

Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 4 WEEK 9



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to the Bloom Markets Committee on a successful Christmas market over the weekend.

The markets had a festive feel with brightly decorated Christmas wreaths and many fun raffles and activities for all the family.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped on stalls, sent in prizes, or baked goods. A special thank you to the committed P&C members who helped with set up and clean up for the markets.

A special mention to the students who also helped throughout the day, you all did an amazing job and I loved seeing your smiles and enthusiasm. Well done!

It was also great to see a group of Stage 2 students using their own initiative to develop and run a stall. Well done to the members of EMALO, you showed what creative, self-motivated students we have at Scone Public School.

We continue to thank the stall holders who support our Bloom Markets and who stuck it out in the heat to add to the variety of products on offer. Well done to our teachers and students who contributed to the Christmas Wreath silent auction. Your creative skills with a coat hanger are to be marvelled at!

What great team work! Together Everyone Achieves More!

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

*Value for the week:
Compassion and
Caring*

NOAH ATTENDS STATE DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Students from the New England region participated in the Primary Schools State Debating Championships were held in Collaroy, Sydney earlier this week. Ten different regions



Noah 5/6L

were represented at the championships showcasing some of the best debaters in the state. Topics centred on health, liberty, gender, education and crime and punishment.

The team from New England debated in five preliminary rounds resulting in 3 wins and 2 loses finishing equal fourth overall. The semis were reserved for the four top ranked teams. Three teams finished equal first and another team tied for second with the New England team. The decision came down to the head to head challenge in the preliminary rounds. Unfortunately the New England team was beaten by their equally ranked team in the head to head and therefore missed a semi-finals place finishing fifth due to a count back. North Sydney went on to win the State final.

The New England team were considered strong competition and should be proud of their achievements. Well done!

The team was made up of Noah (Scone Public School) Billy (Tamworth Public School) Erica (Nundle Public School) Ava (Timbumburi Public School) Abbey (Nemingha Public School).

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2016	
Date	Event
5 Dec	Intensive Swimming
6 Dec	CAPA Showcase Intensive swimming
7 Dec	Parent Helper Morning Tea
9 Dec	Presentation Day
12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Assembly
14 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Disc
15 Dec	K – 2 Frolic
16 Dec	Last Day of School for 2016

YEAR 4 TOWN LIBRARY VISIT

Last week Year 4 visited the Scone Library to learn more about the service it provides the community, the Summer Reading programs and holiday craft activities and to enjoy a book being read to them.

Sharon, the librarian, showed us around the library. My favourite part was the Xbox and PS3 area.
Ziggi

Sharon got us to find some books on the shelves using only the spine reference. She told us the Scone library has about 20 000 resources but the Upper Hunter network of libraries has about 80 000 resources.
Emlyn

Sharon read to us a book about Australia and I loved it. I think I would like to go to the library more often.
Hallee

We would like to thank the Scone library staff for welcoming us to the library and making our visit informative and enjoyable.

Year 4 Teachers

YEAR SIX FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our Year Six will be hosting and performing an assembly for the students and teachers of SPS. It will be held on Monday 10 December at 2PM. Parents and friends are welcome to attend to see our Year Six 2016 students in their final performance for the year.

SPS LIBRARY NEWS

We have had another great year of borrowing at SPS. Every book a child reads and has read to them contributes to their education. What an easy way to improve academically and have fun at the same time!

All borrowing has finished and books are due back this week. This is much later than usual; we rolled over to a new Library Computer

System and a lot of preparation had to be completed before this which cancelled the need to have a formal stocktake at the end of the year.

As in past years the class in K-2 and Years 3-6 that return all their books first and pay any outstanding money for damaged or lost books will be rewarded with an ice block that I buy for them.

Thank you
Mrs Karen Marshall
Teacher Librarian

SRC RAFFLE

We have some wonderful prizes for our Christmas Raffle. It's not too late to send in items, the more items, the more Hampers we can put together.

Don't forget to bring your money to buy some tickets. They are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. They are for sale before school and at Lunch time outside the Library. The SRC have decided to make a sizeable donation to the Funds to re-invent the Back Playground at SPS! We can't wait to see it when we return to school next year! The raffle will be drawn and prizes give out on Monday the 12 December at the final year 6 assembly.

Thank you Mrs Karen Marshall
SRC Co-ordinator

YEAR 5 BUDDY VISIT TO THE YELLOW COTTAGE

Last week some of our Year 5 students were invited by The Yellow Cottage to visit their buddies. Our students had a wonderful time being shown around the Yellow Cottage and participating in activities with the pre-schoolers. It certainly strengthens the bonds that had been made when the pre-schoolers had visited us during Transition.



BULLYING

The following student work was created at home by Aleesha in 4MD. Year 4 have been learning through the "Bounce Back" program how stopping bullying is everyone's responsibility and how small actions from witnesses can have a big influence on others. Aleesha originally displayed the following as a poster.

Think of all the kids out there getting bullied. What can you do to help?

Why are bullies the way they are?

Why do bullies bully? Is it to get popular or because they have no one to play with?

Can we make a difference TODAY, not tomorrow, not next week, TODAY?

Will we make a change?

Bullies chose to bully. We can make BETTER choices.

- Care for each other.
- Accept people for who they are.
- Rely on each other.
- Make the most of life as it's not forever

BE YOURSELF, BEAUTIFUL AND UNIQUE.
LOVE WHO YOU ARE BECAUSE YOU'RE
AMAZING AND INCREDIBLE JUST THE WAY
YOU ARE.

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.

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.

**ASSEMBLIES:
NO ASSEMBLIES HELD
DUE TO PRESENTATION DAY**

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

LOST PROPERTY

All unnamed lost property has been placed on a table under the COLA. It will be there until Thursday afternoon and unclaimed items will then be disposed of.

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 9 2016

5 Dec 2016	Racheal Johnson
6 Dec 2016	Racheal Johnson
7 Dec 2016	Racheal Johnson
8 Dec 2016	Wendy Paterson
9 Dec 2016	Wendy Paterson Penny Crompton

COMMUNITY NEWS

Scone Community carols at Strathearn. Sunday 11 December 2016. 6PM BBQ – Scone Lions Club. Hot/Cold drinks and cake by Strsthearn staff. 7PM carols. Bring along a chair/rug and join with the Scone Singers in a variety of well loved carols. Electric candles available for a gold coin donation. In the event of wet weather we will move indoors.

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

BLOOMS MARKETS



BUDDY PHOTOS FROM YELLOW COTTAGE



*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.

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Monday 5th December 2016

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 8th December 2016, the NSW Teacher's Federation has directed all teachers to attend a STOP WORK meeting.

The meeting is to discuss salaries and working conditions.

The meeting is being held between 8.45am-9.15am.

Many of our staff will be attending and there will be minimal supervision until 9.30am when all teachers are expected to return.

Your assistance in keeping your child at home until 9.30am is greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Deborah Fisher
Relieving Principal



Transport
for NSW

School travel 2017

Application information Nov 2016

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.