

# Scone Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 7

Tuesday 30 August 2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On Monday morning our Stage 3 students headed off to Canberra to further their knowledge and understanding of our parliamentary system. They are also heading off to make great memories and have lots of fun with their peers, teachers and parent helpers. Stay tuned on our Facebook site for any updates and photos that may come in throughout the week.

Last week we were pleased to see the new carpet laid in the library. Our teacher librarian Mrs Marshall has been amazingly adaptable and patient throughout this long 7 week process as have the students and other staff. A special mention of thanks to Mrs Joy Munn for her ongoing assistance during this process. Joy's unfaltering support and 'hard yakka' to get the library operational again is greatly appreciated. We hope everyone will support the library next week during Book Week and take the opportunity to buy a book from the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Book Week parade next Tuesday!

Just a reminder to RSVP to our Mental Health Talk which will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm. This informative session presented by Sarah Green from Rural Adversity will help to outline the issues facing young people in regards to mental health and wellbeing. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Deborah Fisher -Relieving Principal*

*Value for the week:  
Co-Operation*

## DYNAMIC DEBATERS

Our dynamic debaters have progressed to the next round of the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge! After emerging from the Zone round robin undefeated, the team came up against Tenambit Public School on Wednesday 24th August, arguing against the statement "Students in years 5 and 6 should have to watch the news each night for homework".

Arguing against a topic such as this can be very difficult, but the team of Charlotte, Madeleine, Noah



*Debating Team*

and Max (5/6L) came up with a range of fabulous reasons why the news should be left to adults. The adjudicator, Mrs Leslie Moore, had a very difficult time making a decision. We thank Mrs Moore for volunteering her time and being so forthcoming with her feedback. James (5/6L) and Charlotte (6S) performed admirably as Chairperson and Timekeeper respectively.

The team now progress to the next round of the Hunter and Central Coast debates. Congratulations to all of the debaters.

Anthea Shoesmith

## BOOK WEEK 2016 – AUSTRALIA: MY STORY

Book Week is a celebration of the publication of great children's books in Australia. This year SPS are celebrating **Book Week from 5th – 9th September** (NB this is later than the official Book Week). The slogan for this year is '**Australia: My Story**'. At SPS 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 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am.**

Each class chooses one of the Short Listed Books, they read the book, make a class poster that will be displayed in the Library for the next 12 months and dress up to reflect the book and its characters.

We will also have a **Book Fair** in the Library with lots of great books to purchase.

Date	Event
Mon, 29 Aug	Canberra Excursion
Wed, 31 Aug	Father's Day Stall Years K- 4
Fri, 2 Sept	Year 1 Total Excursion
Mon, 5 Sept	Book Week Commences
Tue, 6 Sept	Book Week Parade 10.00AM
Fri, 9 Sept	Year 2 Total Excursion
Fri, 16 Sept	PSSA Presentation

If you are available to help work and/or supervise at the Book Fair at any times during the week it would be appreciated.

The busiest times will be 8:30-9:15am and 3:15-pm Monday-Thursday **and** all day on Tuesday and Friday.

We hope lots of people can stay and enjoy a picnic lunch with your children after the parade. **Parents are able to place a Lunch order at the Canteen before the parade on this day if they wish.**

**NB Camp Quality** is also visiting SPS in Week 8 presenting a free puppet show at our two assemblies on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. To Support this Charity initiative we are asking for a **Gold Coin donation on our Parade day**. Our SRC representatives will collect this from their classes before we come out for the parade. We will also take donations for this worthy cause in the Library.

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

Mrs Karen Marshall  
Teacher Librarian

### BOOK WEEK PARADE - PARENT LUNCH ORDERS

Parents are invited to place a Lunch Order at the Canteen on the Book Week Parade Day, next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September! Please do this before the parade which is commencing at 10am. There will also be a variety of cakes and slices available to purchase.

Thank you  
Mrs Karen Marshall

### SRC FUNDRAISER

Camp Quality representatives are visiting SPS in Week 8 raising awareness of this fantastic initiative that provides a holiday respite for children and teenagers suffering from Cancer. They will be presenting a free puppet show at our two assemblies on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. To Support this Charity initiative we are asking for a Gold Coin donation on our Book Week Parade day. Our SRC representatives will collect this from their classes before we come out for the parade. Donations for this worthy cause can also be left in the Library.

We are still collecting for the Charity Food Drive as well so students can still bring cans of food to the Library and receive a FREE bookmark.

Mrs Karen Marshall  
SRC Co-ordinator

### DON'T MISS OUT ON FATHERS DAY STALL

On Wednesday 31 August a Father's Day stall will be held for students in Kinder – Years 4 during the morning session and again on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September at break times.

