

Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 2 WEEK 8

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well done to all our amazing students who have performed in Muswellbrook Eisteddfod in the public speaking and poetry sections. Our school is extremely proud of your success. We have an incredible history of success in this area and our current students have contributed significantly to this tradition. Please see individual results outlined in one of this week's articles.

Good luck to all stage finalists who will be competing in this week's finals of our own Scone Public Speaking Competition. I have no doubt that the competition will be fierce and the standard excellent. I also know that we have so many students with such great talent that on the day it may well be the difference of a mere point between first and third. We look forward to being thoroughly entertained.

Lynne Gray- Principal

Quote of the week:
*It always seems impossible
until it is done*

Value for the week:
Responsibility

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Madeleine, Year 5, who has just been awarded the Encouragement Award for Primary School students who participated in the 2015 Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. There is only one Encouragement Award given and the recipient is chosen by the adjudicator. Madeleine participated in the Poetry and Public Speaking sections. She was highly successful and deserves high praise for her dedication to the Arts.

Nicole Borg

EXCELLENT CHORAL SPEAKERS

Congratulations to 3B who competed in the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod on Tuesday, 2 June at St James' Catholic Primary School, Muswellbrook. The class participated in the Choral Verse Speaking section, presenting two contrasting poems. The students were absolutely wonderful, saving their best performance for 'game



Madeleine

day' and were awarded first place with the day's top score of 88%! Heartfelt thanks to parents who transported the children to and from the venue. This was done seamlessly and I am very grateful to them. Thanks also to those parents who couldn't assist with transport, but gave their total support.

Please find below recounts of this exciting day by William and Lilly.

Nicole Borg

At The Eisteddfod, By William

At the start of the day, I had to get mum up at 7:30am to get ready for the Eisteddfod. I was a bit nervous. I actually happened to have butterflies and felt a bit sick, but I'm sure lots of people did.

When we got there, mum was taking pictures of me and my friend and so was Heath's mum too. Mrs Borg said we had to have a quick practice and then we went in and watched some other performances including the mime and the two person poetry recital.

Then it was our turn to perform. We won by a total score of 88%! The adjudicator gave us a trophy. I was still feeling a bit sick. When we got back to school we ate lunch even though it was past lunch time. Then we had a game of handball and then we had to go back to our Math's class. 3B had a great day!

The Eisteddfod, By Lilly

3B was very proud to represent our school in the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. It was very challenging but fun. The two poems we performed were 'The Tomcat' by Don Marquis and 'Ever Since I Had Me Op' by Pam Ayers.

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2 2015	
Date	Event
Tues, 9 June	K – 2 Public Speaking Grand Final 12.00 – 1.30pm
Wed, 10 June	3 – 6 Public Speaking Grand Final 12.00 – 3.00pm
Wed, 24 June	Jollybops Science Show

All the class were proud to be awarded first place in our section. All 3B students performed perfectly. We give thanks to the drivers, they were great and to Mrs Borg for teaching us the poems.

FABULOUS PUBLIC SPEAKERS

On the evening of Wednesday 3rd June, seven outstanding speakers travelled to St James' Primary School to participate in this year's Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. All speakers represented our school admirably. They all looked absolutely splendid in their full winter school uniform and proudly presented their entertaining, interesting, informative and inspirational speeches. The results are as follows; Kinder to Year 2 section saw Hallie come first and Vanessa and Charesse were awarded equal second.

In the Year 3 to 4 section, congratulations to James who came second and Hayden was presented with a Highly Commended award.

The Year 5 to 6 was fiercely contested with Madeleine coming first and Georgia was given a Highly Commended award.

These results show that all our Scone Public School entrants either received a first, second or a Highly Commended award. What outstanding results to attain on the wider stage of our district eisteddfod, competing against other public and private school children. Congratulations to our parents and teachers who work so hard to support this very valuable life skill.

Nicole Borg

WONDERFULLY SUCCESSFUL POETS

Last week four of our Poetry Competition section winners performed their poems at the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod with excellent results.

Each student was awarded 1st place in their section which involved students from all schools in the Upper Hunter.

Infants Year 2: Lachlan 'True Story'

Junior Primary Year 4: Charlie 'Please Don't Read this Poem'

Primary Years 5 – 6 Individual: Madeleine 'Oh Captain, Oh Captain'

Senior Primary Year 6: Oscar 'Clancy @ the Overflow'

We would like to congratulate each student on their outstanding efforts and results. Thank you also to their parents for their support.

*Karen Rossington & Laurece Godde
Poetry Co-ordinators*

WELL DONE

On Thursday, 4 June, Scone Public School's boys' Under 10s rugby league team participated in the Knights Knockout competition at Learmonth Park, Hamilton. Games were played in one 15 minute period with no half time and no goal kicking. There were five teams in our pool with the top two progressing to the quarter finals.

Games below:

- Pool Game 1: Scone 16 (Tries: Riley 3 and Tangi) defeated Telarah 8.
- Pool Game 2: Scone 12 (Tries: Riley 2 and Charlie) defeated St. Josephs Taree 4.
- Pool Game 3: Scone 12 (Tries: Nikolai, Charlie and Riley) drew with Edgeworth 12.
- Pool Game 4: Scone 20 (Tries: Jeremy, Riley, Tangi, Charlie and Brock) defeated Raymond Terrace 8.
- Quarter Final: St. Pauls Rutherford 16 defeated Scone 8 (Tries: Charlie and Riley).



