

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 1

Tuesday 10 October 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term Four. This term is set to be a busy and exciting time as we move towards evaluating our school's three year strategic plan and begin the process of putting together the 2018 – 2020 school plan. Throughout the term we will be asking for your input to help guide the direction of Scone Public School into the future.

This week we will be hosting a panel of people to complete the External Valuation process. Over the last term members of the executive and teachers have compiled evidence of the achievements of the school against the School Excellence Framework. This evidence is submitted and then validated by the panel.

All schools undergo External Validation once during a five year cycle. This process has been valuable in self-assessing the school's programs and identifying areas to move forward in.

We look forward to sharing the outcome of the External Validation with you in the near future.

Deborah Fisher
Principal

VALUE OF THE WEEK: RESPECT
SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: BE SAFE

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS TEST

Last term 22 students sat for the UNSW English test and 27 students sat for the UNSW Mathematics Test. The results are as follows:

English

Year 3: Olivia – Credit

Year 4: Rochelle – Merit

Year 5: Lilly – Credit, Mackenzie – Credit, Olivia – Merit

Year 6: Tom – Merit, Amalia – Credit, Jessica – Distinction, James – Distinction

Mathematics

Year 3: William – Credit, Zander – Credit

Year 5: Blake – Merit

Year 6: Tom – Merit, Annabella – Credit, James – Credit

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in the English and Mathematics Assessment. These Awards will be presented to the students at the assembly this Friday 13 October.

Laurece Godde
UNSW Assessments Coordinator

NOVELTY HAT DAY

Students can participate in Hat Day on Friday 13 October by bringing a gold coin donation to wear a novelty hat. Students will require a sun safe hat to play during break times. All money raised goes to Rotary for Mental Health Awareness Programs.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Monday 9 Oct

Students Return

Thursday 12 Oct

Stage 3 Light Show

Friday 13 Oct

Hat Day

Monday 16 Oct

Kinder Transition 12.15

Digi Ed

Tuesday 17 Oct

Digi Ed

Friday 20 Oct

K-2 Athletics Carnival

Stroke Correction starts



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 4 Week 1

9 Oct Rachael J
10 Oct Rachael J
11 Oct Rachael J
12 Oct Cassandra W
13 Oct Vicki S
Rachael C

Term 4 Week 2

16 Oct Rachael J
17 Oct Rachael J
18 Oct Rachael J
19 Oct Sharon G
20 Oct Wendy J
Wendy P

K-2 Athletics Carnival
20 Oct Rachael J

ASSEMBLIES:

12.00PM Years K-2
2.00PM Years 3-6

POSITIVE REFLECTIONS

October is Mental Health Month. Upper Hunter Family Support Services have provided our school with some resources to run "Positive Reflections". Positive Reflections is a simple and effective way of promoting good mental health through the power of positive thinking.

SRC students will be writing a positive quote on the bathroom mirrors in liquid chalk throughout the month of October. We hope all families take the time throughout October to talk with their family and friends about the importance of talking about mental health and wellbeing. We will be sharing resources throughout the month to help start this important discussion.



REWARDS DAY CRITERIA

To be able to attend our Rewards Day event on the last day of term you will need:

- * 85%+ attendance from week one to week nine. (Exceptions for students who have been sick)
- * No Red or Yellow cards or suspensions between Week 1 – Week 9 of this term.

We look forward to seeing what the SRC will decide on for the Rewards Day.

PUPIL ABSENCES

If a child is absent from school for any reason, parents are required to supply the class teacher with an explanation for the absence by means of a telephone call, written note or email within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. This is a legal requirement. The school can also be notified by the Skoolbag app. Where a child is likely to be absent for a reason other than sick or for an extended period, prior leave approval must be sought from the Principal.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRY TO YEAR 7 IN 2019

Parents of current Year 5 students who wish to send their child to a selective high school need to be aware that applications for entry to Year 7 in 2019 open on 10 October 2017 and close on 13 November 2017. You must apply by the due date. Please refer to the following web page for further information about the selective high schools and the process involved. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY

An opportunity for parents to give our school feedback is available through the 'Tell the from Me Parent Survey'. We would very much appreciate if parents could access the following link and complete the survey. The information you provide is invaluable in evaluating our current School Plan and planning for the future of our school. We thank you for your help! <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ysp6f>

P AND C NEWS

BLOOM MARKETS - Save the date!

Our next Bloom Markets will be held on Saturday 4 November and planning is underway. This event will be a twilight market, incorporating a variety of food stalls and will be followed by the screening of a free family movie.

