

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 3

Tuesday 1 August 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we are celebrating Education Week. We started our celebration on Sunday night with our Signing Choir performing at the Education Week Service at St Luke's Church.

Today we celebrated the wonderful talents and skills of our students with an Education Week Showcase. We continued with Open Classrooms allowing parents to visit their child in their classroom and to participate in some shared reading and picnic lunch.

Tonight we celebrate the achievements and contributions of teaching and non-teaching staff as well as community members. This Education Week Award ceremony takes place at Scone High School at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Yesterday our Under 10 and Open Boys Rugby League teams played in the Knights Knockout competition in Sydney. Our U10s played well winning one of their heats. The Opens team went on to play in the Grand Final which was streamed live via the Rugby League website. It was an exciting game which left our talented team as second in the state for this competition. An amazing effort by all boys and a wonderful effort from the support crew of parents and coaches to get them that far!

I hope everyone enjoys celebrating Education Week!

**Deborah Fisher**  
Relieving Principal

**VALUE OF THE WEEK: TRUST AND HONESTY**  
**SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: TAKE RISKS**

## ALL WELCOME TO CELEBRATE EDUCATION WEEK

The Upper Hunter Learning Community Education Week Reception will be held at Scone High School on Tuesday 1 August commencing at 5pm. All are welcome to attend to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements and contribution of members of the Upper Hunter Schools' community.

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

On Thursday we had the pleasure of meeting our 2018 Kindergarten students and their families. The children visited our classrooms with this year's Kindergarten teachers, completed a craft activity and returned to the hall for a snack. Parents stayed in the hall for an information session and then enjoyed morning tea together as they waited for the return of their very excited children.

Our Transition to school session for Term 3 will be on Monday 7 August at 2:15pm. There will be a parent information session on "Literacy in Kindergarten" and there will be more information about our Term 4 transitions.

Thank you also to our 2017 Kindergarten parents for providing the yummy treats for our parent morning tea.

Joanne Hughes  
Assistant Principal

## DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

**Monday 31 Jul- 4 Aug**  
Education Week  
**Tuesday 1 August**  
UNSW English Test  
**Monday 7 August**  
Kinder Transition  
**Friday 11 August**  
Zone Athletics  
**Thursday 17 August**  
Daffodil Stall



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Term 3 Week 3

31 Jul Rachael J  
1 Aug Rachael J  
2 Aug Rachael J  
3 Aug Sharon G  
4 Aug Kim M  
Brooke Mc

### Term 3 Week 4

7 Aug Rachael J  
8 Aug Rachael J  
9 Aug Rachael J  
10 Aug Liz C  
11 Aug Kristy O

## ASSEMBLIES:

**12.10PM K-2**

**2PM Years 3-6**

### KNIGHT KNOCKOUT OPENS RUGBY LEAGUE REPORT

On Wednesday 19 July, Scone Public School's boys' Opens rugby league team travelled to Hunter Stadium, the Newcastle Knights home ground to play the Grand Final of the Knights Knockout against St. Paul's Rutherford. St. Paul's scored the only try of the first half to lead 6 – 0. Early in the second half Tangi scored with Talon converting to level things up. St. Paul's scored an unconverted try before Campbell scored with about two minutes remaining.

10 all was the full time result, the game was heading to extra time. Midway through the first half of extra time St. Paul's dropped the ball about 15 metres from their own line which gave us a great opportunity to win the match. A few tackles later and Heath dived over from dummy half to score the match winning try, 14 – 10 winners. In a very tight match, a St. Paul's player was awarded the man of the match.

Many thanks to the parents for their help with transport, washing shirts and supporting the boys on the day. Special thanks to Leif Harrington, Jade Smith, Jamie Johnson and Ben Foley for coaching the boys beforehand and on the day. What an amazing effort to win the Knights Knockout Competition in both grades, well done boys!



Brendon Hudson  
Rugby League Coordinator

### DEBATING SUCCESS

The Scone Public School Debating Teams showed their prowess in Rounds 3 and 4 of the Premier's Debating Challenge, at Singleton Heights Public School. Debate topics on the day were 'Years 5 and 6 students should be allowed to vote in elections', 'All unhealthy foods should be banned at sporting games', that 'Sports involving primary school children should not score points' and that 'All parents must buy a pet for their children'.

Both teams were not only successful in winning their debates, but I also received resounding praise for the children's manners, presentation, enthusiasm and positive attitudes. I was so proud to take this group away. Many thanks to Mrs Hollis for driving one group for the day.

Mrs Shoesmith  
Debating Co-Ordinator



### UNSW 2017 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES ASSESSMENT

Recently ten of our Primary students sat for the UNSW Digital Technologies Assessment.

The results are as follows

Year 4: Eloise – Merit, Joseph - Merit

Year 6: Jessica – Credit, James - Credit

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in the Digital Technologies Assessment. The students will be presented with their certificates at this Friday's assembly.

