

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 3 Week 7

Tuesday 29 August 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we stop to celebrate Fathers' Day this week, it is a great time to reflect on the vital role that fathers play in their child's lives.

Most people agree that having an involved father has obvious benefits to children. Many of us have either read newspapers or seen TV programs that talk about the clear benefits of fathers being involved in raising a child by providing love, support, and comfort. We can probably also agree that fathers are important because they help to teach children values and lessons in solving the problems they may face. Fathers also serve as role models in their children's lives, affecting how well their children relate to peers and adults outside the home.

It's not that fathers play a more important role than mothers. The point is that having both parents involved in rearing their child has some obvious, and some maybe not-so-obvious, benefits for the child, the family, and for fathers themselves. Here are some interesting points from recent research.

- Children whose fathers are involved in rearing them ("sensitive and responsive fathering") fare better on cognitive tests and in language ability than those with less responsive or involved fathers.
- Improved cognitive abilities are associated with higher educational achievement. In fact, fathers who are involved in their children's schools and academic achievement, regardless of their own educational level, are increasing the chances their child will graduate from high school, and perhaps go to vocational school, or even to university.
- A fathers' involvement in children's school activities protects at-risk children from failing or dropping out.
- Positive father involvement decreased boys' problem behaviours (especially boys with more challenging temperaments) and better mental health for girls.
- Fathers who are more involved with their children tend to raise children who experience more success in their career.
- Fathers being involved in their children's lives protects against risk factors that pose harm for children (such as problematic behaviour, maternal depression and family economic hardship).
- Father involvement is associated with promoting children's social and language skills.
- Involved fathering is related to lower rates of child problem behaviours, including hyperactivity, as well as reduced teen violence, delinquency, and other problems with the law.

Happy Fathers' Day to all our wonderful dads!

Deborah Fisher
Principal

VALUE OF THE WEEK: COOPERATION
SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: BE SAFE

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Wednesday 30 August

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31 August

Father's Day Stall

Year 6 Orientation SHS

Tuesday 5 September

McDonalds fundraising evening 5-7pm

Touch Footy Gala Day
Years 3/4

Friday 22 September

Deposit Due Canberra



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 3 Week 7

28 Aug Rachael J

29 Aug Rachael J

30 Aug Rachael J

31 Aug Peta H

1 Sept Sarah B

Sharon C

Term 3 Week 8

4 Sept Rachael J

5 Sept Rachael J

6 Sept Rachael J

7 Sept Emma O

8 Sept Wendy J

Krichelle K

ASSEMBLIES:

12.10PM K-2

2PM Years 3-6

MAYOR FOR A DAY

Two of our students were selected to attend "Mayor For A Day" at the Upper Hunter Shire Council. Indylee was awarded a medal for her postcard that she created. Shakira received a medal for being selected as Scone Public School's winner. Both girls attended a ceremony yesterday at the Council buildings and had a chance to sit in the Mayor's seat.



Indylee 4DJ



Shakira 5/6L

BEEF BONANZA TRAINING

Beef Bonanza training has begun for our 2017 Cattle Team. Every Monday the Team meets at Scone High School to learn from Mr Newling and other students the skills required for the Beef Bonanza Event held in October over 3 days. The Team is learning how to put halters on, leading, washing and grooming our steer "Static".





ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS FOR 2017

There was much excitement as this year's Athletics champions were presented with their trophies for 2017. The winning sport house for this year was Meekah. The winners were:

Senior Girls Champion - Caitlin C 6S

Senior Boys Champion - Nikoli T 6S

Girls 11 Year Champion - Eleanor W 5/6L

Boys 11 Year Champion (Joint) - Josh S 5M and Jack F 5/6L (absent)

Junior Girls Champion – Sophie E 4C

Junior Boys Champion – Steven A 4P

BURNING MOUNTAIN NATURE RESERVE EXCURSION

On Monday 14 August, Stage 2 went on an adventurous excursion to Burning Mountain Nature Reserve. With great weather, we met up with three Rangers Mel, Garry and Sue from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The Rangers shared their knowledge of the Wingen Maid, ochre, animals and the burning mountain coal seam and its effect on the environment. Staff and students had a great time, even when the brown snake appeared on the footpath!



Burning Mountain is full of surprises like powdered ochre and Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. Ranger Garry told us that there is a fire underneath Burning Mountain that cannot be put out. He also told us how to find gold on the river banks near trees.

Ben 4P

On Monday Stage 2 went to Burning Mountain. I liked the view but it was a long walk. Did you know that Russia has the largest collection of Aboriginal artefacts? It was fun and I would definitely go again.

Hass 4DJ

On Monday, Stage 2 went to Burning Mountain Nature Reserve. It was amazing to hear all its history about it burning for thousands of years. It was cool to see a goanna climb up a tree.

Jai 4C

AFTERNOON CONCERT WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Our concert will be held in Week 9 of this term. There will be three shows at the following times:

- Wednesday 13 September at 4pm
- Thursday 14 September 12noon
- Thursday 14 September 6.30pm

This year we have changed the concert structure to include an afternoon show in place of another evening performance. Due to the timing students will stay at school after 3.15pm to prepare for the performance on **Wednesday 13 September** at 4pm. Students will have an afternoon tea break at 3pm before returning to holding rooms in preparation for the concert. Students are required to bring extra food and water for this break.

Students will be fully supervised from 3.15pm to the end of the concert by our teaching staff.

A purple note has been sent home. Please sign the note and return to your child's class teacher to acknowledge that you understand the arrangements for this performance.

SUCCESSFUL DAFFODILL DAY FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to all the staff and students who purchased items to help raise funds for cancer awareness. The school raised just over \$850. A wonderful effort by all. Thank you to Cath Coady for organising the merchandise and Lizz Hickey and Maree Laurie for assisting at the school.

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 and only a few tickets are available for the Wednesday 4pm. Our Thursday 12pm matinee show still has seats available.

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.

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.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kid's Club will not be on this term. Kid's Club will recommence in the fourth term on Monday 13 November.

Scone Amateur Basketball Association Junior Basketball 2017 Spring Competition

Junior basketball will commence on Wednesday 23 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

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!!!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Live performance by Buddy Knox,
- Demonstrations and Talk by Pat Collins.
- Wildlife show, Humpy Making, Photo Booth, Plus lots more!!!

Bring Dad along to Celebrate this Fathers Day!

Special Guests:

Location:
Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre
Rutherford Road, Muswellbrook

Sunday Sept 3rd 2017
10am - 3pm

Proudly Supported by:

Mount Pleasant Operation
"Strapping the Community Together!"
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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

13TH SEPTEMBER - 4pm start

THURSDAY MATINEE

14TH SEPTEMBER - 12pm start

THURSDAY NIGHT

14TH SEP 6:30pm start

SOLD OUT

TICKETS

\$5.00 EACH

TICKETS ON SALE

MONDAY 14th 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?