

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 2

Tuesday 31 January 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all our students, parents and teachers. A special warm welcome, to all our new families and new staff. I'm sure you will enjoy being a part of the SPS Community and the learning opportunities that are available to our students. Together we will create a learning environment that enables our young people to become productive informed citizens of the future.

I am looking forward to working with our new student leaders and congratulate them all on their appointment to the leadership team of the school.

We are all looking forward to our Kindergarten students starting on Thursday. I know the Year 6 Buddies are excited to start their important job of helping our new Kinders settle in to their new learning environment.

The storm on the weekend caused some damage to the school and we are working with the Department of Education to have things fixed. Luckily the damage has not impacted on our students being able to start in their classrooms. We thank everyone for their understanding with canteen closures and any future work that may impact on access around the school.

**Deborah Fisher –Relieving Principal**

**VALUE FOR THE WEEK: RESPECT**

## 2017 THEME- REACH OUT

This year, following on from last year's theme of 'Reach for the Stars' we will be introducing our 2017 theme of 'Reach Out'. This theme aims to focus our attention of connecting with each other. Students connecting with other students, with empathy and compassion. Teachers reaching out to their students and their families to build partnerships and better connect and communicate to meet the learning and emotional needs of all students. We hope our whole school community will embrace this theme, working together to 'Reach Out' and communicate and connect effectively to the benefit of all our students.

## LET'S MEET THE TEACHER

Our "Meet the Teacher" evening this year will be held on Wednesday 8 February. As in previous years all teachers will be there on the evening and will present their information in the form of an expo. This is an informal way for you to ask general questions about homework, excursions, organisation of each class and anything else you would like to know about your child's class.

Our Librarian, support teachers and Chapel teachers will also be available on the evening as will our P & C who will be there to answer any questions about the school from a parent perspective. We will have Caffè Mobilita attending with coffee and drinks available. So please keep the date free.

What: Meet the Teacher evening

When: Wednesday, 8 February @ 5.00pm -7.00PM

Where: Assembly Hall

## Dates for the Calendar

### Monday 30 Jan

Students Year 1-6 return

### Thursday 2 Feb

Kinders Start 10AM

### Wednesday 8 Feb

Meet the Teacher 5PM  
Caffè Mobilita attending  
Coffee available

### Friday 10 Feb

Swimming Carnival

### Tuesday 14 February

P&C Meeting 6pm

### Wednesday 15 Feb

Zone Swimming

### Thursday 16 Feb

P2L (Playgroup) Starts

### Tuesday 7 March

P&C AGM



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Term 1 Week 2

30 Jan	Rachael J
31 Jan	Rachael J
01 Feb	Rachael J
02 Feb	Wendy P
03 Feb	Wendy P

### Term 1 Week 3

06 Feb	Rachael J
07 Feb	Rachael J
08 Feb	Rachael J
09 Feb	Wendy P
10 Feb	Wendy P

## ASSEMBLIES:

**NOTE NO  
ASSEMBLIES  
HELD THIS  
WEEK**

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL NEXT FRIDAY**

This year's Swimming Carnival is on Friday, 10 February for Years 3-6 and students in Year 2 who are turning eight this year. The whole school & medley events will commence at 9.45am. The cost will be \$2.30 per student. **Non swimmers will remain at school.** All are welcome to attend. Due to privacy issues, taking of photos is discouraged. There will be no lunch orders but food is available for purchase at the pool.

**PLEASE ATTEND OUR P & C AGM**

Scone Public School P&C Association meets on a Tuesday evening at 6PM in the Library. Our first meeting will be **Tuesday 14 February**. This year's **AGM will be held on Tuesday 7 March**. All Welcome.

**MORE WAYS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED**

Have you downloaded our school app? Scone Public School's free Skoolbag app is a great way to keep up to date about upcoming events, excursions and notices. School newsletters, reminders and alerts are sent directly to your smart phone through the app.

**How to Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone**iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple Device
2. Type your "Scone Skoolbag" in the search bar
3. If on iPhone, you will see the app appear, click "Free" then "Install"
4. If on iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", the app will then be visible so click "free" then "Install"
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in "Scone Skoolbag"
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search
4. Click the "Install" button
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
6. Click "Open" when installed
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**PSSA UPPER HUNTER APP**

All parents are encouraged to download this free app for students who are participating in zone events. The app has details of all the Upper Hunter Zone events and contact details.

