

Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 2 WEEK 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2!

Scone Public School showed great respect last week when they participated in both the town ANZAC service and the school ANZAC assembly. Our student leaders represented the school well at both the dawn service and town services, laying wreaths and leading the students in the march.

During the school assembly, Mr John Flood, a Vietnam War veteran, spoke to the students about living memorials and the ANZAC spirit. He then presented the school with a Aleppo seedling from the original 'Lone Pine' in Gallipoli. We really appreciate the time that Mr Flood took to talk with our students and are very thankful for our gift. We are now in the process of deciding on an appropriate place to grow our very own 'Lone Pine'. Thank you to Mrs Godde and our student leaders for running such a thoughtful ANZAC assembly.

This term we are looking forward to many great things. We are looking forward to seeing many students representing the school in our 'Rio' inspired parade entry for this weekend's Horse Parade. If you haven't already sent in your permission to join us at the parade, please do so before Friday.

Next week our year 3 and year 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN testing. All students are required to participate in these tests unless withdrawn by their parents. If students are absent during the testing they will be required to catch up any missed components during the week, with all test papers returned for marking on Friday.

Scone Cup is held next Friday and despite the day being gazetted as a half-day holiday, **Scone Public School will be open as usual**. Please be aware that SOOSH will not be operating for after school care but that we have had assurances that the bus companies will continue to operate as per usual.

Lastly, please save the date- Thursday 19 April is our Family Maths Night. All families who attend 6-8pm to listen to the guest speaker and participate in our activities will receive a free maths dictionary valued at \$10. This is a great opportunity to find out ways to help your child with maths. I hope to see as many families as possible at this event.

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

Lest we forget



Scone Public School leaders with the Aleppo pine seedling

HORSE SPORTS A GREAT SUCCESS



Last Friday saw the Scone Public School Horse Sports Team travel to Quirindi to compete. With over 150 riders it was going to be a very challenging day.

Our team was made up of Hayley 6S, Taihla 3B, Cash 3B, Clayton 3T, Harrison 3L and Paige 1/2W. Our riders performed very well in all classes and sporting events. They showed great sportsmanship under some very dusty conditions.

Congratulations to Taihla who was named 9yr Girl Champion and Paige (pictured above) with 8yr Girl Reserve Champion. A big thank you to all parents for helping out on the day.

Jackie Cheshire - coordinator

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2016	
Date	Event
Tues, 3 May	P & C meeting 6pm Library
Fri, 6 May	Athletics Carnival
Tues 10 – Thurs, 12 May	NAPLAN testing
Wed, 18 May	Zone Cross Country
Thurs, 19 May	Family Maths night 6-8pm
Fri, 20 May	PSSA Rugby League

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL THIS FRIDAY

Just a reminder that our Annual Athletics Carnival for 2016 Field events will be taking place this Friday 6 May at the Bill Rose Complex. Students will be walking to the Bill Rose Complex in their house groups. All students from Years 3 - 6 are expected to participate for their house throughout the day. Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years old will only be attending track events on Friday 27 May. Students are to bring a hat, sunscreen, warm clothes, water bottle, lunch and recess. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled.

For those students who are interested in competing in the 800m event, this will commence at 9:00am this Friday 6 May. All competitors are required to be at the field by 8.45am. Students are asked to let their class teacher know that they will already be at Bill Rose. Parents are required to transport their child to the field.

Parents are advised to check facebook and skoolbag applications for notification and weather updates re the upcoming Athletics Carnival.

Parents are most welcome to attend the Carnival and support the children in their endeavours. We will need assistance to help run the Carnival, so if anyone is willing to help, we would love to hear from you.

*Vicky Schofield & Kate Pitkin
Athletics Co-ordinators*

HORSE FESTIVAL THIS SATURDAY

The Horse Festival Parade is on this Saturday 7 May and the theme is: "Horses go to Rio". This is a wonderful community event, one our school enjoys being part of every year!

Thank you to all the students that have returned their notes. If you are still keen to participate it is not too late to be involved, please register your interest with your classroom teacher.

Please meet in your "Rio Carnival" themed outfit at the school by 9.45am. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 7 May.

Horse Festival Team

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SRC PROJECT

Congratulations Scone Public School! The SRC are proud that our school has raised \$1000 in Term 1 for the RSPCA. The Easter Raffle and the end of

Term Disco were a great success. This disco was a great night for everyone! The students followed the disco rules perfectly! Everyone had lots of fun dancing to the music provided by our DJ. There were prizes for great dancing and clever costumes. Many thanks to our teachers who gave up their evening to supervise, we really appreciate it.