If you'd like to become a part of the Bloom Committee and help stage this popular community event, let us know via our Bloom Markets Facebook page or email bloommarkets@outlook.com.au. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

Bloom Market Committee
Laura Stevenson
Treasurer
Scone Public School P&C Association

UNIFORM REVIEW COMMITTEE AND OUTCOMES

At the September 19 2017 P&C meeting, the outcomes and recommendations of the last Uniform Review survey were discussed. Parents who attended that meeting expressed their disappointment at the recommendations. The P&C understands this disappointment, but also understand that recommendations can only be made from the surveys that were received.

In a show of good faith, the P&C Committee came to an agreement and a decision has been made to extend an offer to the community for parent and friends to attend the October 17 2017 P&C meeting, pay \$2 to become a financial member of the P&C. After this, they can become active members of the Uniform Review committee. If there is adequate interest and member numbers after the October meeting, the Review Committee will resend the last survey to the school community. The review will then depend on the response from that survey. If there is not adequate interest and attendance at the October meeting, this issue will be tabled until 2018.

Scone Public School
P&C Association Executive Committee

CHAPEL TERM 4 2017 SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Unit 7: Unit 1 was about Jesus' followers continuing to live the way he showed them after he left. This unit builds on that to give contemporary examples of Christians living God's way using the power of God. Sometimes children understand the Christian life in terms of something that happened long ago. Jesus and the Bible stories certainly have a place in history, in God's big story, but so do God's people today. Reaching out to the disadvantaged was one of Jesus' key focuses (Luke 4:18) and he instructs his followers to do likewise (Luke 10:37). Many churches, denominations and parachurch organisations are doing just that. Doing good like Jesus doesn't make us acceptable to God. Christians do these things because they love God and choose to follow Jesus. Good works done in Jesus' name show God at work in the world today. Beginning with the story of the Good Samaritan we then build on Jesus' teaching to give examples of people who live out their lives, caring for the disadvantaged.

Unit 8: The focus of the Christmas unit this year is on the people who came and saw Jesus, each through a unique intervention from God. Firstly it's the shepherds out in the fields who are confronted by the angel who tells them about the birth of the Saviour and so they decide to go and see what the Lord has told them about (Luke 2:15). Secondly we meet Simeon and Anna who have been waiting to see the promise of God fulfilled and are led by the Holy Spirit to go to the temple to see Jesus (Luke 2:27, 38) and then we read about the wise men who follow a star and get to see the child (Matthew 1:9-11).

11.10.17	K12	Good Samaritan	Godspace P L24
	5/6	Good Samaritan	Godspace P L24
18.10.17	K12	Caring For the Poor	Godspace P L25
	3/4	Being a Quiet Giver	Godspace P L27
25.10.17	K12	Being Generous	Godspace P L26
	5/6	Being a Quiet Giver	Godspace P L27
1.11.17	K12	Being a Quiet Giver	Godspace P L27
	3/4	The Shepherds Come & See Jesus	Godspace P L28
8.11.17	K12	Making a Difference review	GodSpace P Rev
	5/6	The Shepherds Come & See Jesus	Godspace P L28
15.11.17	K12	The Shepherds Come & See Jesus	Godspace P L28
	3/4	Simeon and Anna See Jesus	Godspace P L29
22.11.17	K12	Simeon and Anna See Jesus	Godspace P L29
	5/6	Simeon and Anna See Jesus	Godspace P L29
29.11.17	K12	The Wise Men come and See Jesus	GodSpace P L30
	3/4	The Wise Men come and See Jesus	GodSpace P L30
6.12.17	K to Year 6	End of year presentation	Godspace P

Curriculum available at https://www.godspace.org.au/curriculum_P.html

COMMUNITY NEWS



SCHOOL CHAPLAIN POSITION

Generate Ministries invites applications for the position of School Chaplain at [Scone Public School](#). (Beginning 2018)

Generate School Chaplains work in partnership with schools, local Chaplaincy Support Teams and Generate Ministries to provide pastoral care in NSW Government School communities.

Generate Ministries is a Christian organisation employing School Chaplains in NSW state schools. All Generate employees must adhere to the Generate Statements of Belief and Code of Conduct.

Application information can be found at mychaplain.org.au or calling [Fergus Taylor on 0432741110](tel:0432741110)



HAT DAY 2017
Friday, 13 Oct.

Wear Your Hat to support Mental Health Month

Rotary and Upper Hunter Youth Council are raising funds and awareness for Mental Health in the Upper Hunter.

