

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday 14 March 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we are holding parent teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity to touch base with the classroom teacher and to discuss your child's progress. It is also a great chance to share information so the teacher is best able to meet your child's social and learning needs.

We always have a great attendance at parent teacher interviews and that is why we choose this week to ask parents to fill out a brief survey to help form our future planning for the school. You can fill out your survey whilst you wait for your interview to start or you can take it away and fill it out at home and return it to the orange collection box that will be in the front office each day. Thank you to the parents who have already taken the time to fill out and return their surveys. Together we can work in partnership to have the best school for all students.

Deborah Fisher – Relieving Principal

VALUE FOR THE WEEK: CO-OPERATION

GIRLS CRICKET TEAM SPORTS REPORT

Four weeks ago a group of Stage 3 girls had never played a cricket match before. On Wednesday 8 March the girl's cricket team travelled to Highbrook Park, Muswellbrook to play against Muswellbrook Public School in Round 1 of the PSSA Knockout competition. Our team won the toss and chose to field. Muswellbrook scored 99 runs. Jessica and Amelia both showed superb bowling dismissing a batter each with the ball, Riana bowled out two batters and Isabelle also clean bowled two batters. Ella had a turn at wicket keeping and managed to cleverly catch a batter out from behind giving Isabelle her third wicket. In the second half we scored 70 runs and Aleesha smacked the ball for four when it was her turn batting! We had a great day and learnt a lot about cricket. Mrs Miller was extremely proud of our sportsmanship on the day. We would like to thank Mr Bogaard for umpiring and helping at after-school training, in addition to Mr Ihle and Mr Tillemans for also helping at training. We are looking forward to playing again next year.

By Sarah (5M) and Mrs Miller



Back (L-R): Jess, Hallee, Caitlin, Eliza, Sarah, Amelia
Front (L-R): Isabelle, Aleesha, Kaitlyn, Ella, Keira and Riana
Absent: Lily and Emilie

Dates for the Calendar

13-17 March

Parent Teacher Interviews
All week

Friday 17 March

Say No To Bullying
(Pink Day)

UNSW comp entries due

Wednesday 22 March

Kia-Ora Music Camp
starts

Monday 27 March

School Photo Day

Wednesday 29 March

Poetry Competition

Friday 31 March

Epilepsy Awareness
(Purple Day)



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 1 Week 8

13 Mar Rachael J
14 Mar Rachael J
15 Mar Rachael J
16 Mar Louise M
17 Mar Brooke Mc
Joy M

Term 1 Week 9

20 Mar Rachael J
21 Mar Rachael J
22 Mar Rachael J
23 Mar Emma O
24 Mar Kristy O
Erin C

ASSEMBLIES:

FRIDAY

K-Year 2: 12.10PM

Year 3-6: 2.00PM

FOOTSTEPS DANCE

Last week our students participated in the Footsteps Dance program. They experienced different dance styles and had a great time, ending with a disco on Thursday. Thank you to Racheal Johnson and the families who volunteered their time to help out at the canteen on Thursday night.

*Lizz Hickey
Creative Arts Co-Ordinator*

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA AND SPS

Congratulations to the two Year 5 students who assisted in the Upper Hunter Council Clean Up endeavour! This was a great way to show your leadership skills.

Last Thursday students from Kindergarten to Year 5 contributed to a cleaner environment at SPS. Each grade was allocated a particular area; we donned our hats and gloves and picked up any rubbish that we could find. We have a very *spick and span* playground now. Let's hope that everyone can help keep it that way!

*Thank you
From the SRC*



Year 4 Hard at work with gloves and plastic bags



Oliver 3B

PINK DAY- SAY NO TO BULLYING!

SPS are supporting Say No to Bullying! Students are invited to wear a pink shirt with their sports uniform this Friday. If you do not have a pink shirt you are required to wear your usual sports uniform and you can wear pink ribbons in your hair or around your wrist. Don't forget you must still be able to wear your school hat.

KIA ORA MUSIC CAMP

Kia Ora Music Camp will be held next week. Students will get to experience many different activities including Taiko drumming, hip hop and jazz dancing, band, choir and marimba making. Students who are attending will need to meet at the St Luke's Church Hall each morning or meet at school **before 9am** and walk over with Miss Hickey. The Kia Ora concert will be held at Scone High School on Friday night. We are looking forward to a great three days!

UPPER HUNTER RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

On Friday 10 March, 16 students trialled for the 11 year old and Opens Rugby League teams for Upper Hunter at Muswellbrook. Eight students made the teams. Jack, Campbell and Jackson made the 11's team and Talon, Dan, Mykola, Tangi and Jacob made the Opens team. Congratulations boys!

TELL THEM FROM 'ME' SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school Friday 17 March 2017.

Parent FAQ document for the student survey can be found at the following web address:

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12017.pdf

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

On Thursday our Year 6 students visited Scone High School to have their first experience of high school. They participated in a number of classes including food technology, mathematics, Indonesian, drama and computer technology. They had a great time as you can see from these photos! Next term they will be back to try out some different subjects.



Get involved in the School Banking program.

Scone Public school is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week you will need to place your bank book in the box provided at the front office for collection and your teachers will hand your books back to you.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking