

Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 4 WEEK 7

Tuesday 22 November 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a busy time of the year it is!

Yesterday Year 5 students presented their School Captain Speeches to the students and staff. I was very impressed with all our candidates and the way that they spoke. I loved hearing their reflections on the school and the values that they hold. The school will certainly be in good hands again next year with these students making up the leadership team.

Today we have Surf Lifesaving presenting safety talks called "Beach to Bush". This is a very timely reminder about water safety as we get towards the warmer weather and students participate in water sports and activities. We also have Intensive Swimming starting this week which will continue for 10 days. This is a very valuable program to assist in teaching our students to swim.

On Friday our Year 5 students will be participating in a Cultural Day up at Scone High School. We look forward to hearing about their experiences in next week's newsletter.

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

*Value for the week:
Co-Operation*

GOOD NEWS FOR TWO OF OUR STUDENTS

Two of our students have been fortunate to receive music scholarships for 2017 from Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. A large number of applicants were in the running for these honours. Tom (5/6L) who plays the trumpet and John (5/6L) who plays the cello are the recipients of these awards. Congratulations boys.

LEARNING ABOUT THE PAST

In English Stage 2 have been reading the oral history of Pilawuk, an Aboriginal woman who was part of the Stolen Generation. An oral history involves interviewing a person or group and then writing a record of their memories and thoughts.

Over the last couple of weeks Year 4 have been learning interview skills, note taking and how to write interview responses into oral histories. Class 4MD practised interviewing a class member and Mrs Miller before choosing a family or community



Tom and John 5/6L

member to find out about their childhood. Parents were then invited into the classroom to listen to the students deliver the oral history of this person. Thank you to Year 4 parents for helping to arrange interviews and to 4MD parents who were able to attend the oral history presentations.

Mrs Miller



Year 4 conducting interviews

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2016	
Date	Event
22 Nov 2016	Surf Life Saving
23 Nov 2016	Intensive Swimming
25 Nov 2016	Year 5 Cultural Day @ SHS
3 Dec 2016	Blooms Markets

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

The P & C General meeting will be held Tuesday 29 November at 6PM in the school library. A sausage sizzle will be on at 5.30PM. All welcome to attend. Agenda is as follows:

- Apologies
- Business arising from Previous Meeting
- Canteen Report
- Uniform Shop Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Principal's Report
- Dolomite Account
- Fun Run
- Uniform Review
- New Members
- School Concert
- Signatories for accounts

GETTING READY FOR PRESENTATION DAY 2016

Our 2016 Presentation Day is fast approaching. It will be held in our school hall on Friday 9 December.

Students will need to:

- wear clean, summer uniform, including correct socks – (girls – navy, boys – grey)
- have navy blue hair accessories girls
- wear clean black shoes
- have a packed extra snack and drink (to have in their classrooms while waiting for their turn in the hall)

We know how quickly children out grow their uniforms and shoes, so if you are experiencing difficulties ensuring your child has correct school uniform on this day, please contact the school.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING COMMENCES WEDNESDAY

The first lesson of our Intensive swimming program will commence Wednesday 23 November. The programs main focus is on swimmers who are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water. The program is conducted over ten days and aims to provide basic skills in water safety and survival. Children will attend in their class group and lessons will be for 30 minutes.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 WEEK 7 2016	
21 Nov 2016	Racheal Johnson
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24 Nov 2016	Wendy Paterson
25 Nov 2016	Wendy Paterson Rachel Cox

COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Photo's Scone Neighbourhood Centre 152 Kelly Street, Scone **When** 6 and 7 Dec 4pm -5.30pm 9 Dec 10am -11.30am 13 Dec - 16 Dec 10am -11.30am and 4pm -5.30pm **Packs** \$15 includes one 5x7 and four 4x6. Single photo \$5 email only \$5. For more information contact the scone neighbourhood centre 6545 2562.

Movie Night hosted by Scone Neighbourhood centre. Saturday 26 Nov at Scone Park, Hill Street. \$15 family of four. \$5 extra per additional child. expected start time 7.45pm. running time 1hr 25min. Bring a chair, bean bag or rug. Snacks available. For more information Phone 6545 2562

Upper Hunter AECG Invitation. **When** 7 December 2016 **Where** Muswellbrook High School **Time** 4.00pm for further information or to RSVP please contact Raylene Price Secretary of UH AECG mrprice5@outlook.com or phone 0407 216 648

Ideas for Christmas

Gifts that make a difference.

Finding it hard to think of the right gift for someone - those who don't need anything, or those who are hard to choose for?? Consider giving a gift to them that will make a real difference in the world. (and are tax deductible!)

This is how it works – you decide how much you want to spend on that person. Choose a gift from the catalogue – maybe some school supplies, or safe water, or a goat to provide milk for a family (items range from \$5 to \$10,000). The money you spend gets sent through TEAR Australia to purchase those items on your behalf for someone in need. You get a card giving details about the item, which you can send to your friend or family member telling them that it has been bought on their behalf. You also get a tax deductible receipt.

You may like to consider fundraising as a group and working towards one of the larger gifts

E.g. a well or health worker or community school class.

You can look at the catalogue and order your gifts on line at www.usefulgifts.org

If you want to send a card, order in enough time for the cards to be posted out to you.

You can also send ecards.

Catalogues are available from the school office





CHRISTMAS BLOOM MARKET

3rd December

Our Bloom Markets are a community based market held twice a year that endeavours to unite the school community with the wider Scone community. They are also the P&C major fundraisers for the year. Money raised from the Winter Bloom Markets has been allocated to improving the outdoor play equipment.

As this is our Christmas market, we strongly encourage involvement from our students in the way of busking, performing or displaying their visual arts. As with our previous market we are again asking our families to be involved and have allocated a stall to every grade.

Attached is a letter informing you of the stall connected to your child's class.

Our stalls this year include:

Kinder & Year 2	Tombola Stall and Christmas stall (gingerbread decorating and reindeer food)
Year 1	Second hand books
Year 3	BBQ
Year 4	Cake stall
Year 5	Chocolate Wheel and Lollypop board
Year 6	Christmas Raffle

Please feel free to donate to any stall. The second hand book stall would love donations from everyone, as would the cake stall and Christmas raffle.

We are also offering a competition with prizes!

1. CHRISTMAS WREATH DECORATING COMPETITION

We will be judging the best decorated Christmas wreath!

- i. Collect a wire "wreath" from the Scone Public School
- ii. Decorate your wreath – we love to see handmade decorations
- iii. Deliver the wreath to the markets (please make sure that you give your wreath to one of the committee) by 8:30am on Saturday 3rd December
- iv. The winner will be announced on the day

We look forward to working with our families to make our Christmas Bloom markets full of wonderful cheer and helping hands. See you there!

Thank you

SPS P&C Bloom Markets Committee

Tammy, Courtney & Corinne

Any enquiries can be directed through the Bloom Markets facebook page or email at bloommarkets@outlook.com.au

*You are cordially invited to attend this year's
Scone Public School*

Presentation Day

in our school hall

commencing at 10am

Friday 9 December 2016

- K-2 awards will be presented in the first half of the ceremony
- The second half of the ceremony will see the presentation of 3-6 awards, special awards and the induction of the new school leaders for 2017
- Our dance groups and band will be entertaining us throughout the proceedings
- Come and celebrate our successes and share in this special end of year event.

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- have navy blue hair accessories and navy socks for girls
- wear clean black shoes and grey socks for boys
- have a packed extra snack and drink (to have in their classrooms while waiting for their turn in the hall)

The canteen will be open for lunch orders before school but not during the ceremony.