

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 9 May 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Horse Parade on Saturday! Everyone looked amazing in their 'May the Horse be with you' themed costumes. Thank you to all the parents who supported this venture with making and purchasing of outfits. Our school looked fantastic! Thank you to our Horse Parade Team of staff. There is always a lot of organising behind the scenes to get our parade off the ground. The Highly Commended prize was certainly well deserved by all.

NAPLAN testing is held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week for all students in Years 3 and 5. This is a point in time test with the results returned later in the year. We encourage parents of students in Years 3 and 5 to assist their children at this time by ensuring they are at school on time in the mornings and that they have had plenty of sleep and a good breakfast to sustain their attention throughout this time. We encourage all students to try their best and have full confidence that they can tackle any of the questions presented to them.

Well done to the P&C over the weekend, especially the Stevenson family who put in a huge effort at the BBQ down at White Park. They worked from sun up to sun down raising money for all our students to benefit from. Thank you to all the other parents who served or baked to contribute to this success.

**Deborah Fisher – Relieving Principal**

**VALUE OF THE WEEK: TRUST AND HONESTY**

**SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: BE RESPECTFUL**

## MAY THE 'HORSE BE WITH YOU'!

What an extraordinary turn out we had from our students over the weekend to participate in the Annual Scone Horse Parade. Thank you to the 104 students that came along to help us participate in this wonderful community event. This year we were the winners of the Highly Commended Award in the school section!

This year Scone Public School built a New Order of Jedi Knights and Sith Warriors who used the force to move around the parade. Children were dressed as their favourite Star Wars characters with a horsey twist! Did you see a 'horseship' or a 'horsesaber'?

Thank you to the many imaginative family members that helped create such magnificent costumes and for taking the time to bring your children along to be part of the parade. We very much appreciate it!

Thank you  
SPS Horse Parade Team



## DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

### Tuesday 9 May

Naplan- Language  
P & C Meeting  
Jack Johnson Day  
(Kindergarten)  
Native Bee Workshop

### Wednesday 10 May

Naplan- Reading

### Thursday 11 May

Naplan- Numeracy

### Friday 12 May

Naplan Catch up day

### Tuesday 16 May

Zone Cross Country

### Friday 19 May

Athletics Finals

Walk to School Safely



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### 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

### Term 3 Week 3

15 May Racheal J  
16 May Rachael J  
17 May Rachael J  
18 May Louise M  
19 May Sharna S

## ASSEMBLIES:

### FRIDAY

K-2 12.10pm  
Years 3-6 2.00pm

### KNIGHT KNOCKOUT RUGBY LEAGUE REPORT

On Tuesday 2 May, Scone Public School's boys' Opens rugby league team participated in the Knights Knockout competition at Windale Oval. Games were played in one 15 minute period with no half time and no goal kicking. There were six teams in our pool with the top team progressing to the quarter finals. Games below:

- Pool Game 1: Scone 8 (Tries: Talon and Nikoli) defeated Jewells 0.
- Pool Game 2: Scone 8 (Tries: Nicholas and Campbell) defeated Valentine 0.
- Pool Game 3: Scone 12 (Tries: Jackson, Nikoli and Jacob) defeated St. Marys Warners Bay 0.
- Pool Game 4: Scone 20 (Tries: Blake 2, Nikoli, Talon and Jacob) defeated Bolwarra 0.
- Pool Game 5: Scone 20 (Tries: Braith 2, Talon 2 and Archie) defeated Thornton 0.
- Quarter Final: Scone 20 (Tries: Charlie, Braith, Campbell, Nikolai and Jackson) defeated Singleton Heights 4.
- Semi Final: Scone 8 (Tries: Nikoli 2) defeated St. Josephs Taree 0.

What an amazing effort to go through undefeated in seven games and only concede one try. Well done boys! The boys play the Grand Final on Wednesday 19 July at Hunter Stadium, the Newcastle Knights home ground, against St. Pauls Rutherford, with the winner heading to Sydney to play other regional winners in the State Carnival. Many thanks to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Leif Harrington for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day and Jade Smith for training the boys and running the water.

Brendon Hudson  
Rugby League Coordinator



### PSSA HOCKEY TRIALS

On Friday our Primary School Sporting Association (PSSA) conducted their Boys Hockey Trials championships in Newcastle. Ozzie C (5M) has been selected to proceed to the next level and represent the Hunter Region at Wyong in August. Well done Ozzie!







### PSSA ZONE NETBALL

On Wednesday the 3 May, Caitlyn C, Amelia F, Abbey C, Brenna C, Lexie M, Shelby G, Eliza D and Sarah S represented our school in the PSSA Zone Netball Trials. The girls travelled to Singleton to try out to represent the Upper Hunter in Netball. All the girls played extremely well throughout the many games of the day and were commended by many on their conduct and sportsmanship.

This year we were successful in having three girls chosen to form the Upper Hunter Team. A huge congratulations to Amelia, Brenna and Caitlyn. The girls will now train with the Upper Hunter Netball team, of a Monday afternoon in Singleton. We wish the girls all the best!

Liz Leman  
Netball Co-ordinator

### ATHLETICS UPDATE

On Friday 19 May, we will host our 100m finals races, House relays and 800m race to complete the Athletics Carnival. Students will leave school after the morning bell and walk to Bill Rose sporting complex and return at the completion of the races. Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle. Parents are welcome to attend to cheer the students on.

### POETRY COMPETITION CERTIFICATES

Certificates to winners of the Primary sections in last term's poetry competition will be presented at this week's Primary Assembly, Friday 12 May. Please join us if you can.

