

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 3!

I trust everyone had a relaxing break and that both students and staff are ready for what is shaping up to be a busy term.

This term is concert term and I know some parents have been busy during the holidays preparing costumes for the end of term concert. I am looking forward to seeing the creative and performing arts showcased during Week Nine this term.

This term we will also see the introduction of Accelerated Reading. This program will be utilised across our Years two to six classes and will encourage students to read literature suitable for their reading ability as well as encourage reading for enjoyment.

Stay tuned for more information as we finalise preparations in our library. We are currently seeking parents who can help in the library on a Friday. This would involve assisting Mrs Marshall to label the books with the relevant stickers for this program. Please let Mrs Marshall know if you are available over the next few weeks.

This term we will also be trialling the NAPLAN online. This testing of Year three and Year five is a test run to gauge our school's readiness and technological capabilities to administer the NAPLAN test online. This will only impact on students in Year three and five.

Yesterday our staff participated in professional development with staff from Muswellbrook High School in "Visible Learning". Teachers were given evidence based strategies that will help develop students who can articulate what they are learning and why and what the next steps in their learning will be. We are excited to be participating in this professional development program over the next four years and look forward to the collaborative opportunities that working with both Scone High and Muswellbrook High will allow.

Lastly, this term we will be participating in a research project into the effectiveness of the Bounce Back! Wellbeing program. This has been facilitated through our engagement with the Where there's a Will charity. We look forward to the insights this research will give us into the program and our students engagement with its important messages around resilience, self-esteem and coping with change and interacting with other.

What a busy and exciting term!

Deborah Fisher
Relieving Principal

VALUE OF THE WEEK: Respect
SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: Persist

KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT RUGBY LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

Good luck to our two teams, the 10 years and opens age competing on Wednesday in Newcastle at McDonald Jones stadium for the Knights Knock out challenge.

Brendon Hudson
Rugby League Manager

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Wednesday 19 July
Knights Knockout GF
Thursday 20 July
Year 6 to SHS
Friday 21 July
1500m Race at Bill Rose 12pm
Thursday 27 July
Kinder 2018
Orientation Day



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 3 Week 1

17 Jul Pupil Free Day
18 Jul Racheal J
19 Jul Racheal J
20 Jul Cassandra W
21 Jul Kim Mackay
Priscilla R

Term 3 Week 2

24 Jul Rachael J
25 Jul Rachael J
26 Jul Rachael J
27 Jul Rachel C
28 Jul Wendy P
Sharon C

ASSEMBLIES:

12.10pm Year K-2
2.00 pm Years 3-6

BOUNCE BACK

Scone Public School has been given the wonderful opportunity to take part in a very important research project. The aim of this project is to improve the mental health and wellbeing of primary school children in your child's school and five other schools in the Upper Hunter region of NSW by implementing the whole school positive education program, Bounce Back. This project is a partnership between the Institute of Positive Psychology and Education and *Where There's A Will* (WTAW) charity established by Pauline Carrigan. The vision of Where There's A Will is to help children learn the skills of wellbeing and resilience from the first years of schooling.

The children will be bringing home a survey consent form for parents to return. Families are being asked to fill these out and return them to school as soon as possible.

Thank you
Mrs Leman, Mrs Borg and Miss Hickey

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who admirably represented our school at this year's Multicultural Perspectives public speaking competition; Hallie, Eloise and James. These students travelled to Quirindi to compete last term and had to present a prepared speech on the theme of multiculturalism. They were also required to give an impromptu speech after only five minutes preparation time. Stage 3 students had the impromptu topic 'If I ruled the world'. James was awarded first place and commended for his skill in speaking so eloquently!

The Stage 2 impromptu topic was 'Friends' and Hallie was presented with a highly commended award. Eloise spoke very well also. Both girls felt their public speaking skills have further improved due to this experience. All three students worked hard preparing their speeches and polishing their impromptu speaking skills, often doing so in their own time. I commend them for their hard work.

Many thanks to their parents who provided transport to the competition on the day. The school very much appreciates their efforts in this area.

James will now progress to the Regional level of this competition and we wish him every success.

Nicole Borg
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS STARTING 2018

Our first Kindergarten orientation morning will commence on Thursday 27 July at 10am. Information packs will be handed out on the day. In order for your child to be placed into an orientation class and for administration organisation please register your child at the school office ASAP if you have not already done so.

If you know of other students who wish to attend Scone Public School next year please remind them to register their child with us at Scone Public School Office. Looking forward to meeting you all next week.

Joanne Hughes
Kindergarten Supervisor

REWARDS DAY CRITERIA

This term we will again be recognising the great behaviour and attendance of our students. To be part of our Term Two rewards day students will need to:

- Not receive a Red or Yellow behaviour card from week one to the end of week nine
- Have an attendance rate of 85% from day one of the term until the end of week nine.
- Have no more than nine late arrivals to school

PUPIL ABSENCES

If a child is absent from school for any reason, parents are required to supply the class teacher with an explanation for the absence by means of a telephone call, written note or email within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. This is a legal requirement. The school can also be notified by the Skoolbag app. Where a child is likely to be absent for a reason other than sick or for an extended period, prior leave approval must be sought from the Principal.

EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



TERM 3 2017 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	17 July	18 July Students return	19 July Knights knockout Grand final	20 July Yr 6 SHS Orientation	21 July 1500m Race @ Bill Rose	22/23
2	24 July	25 July	26 July	27 July Kinder Orientation 10am-11am	28 July	29/30
3	31 July	1 August Education Week Assembly UNSW English test	2 August	3 August	4 August	5/6
4	7 August Kinder Transition 2.15-3.00pm	8 August	9 August	10 August	11 August	12/13
5	14 August Zone backup day	15 August UNSW Maths test	16 August	17 August Daffodil Day Stall	18 August Yr 1 Reptile park Daffodil Day Stall	19/20
6	21 August NAPLAN online	22 August Life Ed Van	23 August Stage 3 Newcastle Maths Life Ed Van	24 August Life Ed Van	25 August Yr 2 Reptile park Life Ed Van	26/27
7	28 August Life Ed Van	29 August Life Ed Van	30 August Life Ed Van	31 August Yr 6 SHS Orientation Life Ed Van	1 September Hunter Athletics	2/3
8	4 September	5 September Touch Football Gala Day –Year 3&4	6 September	7 September	8 September	9/10
9	11 September	12 September CONCERT	13 September CONCERT	14 September CONCERT	15 September	16/17
10	18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September Yr 6 Mini Fete	22 September Rewards Day	23/24