**SAY CHEESE – SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photo Day this year is Monday, 27 March. Students will be required to wear their full summer uniform. Information envelopes will be handed to students over the next few weeks. Have your child's school memories captured forever.

**PLAY TO LEARN STARTS THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY**

You and your family are invited to attend a local community based play service held at Scone Public School. We provide toys, staff and preschool activities. Ages 0- 6 years are catered for. Held every Thursday from 9.15-11.15am. There is no cost involved.

**SCHOOL CHAPEL**

As most parents are aware our students attend school chapel every Wednesday afternoon for Years Kinder to Four with Years Five and Six attending alternate weeks. All religions share this time together with clergy from all denominations. **If you do not want your child to attend for 2017 please ensure that a note to this effect is returned to your child's teacher.**

**PARENT CORNER****Disposition of the week: Persist****What are learning dispositions?**

At Scone Public School we have been developing a language of learning by which the students can articulate what successful learners need to do. These habits or dispositions have been condensed to a focus group of five.

They are: Persist, Take Risks, Explore, Connect, Be Resilient.

Over Term 1 we will be introducing these Learning Dispositions to all students. The first focus is PERSIST.

At Scone Public School Persist means using a range of strategies to stay focussed and engaged on a task to achieve a desired goal or outcome.

**How can parents help encourage their child to PERSIST?**

Encourage your child's natural curiosity and help them to follow up on questions they may have about how the world works.

Give praise for having a go at new or challenging tasks, even if they don't succeed. Recognise their efforts rather than achievements.

Teach them some "sayings" to tell themselves eg "Don't give up!"

Encourage and support learning goals- eg "I'm going to learn all my 6 times-tables this term"

Talk to them about what strategies you use when you have a challenging task. Model positive self-talk around achieving goals. "I can do this!"

Children who are self-motivated tend to stick at things for longer. They feel a sense of control over what they are doing and like challenges. They have better mental health and wellbeing than those who rely on being rewarded by others to feel good about themselves.

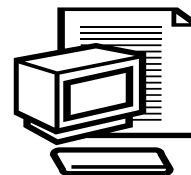
**LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP STUDENTS WHO PERSIST!**

**As part of the community we recognise there may be financial pressures on parents/carers.**

1. **Saver Plus** ☐ an initiative of the ANZ bank and the Brotherhood of St Laurence; it gives individuals and families on low incomes an incentive to save. Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings over a 10 month period to go towards education related costs.
2. **Learning for Life** ☐ a program run by The Smith Family that provides emotional, practical and financial support to disadvantaged young people with their education.
3. **A start in life** ☐ supports the education of young underprivileged Australians.
4. **Good Shepherd Microfinance** ☐ offers people centred, affordable financial programs to people on low/limited incomes including the No Interest Loans scheme.
5. **Centrelink Payment finder** suggests payments and services for a wide range of individuals and families including:
  - a. Child Care benefits
  - b. Youth Allowance
  - c. ABSTUDY
  - d. School Fees Allowance.
6. **Information highlighting financial support available to families can be found through**
  - aussie educator,
  - raising children,
  - singlemum
  - Families NSW - Supporting families to raise children
  - Support for families, carers and children
  - Salvos Financial Assistance
  - The Smith Family
  - Domestic Violence NSW
  - Housing NSW
7. **Locally the following resources/ programs are available**
  - Second hand clothing, Breakfast club, School counsellor
  - The Upper Hunter Community Health Services Inc <http://www.uhcs.org.au/>



# From the Library



Welcome back to the library for another great year of reading. Each class visits the library once a week. Students will borrow during this time as well as have a library lesson. Students are encouraged to borrow as often as they need, so that means they can change their books before school or at lunch time, any time if they need to.

## **Library Lesson Timetable:**

Monday: KH, KN, KW

Tuesday: 6A, 5/6L, 6S, 4DJ, 4C, 4P

Wednesday: K-6TC, 1M, 1TW, 2OC, 2W, 1/2S

Thursday: 5M, 5H, 3L, 3B

## **Library Bags**

To protect the precious resources of our library it is required that ALL students have a library bag. It should be large enough to fit two Junior Fiction books in or in the case of primary students the 2-6 books that they may be borrowing each week. This will help protect them from food and drink in your child's bag and keep them in a safe place at home so that the student will then remember to bring them to school on their library day each week. The P & C have some great waterproof bags with the school crest for sale at the Clothing Pool. There are a limited amount of bags for sale in the library and I also have some that I can give to students.

