

# Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 2 WEEK 5

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week was a very busy one at Scone Public School!

Firstly, a huge thank you to our Maths Team for organising the Family Maths Night held last Thursday. We have received very positive feedback from many of those who attended the evening. The students appeared to thoroughly enjoy the activities and we hope we achieved the goal of increasing the enthusiasm for learning Maths. Please let us know if you have not yet received an email copy of the evening's presentation from Marcus Garrett.

On Friday we supported the Walk Safely to School Day and were lucky to have Power FM broadcast from our school playground to promote this initiative. We had many students take home prizes provided by Power FM and Nikki Western from the Upper Hunter Shire Council provided stickers and fresh fruit as students entered the school gates. Thank you to all the parents who walked with their children and encouraged their child to participate in this healthy activity.

Over the weekend I had the great pleasure and privilege of going away with eight other staff from Scone Public to participate in an Aboriginal cultural awareness and *Connecting to Country* camp.



We have all deepened our understanding of Aboriginal culture and are indebted to Uncle Paul



Gordon, Uncle Phil and David Newham for spending the weekend sharing their knowledge with us. We will be using this knowledge to develop a plan to increase our whole school community's understanding of our rich Australian culture.

*Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal*





**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2016**

Date	Event
Mon, 23 – Fri 27 May	Public Speaking Yrs K - 6
Wed, 25 May	Payment due for Canberra
Fri, 27 May	Athletics – track events
Tues, 31 May	P & C meeting
Sat, 4 June	Bloom Markets

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Last week Vanessa 5/6L attended a week long 'Hub' as part of her Galuwa Scholarship. The Galuwa Scholarship program is for Aboriginal youth in partnership with Glencore and provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to assist their transition into high school, maintain engagement in education and to plan and develop pathways for future career aspirations. Vanessa was awarded a scholarship earlier this year. At the 'Hub', Vanessa was officially presented with her Scholarship. We would like to congratulate Vanessa on this outstanding achievement.

**CONGRATULATIONS NETBALLERS**

Last Tuesday, the Scone Public School girl's netball team played in round two of the PSSA Netball Competition.

After having a bye in the first round they played Denman in the second. The girls played a great but



close game, with many 'nail biting' moments. The final score was 13-10 with Scone Public School defeating Denman. Thank you to the parents for their help and support on the day. A huge thank you must go to Maree Hedley, who umpired the game. We look forward to the next round that will be played!

*Liz Leman*

**WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL**

*Cassandra Buckley*

We would like to welcome Cassandra Buckley to our school this term as a Year 6 teacher. Cass is from Singleton, originally Central Queensland and is in her fifth year out of college.

She has worked at Muswellbrook Public School and is very happy to now be here in Scone. *I enjoy tennis, touch football and spending time with family and friends. I am looking forward to a great year at Scone Public School.*

**WELL DONE RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS**

On Thursday 19 May, Scone Public School's boys' Opens rugby league team participated in the Knights Knockout competition at Cardiff Oval. Games were played in one fifteen minute period with no half time and no goal kicking. There were five teams in our pool with the top team progressing to the quarter finals. Games below:



Pool Game 1: Scone 4 (Nikolai try) drew with Edgeworth 4.

- Pool Game 2: Scone 4 (Liam try) drew with St Pauls Rutherford 4.
- Pool Game 3: Biddabah 12 defeated Scone 4 (Ashton try).
- Pool Game 4: Scone 20 (Tries: Liam 2, Jake 2 and Ryder) defeated Grahamstown 0.

With two draws, a win and a loss we finished third in our pool. Well done boys! Many thanks to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Scott Pennell for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day and Antony Welsh for training the boys and running the water.

*Brendon Hudson  
Rugby Co-ordinator*

### UHCM BAND TRY OUTS

Last week the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music held their try-outs for musical instruments. It was very popular and many students enjoyed playing different instruments.



### GREAT PHOTO

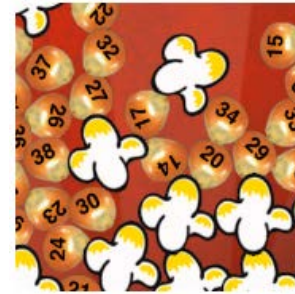
During Horse Festival week the Scone Arts & Craft held a Members' Exhibition Opening Night.



Courtney (5M) came second in the novice section. Her photo was called "The Outback" pictured above with John Almond at the prize giving.

### Maths Apps

Popcorn  
123



Times  
Tables



Farm  
Factor



AI  
Express



Sushi  
Monster



Targeting  
Maths



These Maths Apps were used during our Family Maths Night and were very popular with students.

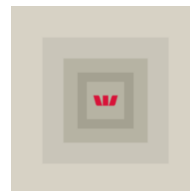


**WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY & POWER FM HEALTHY BREAKFAST****Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?**

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

**What expenses can be paid online?**

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

**When?**

This payment method will go live on 7 June 2016

**How?**

Log onto School site at [www.scone-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.scone-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**UHCM:** An exciting musical journey for families & children of all ages. Newcastle Youth Orchestra presents the Magical Music Time Machine. Saturday 4 June @ 2.30pm Scone High School. Tickets phone: 0265 414888 or: [uhcm.com.au](http://uhcm.com.au)

**ASSEMBLIES:**

Yrs 3 – 6 No Assembly  
 Athletics Carnival  
 Yrs K – 2 12.10pm Item  
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