Schools, businesses and community groups are being asked to support Rotary and the Youth Council in promoting Mental Health by wearing your hat to work or school on Friday 13 October.

Rotary and Youth representatives will be out and about on this date collecting funds.



CHRISTMAS KIDS CLUB AND EXPLORERS

What is it? Kids club....4 afternoons of fun - games, craft, activities, food and finding out more about Jesus

Explorers ...For older children

Exploring questions and what the Bible really says, activities, food and fun.

Who's it for? Kids club is for children in years K – 3

Explorers is for children in years 4 – 6

When is it? 3.30pm – 5pm on Mondays 6, 13, 20, 27 November

Where is it? St Luke's Hall, Scone.

Kids club and Explorers have afternoon tea together and share some activities but will be in separate groups both at St Luke's Hall.

How do I join? Registration forms are attached to the flyer. Flyers are available at and should be returned to the school office. There are limited places. These are allocated in date order when completed forms are received. All children must be registered in advance by Wednesday 25 October.

How do I find out more? Phone Kerry on 0428 458141

100 Years of Beersheba
Saturday & Sunday 28 - 29 October 2017
at Murrurundi, NSW

Schools are invited to submit paintings to be displayed at the RSL Hall at Murrurundi inspired by the book "Midnight-The story of a light horse".

- Colour paintings preferred on heavier A4 size paper, portrait or landscape
- Paintings to be put up with blu tack by the schools at the Murrurundi RSL Hall from Wednesday 25 October 2017
- Display will be open from 10am - 4pm on Saturday and Sunday 28-29 October 2017
- 11 am Saturday 28 October 12th Light Horse Ceremonial Parade, Murrurundi Oval. Also, Historical Society Display, Water Movie and book stands.
- Please contact Mandy Archibald 0415 503632 for more details

MUSWELLBROOK GIRL GUIDES and RAINBOW BRICKS LUG present

UPPER HUNTER BRICK SHOW

A LEGO FAN EVENT

**SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2017
9AM TO 2PM**

**ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SKELLATAR STOCK ROUTE
MUSWELLBROOK**

TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH
**ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPRING FAIR**

**LEGO DISPLAYS LEGO FOR SALE
FREE BUILD AREA**

**ENTRY \$5 EACH OR \$15 PER FAMILY
(LEGO SHOW ONLY)**

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“ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE” CONCERT 2017



TERM 4 2017 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	9 Oct	10 Oct	11 Oct	12 Oct Stage 3 Light Show No P2L	13 Oct Hat Day	14/15 Oct
2	16 Oct Digi Ed Kinder transition 12.15	17 Oct Digi Ed	18 Oct	19 Oct P2L UH Youth Council Meeting	20 Oct K-2 Athletics Stroke Correction	21/22 Oct
3	23 Oct Kinder transition 12.15	24 Oct Yr 5 Leadership Day	25 Oct	26 Oct Kinder Oakvale	27 Oct Beef Bonanza Stroke Correction Author Visit	28/29 Oct Beef Bonanza
4	30 Oct Kinder transition 12.15	31 Oct CAPERS rehearsal	1 Nov	2 Nov CAPERS	3 Nov CAPERS Stroke Correction	4/5 Nov Blooms Markets
5	6 Nov Kinder transition 12.15	7 Nov	8 Nov Stage 2/3 Science Show	9 Nov SHS Yr 6 Orientation	10 Nov Remembrance Service Stroke Correction Writers Workshop	11/12 Nov
6	13 Nov Kinder transition 12.15 House Captain Speeches	14 Nov	15 Nov Captain Speeches	16 Nov	17 Nov Stroke Correction	18/19 Nov
7	20 Nov Intensive swimming	21 Nov Intensive swimming	22 Nov Intensive swimming UH Youth Council	23 Nov Intensive swimming	24 Nov Intensive swimming	25/26 Nov
8	27 Nov Intensive swimming	28 Nov Intensive swimming	29 Nov Intensive swimming	30 Nov Intensive swimming	1 Dec Intensive swimming	2/3 Dec
9	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec Parent Helper Morning Tea	7 Dec	8 Dec Presentation day	9/10 Dec
10	11 Dec Year 6 Assembly	12 Dec Reports to parents	13 Dec Year 6 Farewell	14 Dec K-2 Frolic 12-1.30	15 Dec Last day for pupils	16/17 Dec
11	18 Dec Pupil Free Day	19 Dec Pupil Free Day				