## **Lost and Damaged Library Books**

Unfortunately accidents do happen and Library Books can become damaged beyond repair or become lost. If this happens you will receive a letter from the school requesting payment. The student will not be able to borrow until this has happened.

## **Premier's Reading Challenge**

All students at SPS are registered in the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). Each year we have more and more successful participants. Students in K-2 are required to have at least 30 books from the official list read to them.

Each K-2 teacher has been given a box of 30 books from the list.

Students in Years 3-6 are required to read 20 books, 15 must be from the PRC list and 5 can be their own choice. The list is available Online and the library also has hard copies of the list.

The students record each book they read on a form, and then later in Term 1 when the PRC site becomes 'live' they enter them online. The challenge runs until mid August, students who successfully complete the challenge receive a certificate and their name is printed in a special edition of the Sydney Herald. Please encourage your child to read each day OR read to them: it is a tool they will use every day of their entire life, it opens up other worlds for them, it is enjoyable and relaxing, it teaches them and it is rewarding! It's GREAT! Studies across the world have shown that students who use their Library achieve better results at school.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

Scone Public School takes advantage of Scholastic Book Club. The books are approved by teachers and are good value. Every order helps earn points towards free books for our school library. We usually participate twice a term.

The classroom teachers will distribute the Scholastic brochures to the students with a note indicating what day the orders are due.

Book Club orders are to be handed in an envelope by the students to their **Class Teachers** who will place them in a 'class pencil case'. They will then be sent to the library for processing. Please send orders in **Only** on the **Due Date**, do not send them in earlier or later.

Included in the envelope should be the order form and the **Correct Money**. Cheques should be made out to 'Scholastic Australia' **Not** the school.

There is also the ability to order online and pay by Credit Card. If you choose this option you do NOT send anything into school, when the books arrive they will be sent home via the student.

**Lunchtime in the Library**

The Library is open for students at Lunch times from 11:30 except Thursdays when the SRC meet in the Library. There is a roster that enables each stage a day to use the computers, to play games or use their email. If there are students who have school work to do they take priority and students who are using a computer for pleasure may be asked to give up their spot. Students may also borrow, read or colour in during Lunchtime.

All students who attend a NSW Public School have a log in User Name for computers which includes their first and last name and perhaps a number. They are allocated a password or the more experienced students may choose their own. If they forget their details I can rectify that for them. Parents may like their child to use the Internet at home by logging into the Department Portal and the safeguards that are in place for students will protect them.

**Book Week 2017 – Escape to Everywhere**

Book Week 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August, is a celebration of the publication of great books in Australia. At SPS we alternate years with a whole school concert or a Book Week Parade. This year is

**Concert Year.**

Each class will still choose one of the Short Listed Books, they read the book, make a class poster that will 'live' in the Library for the next 12 months. We will also have a Book Fair in the Library with lots of great books to purchase, **but** there will be no dress up parade.

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

Thankyou,  
Mrs Karen Marshall  
Teacher Librarian

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Scone Films** will be screening the Sci-Fi/mystery, **Arrival**, which has been nominated for 8 Oscars. Rated **M**, it will screen at 7.30pm Friday **3rd February**, at their pop-up cinema at the Senior Citizen's Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. Tickets are \$12. This event is expected to be popular, so to be sure of a ticket, purchase in advance at Hunt a Book, Scone. Doors open 7.15pm. Running time is 1hr56m. Refreshments available. Everyone is welcome. Details [www.sconefilms.org.au](http://www.sconefilms.org.au) [www.facebook.com/sconefilms](https://www.facebook.com/sconefilms)

**Fight For Life – Cancer Fundraising** For one week your local United Taekwondo centres around Australia are running a Fight For Life event. For every Adult or Child that tries out in a club, the club owner will donate \$10 towards cancer Council. 6 – 12 February 2017 Muswellbrook PCYC – Carl Street, Muswellbrook. Classes Monday and Wednesday 5.15-6.15pm. [www.fightForLifeAustralia.com.au](http://www.fightForLifeAustralia.com.au)



