

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday 21 March 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Teacher interviews last week and completed the survey that we were handing out. We will be providing feedback regarding this survey at the next P&C meeting and will publish the results in the newsletter before the end of term.

A big thank you to all the parents who have helped to coach teams for the Group 21 Rugby League Carnival. Our teams had a fabulous time competing against other schools and experienced great success. You can read Mr Hudson's report later in this newsletter.

KiaOra Music Camp begins this Wednesday and runs through to Friday. I know the students who attend this wonderful opportunity will have a terrific experience and I look forward to seeing them perform at the concert on Friday night.

This week we celebrate Harmony Day. This is a great time to discuss the benefits of having a diverse community. We will be recognising Harmony Day during Friday's assemblies.

Deborah Fisher – Relieving Principal

VALUE FOR THE WEEK: CO-OPERATION

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Friday 3 March we were lucky enough to attend the National Young Leaders Day with 4500 other primary school students. The theme of the day was 'Together We Can'.

We listened to Sam Skinner, Sam Webb, Jade Hameister, Dr Jordon Nguyen and Barry Conrad. Each speaker had both inspiring stories and messages for all in attendance.

During the breaks we had the opportunity to meet and talk to the speakers as well as having photos taken with them. We also participated in activities, our favourite was the 'Silent Disco'! Below are the main messages our school leaders took away from the day:

Charlie: Everything is possible and it is easier if you collaborate

Zane: Be brave not the best

Lexie: Never give up

Charlotte: Together we can

Amelia: Passion, Patience, Persistence

Archie: Teamwork makes the dream work

Marshall: If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything

(Photo on next page)

Dates for the Calendar

Wednesday 22 March

Kia-Ora Music Camp starts

Friday 24 March

Cross Country

Monday 27 March

School Photo Day

Uniform Committee

Meeting 3.30pm

In the connected classroom

Wednesday 29 March

Poetry Competition

Friday 31 March

Epilepsy Awareness (Purple Day)

Swimming /Cross Country Ribbon Presentation 2PM



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 1 Week 9

20 Mar Racheal J

21 Mar Racheal J

22 Mar Racheal J

23 Mar Emma O

24 Mar Kristy O

Erin C

Term 1 Week 10

27 Mar Racheal J

28 Mar Racheal J

29 Mar Racheal J

30 Mar Emma O

31 Mar Kristy O

ASSEMBLIES:

FRIDAY

K-Year 2: 12.10PM

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Year 3-6: 2.00PM



Our Young Leaders

CRICKET REPORT

On Tuesday 14 March, Scone Public School's boys' cricket team played Aberdeen at Bill Rose Sport Complex in the second round of the knockout PSSA competition (after a first round bye). Scone won the toss and sent Aberdeen to bat. We bowled them out in the 17th over for 63. Wicket takers were Brock 2/2, James 1/9, Charlie 1/6, Tom 1/1, Dusty 1/1, Jack 1/7 and Talon 1/4. Our fielding was excellent with catches to Dusty (2), Brock, James and Jacob. Next it was our turn to bat and after 20 overs we passed their score finishing on 7/66. Top scorers were Tom and Jimmy with 7, followed by William 6 not out and Jacob and Dusty with 5. James was in at the end with 2 not out. 27 extras helped our cause. Many thanks to the parents for their help with washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Mark Cameron for scoring and Melissa Welsh for transporting the cricket gear. We play the winner of Muswellbrook, Muswellbrook South and Denman in the next round.

Brendon Hudson
Boys Cricket Coordinator



SPS Year 5 and 6 Boy's Cricket Team

CROSS COUNTRY ON FRIDAY

This Friday, 24 March, students from Primary and Year 2 will be walking to the Bill Rose Sports Complex to take part in the school's annual Cross Country event at approximately 10am. Please ensure that your child has their school hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Parents are most welcome to attend the event to cheer on the students. A message will be posted on the Skoolbag app on Friday morning, if the weather does not permit.

Kate Pitkin

GROUP 21 RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVALS

On Sunday 21 March, six teams from Scone Public participated in the Schoolboys Group 21 Rugby League Carnival at Scone. We had teams in the 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s and Opens divisions. All students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and behaviour. A big congratulations to the 10s, 11s and Opens who won their age divisions. Thanks to the parents for their help transporting, washing shirts and supporting the students on the day. Special thanks to the coaches (and their assistants) who put their time in training the students in the weeks leading up to the carnival and leading the students around on the day: Brad Ralston, Lachlan O'Shea, Darren Hardes, Rick McInerney, Grant Mackay, Ben Foley, Craig Byrne and Leif Harrington. Results below:

7s vs Denman 28 – 28 (Tries: Harlem 4, David, Spencer and Karney)

7s vs St. Catherine's Singleton 36 – 28 (Tries: Harlem 4, Jake, Benji, Karney, Ryan and Spencer)

