

# Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 3

Tuesday 2 August 2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we celebrate Education Week. We started our celebrations on Sunday night at St Luke's Church service. Students from KH performed Taba Naba with Angela Hjorring (Teacher's Aide) leading them through the song. Many of our students' art works hung around the church for all to admire. Thank you to all families and staff who attended the service.

Today we held our Education Week Open Day. Many of our students performed at the Showcase highlighting the talents of some of our performing arts groups. Students and parents enjoyed the open classrooms and an opportunity to visit the classrooms. Everyone enjoyed the shared lunch. Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended and helped us celebrate Education Week.

*Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal*

*Value for the week:  
Trust & Honesty*

*Quote of the week:  
Education is the most  
powerful weapon we can  
use to change the world.  
Nelson Mandela*

## EDUCATION WEEK HONOURS

Tonight we will be recognising the contribution made by many of our school community. Please join us in the Scone Public School Hall at 5pm, alongside many of the local public primary and high schools to recognise our students, teachers, non-teaching staff and community members. All recipients of awards will be in next week's newsletter.

## WELL DONE TOUCH FOOTBALLERS

On Friday 29 July, Scone Public School's PSSA touch football teams played Aberdeen Public in the first round of the knockout PSSA competition.

The boys played first and were defeated by Aberdeen. The girls then played after the boys with a convincing win against Aberdeen. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the students. The girls' team will now play against Muswellbrook South Public School. We wish them good luck for the next game!

*Vicky Schofield*



*Scone Public School Girls Touch Team*



*Scone Public School Boys Touch Team*

## WONDERFUL SCIENCE SHOW

On Tuesday 26 July students from Yrs 3-6 attended a free Science show. The children were shown how different robots are programmed to perform tasks using a series of interactive demonstrations that engaged and excited the students. The children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Some comments from the students about the show are below:

Yesterday we went to the Smartbot Science show. It was about Robots. I got to be a volunteer. I had to beat the robot in solving a Rubik's cube. They showed us how robots work and are programmed. What they did was lots of fun and it was great learning about robots.

*Joseph 3L*

**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"

At the science show the lady showed us how robots work. She made a maze with other students and a robot had to go through the maze without touching people.

**Hannah 3L**

At the Smartbots science show I learnt how to program a robot. I learnt how an automatic robot is different to another robot. An automatic robot does anything but a robot does only one thing that you build it for, for example to make your bed or to do your homework. The robots looked weird. There was a robot called MEP, Eve and Andy. I liked Andy because he wanted to escape, it was funny when he knocked over another robot. The lady also made one of the robots do a maze.

**Alice 3L**

Yesterday at the Smartbots Science show, there was a robot called Meep. He could see and hear. When he fell asleep, we clapped to wake him up. Four people stood in a circle with Meep in the middle. When he came close to an exit the volunteers had to put their hand down and before he hit it he would stop and turn around. Meep is black and white, he had a blue sensor eye.

There was another robot that could fix Rubrik's cubes in under 90 seconds. It was made of lego. Three people thought they could fix one faster than the robot. Its colour sensors got it mixed up a little bit but most of it was done.

**Georgina 3L**

**P & C UPDATE**

The P & C meetings are held on Tuesday evenings in the school library and are a great opportunity for parents and citizens to become involved in events that are happening within the school. Our last meeting which was held on Tuesday 26 June at 6pm discussed:

- Changing the opening hours of the uniform shop
- The financial aspects of both the canteen and the uniform shop
- A report from the Relieving Principal Deb Fisher
- The possibility of the school providing banking access to students using the Dolomite accounts
- Fundraising ideas to assist with improving the equipment in the playground

New members are always welcome and our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 August and Tuesday 20 September. We also have a facebook page Scone Public School P & C Association and can be contacted via email: [pandc.sconepps@gmail.com](mailto:pandc.sconepps@gmail.com)

**LOST PROPERTY**

There is still a lot of lost property that is not named. It will be placed on tables outside the library. Please come and look, this will be the last opportunity to collect all students' items.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Term 3 Kids Club & Explorers** are on Mondays!

What is it? Kids Club four afternoons of fun – games, craft, activities, food & finding out more about Jesus. Explorers for older children: exploring questions and what the Bible really says, activities, food & 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 Mondays 29 August, 5, 12, & 19 September.

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 kid's club leader and walked to the hall. Please state clearly arrangements on registration form. These are attached to the flyer. Flyers are available at the school office, they are limited places. These are allocated in date order when completed forms are received. All children must be registered by Tuesday 23 August. To find out more phone Kerry on: 6545 8141

**CANTEEN ROSTER  
TERM 3 WEEK 3 2016**

Mon, 1 Aug	Racheal Johnson
Tues, 2 Aug	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 3 Aug	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 4 Aug	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 5 Aug	Wendy Paterson / Sharna Sellers

**ASSEMBLIES:**

Yrs 3 – 6 2pm  
Yrs K – 2 12.10pm



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make mid-week dinner easy.

Serve a quick and easy veg-filled dinner your family will love, in just 15 minutes!

**Pizza:** spread wholemeal Lebanese bread with salt-reduced tomato paste. Top with sliced veg (e.g. tomato, capsicum, mushroom, artichoke, onion, olives) and reduced-fat grated cheese. Bake in a moderate oven until cheese is lightly browned.



Find more 15-minute meal ideas at [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au). Recipes include:

- Tuna couscous salad.
- Asian noodle soup.
- Potato frittata.
- Spaghetti bolognaise.
- Savoury toasties.

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

**Eat It To Beat It**



# 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



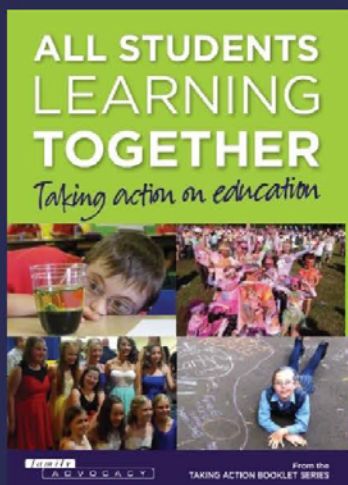
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A D V O C A C Y

LETS GET STARTED...

## GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL AND LIFE

<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	Friday 19th August 10am-12pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	Hunter Prelude Early Intervention Centre Civic Ave, Singleton
<b>RSVP</b>	Kerrie.T@hunterprelude.org.au or 0447 440 458
<b>*Child care is provided.</b>	



Educating children with and without disability  
in the same classes and schools

What we will cover:

- choosing a school
- the transition to school
- possible supports at school (emphasis on the NSW State system)
- your relationship with the school
- research about the benefits of mainstream education

**AN INFORMATION SESSION EXPLORING THE LIFELONG BENEFITS OF,  
AND STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE AN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITY\*.**

Family Advocacy is an independent and impartial advocacy organisation that works with families across NSW to promote and defend the rights and interests of people who have developmental disability\*

The organisation is managed and staffed by parents and allies of people with disability who recognise the issues families face and who can assist in strengthening the advocacy of families.

\*Developmental disability is a disability that occurs in the developmental period of a person's life (in the period from conception to adulthood) and includes intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, autism, and any combination of physical, intellectual or sensory disability.