

# Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 1

Wednesday 20 July 2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back!

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and fun holiday and are now ready to enjoy a term of learning.

I would like to welcome and introduce Tracey Kuchma to Scone Public School. Tracey is a principal of a school in Canada, Maryborough Public School. Tracey, her husband Scott and 7 year old son Levi will be staying with my family and I as part of the LEAP Program.

LEAP (Leading Educators Around the Planet) is an exchange program where principals from different countries learn from each other and research or particular area of education. Tracey will be staying in Australia for ten days. In our next school holidays I will be travelling to Canada to stay with Tracey to learn from the Canadian Education system.

We are both looking forward to the experience and the chance to learn from each other. I will be keen to share with the Scone Public School community the benefits of being in the LEAP Program and a lifelong learner. I am always looking for opportunities to increase my knowledge and bring this back to Scone Public School for the benefit of all.

*Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal*

*Value for the week:  
Respect*

## INFORMATIVE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

During the School Development Day on Monday staff from Scone Public School participated in training in the Department of Education's Wellbeing Framework.

The key points of this framework are: a commitment to wellbeing by creating quality learning opportunities for children. This includes strengthening their physical, social, emotional & spiritual development. When we talk about wellbeing, we are talking about the quality of a person's life. We recognise that wellbeing is integral to learning. The Wellbeing Framework is driven by three key themes Connect, Succeed and Thrive.

Student wellbeing is enhanced when schools connect with and draw on the expertise, contribution and support of their communities.

Community engagement maximises how students connect, succeed and thrive.

Stay tuned as Scone Public School continues to support our students within this framework.

### *Quote of the week:*

*We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.*  
*Franklin D Roosevelt*

## CONGRATULATIONS DEBATERS

The two debates at Singleton Heights last term were around the topics of Education and The Media.



The two successful teams were made up, respectively, of James (5/6L), Charlotte (6S), Charlotte (5/6L) and Madeline (5/6L), and Max (5/6L), Bowen (6B), Cooper (6B) and Noah (5/6L). Mrs Kylie Seale helped out by driving one team in her car. I couldn't have been prouder of the students. They conducted themselves in an exemplary manner all day.

## DEBATING GALA DAY AT SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Winners are grinners! First debate – "That all toys that look like weapons should be banned" – was debated in the affirmative by Annabella (5H), Bowen, Madeleine, and Marshall (5H), against the Aberdeen Public Allstars. The second debate, "That all school students should have 30 minutes of exercise time before school starts each day",

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2 2016**

Date	Event
Thurs 21 July	NAIDOC assembly 12 noon
Fri, 22 July	Sports Presentation – Athletics Ribbons 2pm
Mon, 1 Aug – Fri, 5 Aug	Education week
Thurs, 4 Aug	Transition to School information evening



was argued in the negative by Max, Dusty (5H), Charlotte and Cooper, against Singleton Heights Public Earth. Luca (5M) helped out in both debates as Chairperson and Timekeeper, as did all of the other students when they were not debating. Lesley Moore was a guest adjudicator, volunteering her time and giving some very useful feedback to the debating teams. Thanks also to Vicky Schofield for coming in to adjudicate two debates.

*Anthea Shoesmith*

Upper Hunter Tour 2016  
SMART Science Shows  
'SMARTbots'



The **SMART** team are really excited to be bringing amazing science to your school. Be prepared to be inspired by our interactive science shows!

With the generous sponsorship of Coal and Allied the SMART team from the University of Newcastle will be coming to WOW you with our interactive 'SMARTbots' coding and robotics science show. During weeks 1 - 4 of term 3, the Science Maths and Real Technology (SMART) team will be touring

around the Upper Hunter Area and sharing the wonders of science. Keep your eyes peeled for us as we travel through the region!

**SMARTbots will be at Scone Public School on Tuesday 26 July 2016. All Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will attend the show.**

*Brought to you by Coal and Allied and the University of Newcastle*

**GREAT EFFORT AT SOCCER**

On Thursday 30 June, Scone Public School's boys' soccer team played Muswellbrook Public School in the third round of the Knockout PSSA Competition.



