

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 14 May 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing. This will be the second year that our school has participated in the online NAPLAN. We wish our students the best of luck as they sit each of the Literacy and Numeracy tests throughout the week.

Our Year 6 students are away for three days this week at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return this Wednesday afternoon.

This Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. This initiative aims to encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school aged children to promote the healthy benefits of walking and create regular walking habits. It is also an opportunity to help children develop vital road crossing skills. We encourage all students to participate in this initiative. Nicky Western from the UHSC will be at school on Friday morning to hand out stickers and fruit for those students who participate in this activity.

Deborah Fisher
Principal



PBL EXPECTATION: BE RESPONSIBLE

PBL FOCUS BEHAVIOUR: We follow the agreed rules of the game and show good sportsmanship

JACK JOHNSON DAY

Last Tuesday students from Scone Public School walked down to White Park for Jack Johnson Day. A fun morning was had as we learned how to make damper, shear sheep, shoe horses and all about different horse food. We were also lucky enough to watch some very talented girls as they displayed their horse vaulting skills.



DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

- 13 May Year 6 GAB Camp NAPLAN
- 14 May Year 6 GAB Camp NAPLAN
- 15 May Year 6 GAB Camp NAPLAN
- 16 May NAPLAN
- 17 May Walk Safely to School
- 20 May In Class Speeches
- 24 May Quirindi Horse Sports



CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

Week 3

- 13 May Rachael J
- 14 May Rachael J
- 15 May Rachael J
- 16 May Jodie R
- 17 May Kristy O Sharon C

Week 4

- 20 May Rachael J
- 21 May Rachael J
- 22 May Rachael J
- 23 May Penny C
- 24 May Aimee W Kylie S

ASSEMBLY TIMES:

- 9.30am 3-6 Years
- 12.45pm K-2 Years
- Item 1/2D

PSSA SOCCER

Last Thursday the SPS Boys Soccer Team participated in their first match of the PSSA Season. The boys have been dutifully attending training and skills sessions with the wonderful Brett Bates every Monday afternoon after school. They confidently put their skills to the test and defeated Aberdeen 4-2.

The boys had a well-earned rest for a couple of hours before facing up for Round 2 against Muswellbrook South PS. Having watched Muswellbrook in their first game, we knew it would be a tough one. With a tailored game plan and huge amounts of teamwork and bravery the SPS boys were again successful, beating Muswellbrook South 3-1. The boys will now progress into Round 3 which will be against one of the Singleton Schools.



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



Last Wednesday we had 21 students compete at the Zone Cross Country at Karoola Park in Muswellbrook. Our students performed well with eight students making it through to the Regional Cross Country to be held at Cessnock on the 31 May.

A special congratulations to Caius who placed first in his race, Beth who placed second and Reuben who placed third and received ribbons on the day. Many of our students placed in the top 15 runners for their age race receiving points for our school.



TERM 2 IS OUR PUBLIC SPEAKING TERM!

Good luck to all students who are preparing their speeches in readiness to present them in their classes **next week**. **Stage semi-finals** will be held during **Week 5**. Students who place first, second or third in their Year in this Stage semi-final will be invited to give their speech at the **Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod on Wednesday 5 June at 4:30pm, St James' Primary School, Skellatar Stock Route, Muswellbrook**. The school grand final will be held in **Week 7**, where the three top speakers in each Year will repeat their speech, competing against others in their Stage. Please remember the students are not to use any props except their palm cards.

The school's grand final dates are as follows; the chosen Kindergarten to Year 2 students will present their prepared speeches to the school on **Tuesday 11 June, from 9:30am**. Stage 3 students will be asked to present both their prepared and impromptu speeches on **Wednesday 12 June, from 9:30am**. Stage 2 are also required to give their prepared speech and an impromptu one on **Thursday 13 June from 9:30am**. In the impromptu section, students will be given a topic and five minutes to prepare their speech. Parents, friends and relatives are most welcome to attend. Both competitions will take place in our school hall.

As always, I look forward to hearing the exceptionally high standard of speeches our students deliver. I thank both teachers and parents for their continued outstanding support of this program within our school.

Nicole Borg



STEWART HOUSE SUPPORT 2019 - ENVELOPES DUE

All Stewart House donation envelopes are due back to the School by Friday this week. (17 May 2019). The School must forward all donations to Stewart House before 31 May in order for families to be eligible for entry into the prize draw to win a family holiday of your choice of destination to the value of \$4000.

NAPLAN ONLINE INFORMATION

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

In Term 2, Week 3 our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site).
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If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

- [How to support your child during NAPLAN information for](#) parents and carers
- [Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)
- [Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

Parents who do not wish their child to participate in this year's NAPLAN testing must sign a consent to withdraw form prior to the commencement of testing. Testing dates for our school will be Monday 13 May – Friday 17 May.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2019

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 1 May to Tuesday 25 June, 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

P AND C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP REQUEST

The uniform shop is in need of coat hangers. If you have any spare ones could you please drop them into the shop or the school office. Thank you in anticipation.

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

P&C - MOTHERS' DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parents who helped to organise, wrap and sell the Mothers' Day gifts last week. We hope all our SPS mums enjoyed their special day.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Scone Films will be screening the inspiring drama, *On The Basis Of Sex*, 7.30pm Friday 17th April. Rated **M**. US supreme court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, has had an extraordinary life. Now a revered icon and role model, figure, she is a revolutionary civil rights crusader and a brilliant original thinker. As a struggling attorney and new mother, Ginsburg faced adversity and numerous obstacles in her fight for equal rights. She took on a ground breaking case that the law discriminates on the bases of gender. Ruth Bader Ginsburg, was later appointed Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1993. She is the second female justice of four to be confirmed to the court, a position she holds to this day. See where her story began in this stirring, heartfelt drama. **On The Basis Of Sex** will screen at their pop-up cinema at the corner of Oxford Road and Cooper Street, Scone. Tickets are \$12. To be sure of a ticket, purchase in advance from our website or at Hunt a Book, Scone. Running time is 2 hours. Everyone is welcome. Doors open 7pm. Tea & Coffee available. For insurance, Under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. But tickets www.sconefilms.org.au/film-info
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The Scone Neighbourhood Centre will commence our new Morning Bites Breakfast Van program on Monday 13th May. What does this mean for your students? All students are most welcome to drop by on their way to school to fill their tummies with yummy breakfast foods at absolutely no cost to them. Our big white van will be parked outside of the Scone Neighbourhood Centre at 130 Liverpool Street from 7:30am every morning during the initial week; with breakfast hopefully continuing 5 days a week indefinitely (excluding holiday periods).



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