

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 1 Week 10

Tuesday 3 April 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week we celebrated our wonderful grandparents and the important role they play in our lives. We received such lovely feedback from everyone about how special this day was for both the grandparents and their grandchildren. This is one of the best attended events throughout the year.

This week we will be celebrating many forms of poetry and how it is a literature form to entertain, retell stories and share thoughts, emotions and messages. Poetry also gives our students an opportunity to build their confidence in speaking in front of others. Please join us on Wednesday to watch our students.

Deborah Fisher
Principal

VALUE OF THE WEEK: COMPASSION AND CARING
SCHOOL RULE FOCUS: BE RESPECTFUL

SRC EASTER RAFFLE

Over the last two weeks our SRC members have been selling raffle tickets to raise money for our local farmers in drought. We are delighted to announce that we raised **\$941!!** This money will be donated to "Buy a Bale". To access this support please go to the following website. <https://www.buyabale.com.au/can-we-help-you>

Thank you so very much to everyone who bought raffle tickets and to everyone who donated Easter eggs. We were able to make up lots of lovely bright and colourful Easter baskets! Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Our Winners were:

Lily (KW), Lucas (KW), Josh (6D), Tyson (KH), Lauren (5S), Bridget (2W), Mikayla (3B), Campbell (5/6L), Maddy (5M), Nathaniel (KR), Alex (6D), Laura (4S), Hannah (2W), Will (KH), Jaxon (5M), Emily (1T), Cooper (2H), Chloe (5M), Cooper (KH) and Lorelai (3B). Two of our grandparents who bought tickets on Grandparent's Day were lucky enough to win an Easter basket as was our cleaner, Jean.



DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Tuesday 3 April
P & C Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 4 Apr
Poetry Competition
SRC Disco Years 3 to 6
Friday 13 April
Cross Country
Canberra Instalment
Due \$125
Monday 30 April
Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 8 May
P & C Meeting 6pm



CANTEEN ROSTER

Term1 Week 10
2 Apr Easter Monday
3 Apr Rachael J
4 Apr Rachael J
5 Apr Callie B
6 Apr Gemma A

Term 1 Week 11
9 Apr Rachael J
10 Apr Rachael J
11 Apr Rachael J
12 Apr Loretta G
13 Apr Leanne D
Wendy P

ASSEMBLY TIMES:

12.10PM K- Year 2

2.00PM Yrs 3-6

Kimberly Russ
SRC Convenor

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

PBL is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It was developed in America approximately 15 years ago and is now being implemented in more than 50% of DET schools across NSW. Scone Public is lucky enough to be implementing this program across the entire school. PBL is not a curriculum but rather a set of systems and practices. It will be driven and monitored by the Scone Public staff. It is data based and focuses on monitoring and rewarding positive schoolyard behaviours. These positive behaviours are identified and critically taught in line with Scone Public's school expectations. PBL is about preventing unwanted behaviours and being proactive about teaching, and students learning about acceptable playground practices.

Each class at Scone Public will be explicitly taught the correct behaviours in each area of the school. Students will then be positively rewarded for exhibiting the correct behaviour on the playground. This promotes positive feelings and thoughts about their behaviour rather than focusing on student's 'unwanted' behaviours.

This week we are requesting your input into developing three school expectations. A separate note has been sent home with the eldest child. Please remember our aim is to provide a safe and positive environment for your child/ren. Forms need to be returned by Friday 6 April.

Vicky Schofield
PBL Facilitator

POETRY COMPETITION

Please come along to view our 2018 Youth Poetry Competition

Date – Wednesday 4th April

Venue – School hall

The day will run as follows; **Infant's Competition** will begin at 9:30am sharp in the following order;

Stage One classes perform, followed by Early Stage One classes, then Individual Infants children's recitations will occur.

10:30am approximately, will see the start of the **Primary Program**.

Stage Two group performances will be presented followed by Stage Two individual recitations.

Lunch break 11:15-12:00noon. **Stage Three individual and group performances.**

Primary classes present their choral speaking pieces. Winners will be announced at the end of each section.

These times are only a guide. Please come along if you can to view a very special annual event in our school.

I look forward to a very successful day of young performers dazzling us with their talents!

Nicole Borg

COLES VOUCHERS

Thank you to the community members who have helped count the Coles Sports Vouchers. As of last week, we had over 50 000 points to spend. As this has now finished can everyone please make sure that all vouchers are sent in this week.

HOCKEY

Congratulations to Ozzie for being selected into the Hunter Boys Hockey team. In June he will travel to Narellan and play in the State Cup.

SPORT TERM 2

Athletics will continue to be Stage 2 and 3 sport until Week 5. As we are moving into cooler weather, sport will be between 12 and 1:30pm. Students will be walking to Bill Rose Complex at this time. Students who have music lessons at this time are advised to talk to the Conservatorium or they will remain at school with high jump students.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country will be held Friday 13 April. Students will leave the school at 9.30am and walk to Bill rose to begin their race. The race is for 8 year olds and above. Parents are welcome to attend to cheer their child on.

Vicky Schofield
Sports Coordinator

BAND TRY OUTS

The Upper Hunter Conservatorium of music will be available to show students the different instruments required for the school band and give those interested students the opportunity to try them out. Try outs will be held during lunch break on Wednesday 11 April. Students must return the permission form that can be collected from their class teachers.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Anzac Day is fast approaching. Once again we ask that all students represent our school by marching in the Anzac Day March on Wednesday 25 April.

Students will need to meet in front of the Red Cross building by 10.30am. The march steps off at 10.45am. The Anzac Commemoration Service in Kelly Street at the War Memorial, outside Barwick House will commence at 11.00am. At the end of the service students can be collected from outside Millers clothing shop.

All students will need to be dressed in full summer uniform including hats. Students who have medals from grandparents or other relatives may wear these on the right hand side of their chest. Students should also carry a small bottle of water with them so that they remain hydrated during the service. We have found in previous years that heat has been an issue.

In previous years many of our students have shown an interest in attending the Dawn Service. For those students interested in attending this service it will be held at the Scone War Memorial Swimming Pool commencing at 6.00am.

We look forward to a large number of students participating on this important day. Our Year 5 students may use this community event as part of their leadership portfolio.

Our school Anzac Service will be held early in Term 2.

SCONE CUP HALF-DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY- FRIDAY 11 MAY 2018

The following schools will be sending this information to parents also; Scone High School, Scone Public School, Aberdeen Public School, Murrurundi Public School, Blandford Public School, Belltrees Public School and Ellerston Public School.

The Upper Hunter Shire Council has applied for, and successfully been granted that Friday May 11 be gazetted as a half day local public holiday from 12.00pm.

After consultation with the Department of Education Industrial Relations Department and the Director of Public Schools – Wollemi Cluster, schools in the area below will be adhering to this ruling.

Friday, 11 May 2018 Half-day from 12 midday	Towns of Aberdeen, Blandford, Bunnan, Ellerston, Gundy, Moonan Brook, Moonan Flat, Murrurundi, Parkville, Scone, Rouchel, Timor and Wingen within the Upper Hunter Shire Council area
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These are the designated areas included in this declared public holiday. Please refer to this site for more information, if needed:

http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au/oirwww/NSW_public_holidays/2018_Local_Public_Holidays_in_NSW.page

I have communicated this to all of the bus companies who service this school, and they have advised me that they will be completing their normal schedules for this day i.e. picking up at school as normal at 3.15pm. There will be no teachers at school at this time to supervise the buses. The buses will not be picking up at 12pm. Please contact your individual bus company if you have any further questions regarding bus pick-up times. Howards 6546 6178, Osborns 6543 3041 and Cumberlands 6545 2110.

This school will operate as usual from 8.45am until 12.00pm. At this time, all staff will complete their duties and commence the local public holiday. From this time onwards, the school will be closed. Lunch begins at 11.15am and students can be picked up and signed out from this time onwards. Please complete note sent home and return it to your child's class teacher by Tuesday 1 May so that we can ensure this information has been received and that the school is aware of individual arrangements for your child.

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.

P & C NEWS

What an amazing day Grandparents Day was! With the help of our volunteers and the amazing Mrs Sarah Ashford, the P&C raised another \$500 that will be going towards back playground equipment and improvements! Photographs taken by Mrs Ashford are in the editing process, and those who purchased one will be notified when they are ready for collection!

A huge thank you to Dimmock's Meats who donated the use of their cool room to the Warbirds Over Scone fundraising event! Without the use of this, the P&C would have had to have used eskies and purchased ice, which would have significantly cut into any profits from the day. The P&C have an amazing relationship with Dimmock's, as they supply all of the meat for all of our fundraising efforts! Their sausages are amazing, and that was proved by the amount of people who enjoyed a sausage at Warbirds. Thank you Dimmock's!

Also, a huge thank you to the Davis family for the donation of their large marquee for use on the day. It was a very hot day, and the shade provided by the marquee was essential to the day.

P & C Committee

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

You would have received 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.

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 (this includes 100 points of ID) 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.



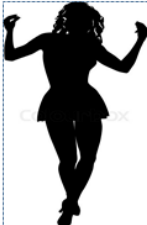
SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

ANZAC DAY 2018 The program for the day is as follows: 6am Dawn Service at War Memorial Scone Pool, 9am March and Service at Gundy, 10.30am Assembly in Kelly Street –adjacent to Red Cross Centre, 10.45am March steps off, 11.00am Anzac Commemorative Service at the war Memorial outside Barwick House.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP

REGIONAL ARTS NSW
NSW GOVERNMENT
Country Arts Support Program

Upper Hunter Youth Council presents

"MAKE IT BIG" ART WORKSHOP
23-24 APRIL @ SCONE YOUTH CENTRE

Work with prominent Hunter Region artist Ken O'Regan to construct horse sculptures from recycled materials. Completed artworks will be exhibited during Scone Horse Festival in May.

Ken O'Regan has created many successful workshops for children that combine art education with waste reduction and recycling message.

Got a question?
Call Melissa Brown, 0428 971 208 or Mary Spira, 0439 090 891 or ask us on Facebook [facebook.com/sconejuvcentre](https://www.facebook.com/sconejuvcentre). Workshop confirmation and details will be emailed to all fully booked students.

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!
Numbers are limited!
Only \$20 for both days
Includes morning tea and lunch
Download a booking form from www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or pick one up from your nearest Upper Hunter Council office, library or youth centre during business hours.

RSVP by Friday 13 April
Return your completed form in person or via email by Friday 13 April 2018.
youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

FOLLOW YOUR LOCAL YOUTH CENTRE FOR THE LATEST EVENTS AND INFORMATION
Scone Youth Centre: 105 Susan St, Scone

Instagram @uhc_youth_centres
Facebook @Merrimouth @Murrumbidgee @sconejuvcentre @upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL
youth council



A FREE seminar for Upper Hunter Shire parents, caregivers, teachers and early childhood educators on the importance of preparing children for school and how we best support this transition.

GUEST SPEAKER: Clinical Psychologist, John Waring
PRESENTERS: Occupational Therapist, Janet Brown, Speech Pathologists Almee Robinson, Marilyn Palmer and Sarah Langtry.

PLUS: Local infants' school teachers and early childhood educators will be available to answer your questions. Local primary schools, Family Support, and Family Insight will be holding stalls.

FREE EVENT

5:30-8:30pm
Thursday 5 April
Upper Hunter Shire Council
Administrative Centre,
Liverpool St, Scone

Bookings Essential
Email: info@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
Ph: 6540 1151

PICK UP A BROCHURE FOR FULL DETAILS



GIRL GUIDES

meet in your area!

Are you between 5 & 18 years old.

Come and join in the fun,

make new friends and learn skills for life!



For enquiries about joining, please contact:

Sandra Hebert

ph: 49301780 or 0418 160 402

email: HERBSHAVEN@bigpond.com

For more information about Girl Guides visit:

www.girlguides-nswact.org.au



UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL

Scone Athletics Club Fun Run

Sunday 8th April 2018

2km walk/run 5km walk/run

START AND FINISH: Bill Rose Sporting Complex

REGISTRATION: 9am **START TIME:** 10am

COST: \$10 child, \$20 adult, \$50 family entry

Enter on the day. Registration forms can be collected from Scone Sports Store or Upper Hunter Shire Council's Scone Office. For more information or to have an entry form emailed please contact Nicky Western on 0414 806 074.

Organised by Scone Amateur Athletics Club on behalf of
Upper Hunter Shire Council