

Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 1 WEEK 7

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a week of achievements! Our students have been performing well in sport. Well done to our students who competed at the Hunter Swimming especially Charlie (5/6L) who is off to State later in the term. We also had students participate in the Blandford Horse Sports. You can read more about their achievements later in this newsletter.

Tonight is the Annual General Meeting of our P&C. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible participating in our P&C this year. Come and find out how it operates and what a fantastic role they play in the school.

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

*People coming together as a
community can make things happen*

GOOD LUCK TO CHARLIE FOR STATE

Well done to Charlie (5/6L) who will represent the Hunter Region in swimming for the 50m Backstroke 11yrs & 50m Freestyle 11yrs events at the NSW PSSA State Swimming on Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 April. Well done Charlie on your tremendous achievements so far. Good luck for the next event!

WONDERFUL DAY AT HORSE SPORTS

Last Friday 4 March nine riders from our Scone Public School Equestrian team attended Blandford School Horse Sports Day.

There were a lot of events that we participated in. There were two hack classes, there was a rider class, post the letter, barrel racing, bending, keyhole and cloverleaf. All the events were fun to participate in but some were a little challenging. Our school did very well in many aspects and received many points.

Hayley & Chloe

Paige 1/2W – Champion Pointscore 8yr girl
Harrison 3L – Champion Pointscore 9yr boy
Allyson 3B – Champion Pointscore 9yr girl
Taihla 3B – Reserve Champion Pointscore 9yr girl
Hayley 6S – Reserve Champion Pointscore 12yrs girl
Isabella 3B– Encouragement award 9yr girl
Chelsea 3T, Chloe 6S and Dusty 4C rode beautifully with lots of ribbons.



Jackie Cheshire – Co-ordinator

GREAT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Last Monday 29 February we were lucky enough to attend the National Young Leaders Day with 6000 other primary school students. The theme of the day was 'Master the Little'.

The day began with Nathan 'Dubsy' Want. We found him very motivating and inspirational. His message was 'little things build up over time – Leadership starts small.'

The next presenter was author Melanie Lee. She was very honest and passionate about what she does. Our lesson from her was to be prepared.

After morning tea, Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione spoke. He spoke in a very soothing manner and from him we learnt many valuable life

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2016

Date	Event
Tues, 8 Mar	P & C AGM
Fri, 11 Mar	Swimming Ribbon Presentation 2pm
Mon, 14 – Fri 18 Mar	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wed, 16 – 18 Mar	Kia Ora Music Camp
Thurs, 24 Mar	School Photos

lessons such as always act with integrity. At the conclusion of his presentation Noah was chosen to ask the Police Commissioner a question. Noah asked him 'What was the hardest challenge he has ever encountered?'

Paralympian swimmer Ben Austin was next. He was absolutely inspirational to all of us. He spoke about getting through the hard times, always trying your best and taking small steps to achieve.

The final segment of the day was a panel consisting of Scott Tweedie, Rebecca Kerswell, Leticia Lentini & Veronica Morland. We found them to be all amazing but all different. They all had the same idea of how to be a leader but had different perspectives on how to achieve this.

During the breaks we had the opportunity to meet and talk to the speakers as well as having photos taken with them. We all learnt a variety of valuable leadership and life lessons. We hope to include these ideas in our leadership journey and be the best leaders we possibly can.

Riley, Noah, Madeleine, Ryder, Indi, Mary, Cooper and Max

EMILY & ALLY- REACH FOR THE STARS

I had the great pleasure of hearing from Emily and Ally last week about how they had made great progress on one of their learning goals. They have worked hard on their goal. They have stayed

focused and practiced their skills and did not give up. The girls really are "Reaching for the Stars"! We are all celebrating these "SuperStars".

Deborah Fisher

THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 11 March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

DON'T MISS OUT ON CAMP

Much excitement has been shared about our Stage 2 excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in September. The first instalment of \$50 is due by **Monday 14 March**. This includes the non-refundable bus component of the excursion. Please note that, due to the booking timeframe, if instalments are not paid on the due date we cannot guarantee your child a place on the excursion.

COFFEE AT PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

"Café Mobilita" will have their van here at school on Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 March during the Parent / Teacher interviews. Coffee will be available

for purchase from 3.15pm until 6pm. They will be located near the hall.

P & C REMINDER

The P & C will be holding their AGM followed by a general meeting tonight at 6pm in the school library. All positions will be declared vacant and the main topic for the general meeting will be a Uniform review.

Tim McEwen - President

SAY CHEESE – SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Day this year is Thursday, 24 March. Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Helpful hints:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on the day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted).

For any enquiries, please contact us on: www.msp.com.au Tel: +61 2 4966 8292

PAINTING THE SCHOOL

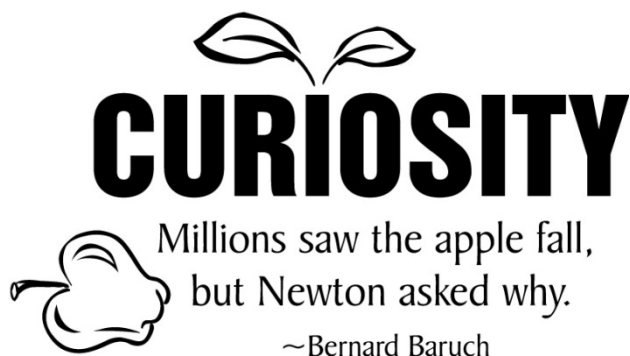
Please be aware that the school is having maintenance painting done to some buildings around the school grounds. Please take care when walking around the fenced areas.

SWIMMING RIBBON PRESENTATION

Swimming Ribbons will be presented in this week's 3-6 assembly at 2pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

PARENT CORNER

Disposition for the week: Explore



Successful learners explore ideas and concepts. This means they are curious, they ask questions, they think creatively, they investigate and then reflect on their learning.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Athletics training: Are you keen to perfect your high jump technique, learn how to use blocks, improve your running technique? Scone Athletics Club is offering 4 weeks of Athletics training in preparation for school athletics carnivals on Tuesday afternoons at 5pm beginning on Tuesday 15 March. All events will be covered over the course of the four weeks. Long distance running of 2km or 4km will still take place on Tuesdays at 6pm. For more information contact Nicky Western on 0414 806 074.

Please note the new assembly time for Yrs 3-6 below:

ASSEMBLIES:

Yrs K – 2 12.10pm Item 2A
Yrs 3 – 6 2.00pm

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 WEEK 7 2016

Mon, 7 Mar	Racheal Johnson
Tues, 8 Mar	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 9 Mar	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 10 Mar	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 11 Mar	Wendy Paterson / Penny Crompton

Good for Kids good for life

START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BREAKFAST

We've all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it's true! Research has shown that children who eat breakfast before school have higher levels of concentration and are less likely to feel lethargic.

Below are some ideas for a nutritious breakfast:

- Wholegrain cereals such as Weetbix, Cheerios and Sultana Bran
- Untoasted muesli topped with low fat yoghurt
- Wholegrain toast topped with avocado, tomato or low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies



If you're short on time, some quick ideas to send to school with your child includes: a tub of low fat yoghurt, cereal to munch such as fruity bites, breakfast drinks such as Up & Go or some fruit.

WONDERFUL HORSE SPORTS

