hudson*
Rugby League Coordinator

ANOTHER GREAT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE – HERCULES

The Alpha Shows performance of "Hercules" is coming to our school this Thursday 21 May. Like all Alphashows, Hercules has a huge amount of interaction and yell-out fun!

YOUTH COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY NIGHT – COMING UP

Date: Tuesday, 26 May from 5pm to 7pm at the Scone Library. Cost: \$5. Year groups 3 – 6. RSVP to: youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Date: 26 May 2015

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Venue: Scone library

Cost: \$5 (includes entry, drinks, and snacks)

Year group: 3-6

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 5 2015	
Mon, 18 May	Jodie Whitby
Tues, 19 May	Rachael Johnson
Wed, 20 May	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 21 May	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 22 May	Wendy Paterson / Kim Mackay

CANTEEN NEWS

If a student requires a lunch order for the Athletics Carnivals on Friday, 22 May and Monday, 25 May, they need to have the orders in by Wednesday, 20 May. Pies, party pies, sausage rolls & hot dogs will be available. No wedges or nuggets.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kids Club and Explorers are back!!!!

What is it? Kids club....4 afternoons of fun - games, craft, activities, food and finding out more about Jesus

Explorers ...For older children. Exploring questions and what the Bible really says, activities, food and fun.

Who's it for? Kids club is for children in years K – 3

Explorers is for children in years 4 -6. **When is it?** 3.30pm – 5pm on Tuesdays 2, 9, 16, 23 June.

Where is it? St Luke's Hall, Scone. Kids club and Explorers have afternoon tea together and may share some activities but will be in separate groups both at St Luke's Hall. Children from Scone Primary School can be met at the school by a kid's club leader and walked to the hall. Please state arrangements clearly on registration form. **How do I join?** Registration forms are attached to the flyer. Flyers are available at and should be returned to the school office. There are limited places. These are allocated in date order when completed forms are received. All children must be registered in advance by Thursday 28 May. **How do I find out more?** Phone Jenny on 0409 81897.

Scone Films will screen **What We Did on Our Holidays**, rated **PG**, on Friday 22nd May, at 7.30pm at the Senior Citizen's Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. This family comedy stars Billy Connolly, David Tenant & Rosamund Pike.

As always, there is a warm welcome for everyone. You don't have to be a member. Come with some friends, or come on your own and make some new friends there. Refreshments available. Entry is open to all at \$10. Tickets at the door, or in advance from Serendipity, Scone. For insurance, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Details

www.sconefilms.org.au



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



18 May 2015

Dear parents, principals and staff,

RE: Cases of pertussis (whooping cough) in Scone affecting all ages

Local GPs and Public Health are continuing to see an increase in pertussis cases in Scone over recent weeks. There is also an increase in pertussis cases across New South Wales.

Note that children and adults who have been immunised can also get pertussis but symptoms are often milder.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is notifiable to Public Health by doctors, school principals and child care directors in New South Wales.

What is pertussis?

Pertussis is an infection of the throat that can cause bouts of coughing, and sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It is easily spread through coughing. It can be a very serious infection in small children. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold. The coughing can last for many weeks.

To help prevent this infection spreading, people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should not attend school until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken, then they must not attend for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.

The link to the NSW Health pertussis fact sheet is provided below and can be accessed in different languages

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/whoopingcough/pages/default.aspx>

Public Health staff are asking the community to access the above information and to be aware of the signs and symptoms of pertussis and seek medical attention.

Pregnant women are now being offered free vaccine in their last 3 months of pregnancy to protect newborns that are too young to be immunised.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call the Public Health Unit on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely

Dr David Durrheim, Service Director Health Protection
Hunter New England Population Health

When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Relationship Education program is coming to your school!

Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Thousands of students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Interrelate is known for its approach to sexuality education. *We know how to help break the ice.* Interrelate programs are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education

With over 85 years' experience in this field, Interrelate provides high-quality sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality and relationships with their children. Interrelate's programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Working

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Session 1: Where did I come from? (1-hour session, years 3-6)

This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent's discretion)

This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services Presents
a Special Evening Program

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