

# Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 2 WEEK 3

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Scone Public School certainly made an impression on Saturday during the Horse Festival Parade. I have been overwhelmed by the comments from community members about the outstanding job our students did with their colourful costumes, their enthusiasm and their wonderful behaviour. I am so proud of all who participated.

A big thank you must go to our horse parade team, Mrs Leman, Mrs Hjorring, Mrs Petersen, Miss Newling and Mr Wells and to the teachers and support staff who supervised during the parade. Without you we would not be able to join in this wonderful community event.

Congratulations to the Yrs 3 – 6 students who participated in the Athletics Carnival field events on Friday. We were very lucky with the weather and were very appreciative of the help provided by parents on the day for set-up, time-keeping and in the canteen. Well done to Miss Pitkin and Mrs Schofield on the organisation of this event - let us keep our fingers crossed for fine weather for Friday 27 May when we complete the track events of the carnival.

NAPLAN started on Tuesday, for students in Years 3 and 5. The best way to support your child during this testing period is to encourage their participation to the best of their ability and to ensure they have plenty of sleep! We are confident they will all put in a super effort – that's all we ask of them! Good luck students!

*Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal*

## SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL GOES TO RIO

What an extraordinary turn out we had from our students over the weekend to participate in the Annual Scone Horse Parade.

This year Scone Public School staff and students decided to glam it up with sparkles, feathers and vibrant colours to create a magnificent Rio Carnival theme as we danced around the parade. We had bright colourful shakers to help us create a fun party atmosphere. We hope we inspired you to dance and shake along with us as we paraded on by. Thank you to the many imaginative family members that helped create such magnificent costumes and



for taking the time to bring your children along to be part of the parade. We very much appreciate it!  
Thank you.

*SPS Horse Parade Team*

## BUSINESS AS USUAL

Parents are reminded that Scone Public School will be open for business as usual this Friday 13 May Scone Cup Day. Buses will be running as usual but SOOSH will NOT be providing after school care.

## STUDENTS ATTENDING DENTIST

Parents, please be aware that the school is not able to allow students to attend the school dentist unaccompanied. For legal reasons, the school requires an adult to sign the student out to attend any dentist or doctors' appointments. They are to be signed back in when they return. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2016**

Date	Event
Tues 10 – Thurs, 12 May	NAPLAN testing
Wed, 18 May	Zone Cross Country
Thurs, 19 May	Family Maths night 6-8pm
Fri, 20 May	UHCM Try-out band session
Mon, 23 – Fri 27 May	Public Speaking Yrs K - 6

**WELL DONE RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS**

On Thursday 5 May, Scone Public School's boys' rugby league team played Aberdeen Public in the first round of the knockout PSSA competition at Scone. Aberdeen hit the lead first with a converted try before Jake scored with Ashton kicking the goal. These were the only points of the first half, 6 – 6. The boys defence was outstanding as Aberdeen had most of the possession and territory in the first half. Aberdeen scored first in the second half to hit the lead again. Jake scored another try with Dan kicking the goal to level the scores. Riley scored an unconverted try to put us in front before Jake completed his hat-trick scoring another try with Riley converting after full-time. The final score was 22 – 12 in our favour.



Many thanks must go to the parents for their help with washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Scott Pennell for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day. We will play the winner of Muswellbrook and Muswellbrook South in the next round.

*Brendon Hudson- Rugby League Co-ordinator*

**PLEASE SUPPORT STEWART HOUSE**

Last week our SRC voted to make Stewart House our Charity for this Term.

Stewart House is a venue in Sydney that provides quality respite care for NSW school students. While the students are there they receive a full medical and dental check-up as well as having an amazing holiday that their family is unable to provide for

them. The students visit Taronga Zoo, the beach, the movies and other great places in Sydney. They spend time doing some lessons, lots of art/craft activities and games. The staff is an enthusiastic group of teachers and other care givers.

We have tried to give each family an envelope that they are invited to put \$2 in, fill out your details on the back with a chance to win a Family holiday to the value of \$4 000. If you missed out please use a plain envelope making sure you include: Name, Address, Postcode, Phone, Email, and 'Scone Public School'.

**All envelopes should be returned to school by Friday 13 May as they will be posted that day to Stewart House to ensure they are there in time for the draw.**

*Mrs Karen Marshall*

*SRC Co-ordinator*

**EXCELLENT PEEL CARNIVAL**

The Scone Public School Under 10's Rugby League team successfully completed in the Peel Schools' Rugby League Carnival on Saturday 7 May. The boys played 3 games in extremely hot weather for May before playing in the final. The first game they played against Hillvue Public School winning 34-4, the second game was against Tamworth Public School again winning 42-0. The third win was against Gunnedah South Public School, with a score of 24-6. After a small rest the boys again hit the field for the final time, with a convincing win against Oxley Vale Public School, with a score of 24-4. Will was awarded best player.



