

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 3 Week 6

Wednesday 23 August 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with great excitement that I can announce that I have been appointed through merit selection to the position of Principal of Scone Public School. This takes place as of today. I am very passionate about Scone Public School and believe that we can all work together to make a difference for our young people.

This year we are at the end of a three year planning cycle. Over the next few months we will be asking students, staff and parents what they love about SPS and what they would like to change. We hope everyone takes this opportunity to have an input so that we can use this feedback to plan for the next three years.

This week our Year 3 and 5 students are trialling the NAPLAN online. This is a great testing ground to see how our technological structures and students perform in this new environment. We will be giving feedback to NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) following this trial.

We have been lucky to have the support of Mt Arthur Coal to subsidise the cost of our students attending the Life Education Van over the next two weeks. This engaging program supports our PD/H/PE syllabus with important messages about drugs, healthy eating and building healthy friendships.

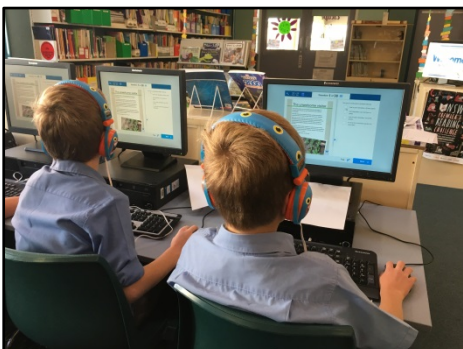
This week we celebrate Book Week and I encourage all parents to come and visit our Book Fair. It is a great opportunity to encourage reading and possibly stock up on some present ideas for the family. Some families choose to donate books to our school library for all to share. All proceeds from the Book Fair go towards updating our library resources.

Thank you to all the parents who have been assisting with the final preparations for our Concert. Please let your child's teacher know if you are having difficulty finding costumes. We are looking forward to seeing our clever and creative students performing onstage during Week 9. Don't forget to buy your tickets before seats sell out.

**Deborah Fisher**  
Principal

**VALUE OF THE WEEK: RESPONSIBILITY**  
**SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: BE RESPONSIBLE**

## YEAR 3 SITTING THEIR NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TEST



## DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

**Monday 22 August**  
Life Education Van sessions commence

**Friday 25 August**  
Year 2 Reptile Park

**Wednesday 30 August**  
Father's Day Stall

**Thursday 31 August**  
Father's Day Stall  
Year 6 Orientation SHS

**Friday 22 Sept**  
Deposit Due Canberra



## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Term 3 Week 6**  
21 Aug Rachael J  
22 Aug Rachael J  
23 Aug Rachael J  
24 Aug Melinda Mc  
25 Aug Penny C  
Sharna S

**Term 4 Week 7**  
28 Aug Rachael J  
29 Aug Rachael J  
30 Aug Rachael J  
31 Aug Peta H  
1 Sept Sarah B  
Sharon C

## ASSEMBLIES:

**12.10PM K-2**

**2PM Years 3-6**



### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AT OUR SCHOOL

We would like to share with you the new Aboriginal artwork that the students of Scone Public School participated in during NAIDOC Week celebrations. Each dot has it's own significance as it has been painted on by each individual student. This mural looks amazing and is a focal point on the back playground along with the Yarning Circle.

***Thank you to Miss Amy Saunders the Aboriginal Artist who designed the mural, your artistic skills are amazing.***



### RUGBY LEAGUE REPORT

On Thursday 17 August, Scone Public School's boys' rugby league team travelled to Forster to play rounds five and six of the Knockout PSSA competition. In the first game we defeated Forster 24 – 0 and in the second game we defeated Swansea 30 – 10, details below:

- Scone 24 (Tries: Charlie 2, Dan, Nick and Josh. Goals: Talon and Jackson) defeated Forster 0
- Scone 30 (Tries: Charlie 2, Brock, Nikoli, Jack and Jacob. Goals: Talon, Charlie and Will) defeated Swansea 10.

This makes us the winners of the Hunter Region and into the last 8 of the competition. Well done boys, an amazing effort! Our next game will be against Woy Woy South. 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 and Sione Hoolaafolau for training the boys and running the water.

