

# Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 3 WEEK 3

Tuesday 28 July 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we celebrate Education Week. The theme for Education Week is "Local Heroes". We have many local heroes in our school community, from our amazing P & C who work tirelessly to improve our school for the benefit of all students, to the parent who comes in their lunch break to play piano at our weekly assembly or the parents who take time off work to coach a PSSA team. Or the community members and Scone High School students who volunteer their time to assist in our Breakfast Club.

Without our local heroes we would not be able to offer these wonderful opportunities for our students – thank you.

Please join us on Thursday for our Education Week Open Day and a chance to spend some time with your child in their classroom. We look forward to seeing you all.

*Deb Fisher - Relieving Principal*

### *Quote of the week:*

*Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.*  
*Nelson Mandela*

### *Value for the week:*

*Trust & Honesty*

### *Disposition of the week:*

*Take risks*

## WONDERFUL DANCE FESTIVAL

On Monday 20 July, the Year 6 Girls' Dance group and Boys' Hip Hop group travelled to Newcastle to perform at the Hunter Schools Dance Festival. The groups rehearsed their routines "Futuristic Funk" and "Immortals" throughout the day and performed at Newcastle Panthers in the evening. Both groups demonstrated outstanding behaviour and represented our school proudly. We would like to thank Mrs Taylor-Adams, Mr McInerney and Mr Dyson for helping the students prepare for their performance. We would also like to thank Sid Fogg's coaches for providing our transportation.

*Ms Mateer and Mrs Miller*



*Year 6 Boys Hip Hop*



*Year 6 Girls Dance Group*

## GREAT START TO EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week began with a service held at St Luke's last Sunday evening. All educational centres in Scone were represented at the service from Daycare to TAFE. Artwork by our students formed part of a colourful display around the church.

Vanessa confidently opened the service with her 'Acknowledgement to Country'.

We heard a magnificent performance by our Primary Choir who sang 'How Much is that Doggy in the Window?'. Many thanks to Mrs Hughes who led the choir and to the parents and families who attended.

The service was a fitting way to begin our Education Week celebrations.

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3 2015**

Date	Event
Wed, 29 July	2016 Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs, 30 July	Education Week Open Day 10.30am / Education Week Awards SHS at 5pm
Fri, 31 July	Zone Athletics

**CONGRATULATIONS NETBALLERS**

Last Thursday 23 July, the Scone Public School girl's netball team played their fourth game of the 2015 PSSA season, versing Nukulba Public School at Nukulba. The girls played another outstanding game defeating Nukulba Public School 29-8.



Thank you to the parents who came along on the day to support the girls and a huge thank you to Danielle Francesconi, who umpired the game and to Becci Kennedy who helped coach the girls. Good luck in your next round girls! *Liz Leman*

**OUTSTANDING EFFORT BY RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS**

On Tuesday 21 July, Scone Public School's boys rugby league team played Nulkaba Public in the fourth round of the knockout PSSA competition at Cessnock.

In a tight first half, we had one try disallowed off a kick for offside with the score remaining nil all at half time. Jackson nearly scored midway through the second half until with about six minutes to go, Tevita broke the deadlock taking the line on and putting the ball down one-handed. Jesse C. converted and this was to be the only scores of the match, Scone winning 6-0. Outstanding defence was shown by the boys to keep Nulkaba scoreless, well done.

Many thanks to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Scott Pennell for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day and



Sione Holoaafolau and Rick McInerney for training the boys and running the water. We play the winner of Dungog and Tanilba Bay at home in the next round.

*Brendon Hudson*  
Rugby League Co-ordinator

**MORE GREAT RESULTS FOR UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS**

Scone Public School had several students perform very well in the recent Science assessment run by the University of NSW. Students from all over Australia complete the tests. Max (5/6L) received a distinction placing him in the top 11 percent of Year 6 students. Noah (5/6L) (top 21%), Vanessa (5/6L) (top 32%), Thomas (4H) (top 34%) and Annika (3H) (top 23%) all received credits. Congratulations to all students that participated. Students will receive their awards at the assembly this week. As always, all parents are welcome to attend.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR P & C**

As you are aware, Scone Public School is hosting the Zone Athletics Carnival this coming Friday, 31 July.

This provides the P & C with the opportunity to raise significant funds for the school by holding a BBQ on the day, to provide fresh hot food in addition to that supplied by the SPS canteen.

We require helpers to "man the tongs" from 7.30am until around 2.00pm. If you are able to donate some time and energy to this worthy cause, even an hour or so, please contact P & C President Tim McEwen on 6545 1593 to register your availability.

Your assistance in making the most of this event for the benefit of your children is greatly appreciated.

