

Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to the Aboriginal Education Team for the successful NAIDOC day celebration last week. Well done to the Drama group and choir for their outstanding performances at the NAIDOC assembly. I hope everyone takes some time to have a look at our new Acknowledgement Garden located at the entrance to our school. Many students have contributed to make this space so colourful. Well done everyone.

Monday night I had the pleasure of watching our Year 6 Girls and Hip Hop dancers perform at the Hunter Dance Festival. I was thrilled to see our students shine on stage. Well done dancers. A big thank you to Mrs Miller and Ms Mateer and all the parents who made this opportunity possible.

Deb Fisher - Relieving Principal

Quote of the week:

*We can't always choose the
music life plays for us but
we can choose how we
dance to it!*

Value for the week:

Respect

Disposition of the week:

Persist

WONDERFUL NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Last Wednesday we celebrated NAIDOC Week with a morning of cultural activities, followed by a dance performance, formal assembly and opening of our 'Acknowledgement Garden'.

We were lucky enough to have the 'Wakagetti Dance Group' with us for the day. In the morning all students rotated through four cultural activities – traditional dance, bush tucker, spear throwing and storytelling. The dance group then performed an hour of traditional dances to a packed and very appreciative audience.

Our formal assembly was led by Jazz and Emily with the help of Isaac and Vanessa. We would like to congratulate them for their professional running of the proceedings. During the assembly we were entertained by our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 drama group



as well as our school choir. A huge thank you to these two groups and to Miss Head.



Scone Public School has established our 'Acknowledgement Garden' to recognise how much we value Aboriginal Education and culture within our school. The hands that are attached to posts represent all groups connected to the school. Each student has painted a rock with their story which has been placed into the Acknowledgement Garden. We hope you take the time to admire the wonderful artwork and storytelling on such small stones.

The Aboriginal Education Team

CONGRATULATIONS MULTICULTURAL SPEAKERS

Congratulations to the following students who admirably represented our school at this year's Multicultural Perspectives public speaking competition; John, Noah, Thomas and Joshua. These boys travelled to Rutherford to compete last term and had to present a prepared speech on the

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3 2015

Date	Event
Tues, 21 July	P& C meeting
Mon, 27 July	Smart Science Show
Wed, 29 July	2016 Kindergarten Orientation
Fri, 31 July	Zone Athletics

theme of multiculturalism. They were also required to give an impromptu speech after only five minutes preparation time.

Stage 3 students had the impromptu topic 'That being a kid is overrated'. Noah was awarded highly commended for his skill in speaking so eloquently on this topic.

The Stage 2 impromptu topic was 'Heroes' and Joshua was also given a highly commended award. All four boys worked hard preparing their speeches and polishing up their impromptu skills, often doing so in their break time at school. I commend them for their hard work.

Many thanks to their parents who provided transport to the competition on the day. The school very much appreciates their efforts in this area.

Nicole Borg

CONGRATULATIONS ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS



Last week Athletics ribbons and trophies were presented to the age champions. They were:

Tevita (5/6L) 11yrs Champion, Charlie (4P) Junior Champion, Jesse (6S) Senior Champion, Sarah (5M) 11yrs Champion, Holly (4P) Juniors Champion, Claudia (6S) Senior Champion.

EXCELLENT UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION RESULTS

Scone Public School had several students perform very well in the recent Digital Technologies assessment run by the University of NSW. Students from all over Australia complete the tests. Thomas

4P received a Distinction, placing him in the top 11 percent of Year 4 students.

For Year 5, Indianna 5M (top 19%), Vanessa 5/6L (top 26%) and Noah 5/6L (top 14%) received Credits. Madeline 5/6L and Zachary 5/6L received Merits placing them in the top 40% of participants. Congratulations to these students. Students will receive their awards at the assembly this week. As always, all parents are welcome to attend.

LET US CELEBRATE EDUCATION WEEK

Next week we will be celebrating Education Week. Our celebrations begin on Sunday when everyone is invited to attend the Education Week Service held at St Luke's Church at 5pm. Please see the invitation attached to this week's newsletter.

Our school will be holding our Open Day on Thursday, 30 July with parents and carers invited to join us from 10.30am. Please watch out for an invitation from your child this week. We hope you can all join us to celebrate Education Week.

