

Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 1 WEEK 3

Tuesday 9 February 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well done to all the swimmers who participated in the swimming carnival last Thursday. There were records broken and students striving to achieve personal bests in the pool. Congratulations to Miss Pitkin and Mrs Schofield for organising and coordinating such a successful day! A special thank you to all the parents and teachers who contributed to the smooth running of the events throughout the day.

Tonight we have our first P & C meeting for the year. I encourage all parents to consider joining us. The group is very welcoming and their work is so important in connecting our school and our community. We would love to see you there!

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

Quote of the week:

*Don't wait for your ship to
come in
Swim out to it*

LET'S MEET THE TEACHER

Our "Meet the Teacher" evening this year will be held on Wednesday 17 February. As in previous years all teachers will be there on the evening and will present their information in the form of an expo. This is an informal way for you to ask general questions about homework, excursions, organisation of each class and anything else you would like to know about your child's class.

Our Librarian, support teachers and scripture teachers will also be available on the evening as will our P & C who will be there to answer any questions about the school from a parent perspective. The family barbeque provides a friendly social aspect to the evening. So please keep the date free.

What: Meet the Teacher

When: Wednesday, 17 February @ 5.00pm

Where: Assembly Hall

SUCCESSFUL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Not quite so perfect weather conditions prevailed for another successful Scone Public School Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Our enthusiastic, newly appointed House Captains initiated chants



and war cries as they began their march to Scone Memorial Pool.

Our students competed in 4x100m medley, 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke and butterfly as well as our 25m freestyle events. Charlie Richardson swam a brilliant 4x 50m in the individual senior medley, breaking the record with a time of 3:25.75. Charlie also broke his own record in the open 100m freestyle with a cracking time of 1:21.68. Fantastic effort, Charlie!

Ribbons for our place getters will be announced along with the announcement of the winning house at an upcoming assembly. We will keep you posted.

As usual, our annual Swimming Carnival would not be successful with the assistance and support of our parents and helpers. Thank you to those who spared their time to help out with all jobs on the day, it is greatly appreciated.

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, 18 February at Muswellbrook Shire Aquatics and Fitness Centre. Information and notes will be provided to those students who swam qualifying times.

Kate Pitkin

WONDERFUL GIFT FROM OUR SRC

On Saturday 19 December 2015 I was in the wonderful position of passing to Mr Mike Kennelly \$340, proceeds from our Christmas hamper raffle run by the SRC. Mr Kennelly coordinates the Red Door Community kitchen from the premises of the Uniting Church in Muswellbrook. It provides a free two course meal for anyone who wants to go along

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2016	
Date	Event
Wed, 17 Feb	Meet the Teacher night

on a Thursday. Mr Kennelly was especially pleased to be given money as he explained it would enable him to purchase specific items for lunches leading up to Christmas and beyond. Whilst the Red Door had received many donations of food stuffs, there were gaps in their supplies that they could now purchase using our funds.

He was amazed that news of the Red Door charity had reached our Scone Public School students and he was immensely grateful to anyone who participated in this fundraising event.

Nicole Borg

KINDERGARTEN ESCAPADES

Yesterday was bus safety day for our new Kindergarten students. It was a morning of bright, happy and excited faces. Students learnt how to stay safe on the bus and who was a safe person to talk to if they felt unsafe. Other areas covered were how to wait for a bus and the procedures for getting on and off the bus. All students were impeccably behaved and flew the Scone Public School name with pride. Congratulations, Kindergarten for such a wonderful first school excursion!

PSSA UPPER HUNTER APP

All parents are encouraged to download this free app for students who are participating in zone events. The app has details of all the Upper Hunter Zone events and contact details.

ABORIGINAL SPEECH ASSESSMENT

A Speech Therapy Assessment for Aboriginal children will be held on Tuesday, 16 February at Wanaruah LALC 19 Maitland Street Muswellbrook. Assessments will be conducted Ilan Laws. Ilan is a Speech Pathologist with two years generalist experience working in rural and remote communities across Australia such as Bindi Bindi, Ngarluma, Ynjibandi in Onslow, Karratha and Roebourne in WA and with the Woolie Woolie and Gangulu mobs in Central Queensland as well as working closely with the Indigenous Advisory Group in Biloela.

