

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 16 May 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Scone Horse Festival and NAPLAN testing may be over for 2017 but our students continue to be involved in a number of activities.

Last week I had the pleasure to see the amazing work of students from 5/6L who presented their Genius Hour investigative projects. Congratulations to 5/6L. You certainly had a wonderful variety of projects displayed. Topics included The Great Wall, the weird stuff your body does and Pokemon.

Last Saturday six Scone Public School students participated in public speaking tutorials run by the Toastmasters Club of Muswellbrook. We look forward to them sharing their newly acquired skills with us in the lead up to the school's Public Speaking Competition. The Grand Final of the Public Speaking Competition will be held on June 13 and 14.

Today we had a large contingent of students represent us at the Zone Cross Country. We look forward to the update in next week's newsletter. This Friday sees the completion of our Athletics Carnival. Good luck to all our participating students.

Laurece Godde
Relieving Deputy Principal

VALUE OF THE WEEK: TRUST AND HONESTY
SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: BE RESPECTFUL

NETBALL NEWS

Last Friday, our Scone Public School PSSA Netball team played in round two of the PSSA Netball Competition. After having a bye in the first round we played Aberdeen Public School in the second. The girls played a fantastic game with great sportsmanship. We had a convincing win this round with the final score being 43-0, with SPS defeating Aberdeen. Thank you to all the parents for their help and support on the day. A huge thank you to Summer Burnett, who umpired the game. We look forward to the next round that will be played!

Liz Leman

2017 SCHOOL CONCERT LOGO COMPETITION

Scone Public School is holding its Bi-Annual School Concert at the end of Term 3 and we need you to design the logo which will feature on ALL advertising, tickets and posters.

The theme is **"Escape to Everywhere"**. We will be wandering the world and beyond.

Your design must:

- be on an **A4 piece of paper**.
- be **Black and White only**
- be about the theme **"Escape to Everywhere"**

Entries are due to Miss Hickey by **Friday 26 May** with the winner announced at assembly the following week. Please ensure your **name and class** are clearly written on the back of your entry.

Good Luck!
Concert Committee

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Tuesday 16 May
Zone Cross Country
Wednesday 17 May
Yarn Up 2.30pm
Thursday 18 May
Transition to school evening
Friday 19 May
Athletics Finals
Walk to School Safely



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 3 Week 4
15 May Racheal J
16 May Rachael J
17 May Rachael J
18 May Louise M
19 May Sharna S
Kristy O

Term 3 Week 5
22 May Racheal J
23 May Racheal J
24 May Rachael J
25 May Liz C
26 May Sharon C
Aimee W

ASSEMBLIES:

FRIDAY
K-2 12.10pm
Item 1TW
Years 3-6 2.00pm

TOASTMASTERS TUTORIALS

On Saturday, 13 May, six students from our school travelled to the Upper Hunter Conservative of Music at Muswellbrook to attend public speaking tutorials run by the Toastmasters Club of Muswellbrook.

We learnt that we usually all have one or two things we can improve on in our speeches. You have to keep practising and have eye contact with the audience. The Toastmasters suggested that you can have good eye contact with everyone in the room by looking at some people around the room for approximately three seconds each. You usually have to speak slower so people can hear you and take a big breath if you need to. We really loved listening to the other speakers who were there and learning from the advice given to them too.

Thank you to all the parents who took their child to Muswellbrook to say their speech and to the Toastmasters who helped us. If we had the opportunity to go again we definitely would! By the way, we had lots of fun too!

Charesse and Lauren



Back Row; Mr Graham Turvey, Toastmaster and Eisteddfod Convenor, James and Lachlan.
Front Row; Alexander, Charesse, Rozenna and Lauren.

ASSEMBLY REMINDER

This Friday 1TW will be hosting the K-2 assembly. The assembly will start at 12:10. Please come and enjoy our class item.

Mrs Williams

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.

UNGOOROO ABORIGINAL CORPORATION DENTAL CHECKS

For those Aboriginal students who are participating in the Dental Program this will be held on Thursday 25 May at the school. Mel Powell will collect your child from the classroom for the initial screening. If follow up treatment is required it will be conducted at the Ungooroo office in Singleton. You will be notified if this is the case.

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.

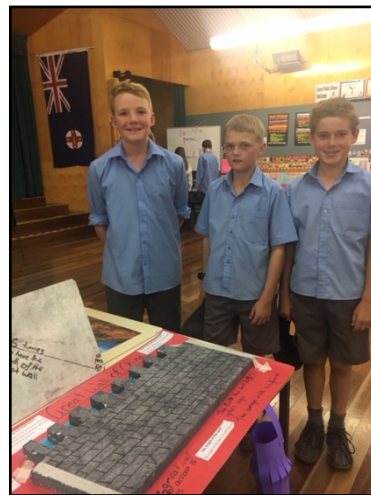
Kids Club and Explorers have afternoon tea together and may share some activities but will be in separate groups both at St Luke's Hall. Children from Scone Primary School can be met at the school by a kid's club leader and walked to the hall. Please state arrangements clearly on registration form.

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 **PLEASE RETURN FORMS BY THURSDAY 18 MAY.**



GENIUS HOUR IN 5/6L





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

Our vision for Aboriginal Education



Scone Public School

Aboriginal Education is valued and respected at Scone Public School and we would like to invite you to join us on Wednesday 17th May at 2.30pm for a Yarn Up Get Together afternoon tea for our Aboriginal families.

We would like to also take this opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas in planning our NAIDOC Week celebrations which will take place at the end of this term.

Please join us for a yarn and a cuppa. If you not able to attend please feel free to contact Mel Powell at the school.

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT**

2017 Picnic in the Park



24 MAY 10:30am-
2:00pm
Simpson Park Muswellbrook

Featuring

- 11:00am National Simultaneous Storytime
- 11:45am Jolly Pirates performances
- Aboriginal Dreamtime Story
- Visit from Healthy Harold
- Preschool and school performances

Stalls

- Families Week "Stronger Families, Stronger Communities"
- Neighbourhood Centres Week "Belonging"
- Volunteers Week "Give Happy, Live Happy"
- Cancer Councils "Biggest Morning Tea"
- Woolworths Fruit and Water Station
- Free range baby farm birds
- TOYBOX arts and craft
- Sustainability Street
- Local produce
- Caffe Mobilita
- Markets



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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 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.