Brendon Hudson  
Rugby League Coordinator



### TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

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.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

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 21 August and 13 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

### PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY

An opportunity for parents to give our school feedback is available through the 'Tell Them from Me Parent Survey'. We would very much appreciate if parents could access the following link and complete the survey. The information you provide is invaluable in evaluating our current School Plan and planning for the future of our school.

We thank you for your help! <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ysp6f>



### LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Just a reminder that the Life Education Van will be visiting from Tuesday 22 August until Friday 1 September. Please remember to return your permission note if you have not already done so. If you would like to purchase any merchandise, please write your name, class and order on an envelope with the correct money and hand into the office at any time throughout the next two weeks. Thank you for your assistance.

Sinead Scott  
Life Education Coordinator

### CAPERS FUNDRAISER SUPPORTED BY MCDONALDS



There will be a fundraising evening for our school's dance group to perform with CAPERS (Creative Arts in Public Education Regional Spectacular) during November. Mr Daniel Zammit, Manager of Scone McDonald's, has generously offered to host a fundraising evening where a percentage of all sales will be donated to support these dancers participating in this event. The evening will be held on Tuesday 5 September from 5-7pm and includes purchases made inside the restaurant and drive-thru. Please help us get our Scone Public School dancers to Tamworth to participate in CAPERS 2017! Thank you to Scone McDonalds.

### ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE – CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets are now on sale! Tickets can be purchased from the office during school hours. Due to popular demand our Thursday night show has sold out. Tickets are still available for the Wednesday 4pm and Thursday 12pm shows.

Concert Committee



**FATHER'S DAY STALL**

Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Wednesday 30 August. Students wishing to purchase a gift will be escorted by their class teacher on the day. Gifts will be \$5 each. Students who are unable to purchase a gift on Wednesday will be given the opportunity on Thursday at lunchtime.

**YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE**

On Thursday last week Tom, Zane and Hallee attended the Youth Council Meeting at the Upper Hunter Shire Council. We discussed several things including a Colour Run, the Young Endeavour and Hat Day. The Colour Run is open to all ages from the very young to the very old, there are many different runs to suit your abilities with lots of fun and of course lots and lots of colour. Hat Day is a day to raise awareness for mental health issues. The Young Endeavour is a chance for young everyday people from 16 to 24 to have an opportunity to go on a ship called the Young Endeavour to experience the life of a sailor and crew.

Hallee, Zane and Tom

**NEW BELL TIMES**

Commencing Week 6 the school will be ringing a bell at 3pm to call all early bus students to their bus. The students will be responsible for getting themselves to the supervising staff member. We have made these changes in an effort to keep students in their classrooms as long as possible. The end of school day bell will then go at 3.15pm. All other bells remain the same. If your child catches one of the early busses that leave before 3.15pm, please remind them to be prompt when getting to the bus lines. If your child has a change and will not be catching the bus please notify the class teacher or school office.

**BOOK WEEK - ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE**

This week is Book Week. Scone Public School is having our whole school biennial concert this year so we won't be holding a Parade. However, we will still have a Book Fair in the Library all week from Monday 21 August until Friday 25 August.

All students will visit with their class during Monday or Tuesday to write a 'Wish List'. Parents can enable themselves of the Credit Card option on the back of the Wishlist or please pop in sometime during the week to purchase books. The Book Fair will be open to parents at the following times only.

8:30am - 9am

11:15am - 11:55am

1:30pm - 1:55pm

3:15pm - 4pm

Teacher Librarian  
Mrs Karen Marshall

**REMINDER - SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM REVIEW DUE BY 30 AUGUST 2017**

Now that we have concluded our first survey regarding a uniform review, it has shown that in all areas of our current school uniform, there is a lot of interest for it and some against it.

We are now at the next step in the uniform review process, which is to gather some more information from you. If you could please fill out the attached questionnaire with as much detail as possible and hand back to your child's teacher within the next week, the last date being 30 August 2017. No late questionnaires will be accepted.

Only one questionnaire per household is required to be filled out please.

We would like to stress once again that if a change in uniform was to occur that it is a very long process which also includes a transitional time frame and it will not affect anyone in the near future.

Uniform Committee

**PLAY 2 LEARN- REMINDER - EXCURSION TO TOWN LIBRARY**

This week's Play 2 Learn session has been invited to attend the Town Library to celebrate Book Week. Please meet at the library at 10.15am.

