

Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 2 WEEK 9

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As Term 2 draws to a close we mark the half-way point in the year. I am always encouraged and feel proud when I reflect back over the months since the beginning of the year and the countless ways that our students demonstrate our school purpose of "Success for All". This week's newsletter is another example of such success with our public speaking finalists, Knights Knockout, Boys soccer and rugby league teams all experiencing great success in their chosen endeavours.

At the beginning of the year I introduced to the students the theme for the year "Reach for the Stars". Many students have come to see me to show me how they have been trying to "Reach for the Stars". For some it has been in the classroom that they have been taking risks and trying new things, pushing themselves to do better than before. For some it has been outside the classroom, with a hobby, passion or interest that they have been trying to "Reach for the Stars". Our students constantly amaze me with their commitment to their learning. Well done everyone!

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

*Value for the week:
Compassion & Caring*



President of the Lions Club Marie Musumeci presenting a cheque to Ms Fisher

On Wednesday last week I attended the Lions Club annual dinner. The school was presented with a cheque for \$500 to go towards our Breakfast Club. We thank the Lions Club for their generous support of this important school program. The Lions Club is a great community organisation. For more information visit their website at www.lionsclub.org.au/contact/nsw

BRILLIANT PUBLIC SPEAKING

How amazing are our talented and clear speaking students! Our Public Speaking Grand Final showcased a wonderful group of students who entertained and mesmerised us with their well prepared, thoroughly rehearsed and very polished performances. Our adjudicators for these days, Mrs Elizabeth Walter and Mrs Lesley Moore were extremely complimentary about the standard of speeches. Some interesting feedback they gave to all speakers included always use a microphone if one is available, try to only glance at your palm cards so that your eye contact with the audience is strong and congratulations on the wide range of topics spoken about.



Charlie 5/6L (above) came first in Stage 3 of the Eisteddfod in the Apex Schools Public Speaking Competition

The Primary students' impromptu speeches were amazing and arguably showed the most improvement compared to past years. These speeches had an excellent flow of ideas, great vocal variety and were clearly spoken. It can be a harrowing experience to present an impromptu speech after only five minutes preparation time, (the parents in the audience can attest to this as they seemed to feel every second of their child's speech with a combination of pride and terror on behalf of

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2 2016

Date	Event
Tues, 28 June	Reports home / P & C meeting
Fri, 1 July	Last day Term 2
Tues, 19 July	Students return Term 3

their son or daughter!) but our Grand Finalists did a fine job.

Mrs Walter and Mrs Moore felt all students were very well prepared. Thanks goes to our students, teachers and parents for the hard work invested in each student's performance.

A very big thank you also to our wonderful Captains and Leaders, Riley, Max, Indianna and Cooper who chaired the competition with much aplomb! They were seamless in their management of all speakers, as were our timekeepers from 3B, runners, microphone operators and sound technicians Tahlee and Brayden.

Special mention also must go to the Junior Dance Group who were dressed in amazing costumes, choreographed by Mrs Dow and 3B, who entertained us at intermission with their glorious dancing and choral speaking. They were superb and we loved their performances.

Our student body deserves high praise for being an excellent audience. They were very receptive to all speakers and were silent while our adjudicators deliberated.

Thank you to everyone who supported, listened to and assisted our students during this aspect of their learning, everyone really shone!

Early Stage One	First Shana Second Emmett Third Isabella
Stage 1	First Alexander Second Flynn Third Isla
Stage 2	First Campbell Second Mackenzie Third Hallie
Stage 3	First Madeleine Second Noah Third James

We are very proud of all our students' efforts and know they will develop into clear speaking, articulate adults due to their commitment to this invaluable program within our school.

Nicole Borg



Campbell Munn Winner of Stage 2 speaking



Stage 2 & Stage 3 Winners



Early Stage One & Stage One winners absent: Shana

BOOK WEEK – DON'T MISS OUT

Book Week is a celebration of the publication of great children's books in Australia. This year Scone Public School are celebrating Book Week from Monday 15 – Friday 19 August (NB this is one week earlier than the official Book Week).

The slogan for this year is 'Australia: My Story'. At Scone Public School we alternate years with a whole school concert or a Book Week Parade.

This year is the Book Week Parade. **The Parade will be on Thursday 18 August.**

Each class chooses one of the Short Listed Books, they read the book, make a class poster that will 'live' in the Library for the next twelve months and dress up to reflect the book and its characters. Hopefully all classes will have chosen their 'theme' for dressing up by the end of Term 2 to give parents time to source or make a dress up costume. We will also have a Book Fair in the Library with lots of great books to purchase.

Any questions please do not hesitate to come to the library and talk to me.

*Mrs Karen Marshall
Teacher Librarian*

CONGRATULATIONS KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT PLAYERS

On Thursday 16 June, Scone Public School's boys' Under 10's rugby league team participated in the Knights Knockout competition at Valentine Oval. Games were played in one 15 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 20 (Tries: Nicholas 2, Will, Campbell and Heath) defeated Eleebana 4.

- Pool Game 2: Scone 16 (Tries: Jack, Jackson, Blake and Nicholas) defeated Telarah 0.
- Pool Game 3: Scone 16 (Tries: Will, Nicholas, Jack and Blake) defeated Caves Beach 0.
- Pool Game 4: Scone 8 (Tries: Will and Josh) defeated Raymond Terrace 0.
- Quarter Final: Scone 16 (Tries: Jack 2, Josh and Jayden) defeated Jewells 0.
- Semi Final: Scone 20 (Tries: Heath 3 and Jackson 2) defeated Valentine 8.

