

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 1 Week 7

Tuesday 13 March 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last Friday, our Year 6 students had their first high school orientation day at Scone High School. They experienced different lessons and were introduced to many of the teachers and staff at SHS. We are always thankful to the high school for providing these transition experiences to prepare our students for their next educational journey.

This week our student leaders travelled to Sydney to participate in the Halogen Leaders Conference at Darling Harbour. We have an enthusiastic group of students who are preparing themselves for the leadership challenges that they will encounter throughout the year. Already our SRC have collated the data from surveying the students regarding the Sports Uniform changes and have been busy organising anti-bullying initiatives and Epilepsy awareness campaigns. Great work, leaders!

**Deborah Fisher**  
Principal

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

## BLANDFORD HORSE SPORTS

On Friday 2 March Blandford Public School P&C held a very successful Horse Sports event, with four students from SPS attending - Bella, Olivia, Sarah and Tahlia.

Everyone had a great day earning ribbons and showing great ability in both the Hack and Sporting Classes.

Taihla was named the 11-year Reserve Champion. A big thank you to all parents who helped on the day.

Congratulations girls! You showed great sportsmanship and represented your school with pride.

Mrs Cheshire

*"I had a great day. My favourite event was the Diamond Flag!"*

Sarah 5S



Bella and Migs



Taihla

## DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

### Tuesday 13 Mar

Pink Day "Say no to bullying"

P and C meeting 6pm

### Friday 16 Mar

2pm Swimming

Presentation

UNSW Competitions closing date

### Monday 19 Mar

Parent /Teacher Interviews

Commence

### Monday 26 Mar

School Photo Day

### Tuesday 27 Mar

Purple Day Epilepsy Awareness

### Thursday 29 Mar

Grandparents Day

### Friday 13 April

Canberra Instalment

Due \$125



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Term 1 Week 7

12 Mar Rachael J

13 Mar Rachael J

14 Mar Rachael J

15 Mar Amanda R

16 Mar Louise J

Sasha G

### Term 1 Week 8

19 Mar Rachael J

20 Mar Rachael J

21 Mar Rachael J

22 Mar Emma O

23 Mar Brooke Mc

Priscilla R

## ASSEMBLY TIMES:

12.10PM K –Yr 2

2.00PM Yrs 3-6



Sarah and Moon shadow



Olivia and Blondie



### 2018 BUSINESS HOUSE RELAY

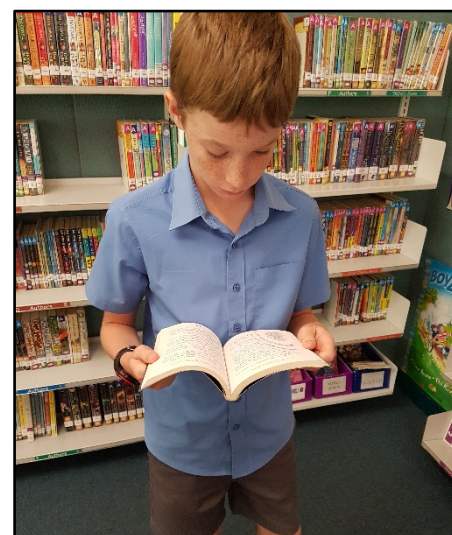
Last Friday 2 March SPS students competed in the Business House Relay swimming event. The team consisted of Alex B (6D), Lauren S (5S), Laura B (4S), Hannah B (2W), Charlie S (4G) and Jackson S (6A). The students enjoyed their swim and had a great time competing in their heat.

*"It was a fun and entertaining time" Jackson 6A*

### LIBRARY NEWS – CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Clayton A (5M) for achieving success in completing the Premier Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2018. The first at SPS to do so. Students in Years 3 – 6 are required to read 20 PRC books by the middle of August. Students record their books on a sheet in the library and when time permits enter them online on the PRC website. Again congratulations to Clayton – your love of reading will take you places on your life's journey.

Karen Marshall  
Teacher Librarian



### "SAY NO TO BULLYING" - PINK DAY TUESDAY

The Youth Council are organising our "Say No To Bullying" Day (Pink Day) on **Tuesday, 13 March**. Children are invited to wear a little bit of **pink** eg: pink ribbon around your wrist, pink hair accessories etc. with their normal school uniform.

### CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

One of our favourite times of year is when we get to celebrate Grandparents Day. Grandparents play such a special role in our lives and we love having you visit us at school to share our learning journey with you. An invitation with details is attached to this week's newsletter. Hope to see you at Scone Public School on Thursday 29 March.



**PICK UP DROP OFF ZONE**

As a result of safety concerns we have put in place a procedure to ensure students being collected from the Pick Up Drop Off Zone exit the school in a safe and orderly fashion.

Students will line up under our COLA area with the teachers on duty and walk down to the Hill Street gate ready to be escorted to the Pick Up zone. We ask that parents show patience and respect that teachers are doing their best to ensure the safety of all children.

**SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES TO ARRIVE SHORTLY**

School Photo Day is **Monday, 26 March**. Have your child's school memories captured forever. Please ensure your child is dressed in full summer uniform and looking smart!