7s vs Denman 24 – 48 (Tries: Benji 2, Harlem 2, David and Jake)

8s vs Muswellbrook 24 – 4 (Tries: Xavier 2, Thomas and Reg. Goals: Reg, Thomas, Bryce and Olivia)

8s vs St. Marys 10 – 18 (Tries: Xavier and Kobi. Goal: Kobi)

9s vs St. Catherine's Singleton 16 – 16 (Tries: Clay 2, Archie and Will)

9s vs Aberdeen 44 – 20 (Tries: Jack 3, Charlie 2, Will 2, Clay, Benji, Hudson and Billy)

9s vs St Marys 24 – 32 (Tries: Jack 4 and Bayley. Goals: Charlie and Billy)

10s vs St. Catherine's Singleton 16 – 4 (Tries: Yorke, Jayden and William. Goals: Matthew and Tyla)

10s vs Denman 18 – 16 (Tries: William, Sullivan and Jayden. Goals: Matthew, Tyla and Logan)

Man of the match in the final: William

11s vs St. Marys Blue 26 – 14 (Tries: Campbell 2, Tasman, Jackson and Heath. Goals: Brock, Blake and William)

11s vs Muswellbrook 34 – 6 (Tries: William 2, Blake 2, Heath and Campbell. Goals: William, Blake, Jackson, Heath and Campbell)

Man of the match in the final: William

Opens vs Scone Grammar 18 – 0 (Tries: Nikoli 3. Goals: Talon 3)

Opens vs Denman 30 – 0 (Tries: Archie 2, Nikoli, Jacob and Brock. Goals: Talon 3, Jacob and Charlie)

Opens vs Scone Grammar 20 – 0 (Tries: Archie, Charlie, Talon and Brady. Goals: Talon and Jack)

Man of the match in the final: Nikoli

*Brendon Hudson
Rugby League Manager*



HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

The message of Harmony Day is '*everyone belongs*', the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

Scone Public School will be acknowledging this day by having a presentation from the School Leaders at Friday's assembly explaining Harmony Day. Parents are welcome to attend.

**SRC EASTER RAFFLE**

The SRC are having an Easter raffle to fund raise this term. The tickets will be sold in the last two weeks of this term commencing Monday 27 March and it will be drawn on the last day of term Friday 7 April. The SRC is seeking donations of Easter Eggs to go towards this event. If every family picked up one extra item with their shopping we would be able to make up some wonderful baskets. All chocolate goodies can be given to an SRC representative or Mrs

Marshall in the Library. Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity. Mrs Marshall will give every student a Book Mark as a Thank You for their donation

The SRC

LEARNING IN THE YARNING CIRCLE

Last week KN and KH took advantage of the sunshine to go and do some learning outside. We went up to the Yarning Circle and practised writing our sight words in the dirt. Children loved the different learning experience.



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

OUR WEARING PINK DAY TO SUPPORT - SAY NO TO BULLYING!



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

SCONE HOCKEY Come and try days. Bill Rose Sporting Complex. Wednesday 15, 22, 28 March. 4.30pm-5.30pm. Contact Kim Parkinson on 0418 432 539 or 6545 2425 for more details. scone hockey@ozemail.com.au

SCONE JUNIOR RUGBY UNION Registration is now open. Players 4+ welcome. Friday evenings from 5pm to 7pm at Scone Rugby grounds. Free sausage sizzle for players every Friday night. Club house open for parents to enjoy a casual drink. Contact Amanda Darling for further information 0403 293 277 or adarling@sgs.nsw.edu.au. Simply logon to register at this site: <https://rugbylink.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=53518&fl=1&id=30205>

SAVE THE DATE

2017 Picnic in the Park

Fourth annual FREE event for the whole community

24 MAY 2017
10:30am-2:30pm Simpson Park, Muswellbrook

Mark this event on your school, community or service calendar now!

Featuring
Educational childrens performances
Arts and craft
School performances
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council
Service information
Markets
Plus much, much more.

Celebrating
Simultaneous Storytime
Families Week
Neighbourhood Services Week
Volunteers Week

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PINK SHIRT DAY
Say NO to bullying

Raise awareness and take a stand against bullying on Friday, **17 March 2017**

PINK SHIRT DAY 2017

Bullying STOPS here

Supported by:
Aberdeen Public School, Blandford Public School, Merriwa Central School, Murrumbidgee Public School, Scone Grammar School, Scone High School, Scone Public School, St Joseph's Aberdeen & St Mary's Scone.

UPPER HUNTER youth council
www.upperhunteryouthcouncil.com.au
Youth Services Supervisor: Mary Spora
Ph: 02 6540 1169

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?

Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**2 DAY SKILL CLINICS
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS**

**SPECIALIST CLINICS
FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS**

**AFTER SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

~ **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN** ~
For children turning the ages above this year

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ROAD CLOSURE 9:30am to 3:00pm

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 3:00pm on Wednesday 5th April 2017.

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