

Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful week of celebrations last week was.

I was excited to watch the Under 10's boys play Singleton down at the Knights stadium last Tuesday and see the team celebrate their win alongside their support crew of parents and coaches.

Our netballers celebrated moving onto Round 5 of the PSSA competition with a close win against Singleton Heights Public School. Well done girls!

We also celebrated the achievements of our participants in the UNSW Science & Computers tests. These wonderful results are published in this week's newsletter.

And lastly we celebrated NAIDOC week with a wonderful assembly on Thursday. We thank all our community members and parents who helped us celebrate and recognise our indigenous culture.

Deborah Fisher - Relieving Principal

*Value for the week:
Respect*

WONDERFUL NAIDOC ASSEMBLY

As the official date for NAIDOC Week is in the first week of July, Scone Public School celebrated NAIDOC week on Thursday 21 July. Our celebration took the form of a whole school assembly followed by classroom activities. The assembly was led confidently by Harmony (6S) and Vanessa (5/6L).

NAIDOC Week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This significant occasion recognises the contributions that Aboriginal Australians make to our country and our society.

Songlines: the living narrative of our nation is the 2016 NAIDOC theme.

This year the theme highlights the importance of sharing stories from the Dreamtime that describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by our ancestral spiritual beings. They created the rivers, lakes, plants, land formations and living creatures. Our dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of our ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lores. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called



Families & community members celebrating afternoon tea following NAIDOC assembly

'Songlines' as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who 'sung' the land into life.

These Songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and art. They carry significant spiritual and cultural connection to knowledge, customs, ceremony and Lore of many Aboriginal nations and Torres Strait Islander language groups. Songlines are intricate maps of land, sea and country. They describe travel and trade routes, the location of waterholes and the presence of food. In many cases, Songlines on the earth are mirrored by sky Songlines, which allowed people to navigate vast distances of this nation and its waters.

Songlines have been passed down for thousands of years and are central to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They are very important to the preservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practices.

Through learning more about Songlines and how they connect people to Country and the Country to people – we celebrate the rich history and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures - the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

We were thrilled to have a number of special guests join us for our assembly. These guests included Mr Mark Young, our Director of Schools, Mrs Sonia Sharpe, Aboriginal School Liaison Officer, Cate Sims and Julie Fletcher from the Aboriginal Community Development Fund Committee. We were also fortunate to have 2 visiting Canadian Principals with us at the assembly.

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2 2016

Date	Event
Mon, 1 Aug – Fri, 5 Aug	Education week
Thurs, 4 Aug	Transition to School information evening
Fri, 12 Aug	Alpha Show "Hunchback"

We would like to thank KH, KN, KW and 1TW for their entertaining performances. Other Aboriginal students also had the opportunity to be involved and help make this assembly so successful and memorable. Thank you to Gracie (6S) and Tahlia (5M). As part of the Storylines theme, Mrs Mel Powell retold the Dreamtime story of 'The Wingen Maid'.

Aboriginal Education Team

"Our Land Our Life"

'We don't own the land, the land owns us'

'The Land is my mother, my mother is the land'

'Land is the starting point to where it began, it is like picking up a piece of dirt and saying this is where I started and this is where I will go'

'The land is our food, our culture, our spirit and identity'

'We don't have boundaries like fences, as farmers do. We have spiritual connections'.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT WINNERS

On Tuesday 19 July, Scone Public School's boys' U/10 rugby league team travelled to Hunter Stadium, the Newcastle Knights home ground to play the Grand Final of the Knights Knockout against King Street, Singleton.



Jack scored the first try with William converting. King Street was next to score a converted try and at half-time the score was level 6 – 6. King Street scored first in the second half, an unconverted try to

lead 10 – 6. The boys hit back with Jack scoring his second try and Jackson's conversion put us in front 12 – 10. In a nail-biting finish we scored another try by Campbell and Heath kicked the goal to finish 18 – 10 winners. Jack was presented with the game ball as man of the match.



What an amazing effort to win the Knights Knockout Competition, well done boys! We now progress to the All Schools State Carnival on Monday 1 August in Sydney.

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, Jade Smith and Craig Byrne for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day.

*Brendon Hudson
Rugby League Co-ordinator*

WELL DONE NETBALLERS

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



They played against Singleton Heights Public School in a home game. It was another nail biting game but the girls played extremely well all the way through to the final quarter to win the game 19-16.

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 and to Liz Coonan who scored for us.

We look forward to the next round that will be played!

Liz Leman

CONGRATULATIONS

UNSW 2016 Digital Technologies Assessment

Recently ten of our Primary students sat for the UNSW Digital Technologies Assessment.

The results are as follows

Year 3: Gina – Credit

Year 4: Annika – Credit

Year 5: Thomas – Credit, Tahlia – Credit, James – Distinction

Year 6: John – Distinction, Vanessa – Merit, Noah – High Distinction

UNSW 2016 Science Assessment

Recently twelve of our Primary students sat for the UNSW Science Assessment.

The results are as follows

Year 3: Gina – Credit

Year 5: Thomas – Credit, Tahlia – Credit, James – Distinction

Year 6: John – Merit, Tahlee – Credit, Jackson – Credit, Noah – Credit, Vanessa – Distinction

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in the Digital Technologies and Science Assessments. These students will be presented with their certificates at this Friday's assembly.

Laurece Godde

UNSW Assessments Coordinator

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. Tickets can be purchased from Discount Drug Store & Hunt a Book Scone. Email: sconerotary@gmail.com for more information.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 WEEK 2 2016	
Mon, 25 July	Sarah Brookes
Tues, 26 July	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 27 July	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 28 July	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 29 July	Wendy Paterson / Penny Crompton


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

Smoothies are a great way to add a fruit or veg boost to your morning and are a great breakfast on the go.

Banana Smoothie

Serves 2.

Ingredients:
 2 cups reduced fat milk
 1 ripe banana
 1 tsp cinnamon
 ½ cup natural yoghurt
 1 tsp honey (optional)



Method:
 Mix in a blender until smooth.

Top tips:

- Store chunks of over-ripe banana in zip-lock bags in the freezer, ready to use when needed in a smoothie.
- Smoothies can be frozen to keep cold and fresh in the lunch box.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
 or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



ASSEMBLIES:
 Yrs 3 – 6 2pm
 Yrs K – 2 12.10pm



INVITATION



Transition to School

FREE information evening for parents, teachers and early learning educators

6.30pm – 8.00pm, Thursday 4th 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

Light refreshments will be served



You are invited to
A Celebration of Education

A time to give thanks and pray for
teaching and lifelong learning.

St Luke's Church, Liverpool St, Scone

Sunday 31st July at 5pm

Ecumenical Service
Contemporary Music
Local schools participating
A hot dinner is served
after the service.
For more information
contact Margaret on
0438 451891





Education Week Awards Night

Dear Parents/Carers

Each year we celebrate Public Education during Week 3 of Term 3. We hold an awards night to recognise students, staff and community members for their contribution to education. All schools in the Upper Hunter will be attending the awards night that will be held at Scone Public School.

We are asking for donations of finger foods (sweet and savoury) to be served to the award recipients and their guests. Plates of food can be dropped at our canteen or front office anytime on Tuesday 2 August.

Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration.

When: Tuesday 2 August at 5pm

Where: SPS Hall

Many thanks for your support of this event.

Ms Deborah Fisher
Relieving Principal

Please return the slip below to help us with catering for this event.

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Education Week Awards Night

I will be donating a plate of _____ for the Education Week Awards
that will be hosted by Scone Public School.

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Signed: _____