

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 4 Week 2

Tuesday 23 October 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On Friday afternoon, after school, I had great delight in showing a group of ex-SPS students around the school grounds. They were from the graduating class of 1964 and included the Dux and one of the School Captains of that year. They had a great time reminiscing about their time at Scone Public and remembering which teachers they had in which classrooms. They noticed quite a few changes to the grounds and buildings but were complementary about these changes. They also loved reading the Honour Boards in the Hall and seeing their names and their classmates still there today. It made me feel proud to be a part of the Scone Public history, as a Principal, as I listened to them talk. I know as a teacher we always love to hear what our students end up doing later in life. It also made me think of the impact teachers have on their students. This group of ex-students could remember specific teachers and usually they remembered them not for specific lessons they taught but for the way they made them feel valued, known and cared for. This was a great reminder about the important relationship that is built between students and teachers. Thank you class of 1964!

The Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is used by the school to evaluate our programs and initiatives. We use this feedback to inform planning for the following year. Can I please encourage all parents to use the link to complete the survey. At present we have only had 20 responses. We would love to hear from our other 200 families as well. The survey is anonymous and closes this Friday. You can click on the following link to complete the survey:
<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/n6cxm>

This week we will be holding our Family Maths Night. I encourage families to attend and hear from our AMSI (Australian Mathematical and Sciences Institute) consultant about how parents can help their child in Mathematics. There will be fun games for the students and a parent talk for the adults. Come along at 5.30pm for a Sausage Sizzle beforehand. The talk starts at 6.00pm in the library.

Deborah Fisher
Principal

PBL FOCUS: FRONT PLAYGROUND

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The sun shone down as K-2 held their athletics carnival on Friday. Thank you to all the parents who helped teachers run some activities during the day, it ensured that everything ran smoothly. Thank you also to Mr Dan Carter and Mr Fraser Dykes who came down early and stayed late to help with the shade shelters.

Meekah was the winning house on the day!

Age Champions: 5 Years - Penny and Kingston

7 Years - Halle and Darcy

Sub Junior Champions: Halle and Darcy

6 Years - Immogen and Eddie

8 Years - Ruby and Spencer

Trophies and medals will be presented at a later date at assembly. Further details will follow so keep an eye out.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Wednesday 24 Oct

Family Maths Night

Thursday 25 Oct

Kinder Transition session 12.15pm

Yr 6 Farewell Meeting

Friday 26 Oct

Stroke Correction

Kinder to Hunter Valley Zoo

Thursday 1 Nov

Kinder Transition

Yr 4 SHS STEM workshop

Friday 2 Nov

Stroke Correction

Bandwork shop 12pm

Monday 5 Nov

Stage 3 to Canberra



CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

Term 4 Week 2

22 Oct Rachael J

23 Oct Rachael J

24 Oct Rachael J

25 Oct Kelly B

26 Oct Joy M

Louise J

Term 4 Week 3

29 Oct Rachael J

30 Oct Rachael J

31 Oct Rachael J

01 Nov Liz C

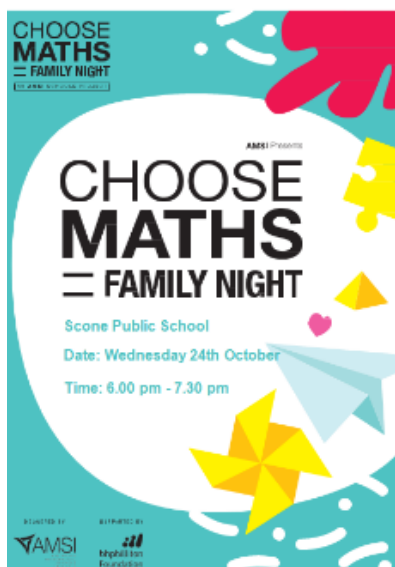
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Sasha G

ASSEMBLY TIMES:

9.30AM Years 3-6

1.00PM Years K-2



FUN FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

Scone Public School, in conjunction with AMSI (Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute) will once again be hosting a 'Family Maths Night'. Students will be organising mathematical activities in the hall while parents attend an information session in the library about supporting your child in their learning. Parents then go to the hall where students have the opportunity to show you just how much fun mathematics learning can be.

A picnic BBQ will be available at 5:30pm. If you wish to join us for the BBQ please RSVP to your child's class teacher (for catering purposes). Money raised from the BBQ will go towards purchasing new mathematics resources for use within our classrooms.