What an amazing effort to get through to the quarter finals. Well done boys! Many thanks to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Leif Harrington and Scott Pennell for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day and Sione Hlaafolau for training the boys and running the water. *Brendon Hudson- Rugby League Co-ordinator*

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Last week students from Year 6 attended Scone High School for Yr 7 orientation.

All students had a great time, participating in lessons in PE, cooking, art, technology and music.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Our new procedure for student attendance has been evaluated and as a result there will be some changes. Much of the information relayed to Mrs Petersen would be of great benefit for teachers so we are looking at ways to enable this to occur. We apologise for the changes but are endeavouring to create a system that will protect our students and build stronger relationships between families and their child's teacher. Please continue to:

- Ring if your child will be or is away
- Send a note on the day your child returns if no prior contact has been made with the school
- Accompany your child to the office if they are late for school

These procedures are important to keep your child safe.

ARE YOU AWARE

Are you aware that all students who do not attend chapel will participate in ethics / values sessions and that only those students whose parents have notified the school this year will be absented from chapel / scripture. Please write a note to this effect if you do NOT want your child to attend chapel / scripture.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bloom Market Cake Stall. Bloom Market is approaching quickly. Less than 2 weeks! Attention Bakers! We are running a Cake Stall at Bloom Markets. We want to sell cakes or goodies that people will take home. Helpers on the day are also needed. Call or SMS Becky 0458 619 427 with questions or sign up to help.

This is what we need:

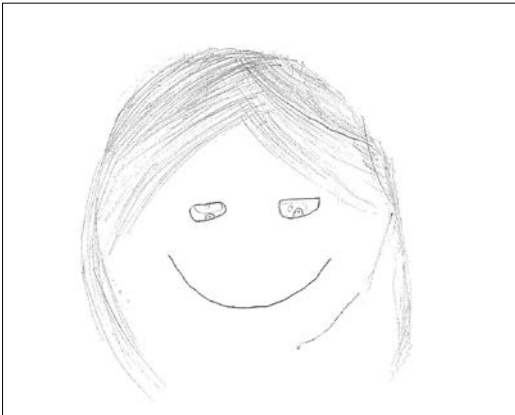
- A cake, loaf, slice or group of six cupcakes or muffins
- Treats need to be wrapped, in a box or similar carry away container, such as a disposable plate, with the idea to be taken home for eating.
- Cake boxes available in the office or pick up from your class teacher on request. They are 23 x 23 cm or 9 inch square. Suggestion: Cover the top with cling wrap, so people can see what is inside! Tape the ingredient list to the top if possible.
- If you don't get a box, no worries, we will have extras at the canteen to package your cake up Saturday morning. We will have a competition to see which class donates the most cakes! The winning stage will receive a catered afternoon tea! Indicate on the wrapping which class your child is in. Please bring in your donations Saturday, June 20 morning by 8:30am am, or as early as possible.

Scone Country Market is to be held on Saturday, 13 June on the lawns of the Scone Visitor Information & Horse Centre, cnr Susan & Kelly Streets from 8.30am – 1.30pm. There will be a variety of stalls including some familiar ones and some new additions – the Simpsons with their Variety Bash car will be attending so come along and you will be able to get a photo with them. New stallholders are most welcome - for enquiries please phone the Scone Visitor Information & Horse Centre on 6540 1300.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 8 2015

Mon, 8 June	Public holiday
Tues, 9 June	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 10 June	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 11 June	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 12 June	Wendy Paterson / Aleesha C

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS



Sketch by: Bree 4P

LANDCARE COMPETITION

This year three of our students entered a competition for Land Care 2015. All three of them won a prize. It is held every year at the start of the year the prizes were a Tasmanian Devil toy and a book. The people who entered from our school are Tegan, Brenna and Alexandra. Here is one the winning photos.

Brenna 4H

Good for Kids good for life

Simple and inexpensive physical activity

Increasing the amount of physical activity in your child's day is a simple and inexpensive way to improve their health and wellbeing. Being active needn't cost a lot or take up a lot of time. Here are some fun and easy ways to include more activity in your child's day:

- Playing games like 'Simon Says' or 'Follow the leader'
- Playing with the dog
- Going for a walk
- Playing in the park
- Dancing in the lounge room
- Kicking a ball in the backyard

Encourage your kids to be creative while having fun and being active, for example:

- To make bats or racquets, roll up newspaper or use cardboard tubes
- For markers or obstacles for games, use plastic bottles, containers or shoes
- Brooms or mops can be used for hurdles or the limbo bar
- Chalk, rope or masking tape are great for game markings e.g. hopscotch, handball

If you have a backyard, make the most of it! Play hopscotch or elastics, chalk up some handball markings, create a soccer goal from bins or other backyard objects or you could put up a netball or basketball hoop. There are lots of simple and inexpensive ways to help your kids be active every day.

Reference: Q4: The Coast in Motion - Family ACTivation Pack



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NCCD- Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Currently, our school is participating in the national collection of data on school students with disability and those with additional learning needs.

Any form of adjustment made to assist a student is always discussed in collaboration with the parent or caregiver at Scone Public School.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability and those with additional learning needs. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability requiring reasonable adjustments to support them.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process. Additionally, students do not require a medical diagnosis of disability to be included in the data collection.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the **privacy and confidentiality** of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/>

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must inform the school by the end of Term 2, 2015. The decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive at Scone Public School.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school on 65451049.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kind regards

Ms Deborah Fisher

**Deputy Principal – Learning Support Coordinator
Scone Public School**

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. Over 40,000 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 has a long history of providing 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 their child's sexuality. 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.

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.