

# Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 4 WEEK 8



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This weekend the P&C will be holding the Bloom Markets. This is one of the P&C's major fundraisers for the year. Our P&C have done an outstanding job this year with organising the Bloom Markets and I encourage all parents to play their part in supporting this event. Thank you to all the parents who have already put their names down to help on a stall or who have sent in books, tombola prizes or will be baking something yummy for the cake stall. Every little bit helps to make this a successful event.

Our P&C play a very important role in the school. The Canteen is run by the P&C as is the Uniform shop. Without our P&C we would not have these services available to us at such a reasonable cost. I would encourage all parents to come along to our P&C meeting this Tuesday. It is our last one for the year. There will be a sausage sizzle provided at 5.30pm before the meeting that starts at 6.00pm. Children are welcome at all P&C meetings. It is a great way to find out what is happening in the school and be a part of decision making and planning for things that affect your child and the whole school.

*Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal*

*Value for the week:  
Co-Operation*

## BEACH TO BUSH

Last Tuesday Surf Life Saving NSW came to our school to present a "Beach to Bush" Surf Safety Education program. The program began as a result of research which highlighted that 50% of people rescued from the surf live more than 50km from the beach. The children learnt the importance of swimming between the red and yellow flags, how to identify rips, how to signal for help while in the water and the meaning of different signs found at a beach.

## WATER SAFETY – LEARNING IN ACTION

On the weekend we went to Forster to visit our Nan. We went to the beach. Atticus was playing in the shallow water but the water dropped off into a big hole and there was a rip or washing machine and Atticus got stuck in it and couldn't get out.



Beach to Bush

I tried to reach out to him and I couldn't. I jumped in from the side and had to push him up because he was going under the water. I then had to push him out of the whirlpool while swimming out myself. I remembered from our Beach to Bush session not to push against the tide and the dark areas of the rip. We both got out safely and everyone's legs were shaking. Nan lost her shoes when she was starting to go into the water after us. We have both learnt not to go in rips and not to swim against it if you do get stuck in one and don't panic. It was really scary and I didn't realise how frightening it was until I got out of the water and saw all the adults standing on the beach. Atticus said he is not keen on going to the beach anytime soon. He will stick to the pool.

*Annabella 5H*



Annabella 5H and Atticus 1/2W

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2016	
Date	Event
28 Nov	Intensive Swimming (all week)
6 Dec	CAPA Showcase
7 Dec	Parent Helper Morning Tea
9 Dec	Presentation Day

### **^CAPA SHOWCASE**

Next Tuesday afternoon a showcase will be held for a number of our performing arts group. Parents are welcome to attend. It will take place in the hall from 2:10pm.

### **PRESENTATION DAY SPECIAL AWARDS**

Invitations will be sent out to parents of students who will be receiving special awards at Presentation Day. These will be posted out this week.

### **LEADERSHIP NOTIFICATION**

In line with our leadership policy, letters will be going home to all parents of students who tried out for leadership positions notifying if they have been successful or not. It is up to parents if they decide to share this with their child. Letters will be mailed out this week.

### **HIGH SCHOOL WEEKS PROGRAM**

As part of our school transition program Stage 3 will be participating in High School Weeks. During weeks 8, 9 and 10 the students will be following a set timetable and moving from class to class, just like high school. The timetable is very similar to what they use at Scone High School. The students are responsible for bringing the correct equipment to school each day for the subjects that they are participating in on that day. The five subjects the students are participating in are: Maths, English, Science and Technology, CAPA and PE. We hope that the students enjoy the next 3 weeks.

### **INTENSIVE SWIMMING CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

Our intensive swimming program is continuing this week. Students have enjoyed the first few days of swimming. We ask that students please make sure they have a hat for walking to the pool each day during this warm weather and remember their entry fee of \$2.30 if they do not have a pool membership. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA**

We would like to take the opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to those parents who have helped in our school programs, in classrooms and on excursions this year. We have a special morning tea organised for you on Wednesday 7 December

at 11AM. Hope to see you there, so we can say thank you in person.

### **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.

### **SCHOOL TRIP SUBSIDY CHANGES**

Changes have been made to the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy. From 20 December the subsidy will progressively be phased out and replaced with the new school Drive Subsidy. The school office has brochures for those who would like more information or you can read about the changes in more detail at [transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive)

### **BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY**

Just a reminder that students who ride their bike or scooter to school must walk it past the front of the school at the end of the day to ensure safety of themselves and students catching buses.

### **NO LOLLIES OR CANDY CANES**

Often at this time of the year students bring candy canes to give to their peers along with a Christmas card. We encourage parents not to send candy canes in as many students are not allowed to consume these foods and it is not in line with our healthy school and canteen policy. Other lollies are not to be sent to school either. These often cause issues on the playground. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **CANTEEN NEWS**

Due to a shortage of company supplies there will be no pizzas available until next year. We wish you all a merry Christmas from the canteen staff.

Rachael Johnson

### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 WEEK 8 2016

28 Nov 2016	Racheal Johnson
29 Nov 2016	Racheal Johnson
30 Nov 2016	Racheal Johnson
1 Dec 2016	Wendy Paterson
2 Dec 2016	Wendy Paterson Sharon Collins

### SCONE P2L - NOVEMBER 2016

During our recent playgroup session we were able to visit Mrs Hughes's Kinder room where we listened to the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" then spent time doing activities including creating our own caterpillars from play dough and feeding the hungry caterpillar some fruit and vegetables. We all enjoyed our visit and a special thankyou to Mrs Hughes for allowing us the opportunity to see what going to school is all about.

Next week will be our last playgroup session for 2016. We will be having our end of year party so please bring a plate to share, playgroup runs from 9:30am – 11:15am, and is held in the school hall.

We would also like to thank the wonderful Year 6 students and Terry for helping with setup and pack away each week, it has been much appreciated.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### 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](http://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

**Scone Films** will be screening the drama of local legend, **Ben Hall**. This is the films' opening weekend in cinemas. As a child he lived in Murrurundi and the rest of the family moved back there again later on. Rated M, it will screen at 7.30pm Friday 2nd December, at their pop-up cinema at the Senior Citizen's Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. Tickets are \$12. This event is expected to be popular, so to be sure of a ticket, purchase in advance at Hunt a Book, Scone. Doors open 7pm. Running time is 2hr15m. Christmas refreshments will be available. His great great niece will be at the film to tell

us some more about the local connection. Everyone is welcome. Details: [www.sconefilms.org.au](http://www.sconefilms.org.au) [www.facebook.com/sconefilms](https://www.facebook.com/sconefilms)

**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.

**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](mailto:mrprice5@outlook.com) or phone 0407 216 648

**Ladies League Tag** come and try ladies league tag and enjoy a free skills and games day with a BBQ and swim at the end. Where: Denman Oval When: 11 Dec 16 Time: 9am – 11am under 12's, 14's and 16's. to register contact Dan Swan 0408907125 [dswan@nrl.com.au](mailto:dswan@nrl.com.au)







# CHRISTMAS BLOOM MARKET

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Students need to:**

- wear clean, full summer uniform
- 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.