Where: Scone Public School – Library

When: Wednesday 24 October

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm (BBQ 5.30pm)

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Our new 2019 Kindergarten students and their parents will be back on this Thursday 25 November, to visit Scone Public School. Our transition afternoons run from 12.15pm until 1.15pm on the next five Thursday's and will include a variety of activities for students and information sessions for parents in the hall. Our first session this week is about Mathematics. We have Miss Cassandra Lowry, a visiting consultant from Melbourne University coming to talk about how you can help give your child the best start in the area of Mathematics.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT ON HAT DAY



On 19 October the Youth Council representatives walked down the street to collect money for 'Lift the Lid on Mental Health'. We went to lots of different businesses to ask for donations for mental illness. We also wore crazy hats to raise awareness of mental illness. All the proceeds from the donations went to Rotary Club to be used into research for mental illness. We raised over \$200. We had a really fun time and enjoyed raising money and awareness for this cause.

Hallie C and Hayden Y

EDUCATIONAL AND FUN-AMAZING EGATS CAMP

In Term 2, Mackenzie W, Lilly H and Eleanor W were chosen to participate in the eGATS camp. Eleanor went for art and Lilly and Mackenzie went for writing. It was a two day camp in Armidale at the end of Term 2. At the camp we developed new skills in art and writing, to complete the online assignments during Term 3. We were given a series of different assignments to challenge and further our knowledge of our chosen areas. On Friday the 19 October we went back to Armidale for a celebration day. During celebration day we showed off our work and we looked at what other groups had been doing.

We thoroughly loved our eGATS journey and we hope next year that the Years 5 and 6 students get the same opportunities and experiences as we did. Some of our work will be appearing in the newsletter and we hope you like it.



Mackenzie, Lilly and Eleanor

AN EXTRACT OF LILLY'S WORK - Alice, Barbara and Cecilia's Adventure

Alice Amanda Atwood stood in the kitchen doorway watching her brother, Abraham Aaron Atwood, maul her Black Forest birthday cake with his gaping mouth and claw-like hands. He shoved handful after handful of her specially made Black Forest cake into his greedy, cavity filled mouth. She surprised herself with not being able to say a single word. It appeared, that as well as her voice being frozen, so were her legs. Her mind quickly came to the conclusion that she was in shock. So, being the smart girl she was, she began wiggling each toe, then moving progressively to wiggling her foot then her other foot, then her leg, then the other leg till she was satisfied she had full motion of her body. Subsequently, her next challenge was to find a simple solution to remove her hulk of a brother away from the ever shrinking cake and to a more suitable spot such as his room. "Ahem, Brother would you please step away from my specially made Black Forest Cake and proceed in a North-Westerly direction to your room," she asked in a firm but polite tone. EUNGH. Abraham strained to turn his fat body to glare at his sister. He bounced off the kitchen bench like an oversized Babka cake. "LEAVE ME ALONE YOU TWIT!" he roared quite loudly with bits of cake flying out of his mouth, one crumb landing precisely on the tip of Alice's shoe.



By Eleanor

Look out for more works from the girls in following newsletters.

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 it 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>

FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Would you like an updated family portrait while supporting Scone Public School P&C fundraising at the same time? Laura Jean Photography are conducting a family portrait fundraiser at Scone Public School on Sunday 28 October for only \$20!!! (Limited to one portrait per family). You will receive a 10 x 13" professional family portrait and a keyring. This is a great opportunity with Christmas just around the corner. Look out for invitations coming home this week, or get in quick to secure your spot and BOOK ONLINE anytime at the following link - <http://www.trybooking.com/431727>

INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2020

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. **You must apply before the closing date.** There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018. You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

SAVE THE DATE – PRESENTATION DAY

Scone Public School will be holding its 2018 Presentation Day on Friday 7 December. It will commence at 10.00am with K – Year 2 Awards followed by the Year 3 – 6 Awards. Our 2019 School Leaders will be announced during the 3 – 6 section. As in previous years all students K – 6 will be recognised for the success during the year at Scone Public School. We look forward to our school community joining us on this very special day.

DAY FOR DANIEL

Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. Held on the **last Friday of October** each year, it is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives.

Children in Years 1-6 are asked to wear a **RED shirt** with the NORMAL school sports uniform to help raise awareness for this important cause on Friday, 26 October. They may substitute the shirt for another item of clothing eg: red shorts, red socks, red ribbon in their hair.

Please make sure your child's red shirt is sun safe (no singlets).

Kindergarten students are reminded that they will need to wear their NORMAL UNIFORM as they will be on their excursion.



Thank you,
Kimberly Russ (SRC)

DID YOU KNOW? NO DOGS AT SCHOOL

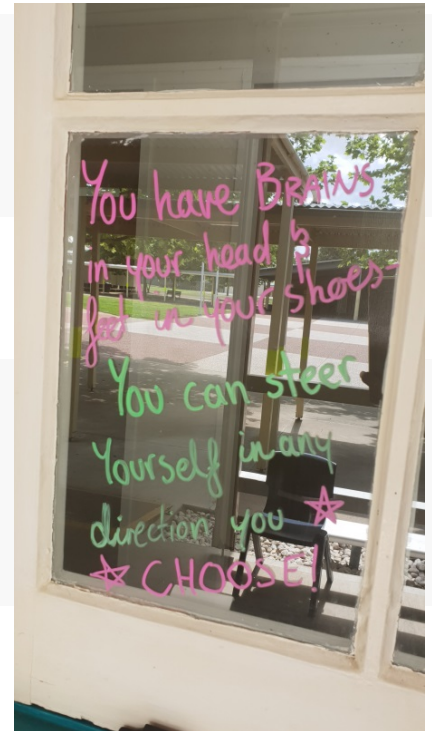
Under the Companion Animals Act, all dogs, apart from police and corrective service dogs and genuine assistance dogs, are banned from schools. If you wish to bring a dog to school, for any reason, you must have the prior permission of the School Principal.

BE POSITIVE

October is positive health month. Research suggests there are lasting benefits to keeping a positive attitude:

1. Longer life span because of overall lower stress levels
2. Lower chance of depression
3. More resistance to sicknesses like the common cold
4. Increased physical and mental well being
5. Less risk of cardiovascular disease
6. More developed coping skills during challenges.

To help raise awareness of positivity month the SRC have written their favourite positive quotes around the school.



Always remember:

- You are capable of amazing things.
- Believe you can and you are half way there.
- Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen.
- You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
- I am unique. I am special. I am me.
- Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you will land among the stars.
- You are enough just as you are.
- The best views come after the hardest climb.
- Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.
- Everyone wants happiness, no one wants pain but you can't have a rainbow without a little rain
- When given the choice between being right or being kind choose kind.
- When it's light look for rainbows, when it's dark look for stars
- Real people aren't perfect, perfect people aren't real
- Be a beautiful cupcake in a world full of muffins
- Without the dark we would never see the stars
- Unhelpful thinking makes you feel upset. Think again.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Upper Hunter AECG

*Please come along and join us for the
Upper Hunter AECG Re-Establishment Meeting*

When: Monday 29th October, 2018

Where: Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council

Time: 4.00pm

This meeting is to re-establish the executive team and develop to Local AECG committee. All Aboriginal Community members are invited to attend. This meeting will be open to possible full members only.

To find out further information or to RSVP please contact

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES WEEKEND



Scone High School MPU

Saturday 27th October | 10am - 5pm

Sunday 28th October | 10am - 4pm

Entry | \$7 (2-day pass \$10)

Furniture, jewellery, vintage china, and
more. Light refreshments available.

Funds raised for

school playground upgrades





WHERE THERE'S A WILL
INVITES YOU TO THE
Inaugural Rainbow Ball

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018
6.30PM to MIDNIGHT
Pays Aircraft Hangar, Scone

\$250 per person, \$2500 per table of 10
Ticket price includes canapés on arrival followed by dinner & dessert, beer & wine.
Auctions during the evening & entertainment by one of Sydney's hottest DJs Brett Martin
Dress Code: Black Tie with a Touch of Colour!

Buses will run throughout the evening.
Visit www.uhwheretheresawill.com.au or Facebook for more details.



Registration is now open for Mental Health First Aid courses.

In partnership with Glencore Community Fund, Where there's a Will are pleased to offer the following workshops (valued at \$500 per person).
The courses will be delivered **FREE** by presenter Philippa Baker, from Ripple Effect Mental Health Education.

SCONE - YMHFA

Date: Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 25 October
Venue: Scone Council Chambers

MERRIWA - YMHFA

Date: Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 October
Venue: Merriwa Central School

ABERDEEN - YMHFA

Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November
Venue: St Joseph's Catholic High School Aberdeen

Both days are from 9 – 3pm with a ½ hour break for lunch.

Please bring the following: a pen, notepad, water, morning tea and lunch with you for both days.

Please note: If these dates don't suit and you can arrange a group of 10 or more people, then we can tailor sessions to suit your needs, this could be night sessions or over a couple of weeks.

CONTACT:

Kathy Burns

Email: mhfa@uhwheretheresawill.com.au or 0409 417 202



COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY

Gather your friends and family to help rehabilitate Scone's parks and reserves. This will be the first of multiple sites earmarked for plantings. We will finish with a friendly BBQ and refreshments, where you can chat with a local land expert and other community members.

- Date: Sunday, 28 October 2018
- Time: 9:30am until finished - approximately 12:00pm
- Location: Reserve on Bhima Drive In Scone - between Alabama Street and Sledmere Close.

Wear sturdy enclosed shoes and a hat. Bring along gardening gloves and water. Suitable for all ages and abilities.



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Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

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Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Near Scone Shopping Village, Kingdon Street

SCONE

Tuesday, 6 November 2018 9 am to 4 pm

A Farm Household Case Officer will be in attendance

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice or call 132 316.



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