### PACER - PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE PROGRAM

Stage 3 students from our school are currently undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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Mon, 29 Aug	Racheal Johnson
Tues, 30 Aug	Racheal Johnson
Wed, 31 Aug	Racheal Johnson Wendy P
Thurs, 1 Sept	Racheal Johnson
Fri, 2 Sept	Racheal Johnson

### P & C UPDATE

New members are always welcome and our next meeting will be held on 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)

### FEEDBACK FOR OUR UNIFORM SHOP

We are currently reviewing the opening hours for the Uniform Shop. To try and make it accessible to as many people as possible we would like your feedback. Please complete the survey by following the link to help us. Many Thanks.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6C5883K>

Deb Potter Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

### ASSEMBLIES:

12.10PM: K – 2 (Item 2A)  
No Assembly Years 3 – 6

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**RDA Trivia Night** A trivia night will be held at the Aberdeen RSL club to raise funds for RDA. It will be at 7.00PM on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Scone Family Fun Day** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.00AM – 2.00PM at Scone Park. Families with children are invited to join us in this community event. Storytelling, craft, music, reading, games, puppets, face painting and meet our emergency services. Free sausage sizzle. All activities are free. Enquiries- Lee Watts

Phone 6545 2562 or email [lee@snrc.com.au](mailto:lee@snrc.com.au)

**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



### Enrol now in our fun, interactive early childhood music classes.

Available in Muswellbrook, Singleton and Scone. Fully qualified teachers, safe environment, classes for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

#### For information and to enrol:

Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music

Ph: (02) 6541 4888

Email: [admin@uhcm.com.au](mailto:admin@uhcm.com.au)



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of Music



Education

17 - 25 September 2016

# NSW bike week

Proudly supported by Transport for NSW

## Fitness and fun for the family!

**Saturday 17 September – 12.00 noon**, come and try the velodrome in Muswellbrook, everyone welcome. Bring your BMX, road bike, mountain bike and experience the thrill of one of the world's tightest velodrome tracks. Will be followed by a free BBQ.

**Sunday 18th September – 8.30am**, 50km social road ride from the Bill Rose Sports Complex to Cressfield Stud for coffee, then return. Fully supported ride.

**Saturday 24th September – 2.00pm**, social ride along Muswellbrook Cycle Club's road racing track, starting at McCullys Gap Hall. Come and meet the club members, and bring the family for a leisurely ride. Fairly flat 10km ride, or more challenging 20km ride, both with great scenery.

Bike Week is an initiative of Transport for NSW.

For details on the events, call Upper Hunter Shire Council's Sports Participation Officer, Nicky Western on 6540 1100 or 0414 806 074.

For more information visit [transportnsw.info/bikeweek](http://transportnsw.info/bikeweek)

## TRYstars KIDS TRIATHLON PROGRAM

### YOUR NEXT PROGRAM

Scone  
25 Oct - 27 Nov

Kids 7-12, make friends and learn the **FUNDamental** skills of triathlon through **swim, bike, run** games!



For more information or to register contact Julie Hunziker P:0405631593

E: [trystars@nsw.triathlon.org.au](mailto:trystars@nsw.triathlon.org.au)

[www.triathlon.org.au/nsw](http://www.triathlon.org.au/nsw)



## Scone and District CWA Evening Branch want to do you a deal!

**We'll give you a delicious  
CWA scone topped with  
jam and cream.....**



.....in return for any new or near new household item you drop off to us to be donated to the local women's refuge



Many women fleeing domestic violence situations often have to leave with nothing. As part of CWA Awareness Week our branch is collecting unwanted new or near new kitchen items or linen items (for bedding preferably single or double size) to be donated to the local women's refuge to enable these women to leave emergency accommodation with some items to kick start their new life.

As part of CWA NSW's ongoing campaign for better connectivity in rural and regional Australia we would love to hear some first-hand stories of how limited/costly internet affects your life. If you have a story you would like to share or just want to know more about the CWA please drop in and see us on Saturday.

**The Scone CWA rooms (next to the doctor's surgery) will be open on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 between the hours of 8.30am and 1.00pm.**

**Any questions please email on [scone.cwa.evening@gmail.com](mailto:scone.cwa.evening@gmail.com)**



## MUNCH ON MATHS

**Make math a game.** Math games are fun and inexpensive. They are a wonderful way to get your kids to enjoy working with numbers, as well as improve their number skills. Here are a few suggestions:

- Many games that we take for granted are excellent math lessons. "Go Fish" teaches counting and grouping in sets. Games that use play money teach how to make change. Board games that use dice teach addition and counting. Backgammon teaches addition, subtraction, and strategy.
- Beans, stones, or marbles can be used to play number games. Let your child develop his or her own games by sorting beans into different sizes or types, setting up the rules for a counting game, or using different types of pasta to make a picture.
- Give your children a geometry lesson by letting them create a collage of circles, squares, and triangles. Challenge them to come up with as many different shapes as they can using only triangles.
- Play store with the items in your cupboard.
- A pan of water and some jars or cups of different sizes will amuse a child for hours while teaching capacity and volume.