

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 2 May 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last Friday we commemorated ANZAC Day with a special assembly led by our leaders. Each class made a wreath to lay under our Honour Roll. I was extremely proud of the way all of our students conducted themselves. They showed respect and awareness of the reverence required for such an occasion.

This week we wish some of our sporting teams good luck as they travel away to represent our school. On Friday we will hold the Primary Athletics Carnival down at the Bill Rose Sporting Complex. On Saturday we will be joining together to celebrate the Scone Horse Festival with our school entry for the Horse Parade. What a busy week!

I encourage all families to respond to the Uniform Committee's survey. The Uniform Committee is made up of parents, teachers and members of the school executive. There is a link to the survey in this week's newsletter and there will be a paper version that will be sent home to all households this week. Only one version needs to be completed. The Uniform Committee must have at least 80% response rate to be able to consider the next step in the uniform review. This is a chance for all members of our school community to have a say in any possible changes. If changes are to be considered then we have to have a majority response for change. The consultation process will then begin. Uniform options will then be put forward and feedback from this consultation considered before a decision for any change can be made. Any change of uniform has an implementation timeline to allow families to purchase new items as current ones are grown out of, this can take years. All families will need to be a part of this process.

I have included our current uniform requirements in this newsletter for your information.

**Deborah Fisher – Relieving Principal**

## VALUE OF THE WEEK: RESPECT

### SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: BE SAFE

This week our school rule that we are focusing on is BE SAFE. Here are some of the ways we can Be Safe:

- Walk on hard surfaces
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Wear your hat when outside
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself

Please take some time to speak with your child about this rule and what it may look like in different settings ie Be Safe in the classroom, in the toilets and in the playground. Together we can help our students BE SAFE at school.

### POETRY COMPETITION CERTIFICATES

Certificates to winners of their sections in last term's poetry competition will be presented at this week's Infants' Assembly. Due to the athletics carnival, Primary certificates will be distributed next week, 12 May. Please join us if you can.

Nicole Borg

## DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

**Tuesday 2 May**  
Knights Knockout  
**Wednesday 3 May**  
Netball Trials  
**Thursday 4 May**  
Play2Learn Starts  
**Friday 5 May**  
Primary Athletics Carnival  
**Saturday 6 May**  
Horse Parade  
**Tuesday 9 May**  
Naplan Starts  
P & C Meeting



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Term 2 Week 2

1 May Racheal J  
2 May Rachael J  
3 May Rachael J  
4 May Rachel C  
5 May Wendy J

### Term 2 Week 3

8 May Racheal J  
9 May Rachael J  
10 May Rachael J  
11 May Erin C  
12 May Wendy J  
Wendy P

## ASSEMBLIES:

**FRIDAY**  
**K-2 12.10pm**  
**Years 3-6 No**  
**assembly due to**  
**Athletics Carnival**

### WONDERFUL HORSE SPORTS DAY AT ABERDEEN

Last Friday Aberdeen Public School held a very successful Horse Sports event, with four students from SPS attending - Clayton, Ava, Clay and Tahlia.

Everyone had a great day and showed great ability in both the Hack classes and Sporting Classes.

Clay was named the 9 year Reserve Champion.

Tahlia, Ava and Clayton all received ribbons in various events.

Thankyou to Mr Atkinson for being Team Manager on the day and to the other parents for their help.

Jackie Cheshire  
Horse Sports Co-ordinator

"At the end we had a Presentation and I came Reserve Champion. I got a Coolmore hat and a cool thing that you put on your shirt. I was surprised that I got second."

Clay 4C



### MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

If any student is interested in entering the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition please see Mrs Borg for the competition rules and speech topics. You may use this speech in the school competition that takes place later this term. The competition is open to Primary students and will take place at Quirindi Public School on 22 June.

Nicole Borg

### EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to all the Winners of the fabulous SRC Easter Raffle:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Isla W 3B,

Equal sized 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes - Jenice 1M, Bailey 1M, Chloe KN, Evie KH, Jack 4C, Annabella 6A, Jorja 6A

Equal sized 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes - Isla-Rose 1/2S, Caitlin 6S, Thomas KH, Jaxon 4DJ, Terrance 1M, Lucca 6A

Thank you again to everyone who donated Easter goodies, to have 14 prizes was a great effort! The SRC members have canvased their classes and then voted and the money (just over \$500!!) that has been raised is being donated to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Thank you again everybody, what a great school community we have!

