

Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 2 WEEK 6

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The weather has finally turned to winter and despite the cold, Friday's Athletics Carnival was a great success. Well done to all the students who participated in the track events and a big thank you to the organising teachers, Mrs Schofield and Miss Pitkin. I know that the teachers appreciated the parents who braved the colder weather to watch and to help with set up and running of the events.

This week classes are busy completing the stage finals of the Public Speaking Competition. I am always amazed at the variety and quality of our speeches and look forward to hearing the finalists later in the term. The skill of being able to speak confidently in public is a life-long skill and Scone Public School students are always recognised for their abilities in this area. Thank you to the parents who have supported and encouraged their child to participate and prepare their speeches.

I have noticed of a morning that many students are coming to school before 8.45am. Students are only supervised after this time and should not be at school unless they arrive on some of the early buses. Not only is it cold at this time but we encourage all students to not arrive before 8.45am as a matter of safety. We ask all parents to adhere to this request. Students are able to attend the Before School Care which is situated at St Mary's Primary School if they require before school minding.

Now that we are well into the winter weather we ask parents to help our students to remain in full school uniform. Non-school coloured jumpers/hoodies are not part of the school uniform. Please assist by ensuring students have the correct uniform, with names clearly visible.

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

SUCCESSFUL CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 18 of May, twenty two students competed in the annual Zone Cross Country carnival at Muswellbrook. Scone Public School was very successful on the day winning second place. Thank you to all the parents for transporting your children to this event. Seven students will now go



on to compete at Regional carnival in Cessnock on June 3rd 2016.

Results and pictured above:

- 10 Year Boys 3rd Jackson (4C)
- 10 Year Girls 3rd Sarah (4C)
- 10 Year Girls 5th Eliza (4C)
- 11 Year Girls 5th Caitlin (5H)
- 12/ 13 Year Boys 3rd Lachlan (6S)
- 12/ 13 Year Girls 5th Chloe (6S)
- 12/ 13 Year Girls 6th Montana (6S)

Kate Picton - Coordinator

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CARNIVAL

We had a great day last Friday at the Athletics Carnival despite the cold conditions, with some impressive displays of athleticism from Scone Public students. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day, it would not have been possible without you! The Zone Carnival will be held on Friday 5 August – notes will go out later this term.

Athletics team co-ordinators

PREPARE FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING THIS TERM

Good luck to all students who are participating in their public speaking Stage semi-finals this week. Students who place first in their Year in their Stage semi-final will be invited to give their speech at the **Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod, St James Primary School, on Wednesday 8 June at 5pm.** The school grand final will be held in **Week 8**, where the three top speakers in each Year will repeat their speech, competing against others in

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2016	
Date	Event
Tues, 31 May	P & C meeting 6pm school library
Sat, 4 June	Bloom Markets
Thurs, 9 June	SHS Orientation Day
Tues, 14 June	K-2 Public Speaking Grand Final
Wed, 15 June	3 – 6 Public Speaking Grand Final
Mon, 20 June	Final Payment due - Aussie Bush Camp

their Stage. Please remember the students are not to use any props except their palm cards.

The grand final dates are as follows; the chosen Kindergarten to Year 2 students will present their prepared speeches to the school on **Tuesday 14 June, 12 noon to 1:30pm**. Year 3 to Year 6 students will be asked to present both their prepared and impromptu speeches on **Wednesday 15 June, 12 noon to 3pm**. In the impromptu section, students will be given a topic and 5 minutes to prepare their speech. Parents, friends and relatives are most welcome to attend. Both competitions will take place in our school hall.

As always, I look forward to hearing the exceptionally high standard of speeches our students deliver. I thank both teachers and parents for their continued outstanding support of this program within our school. *Nicole Borg*

LOOKING AFTER OUR STUDENTS BEFORE SCHOOL

Prior to 8.45am: The school is officially "closed" until 30 minutes before the commencement of lessons at 9.15am. Thus there will be no official supervision of students within the grounds or buildings until 8.45am. As far as possible students should not attend before this time. Children who come to school earlier should be seated under the COLA in the front playground. Bell times are as follows:

8.45am – 9.10am Playground Supervision commences

9.10am: Warning bell. Assemble under Infants & Primary COLA

9.15am: School Commences

11.30am: Play (Lunch)

11.55am: Warning Bell

12noon: Class

1.40pm: Play (Recess)

1.55pm: Warning Bell

2.00pm: Class time

3.15pm: School finishes

PLEASE HELP US ALL STAY SAFE

We need help in a couple of areas to keep our children safe.