*Absent from the photo: Matt 3T*

All the boys demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and represented our school with pride. Special thanks to the coaching staff: Andrew Robinson, Ben Foley and Craig Byrne.

*Vicky Schofield*

**BLOOM MARKETS UPDATE**

Our Bloom Markets are community based markets 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 our Winter Bloom Markets will be going towards outdoor play equipment.

Alongside our stall-holders we encourage involvement from our students in the way of busking, performing or displaying their visual arts. This year we are asking our families to be involved and have allocated a stall to every grade.

We are also offering two competitions with prizes!

Entries for both competitions must be at the school before 8am on the day of the markets Saturday 4 June.

Any enquiries can be directed through the Bloom Markets facebook page or email at [bloommarkets@outlook.com.au](mailto:bloommarkets@outlook.com.au)

### DON'T MISS OUT

On Friday, 20 May the Upper Hunter Conservatorium will be holding an instrumental try-out session at Scone Public School hall at 9am. We will have instruments found in the concert band available for students to try. Only students who return the UHCM note handed out with this newsletter will be able to attend the session. Please return the notes to the school office by Tuesday 17 May.

*Aaron Rothmund*

### HORSE SPORTS

Could all Horse Sports participants please return their saddle cloths, helmet covers, shirt & tie to the school office as soon as possible.

### OSBORNS BUSES NOTICE

As of Term 2 2016 all students travelling to MOOSH or SOOSH regardless of having a bus pass or not will have to pay \$1.00 per trip.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Dyslexia Drive:** There will be a free 90 minute seminar: Dyslexia is a disorder that involves difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters and other symbols. Many people go undiagnosed and struggle through school and later life. This Dyslexia Seminar will be 90 minutes of tips, insight and practical knowledge about what dyslexia is and how you can go about remediation.

When: Wednesday 18 May at 1pm at the Scone RSL, or Muswellbrook RSL at 7pm.

Register online at [www.dyslexia.com.au/register](http://www.dyslexia.com.au/register) or call 02 9436 3766

**Child Dental Benefits Schedule** – Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive \$1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2 – 17years. For eligibility phone Medicare 132011.

### 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 is it for? Kids Club is for children in yrs K – 3. Explorers is for children in yrs 4 – 6. When is it? 3.30pm – 5pm on Tuesday 31 May, 7, 14, 21 June. 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 kids 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 office. There are limited places. These are allocated in date order when completed forms are received. All children must be registered in advance by Thursday 26 May.

### ASSEMBLIES:

Yrs 3- 6 2pm

Yrs K – 2 12.10pm



**JUNIOR GIRLS REGIONAL  
GOLF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2016**

**HunterRiver**  
DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

In conjunction with 



**Term 2:  
Sunday May 22  
Scone Golf Club  
9am – 12.30pm**

Come learn some new skills at golf.  
Come meet others girls that play golf.  
Come develop the skills you have already learnt at golf.

For girls aged 6-18. All skill levels are welcome.

For more information and to register your interest contact:  
Natalie Wood 0402 331 951 or [nataliew76@gmail.com](mailto:nataliew76@gmail.com)



## **FREE FOOTY TICKETS TO SEE**

### ***West's Tigers v Bulldogs: Sunday 15 May, 4pm***

Thanks to the West's Tigers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney foes go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for *each* student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great afternoon of football. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should:

1. Simply go to the website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/>
2. Register their details.
3. Wait for their email confirmation to be sent and print out the voucher(s) and bring it with them on the day to gain entry through Gate K (located on the western side of ANZ Stadium).

All tickets redeemed by staff and students **include travel on Sydney Train services to and from ANZ Stadium**. Be sure to plan your trip by [clicking here](#) and take advantage of the two dedicated supporter trains from Campbelltown and Sydenham (to Olympic Park) in operation for the event.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

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***Please note:***

- *Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.*
- *Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per person).*
- *Match ticket voucher must be downloaded for entry.*
- *There is a limit of 8,000 tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).*
- *Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.*
- *If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.*
- *Accessible seating is available within the allocated ticket area.*



# CHOOSE MATHS

## FAMILY NIGHT

You are invited to the CHOOSEMATHS Family night at Scone Public School.

What you can do at home to help your child succeed in Mathematics.

**Date:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Why come?** Because...

- Parents are key partners to ensure the academic success of children; and
- Studies show that children who participate in maths at home gain a significant advantage in the classroom!

**We'd love to see you there!**

To RSVP or for any questions,  
please contact Ms Jo Hughes on 6545 1049



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## A SURPRISE VISIT FROM THE MOUNTED POLICE





'RIO' HORSE PARADE 2016





