

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 1 Week 5

Tuesday 21 February 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all our new members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) who were inducted last week. I know that they have already met and have started planning initiatives for this term. We look forward to hearing about their ideas and assisting them to make these ideas happen.

The start of the year is a fantastic time to establish routines for school. This includes time to complete homework and pack bags for the next day with items that will be required ie: library bags, news items and notes.

Parents can help set up these routines and support their child to become more independent by having visual timetables or schedules for their child to check off as they do things.

Having your child help to plan and prepare their lunch and fruit for the day is a great way to involve them in making healthy choices. Our school supports the Crunch and Sip initiative by having a set time in the morning to eat fruit or salad vegetables and have a drink of water. This assists with physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. Please assist by sending non-messy fruit or vegetables for your child to eat during this time.

If you require assistance to set up routines for your child please see your child's teacher. They will be more than happy to assist. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held during week 8 (13-17 March) so please make use of this time to bring up any of your concerns.

Deborah Fisher –Relieving Principal

VALUE FOR THE WEEK: Trust and Honesty

OUR VISION FOR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AT SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

We would like to introduce Mel Powell in her new role of Aboriginal Education Worker. This new role within the school will be providing assistance to teachers, Aboriginal students and their families. We will be working together to support improved learning outcomes for our Aboriginal students and to support Aboriginal cultural awareness within the school and community environment.

Invitations have been sent out to all our Aboriginal families to join Mel for a meet and greet and have a yarn. If you are unable to attend please feel free to contact Mel at the school or email her on melisa.powell@det.nsw.edu.au.

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

The three new Youth Council members for 2017, Hallee (5/6L), Zane (5/6L) and Tom (5/6L) visited the Council Chambers on Thursday 16 February. The Youth Council discussed Pink Shirt Day to raise awareness for bullying and an Art workshop weekend.

Tom 5/6L

Youth Council Member



Dates for the Calendar

Thursday 23 February

Meet and Greet
Afternoon tea 2.30PM

Monday 6 March

Footsteps Commences

Tuesday 7 March

P & C AGM

Monday March 13

Parent Teacher Interviews
All week

Wednesday 22 March

Kia-Ora Music Camp
starts

Monday 27 March

School Photo Day



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 1 Week 5

20 Feb	Racheal J
21 Feb	Racheal J
22 Feb	Racheal J
23 Feb	Rachel C
24 Feb	Sharna S

Term 1 Week 6

27 Feb	Racheal J
28 Feb	Racheal J
1 Mar	Racheal J
2 Mar	Wendy J
3 Mar	Kim Mackay Wendy J

ASSEMBLIES:

FRIDAY

K-Year 2: 12.10PM
Informal
Year 3-6: 2.00PM

SRC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 14 February, the 2017 SRC representatives had the honour of being presented with their badges by Ms Lindy Hunt Principal of Scone High School and Mrs Mel Powell a member of SPS Aboriginal Education Team. Kirsten Smith, School Captain at SHS and an ex-student of SPS together with UHSC Deputy Mayor Maurice Collison spoke inspiringly on leadership. The time they spent with us was greatly appreciated by all the student body. Miss Fisher spoke about the contributions that the SRC make to our school.

It is a huge privilege for the Student Representative Council members to play such an important role in our school community and to be elected by their peers. They are all looking forward to representing the students of Scone Public School in 2017.

SRC Co-ordinators
Mrs K Marshall and Miss K Newling

ATTENDANCE APPLYING FOR LEAVE

The Department of Education's Attendance Policy states that family holidays and travel are no longer considered exemptions from school. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence.

Principals should not accept a reason for travel during school term if it is not in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons should be specified on the application.

Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

Where a principal considers that the travel is appropriate during school term, the principal should issue the parent with an Application for Extended Leave-Travel for completion and inform the parent that if the application is accepted, the absences will be recorded as "L"- Leave.

Principals should request travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket, and ensure this attached to the application. Copies of the application and Certificate of Extended Leave will be kept in the student's record card. Please assist the school to process Applications for Extended Leave in a timely manner by applying no less than 2 days before the Leave is required. All Leave requested after the student's absence will be documented as "Unjustified Absence". Thank you for your assistance in this manner and for helping us to increase our students' daily attendance at school.

LIBRARY NEWS

What a great start to the year! Nearly 100% of the school are borrowing. If you need to buy a new Library Bag there are two waterproof styles available from either the Clothing Pool or the Library for \$11. I also have a few bags that I can give to students in need. All Primary students, Years 3-6 are required to have a book for Silent reading on their desk every day. All students are entered in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). Kindergarten –Year 2, are read 30 PRC books in Term 1 by their teacher from a class set of books borrowed from the Library. I mark them off at the end of the Term as completed. Students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to borrow at least one PRC book each week. They write it on a sheet in the Library when they have finished it (I am relying on their honesty). When the PRC Internet site becomes 'live' in March students can add their books online. They are required to read 20 books by the middle of August. Each student who completes the task receives a PRC Certificate with their end of year report. Every four years they will receive a Gold Certificate.

Next week we will be having a **Monster Book Sale** of books that have been discarded from the Library during the year for various reasons such as old or damaged. They will be on sale for 20 cents!

