

Scone Public School Newsletter

Success for all



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TERM 3 WEEK 4

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful celebration of public education we had last week! I would like to congratulate all the award winners who received recognition at our Education Week Awards Night! You can read about these awards later in the newsletter.

I would also like to thank the parents who sent in plates of food for our afternoon tea and who stayed to clean up afterwards. Your support and assistance was greatly appreciated!

This week we will be welcoming our new 2017 Kindergarten students as they visit "Big School" for the first time tomorrow during Kindergarten Orientation. We look forward to meeting the students and their families.

As you will read in this week's newsletter we will be introducing a specially trained Seizure Dog into our school. Lexi (the Wonder Dog) is an important part of our student's health care plan and we trust everyone will take some time to become familiar with our school's responsibility to ensure Lexi can be the best "Working Dog" she can be. We are all really excited about her joining our school community.

Lastly, I would like to encourage all students to attend the Alpha Show production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. These productions are always of an amazing quality and really showcase the wonders of musical theatre. Please make sure you return your permission notes before Friday so you don't miss out!

Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal

*Value for the week:
Trust & Honesty*

Quote of the week:
TEAM – together
everyone achieves more

CONGRATULATIONS EDUCATION WEEK AWARD WEEK WINNERS

We would like to congratulate the following people who received Education Week awards last week:

Lizz Hickey – Excellence in Teaching



Noah Petersen – Excellence in Student Achievement



Jodie Stafford - School Achievement Award – exceptional program. Sport Captain leadership program



Jenny Sylvester – Outstanding Contribution by a School Community member



Liz Turner – Outstanding Contribution by a Non-Teaching member of staff



Date	Event
Wed, 10 Aug	Kinder Orientation Day 9.30AM - 11.00AM
Fri, 12 Aug	Alpha Show "Hunchback"
Thurs, 18 Aug	Zone Athletics Carnival
Wed, 24 Aug	Father's Day Stall Yrs 5-6 Only
Wed, 31 Aug	Father's Day Stall Yrs K-4

CONGRATULATIONS STATE PLAYERS

On Monday 1 August, Scone Public School's boys' Under 10s rugby league team participated in the NSWRL All Schools Carnival at Peter Van Hasselt Park in Shalvey. There were four teams in our pool with the top two teams progressing to the quarter finals. Games below:

- Pool Game 1: Scone 24 (Tries: Matthew, Campbell, William and Blake. Goals: William, Jackson, Blake and Heath) defeated Taree West 6.
- Pool Game 2: Scone 18 (Tries: Campbell, Heath and Tyla. Goals: Jackson, Matthew and William) defeated Currans Hill 0.
- Pool Game 3: Scone 18 (Tries: Jack, Nicholas and Campbell. Goals: William, Jackson and Blake) defeated Merrylands 12.
- Quarter Final: Kings Langley 12 defeated Scone 6 (Campbell try and William goal).

What an amazing effort to make the final eight of State. Well done boys!



Many thanks must go to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Andrew Robinson, Ben Foley, Craig Byrne and Jade Smith for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day.
Brendon Hudson -Rugby League Coordinator

CHANGES TO OUR FRIDAY ROUTINE

Our regular lunch and recess breaks will change due to the "Hunchback" Alpha Show performance that will be visiting our school this Friday 12 August. The Assembly times for Years 3 – 6 will be held at 9.15am Friday morning and there will be no assembly this week for Kinder to Year 2.

DON'T MISS OUT ON FATHERS DAY STALL

Due to the Canberra excursion a separate Father's day stall will be held for those students in Years Five and Six only on Wednesday 24 August during the morning session. The following week on Wednesday 31 August another stall will be held for students in Kinder – Years 4 during the morning session and again on Thursday 1st September at break times.

INTRODUCING "LEXI"

Scone Public School is very pleased to welcome "Lexi" into the K-6TC classroom. "Lexi" is a Smart Pup Seizure Assistance Dog who will shortly be in the K-6TC classroom each day. "Lexi" had her first visit to Scone Public School last Wednesday.



Seizure Assistance Dogs assist children who have seizures in a number of ways. A response dog might be trained to bark when a child has a seizure so that family members know what is happening. Or, a seizure dog may put its body in between the seizing individual and the floor to break the fall at the inception of a seizure. Some seizure dogs may even be trained to activate some kind of pre-programmed device such as a pedal that rings an alarm. "Lexi" will also assist the student to remain calm prior to any seizure as a prevention measure.