Mrs Karen Marshall  
Miss Kimberly Newling  
SRC Co-ordinators

### UPPER HUNTER SOCCER TRIALS

On Tuesday 4 April, three students trialled for the Opens Soccer team for Upper Hunter at Muswellbrook – Luc, Owen and Ziggy. Unfortunately the boys didn't make the team but were close in making the side. Well done boys!

Brendon Hudson  
Soccer Co-ordinator

### NAPLAN

All Year 3 and 5 students are to participate in the NAPLAN testing during week 3 this term.

- Tuesday 9 May - Language Conventions & Writing

- Wednesday 10 May - Reading

- Thursday 11 May - Numeracy

- Friday 12 May - Catch up day for anyone who has been absent during any part of the testing.

Any parent not wishing their child to participate for any reason must complete an official withdrawal form. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

### 2017 CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 27 April all students aged 8 years and over walked down to Bill Rose Sporting Complex to compete in the annual Cross Country carnival. A beautiful day greeted the students which spurred on some excellent performances. The 8, 9 and 10 year old students ran 2km while the 11, 12 and 13 year old students ran an extra half a lap of the course to complete 3km.

A large contingent of parents attended to support the students, which was very welcomed and wonderful to see.

Congratulations to all runners who placed in the top three. You will be attending the Upper Hunter Zone Carnival in Muswellbrook on Tuesday 16 May. Notes will be sent home later in the week for these students. Please see Miss Pitkin for details. Ribbons from this event will be presented at the Assemblies during Week three.

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May for students to purchase gifts. All gifts will be \$5. Students wishing to visit the stall will be taken in their class groups on Wednesday after lunch. If students are away or unable to purchase on Wednesday the stall will operate at lunch and recess on Thursday. If you are able to assist with the wrapping of gifts or serving on the stall please contact Cassandra on 0409 094 742. Help would certainly be appreciated. Cassandra is also looking for someone to take on the organisation of the Father's Day stall to be held in September. All enquiries are welcome.

### SCONE CUP

The school will be open as usual on Friday 12 May. Buses will be operating as usual to transport students to and from school.

### IMPORTANT- INFORMATION DETAILS UPDATE

The start of the term is an ideal time to update any change of details. If you have changed your contact phone numbers, address or emergency contact person please pass this information onto the office. If you have court orders appropriate to your family situation the office also requires a copy of these. As circumstances change so can the order conditions. Please keep the office informed and up to date with these order conditions.

### HORSE FESTIVAL PARADE DETAILS

**Saturday 6 May, 2016**

**Theme: "May The Horse Be With You"**

*This is a wonderful community event, one our school enjoys being part of every year!*

Thank you to all the students that have returned their notes. If you are still keen to participate it is not too late to be involved, please register your interest with your classroom teacher.

Please meet in your 'Star Wars' themed outfit at the school by 9:45am. We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, 6 May.**

Horse Festival Team

### YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2018

Parents wishing to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018, please be advised applications are now open. Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2017.**



Please note that there are no opportunity classes in the Upper Hunter. The nearest classes to Scone are at Cessnock West Public School, Jewells Public School, New Lambton South Public School, Tamworth Public School and Tamworth South Public School.

Applications will be available online from Wednesday April 26 2017 at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-school-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Application website closes **Friday 12 May 2017**. (Late applications will not be accepted).

### SPS P&C ASSOCIATION - BBQ AT WHITE PARK

The P&C will be running a BBQ at White Park during the Horse Festival and we will need some people to assist with serving for a few hours throughout the day on Friday 5 May and Saturday 6 May. Even if you can only spare an hour or so, we would love to hear from you. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Laura Stevenson on 0414 585 611 for further details.