What an amazing effort to go through undefeated in six games. Well done boys! The boys play the Grand Final on Tuesday 19 July at Hunter Stadium, the Newcastle Knights home ground, against King Street Singleton, with the winner heading to Sydney to play other regional winners. Many thanks to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Andrew Robinson, Ben Foley and Craig Byrne for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day.

Brendon Hudson – Rugby League Co-Ordinator

SUCCESSFUL SOCCER TEAM

On Friday 10 June, Scone Public School's boys' soccer team played Aberdeen Public School in the second round of the Knockout PSSA Competition (after receiving a bye in the first round).

The first half flowed end-to-end with both teams



having goal scoring chances, but at half-time the score was still 0 all. In the second half the boys started to dominate the game a bit more and Josh broke the deadlock midway through the half. Josh scored again to increase our advantage and Charlie scored at the end in a great team goal to finish 3-0 victors. All boys played extremely well as a team. Isaac was awesome as the goalkeeper and our defence worked well to keep Aberdeen out led by Zac and Dylan. Jeremy shone in the midfield and Charlie and Josh took their chances in the second

half up front. Many thanks to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. We play Muswellbrook Public in the next round.

*Brendon Hudson
Boys Soccer Coordinator*

GREAT EFFORT AT RUGBY LEAGUE

On Tuesday 14 June, Scone Public School's boys' rugby league team played Muswellbrook Public in the second round of the knockout PSSA competition at Muswellbrook.



Muswellbrook scored the first converted try before Jake scored our first with Dan kicking the conversion. Muswellbrook scored an unconverted try before Jacob scored to level the scores again. Just before half-time Muswellbrook scored an unconverted try to lead 14 – 10 at the break. Muswellbrook crossed over first in the second half before Jake scored his second and Sam kicked the conversion to keep as in touch. Again Muswellbrook scored before Riley crossed over and converted his own try. Muswellbrook again scored before Ryder scored the last try of the match just before full-time and Jake converted. Final score Muswellbrook 32 Scone 28.

It was a great game to watch as the scoring went end-to-end but we just couldn't get in front. 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 and Rick McInerney as the trainer.

*Brendon Hudson
Rugby League Co-ordinator*

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.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL WALK

What is the oldest building in Scone? Where did the Jewboy Gang of bushrangers visit? Why was the Thomas Cook drinking fountain moved from the Kelly / Liverpool St intersection? These are just some of the questions answered last week on 4MD's historical walk around town. The students in Stage 2 have been learning about how our town has changed and which buildings and memorials have been preserved due to their historical significance. The class was able to explore first-hand important places, read memorial plaques and photograph sites to later make comparisons with photos from the past. They used town tour guide books written by the Scone and Upper Hunter Historical Society to learn interesting facts and answer questions along the way. This week all of Stage 2 will visit the Scone Museum to find out more and make connections with their learning in the classroom.

*We saw the building next to St Andrew's Uniting Church that was admired for its iron lace – Emlyn.
We learnt there used to be a roundabout and now there are traffic lights in Kelly St. – Isabelle.
We also went to Rotary Park and saw the stone bird table, stone seat and Thomas Cook Fountain – Bella.*

Expression of interest for Assisted Travel

Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/progr_ams/astp/index.php

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Scone Films will be screening the Australian drama, *The Daughter*, starring Sam Neil, Geoffrey Rush, Miranda Otto, Ewen Leslie and Odessa Young. Rated M at 2pm on Sunday 26 June at their pop up cinema at the Senior Citizen's Centre Oxford Road, Scone. Tickets are \$12. This event is expected to be popular so to be sure of a ticket purchase in advance at Hunt a Book Scone. Doors open 1.45pm. Running time is: 1hr36min. Afterwards there will be home baked afternoon tea available for \$5. For more details go to: www.sconefilms.org.au

Catherine Boulton – Scone Films Inc.

Upper Hunter Shire Library School Holiday Activities: Scone Library Monday 4 July – 10.30am: Decorating boomerangs.

Wednesday 6 July 11.30am : Decorating Didgeridoos.

Friday 8 July: 10.30am: Storytime

Monday 11 July 10.30am: Winter Craft

Wednesday 13 July 11.30am: Assembling and Decorating Wood.

Friday 15 July 10.30am: Storytime

ASSEMBLIES:

Yrs 3 – 6 2pm

Yrs K – 2 12.10pm Item
KW

**CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 2 WEEK 9 2016**

Mon, 20 June	Vicky Sullivan
Tues, 21 June	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 22 June	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 23 June	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 24 June	Wendy Paterson / Rachell Cox

Good for Kids good for life**IN YOUR BACKYARD**

Children love to play and the backyard, courtyard or local park are great places to learn, explore, make up games and have fun.

Backyard games don't have to be complicated or expensive – a bit of chalk, a ball or a skipping rope can all get a game underway.



Try these games this weekend:

- Hide and seek
- Skipping
- Hop Scotch
- Throwing and catching games like piggy in the middle
- Chasing games like tag & stuck in the mud
- Racquet games against a wall
- Backyard cricket
- Running & jumping

Adapted from Healthy Kids 'In Your Backyard' Resource



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Good for Kids good for life**BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS**

Participation in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. But did you know there are a number of other benefits to team sports, including:

- Teaching children skills in teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Helping children gain confidence through interaction with other kids
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly having fun!



There are many different team sports to choose from such as soccer, netball, touch football and hockey. Why not see what team sports are available at your school or in the community for your child to participate in?



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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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