

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 11

Wednesday 5 April 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we come to the close of Term 1 I would like to thank all the students and staff for the time and effort that they have put into teaching and learning throughout the term.

This term, we have worked together implementing changes and initiatives across the school in the effort to make improvements in student learning. These include; using our new playground areas in different ways, working towards participation in the Rewards Day through improved attendance and behaviour and for our 3-6 students and staff we have trialled the Home Class Maths instruction.

In our Stage 1 classes we have been implementing a new way of targeting students for Literacy intervention using our Learning and Support Teachers in a team teaching format across those classrooms. Our staff have been collecting and monitoring data on student behaviour to best target our services and teacher expertise as well as informing whole school focus areas. Part of this has led us to a review of our Welfare and Discipline Policy. This will continue into Term 2 and we would love a member of our parent community to be a part of this policy development team. If you have an interest or some time you could offer to help prepare this new policy please let me know.

We have had a successful term with many students achieving great results in their chosen areas of interest. Whether it was swimming at the Swimming Carnival, dancing and singing at the Kia-Ora concert or performing poetry at our Poetry Competition our students have made the most of these opportunities. We have also had many students participate in sporting teams and some have excelled and represented our school at further levels of the competitions. For instance, this week we wish Charlie in Year 6 all the best as he competes at the State Swimming Carnival.

We wish everyone a restful break and Happy Easter and remind all students to attend the ANZAC Day march which falls during the holidays. A note has gone out to all students regarding the specific arrangements for this day. Our school always has a great representation at this community event and I am sure this year will be no different.

Deborah Fisher

VALUE OF THE WEEK: COMPASSION AND CARING

POETRY COMPETITION RESULTS

A huge thank you to the whole student body who participated in our annual Youth Poetry Competition last Wednesday in our school hall. The standard was very high and I'm sure all audience members were extremely impressed with our talented students. The competition opened with the Infants Section.

Congratulations to 2W who won the Stage One Choral Verse Speaking section. KN were awarded first place in the Early Stage One Class Performances. Congratulations to Jake, the winner of the Australian Individual Performances in Stage One. Gypsy came first in the Individual Free Choice Stage One section. Kindergarten saw Cooper being named the winner in the Individual Section and Darcy received the Highly Commended Award.

Dates for the Calendar

Tuesday 4 April

P & C Meeting
6pm in Library

Thursday 6 April

State Swimming

Friday 7 April

Rewards Day
Last day of Term

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26 April

Students Return

Thursday 27 April

Cross Country



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 1 Week 11

3 Apr Renee S

Rachel C

4 Apr Racheal J

5 Apr Racheal J

6 Apr Help Required

7 Apr Sharon C

Wendy J

Term 2 Week 1

24 Apr Pupil Free Day

25 Apr ANZAC Day

26 Apr Racheal J

27 Apr Aimee W

28 Apr Vicki S

ASSEMBLIES:

FRIDAY

No Assemblies This Week

In the Primary section of our competition, Sophie, Hallie and Eloise came first in the Stage Two Group Performances. Lachlan and Zoran both placed first in the Free Choice and Australian sections respectively. Tristan won the Stage Three Free Choice section and James came first in the Stage Three Australian section. The Primary Choral Verse speaking aspect of our competition saw all Primary classes recite a poem. Congratulations to 3L who won this section, 5/6L came second and 4P third.

Many thanks to our adjudicators, Mrs Molyneaux and Mr Rayner who had the unenviable job of deciding our winners. Gratitude goes to our teachers who prepared students so thoroughly and with great aplomb for this annual highlight in our year.

Individual winners will be invited to progress to the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod in early June next term. We wish them every success as they perform on the wider stage within our district.

Nicole Borg



3L



KW



KN

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Students who wish to participate in the ANZAC Day March are asked to meet at the Red Cross building by 10.30am. All students will need to be in full summer uniform including hats. Students who have medals from family members may wear these on the right hand side of their chest. If students would like to attend the Dawn Service it will be held at the Scone War Memorial Swimming Pool commencing at 6.00am. Our Year 5 students may use this community event as part of their leadership portfolio.