It is now acknowledged that having a Smart Pup present in the classroom not only benefits the individual child of the Assistant Dog, but also greatly benefits other children in the Smart Pup's immediate environment. The Seizure Assistant Dog has been through intensive training and is

extremely obedient. During the day, "Lexi" will be in the K-6TC classroom and with the student at all times and will at times be in the playground with a certified handler.

When "Lexi" is working, she will be easily identifiable as she will be wearing a distinct vest.

We ask that all other dogs other than recognised therapy or assistance dogs not be in the school playground. If your child would like to bring in a new puppy for news, could you please make prior arrangements with your child's class teacher.

PLEASE SUPPORT SRC FOOD FUNDRAISER

The SRC has voted to support The Salvation Army Food Appeal. We are asking that each child bring in a can of food during the next week.

For collection the students will bring them to the Library when they come for their class lesson. The students who have had their Library Day on Monday or Tuesday this week will bring their can next week.

It will also help those students who sometimes forget when their Library Day is. Mrs Marshall will be giving every student a lovely Book Mark as a thankyou. Of course students can bring in more than one can if they wish.

As a reminder your students' Library Day is: Monday KN, KH & KW; Tuesday 1TW & 1M, 6B, 5/6L & 6S; Wednesday 5H, K-6TC & 5M, 4MD, 4C & 4P; Thursday 2S, 2A, 1/2W, 3B, 3L & 3T.

*Mrs Karen Marshall
SRC Co-ordinator*

P & C UPDATE

New members are always welcome and our next meetings 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.sconepts@gmail.com

PARENT CORNER

Winter flu season – Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The symptoms of influenza range from mild to severe. Fever & chills, cough, sore throat and runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, joint pains, headaches and fatigue. It is important to seek medical advice if symptoms worsen.

There are several ways that students and staff can stop the spread of influenza.

Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should be advised to stay home until their symptoms are gone. Parents are asked to encourage their children to cover their nose & mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to wash their hands often with soap and water especially after coughing or sneezing.



Lexie



Cowan & his mum & Lexie

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.

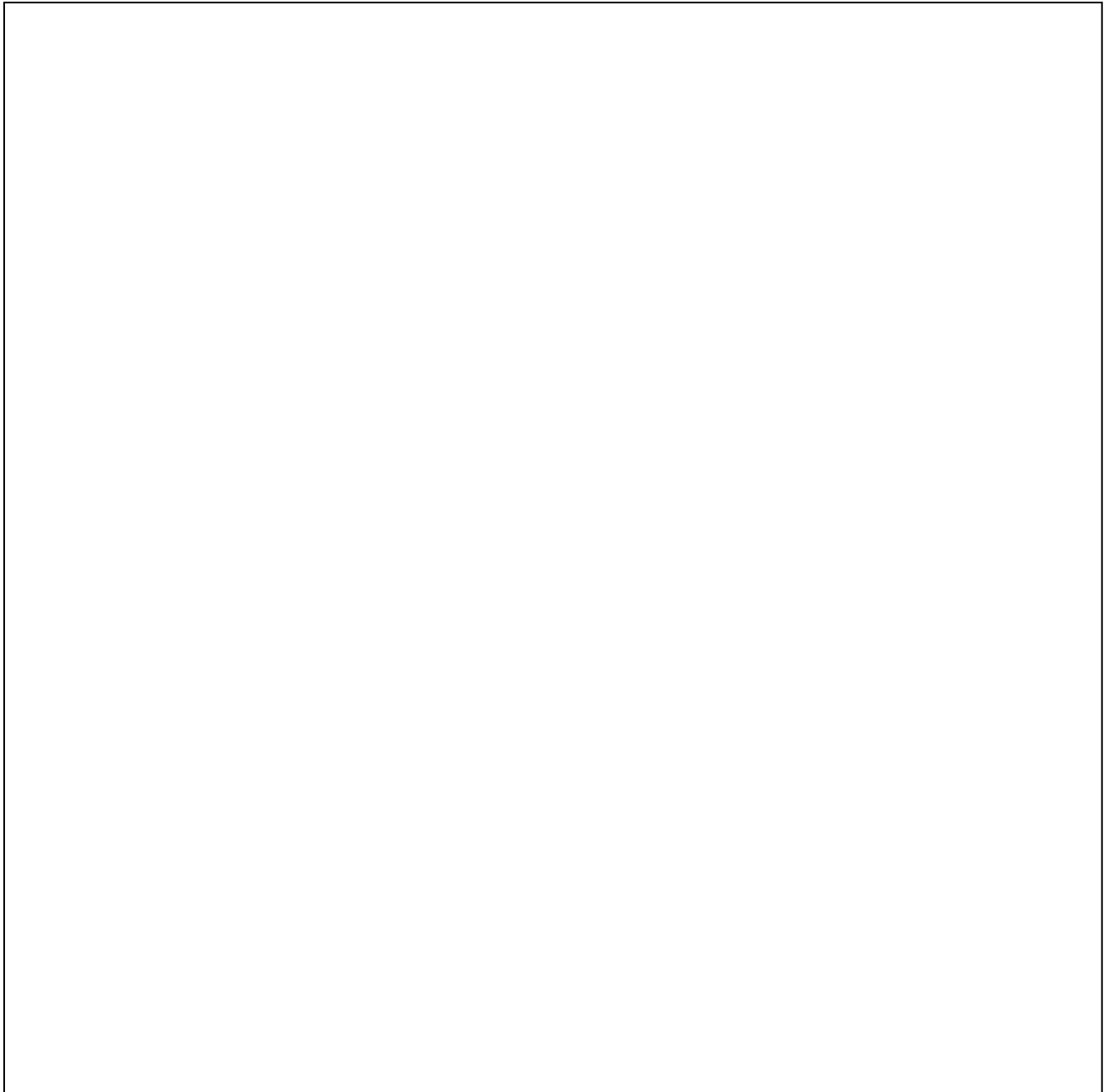
Who is it for? Kids Club is for children in Yrs K-3.

