

Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 1 WEEK 4

Tuesday 16 February 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Wednesday night we will be holding our Meet the Teacher night. This is a great opportunity for parents to come and meet their child's teacher. Staff will be there to assist with any enquiries regarding our school programs. We will also have members of our P&C, Scone High School staff and the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of music attending to help answer questions regarding these services.

I encourage all parents to attend as this is a great way for our staff to put a face to a name and to start to build those strong partnerships between home and school.

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

Quote of the week:

*Together may we give our
children the roots to grow and
the wings to fly*

WONDERFUL SRC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Today, Tuesday 16 February, the 2016 SRC representatives had the honour of being presented with their badges by Ms Lindy Hunt principal of Scone High School. Rachel Pittman, school captain at Scone High School and an ex-student of Scone Public School and Mayor Wayne Bedggood spoke inspiringly on leadership. The time they spent with us was greatly appreciated by all the student body.

Miss Fisher spoke about the contributions that the SRC make to our school.

It is a huge privilege for the Student Representative Council members to play such an important role in our school community and to be elected by their peers. They are all looking forward to representing the students of Scone Public School in 2016.

SRC Co-ordinators

Mrs K Marshall and Miss K Newling

P & C PLEASE ATTEND

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the school library on Tuesday, 8 March at 6pm. All positions will be declared vacant. The general meeting will be held directly after the AGM. All welcome and encouraged to attend.



Student Representative Council members

BUDDY READING A GREAT SUCCESS

Every Wednesday afternoon, for fifteen minutes, the students from 5/6L and 3L come together to share buddy reading time together. Buddy reading can help model good reading. As with any skill, reading needs to be practiced on a regular basis.

Buddy reading allows older students the opportunity to develop fluency as well as a sense of pride in their accomplishments. Reading to younger students can help them develop a love of reading and a greater motivation to read.

Younger students also read to their older buddies each week, as this allows younger readers to feel a sense of accomplishment while they build fluency. Buddy reading has proven to provide success in literacy and students often become more positive about their ability to read and may also improve their reading skills.

Students are really enjoying this time together each week to share their love of reading. We look forward very much to Wednesday afternoons when we can share this time together.

3B and 6B will also share buddy reading time together, starting this week.

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2016

Date	Event
Wed, 17 Feb	Meet the Teacher night
Thurs, 18 Feb	Zone Swimming
Mon, 29 Feb	Young Leaders Day – Sydney
Tues, 8 Mar	P & C AGM
Wed, 16 – 18 Mar	Kia Ora Music Camp

*Buddy Reading***PRIMARY ASSEMBLY**

Parents are advised that commencing this week Primary assembly will be held at 1pm on Fridays and Sport will be held first thing in the morning due to the heat.

SCHOOL CHAPEL AT OUR SCHOOL

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.

DON'T MISS OUT – ENROLMENTS CLOSING

The Upper Hunter Shire & Kia-Ora Music Camp will be held Wednesday, 16 March – Friday, 18 March 2016. The camp is a three-day non-residential camp held in Scone during school hours for students from Year 3 to Year 12.

Students who took part in the camp all had a wonderful time last year.

If your child is interested in attending the camp, an enrolment form must be completed and returned to Upper Hunter Shire Council by **Friday, 19 February**, along with the enrolment fee. The cost of the camp is \$65 per student, this includes three days of tuition, a camp t-shirt and BBQ lunch and drink on Friday. Numbers are limited so please collect enrolment forms from the school office as soon as possible.

PARENT CORNER**Disposition of the week: Take Risks**

At Scone Public School taking risks in learning is taking a chance, trying new ideas and challenging yourself.

When someone holds back from taking risks, he is confronted constantly with missed opportunities. Some students seem reluctant to take risks. Some students hold back games, new learning, and new friendships because their fear of failure is far greater than their experience of venture or adventure. They are reinforced by the mental voice that says, "if you don't try it, you won't be wrong" or "if you try it and you are wrong, you will look stupid". The other voice that might say, "if you don't try it, you will never know" is trapped in fear and mistrust. They are more interested in knowing whether their answer is correct or not, rather than being challenged by the process of finding the answer.

We hope that students will learn how to take intellectual as well as physical risks. Students who are capable of being different, going against the grain of the common, thinking of new ideas and testing them with peers as well as teachers, are more likely to be successful in this age of innovation and uncertainty.

Quote:

Undertake something that is difficult; it will do you good. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered you will never grow.