Please help us keep our littlies, who don't know boundaries safe, by keeping our front gate closed.

Please help us to keep all students safe by not letting your children play on our play equipment without a teacher present. This encourages our students to do the same, plus it is a Departmental rule that the fixed equipment may not be used without the direct supervision of a teacher.

Please help us to keep all children safe and our teachers' mental health and well-being positive by using the pedestrian entrances and not the car park entrance when entering the school. We do not want a fatality.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ANAPHYLAXIS

We need everyone's help to keep our school safe for our students with Anaphylaxis.

We encourage all parents to help us keep our school nut-free by ensuring that foods containing nuts or nut traces are not sent to school and that every child has nut free food whilst at school.

WE AIM TO BE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL but we NEED YOUR HELP!

PARENT INFORMATION

There will be a parent information session for the Great Aussie Bush camp on Friday 17 June at 3.30pm.

NEW ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL

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. Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

MATHS BOOK

Targeting Maths Dictionary books are available for purchase through the school office for \$12 – they are a great resource for parents.

BUS INFORMATION UPDATE

From 12 May 2016, applications for school travel passes in rural and regional NSW will need to be completed online instead of using paper forms. To be eligible for a school travel pass, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Yrs K-2	No minimum distance
Yrs 3-6	1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking

Most students who already have a school travel pass in 2016 won't need to re-apply for next year. However you need to update student details online if the students is:

Moving from Year 2 to Year 3

Moving from Year 6 to Year 7

Is changing schools

Is changing address

For more information and online forms go to:
transportnsw.info/school-students

ASSEMBLIES:

Yrs 3 – 6 2pm
Yrs K – 2 12.10pm
Item KH

PARENT CORNER**Disposition for the week: Explore**

Scone Public School believes 'to explore' means being **curious**, **questioning**, to **think creatively**, to **investigate** and be able to **reflect on your own learning**.

Memorizing facts and information is not the most important skill in today's world. Facts change and information is readily available.

Exploring and inquiry-based learning provides the student with the opportunity to construct understanding~ to produce deeper learning ~ increases the chances that students will be able to apply the concept in new situations ~ it will be remembered. These learning strategies serve as a stimulus for learning, thinking and questioning.

What does exploration-based learning look like in the classroom?

Curious:- All children are born with an innate, natural curiosity of the world about them. They use all senses to make understanding of the world around them.

Questioning:- connects students with what they already know and motivates them to ask . It is when students ask their own questions that they become empowered learners. The easiest thing adults can do to promote exploration is to hone their ability to ask meaningful open-ended questions.

Investigating- is when students become involved in their inquiries. It is vital to give them ample time to


complete their investigations. Students seek solutions and put ideas into action. They investigate options and predict possible outcomes when putting ideas into action.

Reflecting:- In the reflecting phase, students revisit the phenomenon and plan further investigations. Therefore the cycle may start all over again with new questions as the basis of their next investigation.

Thinking creatively:- the creative student is imaginative and plays, is able to build mind pictures and process these scenarios before they become a reality, can decide by reasoning and by feeling intuitively and is continually up-dating their knowledge base to compete in a changing world.

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


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to create healthy food swaps.

Make snacks healthy with an added fruit and veg boost! Try these simple swaps:



SWAP THIS:	FOR THIS:
Fruit juice – has very little fibre.	Smoothie – using a whole piece of fruit and keeping all the fibre.
Flavoured yoghurt – can be high in sugar.	Reduced-fat natural yoghurt with fruit – reduces sugar and fat, boosts fruit.
Packaged potato chips – high in fat and salt.	Homemade potato chips – thinly slice potato (or sweet potato), grill on lightly-greased tray until golden.
Muesli bar – can be high in fat and sugar.	Poppletana – unsalted popcorn + dried apple + sultana = nibble mix.

For more information visit
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Scone Public School



Kindergarten 2017

Enrolling now

Please contact the school for an invitation and more details regarding
Enrolment

Orientation Day

Wednesday, 10 August 2016

9.30 am to 11.00 am

Followed
by five fun-filled transition afternoons
of classroom activities.

TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2016 : 2.15pm to 3.00pm

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2016 : 2.15pm to 3.00pm

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2016 : 2.15pm to 3.00pm

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2016 : 2.15pm to 3.00pm

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2016 : 2.15pm to 3.00pm

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