We are also seeking donations of homemade biscuits, cakes and slices etc to enable us to provide morning and afternoon tea in conjunction with the BBQ. All donations will be gratefully received and can be left at school on Thursday or Friday. All proceeds will benefit our school

Scone Public School P & C hold regular meetings throughout the term. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 May at 6pm in the Library. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

### REQUESTING TIME AWAY FROM SCHOOL

Occasionally some circumstances require students to miss a school day (eg Appointments, school orientations, funerals) or longer time away (eg visiting family interstate). If this is the case an exemption from school request must be completed. This will then be perused by the principal and if leave is approved a certificate will be issued. These forms can be picked up from the class teacher or the office. The forms will need to be completed prior to the absent day for it to be considered as leave and not an unjustified absence.



**CURRENT UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS AND SURVEY LINK****BOYS UNIFORM****SUMMER**

School Blue button through dress shirt  
 Grey shorts (not cargo style)  
 Grey socks  
 Hat - navy, wide-brimmed  
 Black shoes

**WINTER**

Grey trousers (not cargo style)  
 Long-sleeved school blue shirt  
 Grey socks  
 Black shoes  
 Navy jumper  
 School jacket

**GIRLS UNIFORM****SUMMER**

Check uniform

Navy hair ribbons and accessories  
 Navy socks  
 Black shoes

**WINTER**

Navy pleated pinafore with detachable top, white long-sleeved shirt & tie

**OR**

Navy slacks, button-up vest, white long-sleeved shirt and tie  
 Navy jumper  
 Hat - navy, wide-brimmed  
 Navy tights or socks  
 Black Shoes, navy hair ribbons  
 School jacket

**SPORTS UNIFORM**

Navy shorts for boys, Navy tracksuit pants in winter.  
 Navy shorts for girls, Navy tracksuit pants in winter.  
 Short-sleeved navy polo shirt - small badge on front  
 Collar and cuff trim in house colours. Navy/White socks  
 Meekah - blue  
 Pannal - green

Murrong - red  
 Wattaka - yellow

Suitable joggers/sneakers  
 School tracksuit for winter is only available through the P & C Uniform Shop.  
 Navy wide-brimmed hat. Hair ribbons and accessories in house colours.

**Survey information**

Families are invited to fill out the Uniform Review Committee survey. The survey is about changes to Scone Public School uniform. Here is the survey link:

<https://surveyhero.com/c/7cf9a9a>

Typically it takes about 5 minutes to complete. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. A message can be left at the office and I will return your call.

Vanessa Davis  
 SPS Uniform Committee

**PLAY 2 LEARN IS BACK AGAIN THIS THURSDAY**

Play to Learn is a free community based playgroup. It is run every Thursday from 9.15am to 11.15am at Scone Public School. All families are welcome to attend. Please see the attached flyer in this newsletter for more details.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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 Mondays 29 May & 5, 19, 26 June NB not on 12 June public holiday

**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 Thursday 18 May. **How do I find out more?** Phone Jenny on 0409 818977



# Scone P2L Term 2 Topics

You and your family are invited to attend FREE Community Play Sessions.

They run every Thursday from 9.15am-11.15 am for families with children aged 0 to

Thursday 4th May Play outside day 4th Educator, School Aide, Youth Services	Welcome Back– Shine a light on road safety awareness
Thursday 11th May Mothers day 14th Educator, School Aide, Youth Services	Mothers day activities, Play ideas for the home
Thursday 18th May International Day of families 15th Educator, School Aide, Early Linker, Youth Services	The importance of family relationships and how they impact child development.
Thursday 25th May Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 1-30th Educator, School Aide, UHCS, Youth Services	The benefits of outdoor play and how to bring the outdoors indoors
Thursday June 1st Educator, School Aide, Youth Services	School Dentist visit, oral hygiene and how to encouraging in the early years
Thursday 8th June National Day of Real Play 5th Educator, School Aide, Youth Services	The importance of children learning through play and ways to implement during everyday activities
Thursday 15th June National Buddy Day 15th Educator, School Aide, Early Linker, Youth Services	Resilience Building and its importance to child development. Everyday strategies for families to promote confidence and self esteem
Thursday 22nd June Red Apple Day 21st Educator, School Aide, UHCS, Youth Services	Excursion
Thursday 29th June NAIDOC 2– 9th (Our Languages Matter) Educator, School Aide, Early Linker, Youth Services	NAIDOC Celebrations– Cultural activities, linking in with school



For More Information Contact Hunter Prelude: 6571 4384