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



ASSEMBLIES:
9.15am: Yrs 3 – 6
12.10pm: K – 2
NO ASSEMBLY

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 WEEK 4 2016	
Mon, 8 Aug	Sharon Collins
Tues, 9 Aug	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 10 Aug	Wendy Paterson
Thurs, 11 Aug	Wendy Paterson
Fri, 12 Aug	Wendy Paterson / Kylie Seale

Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter



Creative Writing

The Closing Date for the Creative Writing Division of the 2016 Eisteddfod has been extended!

The Closing Date is now Friday, 12 August.

So, all you budding writers, put pen to paper, and enter!

The Sections are:

SHORT STORY: May take any form, including original essay, murder/mystery or memoir.

Section No.

- 1001 Primary School Student - No more than 1000 words
- 1002 Secondary School Student - No more than 1500 words
- 1003 Open (18 yrs & over) - No more than 2500 words

ORIGINAL POEM OR PROSE: Poem may take any form, including limerick or shaped form.

Section No.

- 1004 Primary School Student - One entry per competitor.
- 1005 Secondary School Student - May also include sonnet or ballad.
- 1006 Open (18 yrs & over) - May also include sonnet or ballad

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: A letter written as if it were to be sent to a newspaper. No more than 300 words. One entry per competitor.

Section No.

- 1007 Primary School Student
- 1008 Secondary School Student
- 1009 Open (18 yrs & over)

Comps on Line system has been reopened to enable new entries. Should you have any queries please liaise with the Creative Writing Convener, Adrienne Casey on 0427 102264 or mail your entry together with the entry fee of \$6.00 to reach us no later than Friday, 12 August, to:

Creative Writing Convener
P O Box 353
Muswellbrook 2333

AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?

**You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers
and listen to our Guest Speaker!**

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker: Celeste Bond
Clinical Nurse Consultant, Dementia Advisor
Hunter New England Local Health District

Topic: "Dementia"

WHERE: Singleton Hospital
Dangar Road, Singleton

TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm

COST: FREE - includes Morning Tea

WHEN: Thursday 1 September 2016

RSVP: Thursday 25 August 2016

RESPIRE AVAILABLE
by contacting Commonwealth
Respite Centre on 1800 052 222



**For more information or to Register Contact
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter**

on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: hnelhd-EducareAdmin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District