Laurece Godde  
UNSW Assessments Coordinator

### TELL THEM FROM 'ME' SURVEY

I am delighted that our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between Monday 21 August and Friday 22 September. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school Friday 18 August, 2017.

This term, we will also be asking parents to take part in a parent survey from *Tell Them From Me*. We would really appreciate as many parents taking the opportunity to complete this and provide our school with valuable feedback. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and for notes coming home in regards to this.

**Parent FAQ document for the student survey can be found at the following web address:**

[http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM\\_Student\\_Survey\\_FAQs\\_Parent\\_and\\_Carers\\_T12017.pdf](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12017.pdf)

### WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2017

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.



From Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our Library. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

### REWARDS DAY CRITERIA

This term we will again be recognising the great behaviour and attendance of our students. To be part of our Term Three 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.

### LOST PROPERTY FROM BLOOMS MARKETS

Several items have been handed in to the office that was left behind at the Blooms Markets these include:

- A pair of soccer/football boots
- A pair of green cargo shorts (large)
- Black headband with a bow
- Purple cotton shirt (size 8)
- Eels collared shirt (Large)
- Set of small picture cards

These items will be held for a week at the school office and if not collected set to the Red Cross in Scone.

### P2LEARN RETURNS THIS WEEK



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LEADING OPPORTUNITIES



**ABILITY LINKS**  
NEW SOUTH WALES



**NSW**  
Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District



## Scone P2L Term 3 Topics



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

They run every Tuesday from 9.15am -11.15am for families with children

aged 0 to 6.

Thursday 3rd August Educators, School Aide, Youth Services	Welcome Back Term 3
Thursday 10th August Speech Pathology Week 6th– 12th Educators, School Aide, Youth Services	Basic strategies for managing positive social behaviours.
Thursday 17th August National Science Week 12th-20th Educators, School Aide, Youth Services	Science Week National Theme– Future Earth Technology and young children, the benefits and over use by families.
Thursday 24th August Book Week 19th– 26th Educators, School Aide, Youth Services	Book week – Escape to everywhere Excursion to Library
Thursday 31st August Fathers Day 3rd Educators, School Aide, Youth Services	The importance of positive male role models to child development Men's shed visits
Thursday 7th September National Child Protection Week 3rd- 9th Educators, School Aide, Youth Services	Health, Safety and Wellbeing in Early Childhood Police Liaison visit
Thursday 14th September R U OK Day 14th Educators, School Aide, Youth Services	The importance of positive social connections children make with their peers
Thursday 21st September Educators, School Aide, Youth Services	Party Week / Dress-ups

For More Information Contact Hunter Prelude: 6571 4384



**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - 4pm start

**THURSDAY MATINEE**

14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - 12pm start

**THURSDAY NIGHT**

14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - 6:30pm start

**TICKETS**  
**\$5.00 EACH**

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT**  
**SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Invitation to a family fun day event:

### **BENGALLA CUP FAMILY RACE DAY**

#### **SUPPORTING MUSWELLBROOK NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Gates open at 11:30am

Feature Race \$30 000 Bengalla Cup

Entry Adults \$5, kids FREE

#### Activities Include:

Sausage sizzle

Free jumping castle

Free laser tag

Netball activities and giveaways

Café Mobilita

Bar and Café facilities

Popcorn, slushies and fairy floss

Bring along a picnic blanket!



## BOYS' GROUP

@ Scone Youth Centre

**Free skills group for boys aged 12 to 17 years  
Wednesdays, 4.00pm to 5.30pm**

Explore new interests and learn about indoor/outdoor cooking, healthy foods, keeping safe, boys' hygiene, self care and mateship. There'll be guest speakers and other surprises

**Starts Wednesday, 2 August 2017 and runs for 8 weeks**

**These are FREE sessions, with snacks provided**

**Everyone is welcome - you do not need to have been involved with one of our programs before**

**Bookings are essential**

RSVP with your permission note by returning it to Youth Workers at the Scone Centre or email [youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

Permission notes are available at youth centres, Council offices and online at [upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

This session will be run and supervised by UHSC Youth Services Staff. Contact Melissa on 0417 287 540

#### UHSC YOUTH CENTRES:

SCONE Youth Centre | Phone: 0417 287 540 | Young people aged 12 - 17 years  
MERRIWA Youth Centre | Phone: 0447 610 915 | Young people aged 12 - 17 years  
MURRURUNDI Youth Centre | Phone: 0438 437 082 | Young people aged 10 - 17 years

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### JUNIOR GIRLS REGIONAL GOLF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2017

**HunterRiver**  
DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

In conjunction with **jnjg**  
JUNIOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**Term 3:  
Sunday August 20  
Scone Golf Club  
9am - 12.30pm**

**Come learn some new skills at golf.  
Come meet others girls that play golf.  
Come develop the skills you have already learnt at golf.**

For girls aged 6-18. All skill levels are welcome.

For more information and to register your interest contact:  
Natalie Wood 0402 331 951 or [nataliew76@gmail.com](mailto:nataliew76@gmail.com)