## 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)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Scone Amateur Basketball Association Junior Basketball 2017 Spring Competition

Junior basketball will commence on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 with a "Come & Try" and Registration day at the Scone Basketball Stadium.

5-8 years 4.00-4.50pm

9-11 years 5.00-6.00pm

12-15 years 6.00-7.00pm

5-8 years will be learning drills and skills and will be starting a new program called Aussie Hoops, which each participant will receive a basketball and reversible singlet. Costing will be finalised on Registration Day.

9-11 & 12-15 years will be put into even teams and play in a weekly competition, starting at 5.00pm each Wednesday. Costing is \$90 or \$30 if you registered at the start of year. For more information please phone or message Junior Co-Ordinator, Danielle Brown on 0407157645. Basketball is a great game for everyone. Come and join and have lots of fun with your mates.

## SENSE RUGBY

*Does your child need help to be part of a team or a group?*

Sense Rugby is a rugby based Occupational Therapy program.

We use modified rugby drills to help kids:

- Process sensory information
  - Focus on activities
- Work on their coordination
- Manage their emotions
- Have fun with other kids!

Join our Scone Team for Term 4!

Spaces limited

**When:** Tuesdays at 4-6pm (Group times will be confirmed during registration)

**Dates:** 17th October - 5th December

**Cost:** \$40 per session (FACHSIA/Better Start/NDIS/Medicare/Health Insurance rebates available)

**Where:** Scone Rugby Club, 49 Aberdeen Street

Sessions will be run by local Occupational Therapist - Jemma Smith (Nee Gunn)

Sign up on our website at <http://www.senserugby.com.au/sign-up-here/>

or email [scone@senserugby.com.au](mailto:scone@senserugby.com.au)

### Our Founders

#### Jesse Parahi

Jesse has been a regular fixture in the Rugby Sevens World Series for the past 6 years. He won a bronze medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, participated in the Sevens Rugby World Cup in Moscow and was awarded the 2012 RUPA Rugby sevens excellence award. In 2015, he helped the team qualify for the Olympics in Rio and became an Australian Olympian in 2016.



#### Carlien Parahi

Carlien is an experienced Paediatric Occupational Therapist who spends her days helping children and their families to get to the bottom of learning, developmental and social-emotional delays. She has significant experience in helping parents to understand more about and help children to overcome or improve Sensory Processing Disorders/difficulties, delays in gross motor or fine motor skill development, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Social-emotional difficulties, ADHD and many more. Carlien has a special interest in sport and its therapeutic use. Her empathetic nature and knowledge in child development has helped hundreds of children become more successful at their daily activities.

### GET IN TOUCH

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# CULTURAL SHARING DAY

'Our Languages Matter'

## EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

**Sunday**  
**Sept 3rd 2017**  
**10am - 3pm**

**Location:**  
Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre  
Rutherford Road, Muswellbrook

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**  
Live performance by Buddy Knox,  
Demonstrations and Talk by Pat Collins.  
Wildlife show, Humpy Making, Photo Booth, Plus lost more!!!

**Bring Dad along to Celebrate this Fathers Day!**

## Special Guests:

**Buddy Knox**

**Pat Collins**

Proudly Supported by:

**MACH Energy**  
Mount Pleasant Operation

**Our Languages Matter**  
2-9 JULY 2017

**Pat Collins**  
Total Health & Education Centre



## **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

**SOLD OUT**

**TICKETS**

**\$5.00 EACH**

**TICKETS ON SALE**

**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

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

**UNIFORM REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE – DUE BY 30 AUGUST 2017**

Scone Public School uniform review questionnaire.

1. What part/s of the girl's current summer girl uniform would you like to keep?

2. What part/s of the girl's current summer uniform would you like reviewed?  
What are your suggestions for this review?

3. What part/s of the current girl's winter uniform would you like to keep?

4. What part/s of the current girl's winter uniform would you like reviewed?  
What are your suggestions for this review?

5. What part/s of the current boy's summer uniform would you like to keep?

6. What part/s of the current boy's summer uniform would you like reviewed?  
What are your suggestions for this review?

7. What part/s of the current boy's winter uniform would you like to keep?

8. What part/s of the current boy's winter uniform would you like reviewed?  
What are your suggestions for this review?

9. What part/s of the current sports uniform would you like to keep?

10. What part/s of the current sports uniform would you like reviewed?  
What are your suggestions for this review?