## TEACHING STAFF 2017

## KINDERGARTEN



Jo Hughes  
KH



Deb White  
KW



Kimberley  
Newling  
KN

## SUPPORT CLASS



Denene  
Thompson  
K-6TC



Kate  
Croucher  
K-6TC

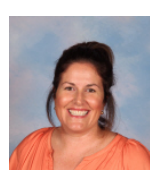
## STAGE ONE



Leanne  
McLaren  
1M



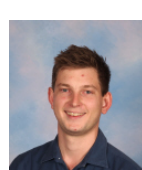
Jodie  
Stafford  
1/2S



Tanya  
Williams  
1TW



Carla  
Thomas  
1TW



Lachlan  
Wells  
2W



Julie Osmond  
2OC



Christie-Lee  
Clydsdale  
2OC

## STAGE TWO



Kate Picton  
4P



Elizabeth  
Leman  
3L



Nicole Borg  
3B



Catherine  
Clunies-Ross  
4C



Kylie Dow  
4DJ



Jackie  
Cheshire  
4DJ

## STAGE THREE



Vicky  
Schofield  
6S



Lizz Hickey  
5/6L



Anthea  
Shoesmith  
6A



Brendon  
Hudson  
5H



Kate Mateer  
5M



Karen Marshall  
Teacher  
Librarian



Sharon  
Belfield  
LaST

## RFF



Megan  
Walters



Vanessa  
Miller



Sam Casson



Deborah Fisher  
Acting Principal



Laurece Godde  
Relieving Assistant  
Principal



## Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

### **Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)**

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

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## Working With Children Procedures

The Departmental guidelines are as follows:

If parents are transporting children, participating in day excursions or overnight excursions it is **COMPULSORY** that the WWCC be completed.

Parents are to commence the process online at the RMS website. Please note you will be required to present identification documents in person at your local RMS office. The WWCC will last for 5 years. We have been advised it may take 4 weeks to process, so please allow sufficient time when organising transport or excursions. NB: This does NOT have any cost attached.

**PARENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRANSPORT ANY CHILDREN WITHOUT THE COMPLETED WWCC (EXCEPT FOR THEIR OWN)**

Parent/Volunteer Role	WWCC Requirements
Reading Helper	Need to complete the Stat Declaration (Blue Form) from SPS office to say they are not a prohibited person plus 100pt ID
Day Excursions	WWCC required from the RTA
Overnight Excursions	WWCC required from the RTA
Helping at Swimming Carnivals/Athletics Carnivals	Not required (Exempt)
Transporting children in private vehicles	WWCC required, plus Rego (copied and kept on file) & Drivers Licence (copied and kept on file) updated before transporting students from the RTA office

### **Expiry**

WWCC= every 5 years needs updating. These to be checked by teachers every year to monitor if any expired, inform parent / Blue Stat Dec= every year



## TERM 1 2017 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
<b>1</b>					27 Jan	28/29 Jan
<b>2</b>	<b>30 Jan</b> Yr 1-6 Students Return	<b>31 Jan</b>	<b>1 Feb</b>	<b>2 Feb</b> Kinder Returns	<b>3 Feb</b>	<b>4/5 Feb</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>6 Feb</b>	<b>7 Feb</b>	<b>8 Feb</b>	<b>9 Feb</b>	<b>10 Feb</b> Swimming Carnival	<b>11/12 Feb</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>13 Feb</b> Girls/Boys Cricket	<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>15 Feb</b> Zone Swimming	<b>16 Feb</b> Play to Learn starts	<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>18/19 Feb</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>20 Feb</b>	<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>23 Feb</b>	<b>24 Feb</b>	<b>25/26 Feb</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>27 Feb</b>	<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>1 Mar</b>	<b>2 Mar</b> Hunter Swimming	<b>3 Mar</b> Young Leaders Conference	<b>4/5 Mar</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>6 Mar</b> Footsteps - Dance	<b>7 Mar</b> Footsteps – Dance P & C AGM	<b>8 Mar</b> Footsteps- Dance	<b>9 Mar</b> Footsteps - Dance	<b>10 Mar</b> Footsteps - Dance	<b>11/12 Mar</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>13 Mar</b> Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>14 Mar</b> Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>15 Mar</b> Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>16 Mar</b> Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>17 Mar</b> Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>18/19 Mar</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>20 Mar</b>	<b>21 Mar</b>	<b>22 Mar</b>	<b>23 Mar</b>	<b>24 Mar</b> <b>Cross Country</b>	<b>25/26 Mar</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>27 Mar</b> School Photos	<b>28 Mar</b>	<b>29 Mar</b> Touch Footy Trials	<b>30 Mar</b>	<b>31 Mar</b> Netball/Soccer Trials	<b>1/2 Apr</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>3 Apr</b> Grandparents Day	<b>4 Apr</b>	<b>5 Apr</b>	<b>6 Apr</b>	<b>7 Apr</b>	<b>8 /9 Apr</b>