In a close first half Muswellbrook led 1-0 at the break. Unfortunately it was through an own goal. Early in the second half, Muswellbrook dominated and got two quick goals before Josh scored a great goal to keep us in touch. Unfortunately that is as close as we got as Muswellbrook scored two more goals to take the final score to 5-1. All boys tried their best with Isaac being busy in goals, Zac stopping many Muswellbrook attacks in defence, Dylan and Max always busy in midfield and Cooper, Josh and Charlie being a constant threat up front. Many thanks to the parents for their help with washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Lesley Hayward for setting up the ground and organising the referee.

*Brendon Hudson*

*Boys Soccer Coordinator*

**P&C UPDATE**

The P&C have had two productive terms, and I would like to personally apologise for the lack of prior update.

At our March AGM, we bade farewell to our long standing P&C treasurer John Hallett. His commitment and dedication to the P&C was formally acknowledged at the meeting.

The AGM saw the election of Mr Carl Petersen and Mr Mat Baker as Vice Presidents, Mrs Rachel Roberts as Secretary and Mr Tim McEwen as Treasurer. It was my privilege to be elected as President.



So far this year the P&C have hosted an evening catch up for kindergarten parents, a breakfast BBQ in association with the Power FM breakfast, a working bee to tidy the school grounds, held a Mother's Day stall, catered a regional Principals lunch and of course successfully hosted our Winter Bloom Markets. We were absolutely delighted by the broad ranging support from the school community for the market, which raised more than \$2000.

The P&C have committed to undertaking a review of the school uniform. A sub-committee has been formed and will be meeting next term to begin this process.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 26 July, we look forward to welcoming you.

*Tammy Kimpton*  
P&C President

### ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL

We have launched an 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 went 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.

### LOST PROPERTY

There is still a lot of lost property that has no names, it will be placed on tables outside the library. Please come and look.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Rotary Club of Scone** presents: JASON BOURNE 28 July, Muswellbrook Cinema at 6.50pm. Cost: \$20.00 All proceeds raised will go towards purchasing a Shelter Box [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au). Tickets can be purchased from Discount Drug Store & Hunt a Book Scone. Email: [sconerotary@gmail.com](mailto:sconerotary@gmail.com) for more information.

**Scone Films:** will be screening the comedy / drama Florence Foster Jenkins, starring Meryl Street and

Hugh Grant rated PG at 7.30pm on Friday 22 July at the 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 at 7.15pm. Running time is 1hr 50m. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome. Details: [www.sconefilms.org.au](http://www.sconefilms.org.au) or [www.facebook.com/sconefilms](https://www.facebook.com/sconefilms)  
Catherine Boulton. Scone Films inc.

### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 WEEK 1 2016

Mon, 18 July	SDD
Tues, 19 July	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 20 July	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 21 July	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 22 July	Wendy Paterson / Sharon Cust

### ASSEMBLIES:

Yrs 3 – 6 2pm  
Yrs K – 2 12.10pm



## Scone Anglican Parish

2016 Winter Fair

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**9.00am to 2.00pm**  
**St Luke's Anglican Grounds**

SCONE PIPES AND DRUMS      SCONE SINGERS

Entertainment   CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES   GAMES

**JUMPING CASTLE      HAND-CRAFTS**

**FRESH PRODUCE      TRASH 'N' TREASURE      GAMES**

**SECOND HAND BOOKS      RAFFLES**

**CAKES AND BAKES      DEVONSHIRE TEAS      BBQ**

**Hot and cold drinks      HOT SOUP**

**DESSERTS      SANDWICHES**

AND LOTS MORE!



# 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

*Success for All*



# INVITATION



## Transition to School

**FREE information evening for parents, teachers and early learning educators**

6.30pm – 8.00pm, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Upper Hunter Shire Council Administration Centre, 135 Liverpool Street, Scone

**“CREATING POSITIVE PATHWAYS FOR CHILDREN’S SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL LEARNING AND EXPERIENCES”**  
Special guest speaker - Dr Cathie Harrison

The event is open to any parents/caregivers, teachers and educators who are interested in learning about the importance of preparing children for school and how we best support this transition. The information will be relevant to all parents/caregivers regardless as to whether your child is commencing school in 2017 or not.