Support for Children with Anxiety

If anyone is interested in joining the parent, carer and child care worker support group for Children with Anxiety, please contact Mel Atkinson from Upper Hunter Community Services on mel.atkinson@uhcs.org.au or phone 6542 3555. Cool Little Kids is an online support program for children with anxiety ages 3-6 years. Parents can register their interest at www.coollittlekids.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Registrations for the **2016 Scone Football (Soccer)** club season are now open:

As per previous years we will have two competitions: Town competition is played in Scone on Saturday mornings. The other competition is an Interdistrict Competition in the Newcastle / Lake Macquarie Comp also played on Saturdays, each team will have seven home & seven away games. Registration is online, please use the following link: <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/index.php?id=3>

A few new things this year:

There is a subsidy available to help with the cost of registration from UHSC if you hold a current healthcare card. Please take your card to the council to apply for the subsidy.

Town Competition registrations include a shirt for your child to keep. Please look out for size selection in the additional questions. You will also have the option to purchase club shorts and socks (not compulsory for town competitors).

Inter district players – due to lack of supply we have had to change the club shorts please make sure you make your purchase and select sizes where prompted.

Any further enquiries please contact the club committee members at scone.fc@huntervalleyfootball.net.au or contact Registrar Lesley on 0413 958 478. The new committee is keen to implement some new ideas to help make a successful season! Dates for the season: Gala Day 2 April 10am.

Interdistrict Competition first round 23 April.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 WEEK 4 2016	
Mon, 15 Feb	Racheal Johnson
Tues, 16 Feb	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 17 Feb	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 18 Feb	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 19 Feb	Wendy Paterson / Sharon Grant

Good for Kids good for life

SCREEN FREE QUIET TIME

Some families have a daily quiet time where everyone takes a break. Do your children watch movies during their quiet time?

Why not try some of these activities instead to reduce the amount of screen time they are exposed to during the day and to keep their minds active!

- Reading books
- Arts and crafts
- Puzzles
- Card games
- Listening to some relaxing music
- Spending time in the garden



Adapted from: Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bites



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BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS

Participation in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. But did you know there are a number of other benefits to team sports, including:

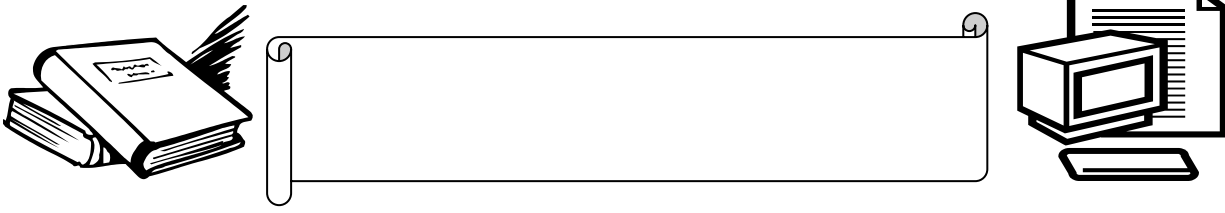
- Teaching children skills in teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Helping children gain confidence through interaction with other kids
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly having fun!



There are many different team sports to choose from such as soccer, netball, touch football and hockey. Why not see what team sports are available at your school or in the community for your child to participate in?



PHONE 4924 6499



Welcome back to the library for another great year of reading. Each class visits the library once a week. Students will borrow during this time as well as have a library lesson. Students are encouraged to borrow as often as they need, so that means they can change their books before school or at lunch time, any time if they need to.

Library Lesson Timetable:

Monday: KH, KN, KW

Tuesday: 1TW, 1M, 6B, 5/6L, 6S

Wednesday: 5H, 5M, K-6TC, 4MD, 4C, 4P

Thursday: 2S, 2A, 1/2W, 3T, 3B, 3L

Library Bags

To protect the precious resources of our library it is required that ALL students have a library bag. It should be large enough to fit two Junior Fiction books in or in the case of primary students the 2-6 books that they may be borrowing each week. This will help protect them from food and drink in your child's bag and keep them in a safe place at home so that the student will then remember to bring them to school on their library day each week. The P & C have some great waterproof bags with the school crest for sale at the Clothing Pool. There are a limited amount of bags for sale in the library and I also have some that I can give to students.

Lost and Damaged Library Books

Unfortunately accidents do happen and Library Books can become damaged beyond repair or become lost. If this happens you will receive a letter from the school requesting payment. The student will not be able to borrow until this has happened.

Premier's Reading Challenge

All students at SPS are registered in the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). Each year we have more and more successful participants. Students in K-2 are required to have at least 30 books from the official list read to them. Each K-2 teacher has been given a box of 30 books from the list.