DISCO FUN

Congratulations Scone Public School! You raised \$200 at our disco for the Royal Far West charity organisation. This disco was good for everyone because you followed the disco rules perfectly! We all had lots of fun dancing to the music provided by our DJ. Well done! Many thanks to our teachers who gave up their evening to supervise, we really appreciate it. *Stage 2 SRC Representative Thomas*

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS BACK

We encourage all parents and community members who shop at Woolworths to participate in the Earn & Learn Campaign which runs from July to September.

Collect stickers and then return the Earn & Learn Sticker sheets to the box provided at school or a your local Woolworths labelled "Scone Public School".

In the past we have been able to redeem our points to purchase valuable Maths and sporting equipment for the school. You can download the sticker sheets from www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

EXCURSION PAYMENT REMINDER

As part of our work in Human Society and Its Environment, an excursion has been planned for Year 3 and 4 students, to participate in the Total Excursion to be held at Total Homestead. Payment of \$32.00 is due by Friday, 24 July.

PARENT CORNER

Keeping kids safe online. Here are eight easy ways to help your kids stay out of trouble in cyberspace: At a glance:

- Don't let your child post photos of themselves wearing their school uniform – it can be enough to identify your child's school.
- Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers they have met online.
- Talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice.
- By publishing without thinking, your child's innocent work online may be something that comes back later to haunt them. If your child starts being secretive about what they are doing online, check it out.

1. Keep computers out in the open.

Your child may think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

2. Mind your business.

Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school and even your credit card number to themselves. When signing up to a chat room, they should use a screen name that is a nickname and not easy to work out. The same goes for choosing passwords – don't make them easy to figure out. If your child is going to put photos on the internet, ensure they don't show them wearing their school uniform – this can be enough to identify your child's school. Also ensure that any photos are not the type that would attract unwanted attention from strangers.

3. Just because it's on the internet, it doesn't mean it's true.

Make sure your child uses multiple sources for research, and is careful not to plagiarise.

4. Stranger danger is online, too.

Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers they have met online. If they really want to meet up, encourage them to talk to you about it first and insist on going along with them. Remind your children to also be wary opening emails from strangers. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (which will harm your computer), or be from a stranger looking for trouble.

5. Get a filter.

Internet filters can help block inappropriate sites for children. None are completely reliable and it's best if you talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice on their own.

6. Encourage your child to talk with you about their online experiences – good and bad.

This will make it easier for them if they see something inappropriate or are emailed something unsuitable. If they are embarrassed to tell you, persuade them to at least tell a teacher or another trusted adult.

7. Good manners also exist online.

Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour, not to mention the many disagreements that children have with each other.

8. Forever is a long time.

A lot of blogs and websites maintain information as part of cyberspace forever. By publishing without thinking of the future, your child's innocent work online may be something that comes up later on and may negatively impact their career and personal life.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Scone Junior Basketball - Junior basketball is to recommence Wednesday, 22 July. Our numbers were a big improvement last semester and we are looking to better that this semester. This season will go until Christmas. Cost is \$50 for all new players and \$20 for all players returning from last season. Age groups and times are: 5-9 year olds start at 4pm – 4.50pm. (drills and skills). 10-15 year olds start at 5pm. (depending on numbers we could start a 5 a side competition with drills and skills every 4th week). Any enquires please contact Danielle Brown 0407 157 645.

Scone Scouts Open Day – Sunday 26 July from 10am – 12noon at Elizabeth Park Scone. For 6 – 16yr olds. Come to the Elizabeth Park for two hours of activities, wear your joggers. Find out about Joeys, Cubs, Scout and Venturers. Register at 10am, finish at 12noon with free sausage sizzle. For more information contact: Donna Hopkins on 0448 736 903

Term 3 Kids Club and Explorers

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 18, 25 August & 1, 8

September. **Where is it?** St Luke's Hall, Scone. Kids club and Explorers have afternoon tea together and 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 13 August.

How do I find out more? Phone Jenny on 0409 818977

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 WEEK 2 2015	
Mon, 20 July	Wendy Paterson
Tues, 21 July	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 22 July	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 23 July	Liz Coonan
Fri, 24 July	Wendy Paterson / Kylie Seale

You are invited to **A Celebration of Education**

A time to give thanks and pray for
teaching and lifelong learning.

St Luke's Church, Liverpool St, Scone
Sunday 26th July 2015 at 5pm

Ecumenical Service

Contemporary Music

Local schools participating

A hot dinner is served
after the service.

For more information
contact Margaret on:

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