HUNTER REGIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

On Friday 24 March, eight students trialled for the 11 years old and Opens Rugby League teams for the Hunter Region at Salamander Bay. Jack, Campbell and Jackson trialled for the 11's team and Talon, Dan, Mykola, Tangi and Jacob for the Opens team. Mykola made the Opens team, congratulations!

PSSA SWIMMING 2017

Scone Public School's annual swimming carnival was held on Friday 10 February. With the extreme weather only the students swimming 50m events were able to attend. The students demonstrated great sportsmanship on the day and need to be congratulated for their level of participation. Congratulations to Charlie and Jack F who also broke long standing records. Murrong was the overall house champions.

ZONE

Twenty-three students competed at the Upper Hunter Zone carnival which was hosted by Scone Public. Our school was the most successful school at the carnival. Congratulations to Jack F, Dusty, Charlie, Caitlin, Tom R and Archie who qualified for Hunter. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day with setting up, time keeping and packing up. A massive thank you to Deb Potter who assisted with the recording. Ribbon presentation for this event will be held next term.

HUNTER

Six students travelled to Maitland on the 2 March 2017 to compete at Hunter. All students represented our school and the Upper Hunter with pride and are to be congratulated on reaching this level. Charlie was again successful and qualified for State.

Scone Public School 2017 Age Champions:



Junior Boy: Dusty Junior Girl: Rozenna/Alice Year 11 Boy: Jack F
Year 11 Girl: Eleanor Senior Boy: Charlie Senior Girl: Caitlin



Murrong House Champions

OFF TO STATE SWIMMING

Charlie will be competing at the NSW PSSA State Swimming this week at the Sydney Aquatic Centre in Homebush. Charlie qualified for backstroke and freestyle. We wish Charlie all the best. Mrs Schofield will also be attending as the Hunter Team Manager.



CROSS COUNTRY RESCHEDULED - THURSDAY 27 APRIL - TERM 2 WEEK 1

Thursday 27 April, SPS will run our Cross Country race. This day will replace our usual Friday sports day. Full sports uniform is to be worn on Thursday with formal winter uniform on Friday. Students from Primary and Year 2 will be walking to the Bill Rose Sports Complex 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.



REWARDS DAY

We are all looking forward to Rewards Day on Friday for those students who have exhibited excellent behaviour and attendance throughout the term. Thank you to the parents who have made contact regarding their child's attendance. We are hoping that we can improve all our students' attendance as there is much research to correlate attendance and student achievement and connection to school and peers. Together, in partnership, we can make a difference to our students' success at school. We know that five days absence each term can add up over the year to have a significant impact. Students who regularly miss lessons and time with peers are at greater risk of failure. We certainly don't want this for our students. Thank you to our parents who support this initiative.

SEIZURE ASSISTANCE DOG

As you are no doubt aware, we have a student at school that has a seizure assistance dog – Lexi who attends school each day. We also have students at school who have allergies to dogs.

We ask that all other dogs other than recognised therapy or assistance dogs not be in the school playground. If your child would like to bring in a new puppy for news, could you please make prior arrangements with your child's class teacher.

SRC NEWS

PURPLE DAY TO SUPPORT EPILEPSY

Our SRC organised SPS students and staff to dress up on Friday to recognise and support our students who suffer from Epilepsy. Students were allowed to wear a purple shirt and the SRC handed out stickers and purple wool also. The SRC would like to thank all our school community for their support.



EASTER RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN FRIDAY

Thank you to everyone for bringing in Easter treats for the EASTER Raffle Fundraiser. It's not too late to bring them in, drop them in to the Library and Mrs Marshall will give you a lovely book mark as a Thank You! Tickets are \$1 and are available at each break time from the SRC members outside the Library until Friday. The wonderful gifts have been put together into baskets and the raffle will be drawn Friday and winners notified.

Thank you
Mrs Karen Marshall
Miss Kimberly Newling
SRC Co-ordinators

LOST PROPERTY

A trestle table has been set up outside the library for all unnamed lost property. Please feel free to have a look and claim any articles that belong to your child. All unclaimed items will be disposed of on Friday. Any items that have been named have been returned to your child's class.

WINTER UNIFORMS

During Term Two and Three students are required to wear their winter uniforms. It has been noticed that some students are not wearing the appropriate school jumpers. A plain navy jumper or polar fleece with no logo is the correct requirement. Hoodies are not allowed at school due to safety regulations.

HORSE FESTIVAL PARADE DETAILS

Saturday 6 May, 2017

Theme: "May The Horse be with You"

In keeping with the theme for this year, SPS will be taking part in the parade. We will be creating a 'Star Wars' theme, with a horsey twist, as we parade and celebrate such a wonderful event.

This year we hope to build a New Order of Jedi Knights and Sith Warriors who use the force to move around the parade. Please come dressed as your favourite Star wars character, don't forget the horsey theme. Maybe you could ride a 'horseship' and have a 'horsesaber'?

A note will be going home at a later date outlining the exact time we will be meeting at Scone Public School on Saturday, 6 May.

The Horse Festival Team

SCONE P2L



What a great day both inside and outside with many active activities. We had the school students involved in a dance program just outside the hall. Our children were keen to be involved and at one stage they had some of their older siblings dancing. We also had an obstacle course that was designed by our physio therapist which saw many children, jumping, balancing and manoeuvring

around obstacles. Inside we saw children using their imagination to extend on their play as well as lots of positive interactions.

Playgroup is held in the school hall every Thursday, from 9:15am – 11:15am.

This is a FREE playgroup, please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea, and a hat for sun protection.



A MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORT NSW

Parents and guardians who live far from school or public transport can apply for the School Drive Subsidy. This new scheme has replaced the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy. Applications for the School Drive Subsidy are now open at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive If you have any further questions please, email NSW Transport at schooldrive@transport.nsw.gov.au

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Our meeting was held Tuesday at 6.00pm in the library. The agenda was as follows:

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting
3. Correspondence
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 4. President's Report
 5. Principal's Report
 6. Uniform Shop Report
 7. Canteen Report
 8. Treasurer's Report
 9. Dollarmite Account
10. NAIDOC funding – Mel Powell
11. Parent Survey feedback
12. Parent representation on merit selection board
13. Executive committee and Principal planning meeting
14. Rewards Day clarification for parents



**GRANDPARENTS DAY
2017**



COMMUNITY NEWS

SCONE FOOTBALL CLUB (SOCCER) SATURDAY MORNING TOWN COMP registrations are open until March 31 . Players turning 5-17 years. No registrations will be taken after the closing date. First game 29 April, team lists & draws emailed 1 week before. Register at www.myfootballclub.com.au For more info email sconeafc@huntervalleyfootball.net.au Also seeking men 17+ for Senior Amateur team and a Coach for Men's Senior Amateur team.

SCONE FUN RUN – GREAT CROSS-COUNTRY TRAINING! Sunday 23 April at Scone Racetrack. 9.30am registration, 10am start. 2km course \$10 per runner, 5km or 10km course, \$20 per runner. \$50 family entry. Enter online at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/50679> or entry forms available at UHSC and Scone Sports Store.

For more information contact Nicky Western Sports Participation Officer on 0414-806074.



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The Staff and Students
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Dear Staff and Students

On behalf of Dunedoo Central School and the Dunedoo Community, I would like to thank you for your kind letter of support and your wonderful gesture concerning the students and staff of Dunedoo Central School, affected by the bushfires.

The bushfires have certainly impacted on our community and our school, but we have been buoyed by the generosity and goodwill of people like yourselves, from all over Australia. The overwhelming support has been incredibly humbling.

Our students and staff directly impacted by the fires are all progressing, as well as can be expected, as we continue to comfort and support them.

Thank you again for your kind thoughts.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Campbell
Principal
Dunedoo Central School