Dr Harrison is also offering a workshop specifically for child care service educators and primary school teachers from 5.00pm-6.30pm. She will be sharing her experience and knowledge on transition to school.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to join the event from 6.30pm. Local primary school teachers and early childhood educators will be in attendance and available for parents to talk to after the presentation.

The Transition to School free information evening is a community initiative by Upper Hunter Shire Council in collaboration with local Early Childhood Services and local schools and with support from Godolphin.



**About the guest speaker:** Dr Cathie Harrison has a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood from Sydney University, a Master of Education from the UNSW and a Doctorate of Education from the University of Western Sydney. Cathie's Masters degree focused on gifted education and her doctoral study combined interests in gifted education and contemporary early childhood pedagogy.

Cathie has a diverse range of experience within early childhood education as an academic, teacher, and consultant. She is an advisor to the ABC television program - Play School, and has been consultant to a number of museum and community projects such as Museum in a Box, and Kids Island at the Australian Museum, The Kidsmart Project and the Early Language and Literacy Initiative with KU Children's Services.

**RSVP by Friday 22 July** to Upper Hunter Family Day Care on 6540 1151 or by email [uhfdc@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:uhfdc@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

Light refreshments will be served



**TERM 3 2016 CALENDAR**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>18 July</b> SDD Day	<b>19 July</b> Knights Knockout	<b>20 July</b>	<b>21 July</b> NAIDOC Assembly	<b>22 July</b>	<b>23/24</b> <b>July</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>25 July</b>	<b>26 July</b> Smartbots Science Show /P & C meeting	<b>27 July</b>	<b>28 July</b>	<b>29 July</b>	<b>30/31</b> <b>July</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>1 Aug</b> <b>Education Wk</b>	<b>2 Aug</b> <b>Education Wk</b>	<b>3 Aug</b> <b>Education Wk</b>	<b>4 Aug</b> <b>Education Wk /</b> Transition to school information evening	<b>5 Aug</b> <b>Education Wk</b>	<b>6/7 Aug</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>8 Aug</b>	<b>9 Aug</b>	<b>10 Aug</b> Kinder Orientation	<b>11 Aug</b>	<b>12 Aug</b> Alpha "Hunchback" Show	<b>13/14</b> <b>Aug</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>15 Aug</b>	<b>16 Aug</b>	<b>17 Aug</b>	<b>18 Aug</b> Book Week Parade	<b>19 Aug</b>	<b>20/21</b> <b>Aug</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>22 Aug</b>	<b>23 Aug</b> P & C meeting	<b>24 Aug</b>	<b>25 Aug</b>	<b>26 Aug</b>	<b>27/28</b> <b>Aug</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>29 Aug</b> Stage 3 to Canberra	<b>30Aug</b> Canberra	<b>31 Aug</b> Canberra	<b>1 Sept</b> Canberra	<b>2 Sept</b> Canberra	<b>3 / 4</b> <b>Sept</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>5 Sept</b>	<b>6 Sept</b>	<b>7 Sept</b>	<b>8 Sept</b>	<b>9 Sept</b> Yr 2 to Tocal	<b>10/11</b> <b>Sept</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>12 Sept</b>	<b>13 Sept</b>	<b>14 Sept</b>	<b>15 Sept</b> Mini Fete	<b>16 Sept</b>	<b>17/18</b> <b>Sept</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>19 Sept</b>	<b>20 Sept</b> P & C meeting	<b>21 Sept</b> Stage 2 to Gt Aussie Bush camp	<b>22 Sept</b> Stage 2 to Gt Aussie Bush camp	<b>23 Sept</b> Stage 2 to Gt Aussie Bush camp	<b>24/25</b> <b>Sept</b>