Thank you
Mrs Karen Marshall
Teacher Librarian

CHAPEL

Chapel is the way that Religious Education (SRE) is offered at this school. Kinder to Year 4, each have a 30 minute Chapel in the Hall each week on Wednesday afternoons. Year 5 and Year 6 each have a 30 minute Chapel fortnightly. A group of teachers who are authorised by their local Churches come into school each week to lead Chapel as a team. These include Anglican, Baptist and Uniting Churches with support from the Roman Catholic Church. All the teachers have undertaken training including child protection, Working With Children checks and teach from an approved curriculum as required by the Education Department. The curriculum can be viewed at www.godspace.org.au

At Chapel children are taught about the basics of the Christian faith. The major stories and themes of the bible are covered as well as the morals and values which support society e.g. treat others as you would have them treat you. Chapel is taught in a way that is relevant to the age of the children and includes activities such as songs, visuals, stories, games, drama, puppets and prayer.

Our team of Chapel teachers for 2017 are as below.

We also have a teacher helper -Toni Tripley from Upper Hunter Uniting Church. If you have any questions about Chapel please let the school office know and one of the team will be happy to contact you.



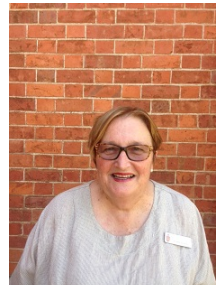
Angela Dutton
Minister at St
Luke's Anglican
Church



Jenny Sylvester -
St Lukes Anglican
Church



Anthony
Patterson –
Scone Baptist
Church



Kerry Cooke –
St Luke's



Richard Moors
Pastor at Upper
Hunter Uniting
Church

HELPING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE FIRES

Many of you would have heard about the fires over the weekend. Some of our neighbouring schools have been affected. Many students and staff have lost their homes and all of their possessions. We would like to support them by asking for donations of shoes, bed linen, towels and toiletry items for ages Kindergarten - Year 12. Could you please drop all donations to the front office of Scone Public School or Scone High School before 1 March. Scone Public School is joining with Scone High School in this effort.

SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED

School Photo Day is **Monday, 27 March**. Have your child's school memories captured forever. Please ensure your child is dressed in full summer uniform and looking smart!

Helpful hints:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on the day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Orders Online by credit card / debit card

For any enquiries, please contact us on: www.msp.com.au Tel: 02 4966 8292.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GROUP 21, CRL AND NRL On the 25 February, CRL, Group 21 and NRL will be holding a Skills clinic for Minis and Mods at Lake Liddell Power Station, minis being held in the morning and Mods to be on in the afternoon. Cost \$25 includes shirt, hat, water bottle and lunch. All participants must be registered before Tuesday 21 Feb to ensure they gain access to Liddell. www.greaternortherntigers.leagynet.com.au. For more information contact Scott Bone 0412 792 307

SCONE BASKETBALL Junior basketball will start again for the 2017 season with a Registration, Come and Try afternoon on Wednesday 22nd February at basketball stadium. 5-8 year olds at 4pm – 440pm \$60 9-11 year olds at 445pm -5.30pm \$70 12-15 year olds 5.30pm – 6.15pm \$70 (The age the child turns during 2017) The competition for the two older groups will have set training days plus be put into teams to have weekly games.

ABERDEEN JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE The 2017 Rugby league season is fast approaching and we are looking for new players (boys and girls) to join our teams. Registrations can be done online via www.membership.sportstg.com – search for Aberdeen Rugby League. Cost is \$80. For further information phone Addie Parker on 0432 514 774.

SCONE FOOTBALL CLUB MUSTANGS Season registration is now open and will close 31 March. Gala Day to be held on the 4 March. – jumping castle, coffee, small games, skills, full canteen. For more information call Heidi on 0417 457 374.

ARTC

ROAD CLOSURE 9:30am to 3:30pm

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) will be carrying out important maintenance works on the track which will involve the level crossing at Liverpool Street, Scone being closed from 9:30am to 3:30pm on Wednesday 22nd February.

ROAD CLOSURE FOR 10 – 15 minute intervals

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) will be carrying out important maintenance works on the track which will involve the level crossing on Liverpool Street, Scone being closed for 10 – 15 minute intervals from 1:30pm to 4:00pm on Thursday 23rd February and from 6:00pm to 11:00pm on Thursday 23rd February

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, and if you have any further questions please contact Kathy Rawson on 1800 995 979 (toll free) or email emcommunity@artc.com.au



1st Scone Scouts

Contact:-
Donna
Hopkins

0448 736 903

Joey Scouts (6 & 7 year olds)

~ Mondays 6:30 -7:30 pm

Cub Scouts (8-10 year olds) ~

Mondays 6:30 – 8pm

Scouts (11-14 year olds) ~

Thursdays 6:45 – 8:30pm

Venturer Scouts (15 – 17

year olds) ~

Thursdays 6:45 – 8:30pm

Scone Girl Guides

Contact:
Christina
Darlington 0429 156 098



Jnr Guides (5 – 9 year olds)

~ Mondays 5:30 – 7pm

Kids Club and Explorers are back!!!!

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? 3.15pm - 5pm on Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 March & 3 April

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 arrangements clearly on registration form.

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 Friday 3 March.

How do I find out more? Phone Jenny on Phone 0409 818977

Good for Kids good for life

WATERMELON ICE BLOCKS

INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
Diced Watermelon	2 cups
Fresh strawberries (hulled)	10
Lemon Juice	1 x lemon
Water (optional)	1/2 cup

METHOD

1. Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth
2. Pour into ice block moulds
3. Freeze until hard
4. Enjoy on a sunny summer day!