BE PREPARED FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

All students in K-6 will be expected to prepare and present a speech to their class in **Week 5**, 23 – 27 May. The students will need to prepare their speeches at home, but are encouraged to seek advice from their class teacher. There are four categories for the competition Early Stage One, Stage One, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Speaking times are; **Early Stage 1**; 1:00 – 1:30mins, **Stage 1**; 1:30 – 2:00mins, **Stage 2**; 2:30mins – 3:00mins and **Stage 3**; 3:30mins – 4:00mins.

Three students from each class will be chosen to go through to the **Stage semi-final in Week 6**. Students who placed first in their Year in this Stage semi-final will be invited to give their speech at the **Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod on Wednesday 8th 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 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**. Year 3 to Year 6 students will be asked to present both their prepared and impromptu speeches on **Wednesday 15 June**. 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.

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

DON'T MISS OUT FOR MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVE PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last term I had over thirty students collect an information sheet on the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Only one student from each Primary year group can compete, ie four in total. I'd like to hold 'try outs' for the competition during recess and lunch breaks in Week 4 of this term. All students who wish to participate must be ready to give their speech in this week. If they are selected to represent our school they will also be

required to deliver an impromptu speech on the day of competition. Any child who would like any further information on this event, please see me.
Nicole Borg

YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS

Parents wishing to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2017, please be advised applications are now open.

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July 2016**. Please note that there are no opportunity classes in the Upper Hunter. The nearest classes to Scone are at Cessnock West Public School, Jewells Public School, New Lambton South Public School, Tamworth Public School and Tamworth South Public School. Applications will be available online from April 26 2016.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that Term 2 is officially winter uniform for all students.

Boys Winter uniform: Blue school shirt, long sleeves and grey trousers with a plain navy jumper / jacket or the SPS tracksuit jacket.

Girls Winter Uniform: Girls have a choice between navy trousers or a skirt with a white blouse. Junior Girls Years K – 2 wear a pinafore with navy tights.

Girls also wear a plain navy jumper / jacket or the SPS tracksuit jacket.

LOST PROPERTY

At the end of Term 1 there was an enormous amount of Lost Property. All items with names were returned to their owners. The clothes without names have been washed and will be placed on a table outside the Library this week. Anything left on Friday afternoon will be given to Red Cross and Sick Bay and the second hand clothing pool received so much last year that they can't store any more.

PLEASE label everything your child brings to school: lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers, hats, etc.

If your child loses something get them to check the two lost property boxes: there is one on the end of the verandah on the long timber classroom block

just near 4C and the other one is in the corridor of the Heritage block outside the Reading Recovery room near 1/2W. You are also very welcome to come and look yourself. If an item has a name on it, it always gets sent to the appropriate classroom.

Looking forward to having NO lost property!

Mrs Marshall

VALE GERRY GOODGER

Gerry Goodger passed away last Thursday 28 April. He was the Principal of Scone Public School during 1989 to 1990. He was a well liked leader and involved the staff in decision making by organising many committees. He oversaw the introduction of Global budgeting across the school. We pass on our sympathies to his family.

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

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 No assembly
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Yrs K – 2 12.10pm

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 2 2016	
Mon, 2 May	Racheal Johnson
Tues, 3 May	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 4 May	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 5 May	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 6 May	Wendy Paterson

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 19th 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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TERM 2 2016 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	25 April ANZAC DAY	26 April Staff Development Day	27 April Students return	28 April Anzac Day school service 12 noon	29 April	30 / 1 May
2	2 May	3 May P & C meeting	4 May P & C Mothers' day stall	5 May	6 May Athletics	7/8 May Horse Parade
3	9 May	10 May NAPLAN Language & Writing	11 May NAPLAN Reading	12 May NAPLAN Numeracy	13 May NAPLAN catch up day	14/15 May
4	16 May	17 May UNSW tests / Galuwa Scholarship presentation 1.30 – 3pm	18 May Zone cross country	19 May Family Maths night 6-8pm	20 May PSSA Rugby league	21/22 May Ab Ed team
5	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May	27 May Athletics	28/29 May
6	30 May	31 May UNSW Science test P & C Meeting	1 June	2 June	3 June Athletics back up day	4/5 June Bloom markets
7	6 June	7 June	8 June Upper Hunter Eisteddfod - speech	9 June	10 June	11/12 June
8	13 June Queens B-Day HOLIDAY	14 June K – 2 Public Speaking Grand Final	15 June 3 – 6 Public Speaking Grand Final	16 June Science yr 5/6 Mus	17 June Great Aussie Bush camp parent talk / Science Yr 5/6 Mus	18/19 June
9	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June	24 June	25/26 June
10	27 June	28 June P & C	29 June	30 June	1 July	2/3 July