Students in Years 3-6 are required to read 20 books, 15 must be from the PRC list and 5 can be their own choice. The list is available Online and the library also has hard copies of the list.

The students record each book they read on a form, and then later in Term 1 when the PRC site becomes 'live' they enter them online. The challenge runs until mid-August, students who successfully complete the challenge receive a certificate and their name is printed in a special edition of the Sydney Herald. Please encourage your child to read each day OR read to them: it is a tool they will use every day of their entire life, it opens up other worlds for them, it is enjoyable and relaxing, it teaches them and it is rewarding! It's GREAT! Studies across the world have shown that students who use their Library and choose reading as a pastime achieve better results at school.

Scholastic Book Club

Scone Public School takes advantage of Scholastic Book Club. The books are approved by teachers and are good value. Every order helps earn points towards free books for our school library. We usually participate twice a term.

The classroom teachers will distribute the Scholastic brochures to the students with a note indicating what day the orders are due.

Book Club orders are to be handed in an envelope by the students to their **CLASS TEACHERS** who will place them in a 'class pencil case'. They will then be sent to the library for processing.

Please send orders in ONLY on the DUE DATE, do not send them in earlier or later.

Included in the envelope should be the order form and the CORRECT MONEY. Cheques should be made out to 'Scholastic Australia' NOT the school.

There is also the ability to order online and pay by Credit Card. If you choose this option you do NOT send anything into school, when the books arrive they will be sent home via the student.

Lunchtime in the Library

The Library is open for students at Lunch times from 11:30 except Thursdays when the SRC meet in the Library. There is a roster that enables each stage a day to use the computers, to play games or use their email. If there are students who have school work to do they take priority and students who are using a computer for pleasure may be asked to give their spot up. Students may also borrow, read or colour in during Lunchtime.

All students who attend a NSW Public School have a log in User Name for computers which includes their first and last name and perhaps a number. They are allocated a password or the more experienced students may choose their own. If they forget their details I can rectify that for them. Parents may like their child to use the Internet at home by logging into the Department Portal and the safeguards that are in place for students will protect them.

Book Week 2016 – Australia: My Story

Book Week is a celebration of the publication of great books in Australia. This year SPS are celebrating Book Week from 15th – 19th August (NB this is one week earlier than the official Book Week). The slogan for this year is 'Australia: My Story'. At SPS we alternate years with a whole school concert or a Book Week Parade. This year is the **Book Week Parade**. Each class chooses one of the Short Listed Books, they read the book, make a class poster that will 'live' in the Library for the next 12 months and dress up to reflect the book and its characters. Hopefully all classes will have chosen their 'theme' for dressing up by the end of Term 2 to give parents time to source or make a dress up costume. We will also have a Book Fair in the Library with lots of great books to purchase.

Any questions please do not hesitate to come to the library and talk to me. *Mrs Karen Marshall
Teacher Librarian*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Yoga classes are coming back to Scone Public School on Thursday s from 4pm.

Yoga can help to reduce stress and improve your sense of well-being. It can increase strength, flexibility, stamina and lots more too.

The classes will kick off with a six-week Beginner's course at 4pm. This will be followed by a Post-Beginner's course and on to Intermediate courses.

The initial Beginner's course includes 6 x 1hr yoga classes, plus CD (\$110).

If someone knows in advance that they can't make all six classes, then they can either book for the number of classes that they can make (with a price adjustment) or arrange in advance to attend a different class on the occasions that they can't make their Thursday 4pm class.

For consistency, and for the best learning experience, I encourage attendance whenever possible at your regular class; however things crop up and if you find you are going to miss a class that you have booked, you are most welcome to attend a different class – ideally that week, or as close to the class that was missed. The option to attend a different class does not extend beyond the end date of your course!

I have found that offering courses is a much better way for students to progress than offering drop in classes.

I plan to offer a second class on Thursday starting at 5.15pm. Initially I will offer a "Yoga for the lower back" course. The starting date is yet to be confirmed, but I would expect it will be soon.

So if you would like more details about how to book a place, please get in touch (email is probably the best).

Look forward to meeting some of you on the mat very soon?

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February 2016

You are invited to Scone Public School Meet the Teacher Evening

When: Wednesday, 17 February 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Where: Our School Assembly Hall

Who: All parents, most welcome

Scone Public School P & C are holding a
barbeque on the night

Sausage Sandwich (\$2.00) & drinks will also be
available for purchase.