Ilan has also provided multiple hearing screenings for school aged Aboriginal children throughout the QLD Health Deadly Ears initiative. Bookings are essential. Please book by calling Wanaruah LALC on: 026543 1288.

PLEASE ATTEND OUR P & C MEETING

Scone Public School P&C Association General Meeting will be held today Tuesday, 9 February at 6.00pm in the school Library. The Agenda is as follows:

AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes from previous meeting

Business arising from previous meeting

Social Media Policy

Canteen Report

Uniform Shop Report

Treasurer's Report

Principal's Report

Correspondence

General (New) Business

- Bloom
- Uniform Review
- Set meeting dates to school calendar
- Fundraising Goals

Set Next Meeting

EXPLAINED ABSENCES

What to do when your child is away: **EITHER:**

1. If you have the Skoolbag app - go to Skoolbag, eforms, absentee form.

OR:

2. Ring the school in the morning of your child's absence and give a verbal reason for absence.

OR:

3. On the day the student returns to school, please supply the teacher with a note explaining their absence.

SCHOOL CHAPEL

As most parents are aware our students attend school chapel every alternate Wednesday afternoon. All religions share this time together with clergy from all denominations. **If you do not want your child to attend please ensure that a note to this effect is returned to your child's teacher.**

2016 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

There will be an enrolment meeting for families who have a child who could be ready to take the next steps on the journey of Sacramental initiation into the Catholic church. This would include some or all of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. These Sacraments are available to children who have been baptised and who are in Year 3 or above.

The meeting will take place in St Mary's Church, Scone on Tuesday 23 February at 5.30pm. During the meeting, the planned program including dates, expectations and resources will be explained and candidates can be enrolled.

A Sacramental Team which is to include parents / carers / Godparents will be formed during the meeting. That Team will then oversee the program in support of all families who enrol in it. If you know of any family for whom this information is relevant, please alert them to this information.

Jim Fitzgerald – Team co-ordinator

PARENT CORNER

Disposition of the week: Persist

What are learning dispositions?

At Scone Public School we have been developing a language of learning by which the students can articulate what successful learners need to do. These habits or dispositions have been condensed to a focus group of five.

They are: Persist, Take Risks, Explore, Connect, Be Resilient.

Over Term 1 we will be introducing these Learning Dispositions to all students. The first focus is PERSIST.

At Scone Public School Persist means using a range of strategies to stay focussed and engaged on a task to achieve a desired goal or outcome.

How can parents help encourage their child to PERSIST?

Encourage your child's natural curiosity and help them to follow up on questions they may have about how the world works.

Give praise for having a go at new or challenging tasks, even if they don't succeed. Recognise their efforts rather than achievements.

Teach them some "sayings" to tell themselves eg "Don't give up!"

Encourage and support learning goals- eg "I'm going to learn all my 6 times-tables this term"

Talk to them about what strategies you use when you have a challenging task. Model positive self-talk around achieving goals. "I can do this!"

Children who are self-motivated tend to stick at things for longer. They feel a sense of control over what they are doing and like challenges. They have better mental health and wellbeing than those who rely on being rewarded by others to feel good about themselves.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP STUDENTS WHO PERSIST!

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 WEEK 3 2016	
Mon, 8 Feb	Racheal Johnson
Tues, 9 Feb	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 10 Feb	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 11 Feb	Liz Coonan
Fri, 12 Feb	Kylie Seale / Brooke McInerney

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE DRESSMAKER: Friday 26 February 7.30pm. Oscar themed evening dress up if you wish Oscar night refreshments \$5. We expect this evening to be popular, so to be sure of a ticket, get yours in advance from Huntabook, Scone.

Based on the best-selling novel by Rosalie Ham, **The Dressmaker** is a bittersweet comedy-drama set in early 1950's Australia. Tilly Dunnage (Kate Winslet), a beautiful and talented misfit, after many years of working as a dressmaker in exclusive Parisian fashion houses, returns home to the tiny middle of nowhere town of Dungatar to right the wrongs of the past.

Scone Films popup cinema, Senior Citizens Centre Oxford Road. Tickets \$12 at the door, running time 2hrs visits www.sconefilms.org.au

Kids Club and Explorers are back!!!!

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 1, 8, 15, 22 March. **Where is it?** St Luke's Hall, Scone.

Kids club and Explorers have afternoon tea together and may 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 Friday 26 February.

How do I find out more? Phone Jenny on 0409 818977


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way


...to encourage healthy eating.

If you've got a fussy eater in the family, a behaviour reward chart can be a great way to get them eating and enjoying new foods and more fruit and veg.

Praise from parents or the offer of small rewards is a good motivator for many children.


A behaviour reward chart can work wonders too. Remember to decide on rewards and goals in advance and keep them realistic and motivating.

Want more great tips and strategies to overcome fussy eating? Register for a Fruit & Veg Sense workshop online: eatittobeatit.com.au



Find this chart and others online too.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Support Staff for 2016

Learning & Support Teachers



Marsha Jenkins



Sharon Belfield

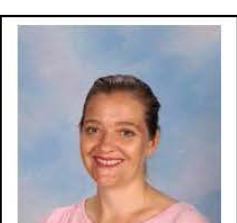
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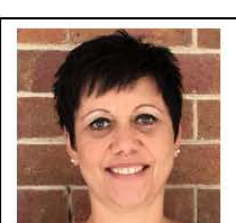
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Loretta Quinn



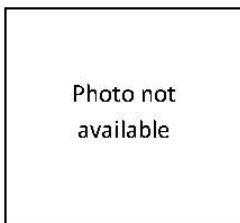
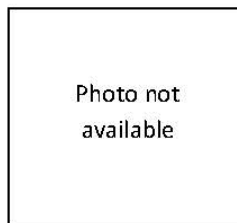
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Melissa Powell



Angela Hjorring

John Jenkins
General AssistantDave Watson
General AssistantTerry Cox
General Assistant

Office Staff



Julie Seib



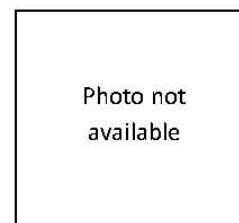
Hayley Bragg



Maree Laurie



Liz Turner



April Cox



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District



Scone Play 2 Learn

You and your family are invited to attend Community Play Sessions.
The play session will run every Thursday from 9:30am—11:30pm for
families with children aged 0 to 6 years.

We will provide toys, craft, outdoor activities and morning
tea.

Where: Scone Public School Hall

Please
bring a Hat
and water
bottle

Term 1 Dates

11th February	
18th February	Child & Family Health Nurse
25th February	
3rd March	Occupational Therapist
10th March	
17th March	Speech Therapist
31 March	
7th April	

Free!

Contacts for other Play 2 Learn Community play-

GROUPS:

Scone Play 2 Learn-Hunter Prelude - 4837 4548
Muswellbrook Play 2 Learn - Upper Hunter Commu-
nity Services - 8542 3555
Singleton Play 2 Learn - Singleton Hunter Prelude -
8571 4884
Singleton Multicultural Women's Group - Northern
Settlement Services - 4888 3388
OR
Hunter Prelude Community Activities Coordinator-
4837 4548



St Vincent de Paul Society
just say yes



scone swimming club

2016 BUSINESS HOUSE RELAY NIGHT

Friday 12th February 5.30pm

Scone Memorial Swimming Pool

- Business House Relay
- Invitational Relay.
- Barbeque & Refreshments Available
- Best Dressed Team Prize

HOW TO ENTER

Get your own team of 6 swimmers together or

Sponsor others to do the swimming for you – buy a team and we'll help find swimmers!

If you want to swim, but don't have a team – we'll help you find a team!

FREE POOL ENTRY

Entries must be received by 5pm
Thursday 11th February

- Entry forms available from Scone Pool.
- Maximum 24 teams so ENTER EARLY.

**1ST PRIZE: PERPETUAL
TROPHY \$180.**

2ND PRIZE \$120. • 3RD PRIZE \$60.



ENTRY FEE -
\$100.00
per team.