

# Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 4

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last Thursday we celebrated public education and recognised some of our students, teachers, non-teaching staff and members of the community in an awards ceremony held at Scone High School. You can read more about the recipients of these awards later in this newsletter but I would like to congratulate these awardees on their outstanding contribution to our school.

I would also like to commend our leaders; Georgia and Oscar for the role they played in running last Thursday's ceremony and to the small number of 3B students who performed their choral speaking to a very appreciative audience - you were all outstanding! I have received very positive feedback from members of the community who said that Scone Public School shone on stage, well done everyone.

*Deb Fisher - Relieving Principal*

### *Quote of the week:*

*Your beliefs don't make you  
a better person, your  
behaviour does.*

### *Value for the week:*

*Trust & Honesty*

### *Disposition of the week:*

*Take risks*



*KH in their superhero masks – Education week*

## CONGRATULATIONS EDUCATION WEEK AWARDEES

Congratulations to the following recipients of awards for their outstanding contributions to our school.



**Karen Marshall:** for her commitment and passion to instil a love of reading at Scone Public School.



**Leanne McLaren:** for her contribution to the greater good of Scone Public School with integrity and compassion for all.



**The Scone Public School's Aboriginal Education Team:** for being an active, committed

team who have established a high profile within the school. (Absent: Merridy Jamieson-Rokabaro, April Cox, Tammy Kimpton)



**Joy Munn:** for being a caring and supportive member of Scone Public School who demonstrates great initiative.



**Oscar Richardson:** for outstanding leadership qualities and always representing the school with pride and honour at Scone Public School.



**Summer Burnett:** for outstanding leadership qualities, always demonstrating school values and being an excellent role model at Scone Public School.



**Terry Cox:** for going above and beyond with maintenance of both Scone High School and Scone Public School.



**Melissa Petersen:** for demonstrating initiative and commitment to Scone Public School in a variety of ways.

### WONDERFUL DISPOSITION POSTERS

Last term and this term the SRC have held a colouring-in competition to make our disposition animal posters eye catching and vibrant. There were many wonderful entries of a very high standard.

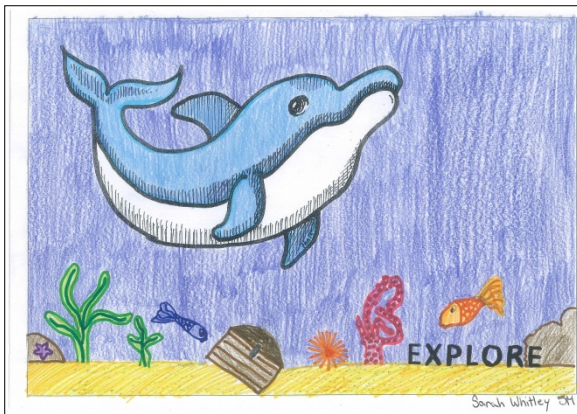
We invited Miss P back to judge the winning entries as she drew the original pictures.

Congratulations to these people who will now have the honour of their colouring efforts hanging in all the classrooms of the school!

Explore – Sarah  
Be Resilient – Lachlan  
Take Risks – Georgia  
Connect – Riley  
Persist – Heath

The names for each animal were selected by the SRC after each class nominated favoured names.





**Eddie** the exploring dolphin



**Tammy** the risk taking horse



**Rex** the resilient Tasmanian devil



**Kenny** the connecting ant



**Pixie** the persistent dog

Thanks to everyone who entered the competition and look out for the posters going up in your classrooms soon!  
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### ATTACK OF THE DINOSAURS

Tensions were high in the KB classroom last week, there was news of a dinosaur visiting the school.



Where could we hide? What could we do to save the school? Nervous excitement could be felt as the moment drew near. From under the jacket a surprise was to be found. It was not the whole dinosaur, just the tooth of the Murrillasaurus! Imagine! A huge, enormous tooth! The poor dinosaur did not look after his teeth very well and had to have one removed. Fortunately for KB we have it as a treasure to keep.

*Sharon Belfield*

### CONGRATULATIONS ZONE ATHLETES

Congratulations to the forty eight students from Years 2-6 who competed in the Upper Hunter Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 20 February. A number of these students have qualified for the Hunter PSSA Athletics carnival to be held in Newcastle on the Friday 28 August. Thank you to Mrs Stafford for supervising the students and Mr Moore for assisting on the day. Thank you to all of the parents who



gave up their time throughout the day to assist with timekeeping and in the canteen / BBQ.



As we were the hosting school I would also like to thank a number of other people for their assistance on the day. Firstly to all the teachers who helped set up on the morning of the carnival. Thank you to Mr Steven Schofield for transporting the second set of high jump mats from Blandford Public School and Mr Russell Sakey who continues to support our school sporting events.



Thank you to Melissa Atfield for the photos; the Scone Public School P & C and Rachael for providing refreshments for everyone. I would also like to thank the staff and students from Scone High School who helped us out on the day.

*Vicky Schofield – Sports Co-ordinator*

### WELL DONE RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS

On Thursday 30 July, Scone Public School's boys' rugby league team played Tanilba Bay Public in the fifth round of the knockout PSSA competition at Scone.

Tanilba Bay scored an unconverted try early in the first half. We replied through a try from Connor a short while later and this was to be the only scores of the first half, 4-4. Riley scored midway through the second half scooting his way over with Jesse C. just missing the conversion by hitting the post. Jake barnstormed his way over with three minutes left and Tevita converted to take us to a comfortable lead.



At fulltime, Scone were successful 14-4 winners. Again outstanding defence was shown by the boys to only concede an early try. Many thanks must go to the parents for their help with washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day.

Special thanks to Scott Pennell for coaching the boys and Sione Holoafofau and Rick McInerney for training the boys and running the water. We play The Junction Public School in the next round to determine the Hunter champions.

*Brendon Hudson – Rugby League Co-ordinator*

### WELCOME NEW SRC MEMBERS

This term we have four new members on the SRC. We would like to welcome Brayden from 2G, Matthew from 2R, Holly from 2S and Isabella from 1/2W. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas. Thank you to all previous Year 2 SRC members. You have done a tremendous job representing your class, carrying out your duties and involving yourselves in SRC meetings.

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### PARENT CORNER

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic

achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday, 21 August 2015. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

Upper Hunter Youth Council – **Claymation Workshop**. Saturday 12 September at Aberdeen PS, Sunday 13 September at Murrurundi PS from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Cost: \$15 workshop & lunch. Expressions of interest email: [youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)  
Registrations opened Saturday 1 August.

### 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 4 2015	
Mon, 3 Aug	Fiona Estrada
Tues, 4 Aug	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 5 Aug	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 6 Aug	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 7 Aug	Wendy Paterson / Erin Clifford

## Good for Kids good for life

### GIFTS TO GET YOU MOVING

Stuck for ideas on what to buy your child as a present?

Why not choose something that encourages them to be physically active? For example:

- Skipping rope
- Hula hoop
- Balls – soccer, football, basketball, netball
- Kite
- Frisbee
- Climbing Frame
- Skateboard (don't forget the helmet and pads)
- Scooter
- Badminton Set



There are lots of options for all sorts of budgets. Why not include a gift each birthday that gets your kids moving for years to come!

Source: Murrumbidgee Local Health District



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