*SPS P&C Executive*

**DISPOSITION FOR THE WEEK: TAKE RISKS**

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." *T.S. Eliot*

*At Scone Public School we believe that taking risks in learning is vital if students are to be the best they*



can be. To do this teachers create supportive learning environments where expectations are high and students are encouraged to extend themselves and make regular mistakes on the way to achieving learning goals. We engender a growth mindset where effort is valued and achievement is measured against personal bests. We don't talk about failure. Instead we talk of iteration, modification and improvement. In this way learning becomes the process of making mistakes, but fewer and fewer as we become more knowledgeable.

A belief illustrated nicely in Piet Hein's short poem:

The road to wisdom?—Well, it's  
plain and simple to express:  
Err  
and err  
and err again,  
but less  
and less  
and less.

Be brave, take risks, make mistakes and learn something new in the process.

### PARENT CORNER

From 1 July, Australian children who experience serious cyberbullying on a social media service can seek support under the Federal Government's newly established Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.

The Office is established under the Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015. Under the new arrangements, social media companies remain the first port of call for children who want cyberbullying material taken down. If the material is not removed within 48 hours, they can come to the Office to complain.

For online safety information and resources, or to make a complaint about cyberbullying material or illegal online content, visit: [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au).

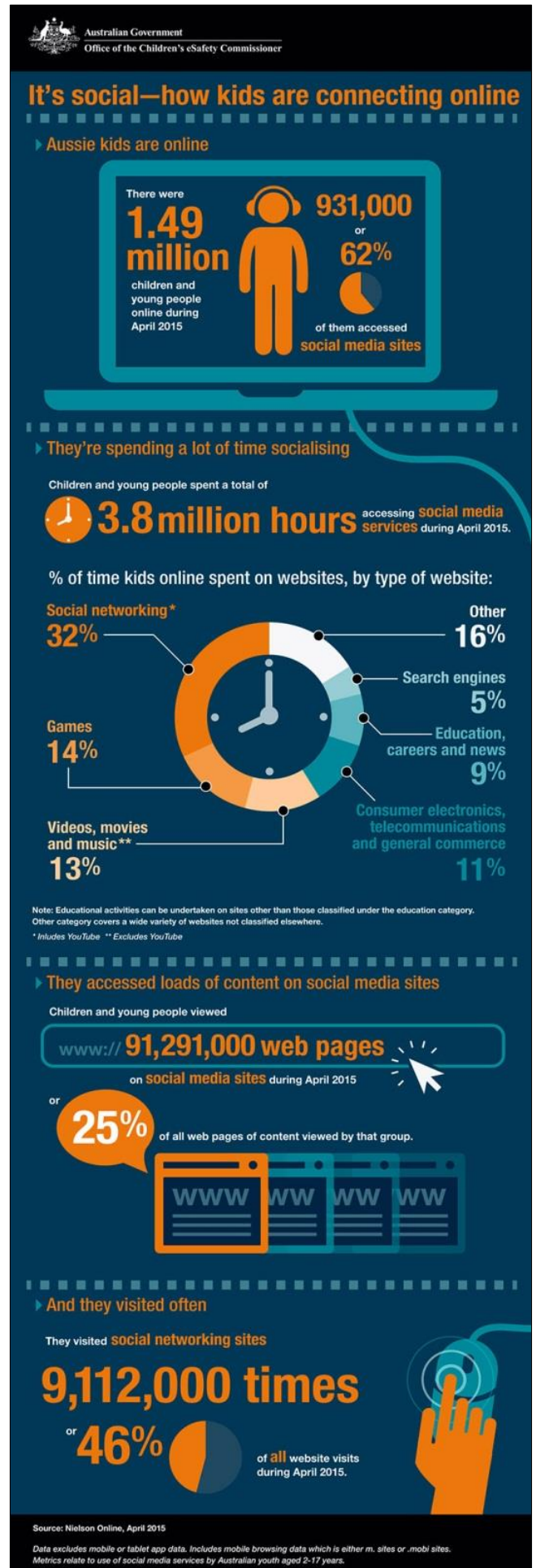
Australian Government  
Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

## How to report cyberbullying material



- 1 Take action—block the person and talk to someone you trust
- 2 Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service  
If the content is not removed within 48 hours...
- 3 Collect evidence—copy URLs or take screenshots of the material
- 4 Report it to [www.esafety.gov.au/cyberbullying-complaint](http://www.esafety.gov.au/cyberbullying-complaint)

If you are in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000).  
If you need to talk to someone, visit Kids Helpline online or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.





**WEDNESDAY MATINEE 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
(12pm Start)**

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(6:30pm Start)**

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**TICKETS  
\$5.00 EACH**

**TICKETS ON SALE  
MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT  
SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL**