

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 8

Tuesday 11 September 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week we celebrated SASS Week. This was a great way to acknowledge our wonderful office staff, general assistants and school learning support officers who support our teachers and school. We are very lucky to have dedicated and enthusiastic SASS staff at SPS. They always go above and beyond for our students making a difference for the children they work with.

This week the warmer weather is predicted to begin and students may wish to transition to the summer uniform. I encourage parents to check all belongings have names clearly written on them, particularly jumpers, as students often shed these as they become warmer throughout the day.

New policy changes across the Department of Education in regards to uniforms has meant that girls need to be given an option to wear shorts and that uniforms should allow for full physical movement to participate in sport across the school week. As a result, all students will be able to wear the sports uniform (including the new sport shirts that have just arrived in at the uniform shop) throughout the week, if they are to participate in their weekly fitness and sport. Our formal uniform options are still required for formal occasions such as Presentation Day, school representation, ANZAC Day March and other such events. The Uniform Review Committee is currently investigating formal shorts options for girls and reviewed the sport shorts to have a more consistent look for this uniform option.

**Deborah Fisher**  
Principal

### PBL EXPECTATION: BE RESPONSIBLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE WE:

- **MAKE SAFE CHOICES**
- **ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME DOING THE RIGHT THING**
- **ARE TRUSTWORTHY AND HONEST**

### LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION - CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

Last week a selection of Stage 3 students went to the Upper Hunter Creative Arts Camp (UHCAC). The different art forms were Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts. I thoroughly enjoyed the dance workshops. We learnt a contemporary dance and a Jazz dance that we showcased in the finale on the last day.

Emma K 6A

At the Myuna Bay Creative Arts Camp I was part of the percussion ensemble. We had the opportunity to play on drums and xylophones and had a lot of fun. We were tasked with the challenge to make up our own solos. There was also other areas you could go in such as instrument ensemble, singing, dance, drama and visual arts. I also learnt a lot of new things at the camp and I thoroughly suggest to do it when you're in Year 5 and 6.

Matt B 5/6L

On Monday I travelled to Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. I went there for drama. The first day we learnt all about the factors of drama and we had to do a nature walk. On Tuesday we started doing our rotations. Our first rotation was

### DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

#### Wednesday 12 Sept

Touch Footy Gala Day

#### Friday 14 Sept

Year 2 Total Excursion

#### Tuesday 18 Sept

Rewards Day

#### Thursday 20 Sept

Year 6 Mini Fete

#### Friday 21 Sept

Sleeping Beauty Alpha Show

#### Monday 24 Sept

Interrelate session

#### Tuesday 25 Sept

P & C Meeting 6pm

#### Wed 26 – Fri 28 Sept

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp



### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3

#### Week 8

10 Sept Rachael J

11 Sept Rachael J

12 Sept Rachael J

13 Sept Loretta G

14 Sept Louise J

#### Week 9

17 Sept Rachael J

18 Sept Rachael J

19 Sept Rachael J

20 Sept Sharon G

21 Sept Kylie S

Sarah B

### ASSEMBLY TIMES:

**12.10pm Years K-2**  
**Item 1T**

**9.30am Years 3-6**

dance and we learnt our part in the final dance. On Wednesday we did music. We did vocal and we got to play with boom whackers. On Thursday we did art and we got to do Mandala rock. On Friday we got our play together. I liked our play because it had a twist – the princess saves the prince. At the end of the concert we did a finale to “Come Alive” from the Greatest Showman. It was really fun and I would love to go next year.

Hallie C 5S

Last week we had the opportunity to go to the HCAC at Myuna Bay. Sophie and I got nominated for dance. Throughout the week we learnt two dance pieces – a Jazz and a Modern piece. We also learnt about the elements of dance and locomotor and non-locomotor. We got into small groups of six to eight people and came up with 32 counts of Modern and Jazz. We made two pieces out of those 32 counts. By Thursday we had two dances polished and clean. As well as dancing we also had the time to make new friends and practice other art forms. We both had an amazing experience and hope we can go next year.

Eloise F and Sophie H 5S

### **DO YOU HAVE ASTHMA?**

If your child has been diagnosed with Asthma or is having issues due to the change of season, please ensure any Asthma Action Plans or medication changes are communicated to the school office. We are currently reviewing our procedures for Asthma. Your assistance with this matter will ensure all children's needs are catered for.

### **“OBSTACOOOL” IS COMING FOR REWARDS DAY**

Our Obstacool Rewards Day is quickly approaching. Students will be bringing their notes home on Friday to indicate their inclusion in this event. Please ensure you return the notes on Monday for their participation in the Obstacool Rewards Day on Tuesday 18 September. Well done to all those students who will be participating, your great behaviour and attendance helps to make our school such a wonderful place to teach and learn.



### **ALPHA SHOW REMINDER**

The fabulous ALPHA show, “Sleeping Beauty”, is coming to our school on Friday 21 September 2018. Make sure you don't miss out on this great experience. If you haven't already sent in your permission note and \$10, please do so as soon as possible.

### **YEAR SIX MINI FETE**

The Year 6 Mini Fete is on Thursday 20 September. Year 6 students will be organising and running stalls and activities such as a haunted hall, cake stall, hair spraying, face painting and many more. All students in Kindergarten to Year 5 will be attending from 12:00 – 1:30pm and are invited to bring along some money to spend at the stalls (stall prices range from \$1 to \$2). All proceeds go towards a gift to the school from the graduating Year 6 classes. All students may wear mufti for a gold coin.

Thank you for your support.  
Year 6 Teachers

### TERM 4 K-2 ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE

The time of the weekly K-2 Assembly will be changing from Friday 19 October (Week1 Term 4). K-2 Assembly will commence at 1.00pm each Friday and conclude at 1.30pm.

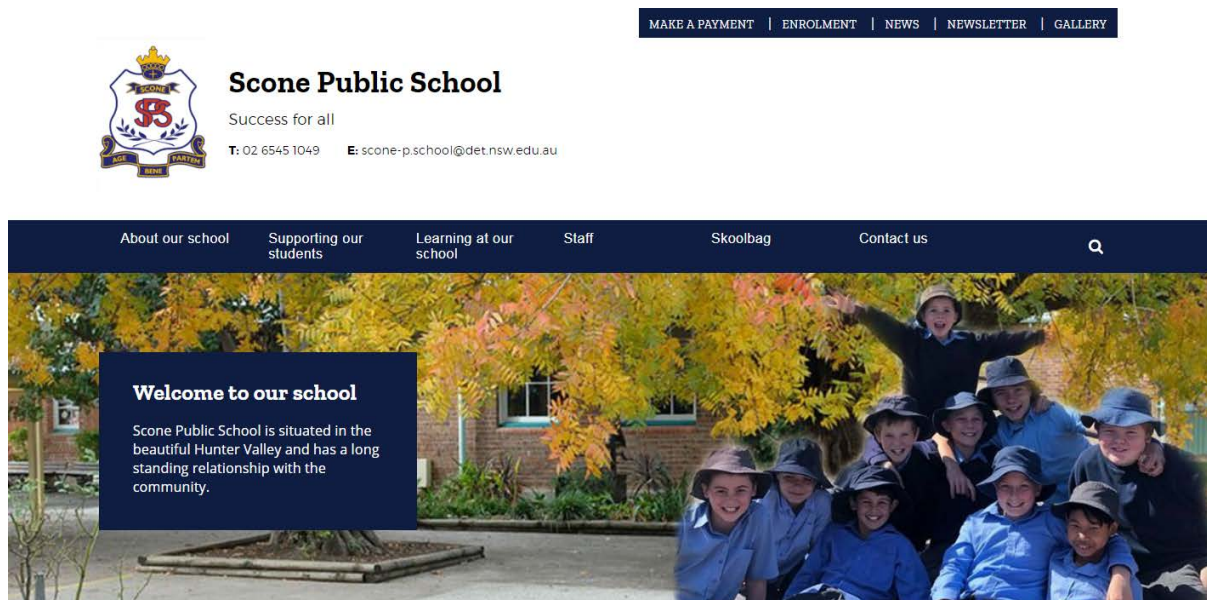
### 'TELL THEM FROM ME' SURVEY PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY

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/n6cxm>

### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

You may have noticed that our school website has changed. Drop on over and have a look. You can find it by using the new link <https://scone-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or by searching "Scone Public School" in your search engine. We look forward to sharing our learning experiences with you.



Mrs Kimberly Russ  
Website Co-ordinator

### PEOPLE BOUNCING BACK

Have you heard your children talking about 'Bouncing Back' when things don't go the way they planned?

This Phrase comes from the Wellbeing and Resilience program that we are implementing in our school called Bounce Back!

**BOUNCE BACK!** stands for:

**B**ad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.

**O**ther people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.

**U**nhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.

**N**obody is perfect – not you and not others.

**C**oncentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.

**E**verybody experiences sadness, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you.

They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

**B**lame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?

**A**ccept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can change first).

**C**atastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.

**K**eep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.



### SRC NEWS

The SRC have received a lot of correspondence regarding the current drought. We are so happy that our families and community are passionate about helping our local farmers and families. The SRC raised \$941 during term one that we donated to the "Buy A Bale" organisation.

If you would like to donate to this website or need support please follow this link.

<https://www.buyabale.com.au/>

We have also added some other links and places, however there are many more that may help you if you wish to donate or need support. Local supermarkets and businesses have donation buckets and are also starting to collect food to make hampers.

Red Cross – <https://www.redcross.org.au/drought> Vinnies – <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate>

Department of Primary Industries – <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/> Council – <http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/>

We also have a basket in the front office that you can donate non-perishable items to. This is through Lions District Disaster Appeal.

Thank you  
Kimberly Russ  
SRC Convener

### DON'T MISS OUT ON CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

In past years, many school families were generous in filling a Christmas shoebox with gifts to go to a child who would not otherwise be getting anything at Christmas.

Although it seems a long time until Christmas, now is the time to be getting the shoeboxes filled so that they can be sent overseas in time for Christmas. Details for what to put in the boxes are on the leaflet that comes with the box.

The shoe boxes are available at the school office and should be returned to the office at the beginning of Term 4.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**SCONE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL** – Do something different for a fun and entertaining evening. 6.30-10.30pm Saturday 22nd September at the Senior Citizen's Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. The evening starts with wine and delicious supper, then a diverse program of 8 short films, followed by coffee and dessert. All the films are Australian, with many award-winners and films that have screened around the world. Films star Boori Monty Prior, Tara Morice, Liv Hewson, John Wood and Dan Wyllie. Meet our film guests and vote for our People's Choice Award. Due to insurance requirements, under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Tickets are \$30 and available at Hunt a Book in Scone or from our website. Sunday 23rd September, 11am - a casual encore screening of the films only. Tickets \$15 from Hunt a Book or from our website. A delicious morning tea will be available from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.  
[www.sconefilms.org.au](http://www.sconefilms.org.au) [www.facebook.com/sconefilms](http://www.facebook.com/sconefilms) Tel: 0428-508326.



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#### Online Resources for Drought Affected Farmers - Upper Hunter Shire Council

Upper Hunter Shire Council is a local government authority and provides an extensive array of services including health and building; town...

Available on our website

<http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/your-council/media/news/online-resources-for-drought-affected-farmers.aspx>

When kids ask "the" questions...  
**Interrelate has the answers!**

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

### Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: Years 3-6

### Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6  
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.  
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.



**interrelate**  
relationship experts since 1926

**Date:** Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Session 1:** Where Did I Come From?

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Session 2:** Preparing For Puberty

**Time:** 7:15pm

## Aurora College

The virtual selective school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's first virtual selective school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes. The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

**Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW.** Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

The college also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school. For details please visit our website.

Aurora College offers students expanded career options through innovative partnerships with businesses and with scientific, cultural and tertiary education institutions.

Students in the selective stream are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools.



IGNITING NEW WAYS OF LEARNING

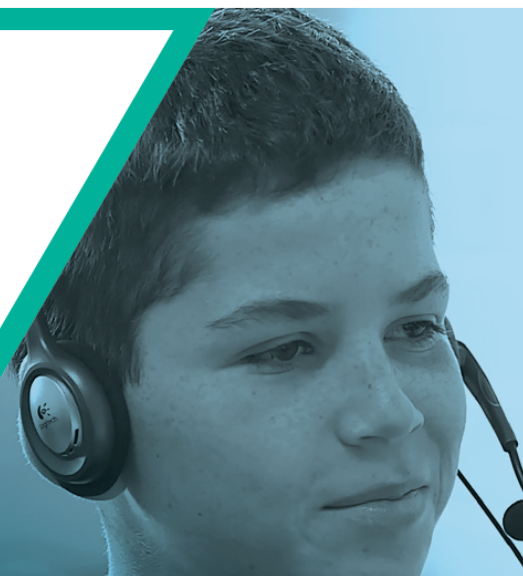


Education  
Public Schools

**Applications for entry into Year 7 in 2020:**  
**Open 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**Close 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Visit Selective High Schools website  
<http://bit.ly/shs2019>

For further information about Aurora College, visit our website  
[www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au) | or phone 1300 287 629





## Lions District 201N3 Disaster Appeal



Lions, our District effort to support farmers struggling with the worst drought in recorded history is up and running! With the support of Lion's Need for Feed we have had a successful Hay Run to the Muswellbrook – Scone region on 23-24 June 2018 and a second is coming to the Merriwa – Cassilis region on 27-29 July 2018!



then 1st  
September

The response from Lion's members, clubs and the community has been incredible, but the problem is enormous! Our Lions are working on providing stock feed, hampers, care packs and gift cards to farmers. Lions are also working on arrangements to provide drinking water and other practical support to farming families such as information on government services, mental health and simple messages of support.



By donating funds to the 201N3 Disaster Relief Fund all monies collected will be allocated to local farmers. Our District, in conjunction with Lion's Need for Feed, has established a relationship with the Department of Primary Industries to ensure that our support goes to the neediest farmers. There is no end in sight to the current drought, and we don't expect that this will be the last instance of drought, flood or fire. Our District 201N3 / Lion's Need for Feed structure is expected to be a long-term project for our district and elsewhere.