Nicole Borg

### 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

### TERM 2 IS OUR PUBLIC SPEAKING TERM

All students in K-6 will be expected to prepare and present a speech to their class in **Week 5**, 22 – 26 May. The students will need to prepare their speeches at home, but are encouraged to seek advice from their class teacher. There are four categories for the competition; Early Stage One, Stage One, Stage 2 and Stage 3. Speaking times are; **Early Stage 1**; up to 2mins, **Stage 1**; 2:00mins, **Stage 2**; 3:00mins and **Stage 3**; 4:00mins.

Three students from each class will be chosen to go through to the **Stage semi-final in Week 6**. Students who placed first in their Year in this Stage semi-final will be invited to give their speech at the **Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod on Wednesday 7 June at 5pm**. The school grand final will be held in **Week 8**, where the three top speakers in each Year will repeat their speech, competing against others in their Stage. Please remember the students are not to use any props except their palm cards.

The grand final dates are as follows; the chosen Kindergarten to Year 2 students will present their prepared speeches to the school on **Tuesday 13 June**. Year 3 to Year 6 students will be asked to present both their prepared and impromptu speeches on **Wednesday 14 June**. In the impromptu section, students will be given a topic and 5 minutes to prepare their speech. Parents, friends and relatives are most welcome to attend. As always, I look forward to hearing the exceptionally high standard of speeches our students deliver. I thank both teachers and parents for their continued outstanding support of this program within our school.

Nicole Borg

### 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.

### P & C MEETING TONIGHT

Our next P & C meeting will be held Tuesday 9 May at 6pm in our school library. All are welcome to attend.

### 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.

### BLOOM MARKETS UPDATE

A date has been set for the next Bloom Markets - Saturday 24 June. Information will be coming out soon as to how each grade will be able to contribute to this wonderful community event. This is one of the P&C's major fundraisers and is highly valued across the wider Scone community. Stay tuned to how you can help to make this event a success.

### 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

### Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter



The Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter Eisteddfod is soon to commence with

Instrumental & School Bands on Friday 19 May and Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May;  
School Choirs on Friday 26 May;  
Vocal Division is on Saturday and Sunday, 27 & 28 May;  
Speech, Drama & Public Speaking from Monday, 5 to Friday, 9 June;  
Piano is on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June;  
Dance on Saturday, 1 to Wednesday, 5 July

The Creative Writing Division is open for entries until 5pm, Sunday 9 July.

Volunteers are an integral part of a successful Eisteddfod each year and we would like to invite you to join our band of volunteers to assist with the many and varied activities needed for each Division. A Working With Children check as a volunteer is required (at no cost) and we can assist you in obtaining this, or you may already have one.

Please contact Adrienne Casey, [acasey@sgs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:acasey@sgs.nsw.edu.au) or 'phone after hours on 0427102264 for further information.





Next Friday 19 May is Walk Safely to School Day.

Now in its 18 year, it is a campaign and annual event when all primary school children, their parents and carers are encouraged to walk and commute regularly and safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and less likely to be obese or overweight, which can lead to long-term and costly risks of heart disease and diabetes etc. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

Together with Nicky Western from the Upper Hunter Shire Council we will be encouraging students to walk safely to school on Friday 19 May. Nicky will be greeting the students as they enter the school with a healthy piece of fruit and a sticker. For more information contact [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au)



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# UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL CHILDRENS SERVICES

*You're invited*

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

*Community Initiative 2017*

This FREE event is open to Upper Hunter Shire parents/ caregivers, teachers and early childhood educators who are interested in the importance of preparing children for school and how we best support this transition.



**Thursday, 18 May 2017**

6.30pm - 8.30pm, with light refreshments served from 6.00pm  
Upper Hunter Shire Council Administration Centre, Liverpool St Scone

**Bookings essential** - RSVP by Thursday, 11 May 2017 providing your name, email address and indication of whether you are a parent/school/service to Upper Hunter Family Day Care by email: [uhfdc@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:uhfdc@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) or phone: 6540 1151

**Guest Speaker:** Deb Kiem



*Deb Kiem is a former Upper Hunter resident who now teaches at a Long Day Care/ Preschool in Coonabarabran and at Mendooran Pre School.*

*Deb obtained her Diploma in Teaching at Armidale, Teaching casually in primary & infants schools in the Northern Territory and outback NSW for 10 years whilst raising 3 daughters. She spent another 10 years teaching at Sandy Hollow Public School, a 2 teacher school in the Upper Hunter.*

*Following a relocation to Aberdeen, Deb taught at Scone Grammar School, firstly on a Year 3 class and then 'promoted' to Kindergarten!*

*After 5yrs, Deb made a career change and dabbled in Cheese Making at Hunter Belle Cheese. But missing the children, and her drive to inspire curiosity and creativity, led her to completing a Certificate 3 in Children's Services and working as an Early Childhood Educator with the Upper Hunter Early Learning Centre. She was awarded a Diploma by ACECQA through recognition of her teaching experience.*

*"Children have taught me that to embrace their world they need to be confident, kind, brave, included, appreciated and happy. They need educators and teachers who allow them to become all this and more, to facilitate enquiry and discovery, to see their worth, to really listen to their words. It is this approach that will enables educators and parents to determine whether a child is ready for 'big school'".*

### Presenters:

**OT Just 4 Kids** - Janet Brown, OT and **All Areas Speech Pathology** - Almee Robinson will outline information about typical skills children will have developed and need for school readiness, how to recognise if they may be having difficulties, and practical strategies for supporting their development.

**Upper Hunter Family Support** - Kylee Mavin & Michelle Owen (Family Support Workers), Leanne Walklate (Aboriginal Family Worker), and Janelle Eades (Group Worker) will share information on various support services available including playgroups, parenting programs and groups and school liaison.

**Local infants school teachers and early childhood educators** will also be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.



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