Helpful hints:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on the day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Orders Online by credit card / debit card

For any enquiries, please contact us on: [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) Tel: 02 4966 8292.

**STAGE 2 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP EXCURSION**

On Wednesday 26 September until Friday 28 September, Years 3 and 4 will be attending The Great Aussie Bush Camp. The cost of this excursion is \$302. This amount covers accommodation, food, coach transport and venue activities. A permission slip and deposit of \$100 is to be returned and paid by Friday 23 March to the class teacher. This includes the non-refundable bus component of the excursion. The remaining instalments will be \$101 each. Payments can begin now to ensure that no student misses out due to financial difficulties. Please note, that due to the booking timeframe, if instalments are not paid on the due date we cannot guarantee your child a place on the excursion.

Mrs L. Leman, Mrs N. Borg, Miss S. Smith,  
Mr B. Garland and Ms K. Mateer  
Classroom Teachers

**UNIFORM REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE**

The uniform review sub-committee will meet on Tuesday 13 March at 5pm (before the P and C Meeting at 6pm) in the school library. All interested members are welcome to attend.

**STEWART HOUSE- DONATION DRIVE**

This week you will receive a Stewart House Donation Drive Envelope. We encourage families to support this initiative that has directly supported many of our SPS students over the years.

Each year 1,800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for eight days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.

Please return your envelope (with or without a donation) by Tuesday 10 April.

**SPS P AND C NEED HELPERS AT WARBIRDS**

Our P and C will be holding a BBQ and cake stall at the Warbirds to raise funds for our school. The day will run from 9am to 4pm on Sunday 25 March and any help would be wonderful especially over the busy lunchtime rush. Any donations of cakes, slices or biscuits would also be appreciated. If you could help out leave your name and contact number at the office or make contact via the P and C facebook page. Thanking you in anticipation.

SPS P and C Committee

### 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.

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

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. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our 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 12 March and 13 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers 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 by **Friday 16 March, 2018**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

### NDIS SCHOOL PROCESS FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT DURING SCHOOL HOURS

We have had a number of service providers, (eg. Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Counselling Services) contacting the school to organise a time to provide support or therapy to students in the school setting. As a result of this influx and demand our school has set up the following procedures to ensure the safety and clear communication of expectations to any parent requiring a service provision in the school.

1. The parent is to make the first contact with the school to outline who will be providing a service to their child and the nature of this service (Documented request see Appendix 6 Request for service provision to be conducted during school hours).
2. Meeting with parent and school staff (Principal or Deputy Principal) to establish whether a service provider should provide a service within the school setting. This decision takes into consideration the individual circumstances of the student or group of students and wider needs of the school.
3. The service provider must enter into an Engagement Agreement (Appendix 5).
4. The service provider must provide the school with appropriate Working With Children Check (WWCC) documentation prior to starting their service at the school.
5. The service provider must undergo an induction at the school prior to commencing services.
6. The school has the responsibility to review the service provision and withdraw external provider access if it is no longer in the student's educational interest or it has adverse consequences for other students, staff or the general running of the school. This will be communicated to the parents and carers.

### SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Term two is fast approaching and all students are required to wear winter uniform for terms two and three. Please see the uniform shop ASAP if you require any additional uniform. Enquiries can be made by emailing [spsuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:spsuniforms@gmail.com) or TXT 0409 453 500.

Deb Potter  
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator



### HELP NEEDED....

There are several boxes of Coles – Sports for Schools vouchers in the office that need counting. Please feel free to come and grab a box. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Vicky Schofield



**SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL**



**YEARS 3 - 6**

**DISCO**

**WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL**  
**6.00—8.00 PM**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL**



Admission \$5 per child or \$10 Family 2+ Kids - pay at the door.  
Please assist by having the correct change.  
Drinks and canteen snacks may be purchased throughout the evening.

*Children should be suitably attired in smart clothes.  
(no hats, hoods, thongs, sunglasses or chains)  
They should arrive at the social no earlier than 6.00pm.  
Parents are asked to pick their children up promptly at 8.00pm.  
No child will be permitted to walk home unaccompanied from the Disco.*

**This is a children's only disco, fully supervised by staff.**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**SCONE JUNIOR BASKETBALL** Come and Try / Registration Information Day. All registrations will be done online this year. Parents can come and see if their child is interested in basketball or just put their child's name down on the list for their age group. 5-8 years Wednesday 14th March 5.00 till 6.00pm (Cost is \$40 for a 10 week program of drills and skills which will be 4.00-4.45 Wednesdays)  
9-11 years Wednesday 14th March 5.00 till 6.00pm (Cost is New Rego \$70 or \$30 if you registered last year. Games will be played each Wednesday starting at 5.00pm) 12-15 years Tuesday 13th March 5.30 till 6.30pm (Cost is New Rego \$70 or \$30 if you registered last year. Games will be played each Tuesday starting at 5.00pm). Parents need to be aware that if you sign your child up to play basketball your participation in helping score, getting teams ready, coaching, is necessary for the competition to succeed. Any questions please ring Danielle Brown on 0407 157 645.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC CALENDAR FOR 2019 COMPETITION

For 2018, the Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, was pleased to produce a photographic calendar depicting the wonderful and diverse landscapes that make up the Electorate of New England.

Again, an opportunity is being provided for young photographers from around the electorate to submit an image that depicts the new theme for 2019 – "Faces of New England". Images need to reflect the "Faces of New England" theme and are to have been captured in the New England area in the past 12 months. Please ensure the images are high resolution JPG format in **landscape** orientation only. Entries can either be emailed to the Tamworth Electorate office or saved on a flash drive and posted to the Tamworth Electorate office. Entries for the calendar competition close at 5pm on 31 July 2018. For more information contact the Tamworth Electoral office on 6761 3080 or email Barnaby. Joyce.MP@aph.gov.au.

**SCONE AND DISTRICT NETBALL REGISTRATIONS:** Registrations are now open for Junior and Senior Saturday Netball Competitions. They will close on Saturday 24 March. To register go to <http://sconena.nsw.netball.com.au/>, click on one of the buttons on the bottom of the home page screen. Blue 'NetSetGo' for 5-9 year olds and Green 'Register Now' button for 10+ years. Please note all 10 year olds will register as a junior player this year. The Registration prices for this year are as follows:  
5-6 Year olds NetSetGo - Net \$70 7-8 Year olds NetSetGo - Set \$85 includes uniform hire.

9 year olds NetSetGo - Go \$85 includes uniform hire. 10-13 year olds Junior \$125 includes uniform hire. 14-17 Intermediate \$110 18+ Seniors \$155. REMINDER: If you wish to use your Active Kids voucher, you will need to enter the voucher number at the time of check-out to receive your discount. To get a voucher you will need to go to the following link.  
<https://my.service.nsw.gov.au/MyService/ActiveKidsVoucherRequest> Any questions please contact the Association on [sconenetball@outlook.com](mailto:sconenetball@outlook.com). Or call Nat Smith on phone 0428329469.

**SCONE FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB INC** for players 5-16 years played in Scone Saturday mornings. Registrations CLOSE on Saturday March 24. No registrations will be taken after this date. Active Kids voucher for \$100 can be used towards rego, apply at [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au) before you register for soccer. Register for our club at [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au) please ensure you answer all additional questions. Team lists & draw emailed out late April then Comp Starts 5th MAY. We are also urgently seeking some players turning 13 or 14 this year to play in our U14's Interdistrict team (starting April 28, play 7 games at Scone, & 7 away at Newcastle/Lake MacQuarie or Hunter Valley venues, including some school holidays). To join this interdistrict team please choose the "interdistrict 12-16yrs" option.



*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 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 future planning into Aboriginal Education in our school.

Please join us for a yarn and a cuppa.

Scone Public School  
Aboriginal Education team.

RSVP: April Cox on 65451049 or email: [april.cox1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:april.cox1@det.nsw.edu.au)

You are invited to;  
**SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

Thursday 29 March 2018

**PROGRAM**

10.00am – 10.15am Welcome in  
Hall

10.15am – 10.45am Classroom  
Visits

10.45am – 11.00am Shared  
Reading

11.00am – 12.00pm Picnic Lunch  
(BYO)

**Invitation  
COME AND TRY GUIDING**

*On Thursday 22nd March,*

representatives from Girl Guides will be visiting Scone Public School to introduce you to the Australian Guide Program.

The visit will occur following school from

*3:25 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

The Australian Guide Program, for girls aged 7-18, aims to provide girls and young women with opportunities to develop as individuals and as responsible community members through a wide program of activities. There are lots of after school activities available for girls, but Girl Guides offers girls something unique: access to a great variety of activities throughout the year, all geared towards helping your daughter become a strong, confident, well-rounded young woman.

A light afternoon snack and refreshments will be provided.

*To assist with catering and activities please return the tear-off slip below to your school by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March or message Sally on 0438 434 115.*

We look forward to meeting with you and your daughter to discover Guiding.

My daughter \_\_\_\_\_ and I, are interested in attending the *Come and Try Guiding* event on Thursday 22 March at Scone Public School, Scone.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to attend, but would like more information please provide your email: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE UPPER HUNTER  
MOONAN MUMMERS INC.**

*2018 Theatre Restaurant Production*



A Two Act Comedy

By Devon Williamson

Presented by arrangement with

David Spicer Productions

[www.davidspicer.com.au](http://www.davidspicer.com.au)



**SHOW NIGHTS:**



**6th and 7th of April**

**20th and 21st of April**

*Soldier's Memorial Hall, Moonan Flat*

Bookings Open Strictly after 8am on Monday 5th of March

Dinner & Show \$45.00

Bus from Scone \$20.00

Phone:- Pauline 65 461 176



## Upper Hunter AECG

### Invitation

*Please come along to and join us for  
Upper Hunter AECG meeting for 2018*

**When: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**Where: Muswellbrook High School**

**‘The Hub’**

**Time: 4pm**

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*Our AECG's focus is on communities having input into Aboriginal Education.  
We strive to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education &  
Training for the positive effect this can have on our students.*

To find out further information or to RSVP please contact

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