

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

82 – 98 Liverpool Street, Scone NSW 2337  
Phone: 6545 1049 Fax: 6545 3046

Email: [scone-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scone-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Website: [www.scone-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.scone-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)



Term 4 Week 3

Monday 18 October 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

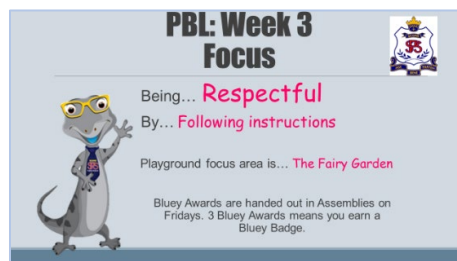
Last Friday our Year 5 students participated in a leadership preparation day. The students would usually complete this day at Scone High School but with COVID restrictions in place we adapted the day to be carried out at school. We encourage all Year 5 students to consider putting themselves forward for leadership positions for 2022.

This afternoon we will be holding a Zoom Kindergarten Orientation meeting for parents who have children starting Kinder in 2022. We will also have Kinder Packs ready during the day today for parents to pick up. Whilst this is not our usual way of holding Kindergarten Orientation it is the best COVID compliant way we can provide information for our parents. Transition days are scheduled for Monday 1 November, Tuesday 2 November and Wednesday 3 November. We can't wait to meet our Kinder students for 2022!

The P&C held a Zoom meeting last Tuesday and are very excited to announce the Mango Fundraiser will be going ahead again this year. Families should have received order forms through their child and also through the Sentral Parent Portal. Please help our P&C by sharing this fundraiser with family and friends. The P&C will use the funds raised towards updating the "Fairy Garden" in the back playground.

I have included in this newsletter the most recent advice around returning to school after being identified as a casual or close contact as we have had some enquiries about this during the week. As always if your child presents with flu-like symptoms they are required to have a COVID test and the test results shown to the school before the child can return to school. I thank all the parents who have been so cooperative and understanding of all these requirements.

**Deborah Fisher**  
Principal



Term 4 Week 1		Term 4 Week 2	
96.1%	92.4%	93.0%	75.4%
Attendance Rate	Students Attending >=90% of the time	Attendance Rate	Students Attending >=90% of the time

## What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include: 1) being sick, or having an infectious disease; 2) having an unavoidable medical appointment; 3) being required to attend a recognised religious holiday; or 4) exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral). Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. This can also be entered into the Sentral for Parents App. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

**ASSEMBLY TIMES:**  
**Zoom Assembly 1pm**

## UNIFORM SHOP

Orders can be placed over the phone or emailed to the school office.

The Uniform Shop assistant will call you to arrange a collection time and payment options.

Please check in on arrival using our COVID QR Code.



## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

### Week 3

18 Oct Racheal J  
19 Oct Racheal J  
20 Oct Racheal J  
21 Oct Coleen B  
22 Oct Kara M  
Deb P

### Week 4

25 Oct Racheal J  
26 Oct Racheal J  
27 Oct Racheal J  
28 Oct Amanda R  
29 Oct Sharon C  
Louise R



**COVID REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES**

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test. Symptoms may include: fever, cough, sore or scratchy throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell, loss of taste.

Visitor Check In system – from Monday, 18 October, a new streamlined, digital school visitor check-in system is coming to our school. Visitors, such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers will need to use this new system. The Department of Education has partnered with ServiceNSW to give every visitor and contractor a streamlined way to check in and out of any NSW government school they visit. Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Please look out for the signs to indicate where you need to go to check in. The main office will be the only place with a QR Code to check in with this system. All other QR codes will be taken down.

**CHANGES TO SELF ISOLATION RULES FOR CLOSE CONTACTS**

NSW Health have made changes to self-isolation requirements for people who are identified as close contacts who are fully vaccinated.

Close contacts who are fully vaccinated must self-isolate for 7 days (and limit their movements for the next 7 days). Close contacts who are not vaccinated must isolate for 14 days. Specific advice will be provided to individuals identified as close contacts based on their specific circumstances.

Casual contacts need to get tested and self-isolate until they get a negative test result – even if they are vaccinated.

There is no additional requirement for schools to collect vaccination data.

A reminder that anyone who has the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms must get tested immediately and self-isolate until they get a negative result - even if they're vaccinated. More information is available on the [NSW Government website](#).

**MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING REGIONAL FINAL**

Last Tuesday, Shoshana competed in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Regional Final. This event was held via a Zoom meeting. There were eight other competitors from the New England and Hunter districts. Shoshana coped extremely well with presenting both her prepared speech and her impromptu one using technology as a vehicle to access the competition in a COVID safe way. Her prepared speech was entitled 'A Safe Place to Call Home'. The impromptu topic was 'Tough Choices'.

Shoshana's presentations were extremely competitive and I was very impressed with the high standard of her speeches. She was commended for the detail she included, her confident delivery and the way she was able to explain difficult concepts well.

It was wonderful to have three professional adjudicators give Shoshana constructive feedback. They stated what a hard decision it was to select a winner. A young man from The Armidale City Public School was announced the winner. Highly commended speakers were from Bolwarra Public School and Tamworth Public School.

Shoshana reflected that the whole experience was fantastic. She was very impressed by all her fellow competitors and I am sure she has many more public speaking competitions ahead of her, especially considering she is in Year 5 and was competing against a mostly Year 6 field. Shoshana represented Scone Public School magnificently.





**Year 5  
Mini Leadership Day  
2021**





**CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT FOR YEARS 3 – 6**















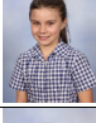
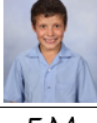










The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Year 3-6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment. The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3-6 students during Term 4 Week 2-3.

**PRESENTATION DAY 2021**

Scone Public School will be holding their 2021 Presentation Day on Friday 3 December. At this stage we are unable to confirm the structure of this day due to COVID restrictions that have been set out by the Department of Education. Please keep referring to the Newsletter and Sentral Parent Portal for updates as restrictions are reviewed by the Department during Term 4. As in previous years all students K-6 will be recognised for their success during the year at Scone Public School.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

## AR Quiz Champs for Week 2

2P											
3/4HB											
3M		Ryan									
4B										Saxon Ryan	
5K		5M		5S							

**Library Lesson Timetable**

Monday: KH, KL, KO, KW

Tuesday: 3M, 3T, 4B, 5K, 5M, 5S

Wednesday: 1/2W, 2P, 2S, 3/4HB, 6A, 6D

Thursday: K6C, 1B, 1C

## 172 Overdue Books

If your child has borrowed a book from the library which has not been returned, we would be delighted if you could find the time to help your child locate and return any library book/s.

If you cannot locate the book/s or know that it has been lost or damaged beyond repair, we ask that you please pay the replacement cost.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our students have access to quality books for years to come.

Mrs Cheshire

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## School Travel for 2022



## 2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



## TERM 4 CALENDAR 2021

Children's Mobile Playgroup

0-6 years of age

## October 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	4th PUBLIC HOLIDAY	5th Moonan	6th Gundy	7th Hebden	8th Wingen
2	11th McCullys Gap	12th Wybong	13th Gundy	14th Hebden	15th Cassilis
3	18th Jerrys Plains	19th Moonan	20th Bunnan	21st Settlement	22nd Wingen
4	25th McCullys Gap	26th Wybong	27th Gundy	28th Hebden	29th Cassilis

## November 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5	1st Jerrys Plains	2nd Moonan	3rd Bunnan	4th Settlement	5th Wingen
6	8th McCullys Gap	9th Wybong	10th Gundy	11th Hebden	12th Cassilis
7	15th Jerrys Plains	16th Moonan	17th Bunnan	18th Settlement	19th Wingen
8	22nd McCullys Gap	23rd Wybong	24th Gundy	25th Hebden	26th Cassilis

## December 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	29th Jerrys Plains	30th Moonan	1st Bunnan	2nd Settlement	3rd Wingen
10	6th McCullys Gap	7th Wybong	8th Gundy	9th Hebden	10th Cassilis

9.30 am– 12 noon

Toy Box 6543 4877

email- [toybox@uhcs.org.au](mailto:toybox@uhcs.org.au)

facebook- ToyBox Uhcs



## Upper Hunter Tennis & Sports

With Chris Herden, Tennis Australia Club Professional, Former NSW ranked junior, USA college representative.  
For ages 3-14 at Scone, Denman, Muswellbrook, Merriwa, Murrurundi, Gresford

### Heaps of fun for beginners and experienced players

### Coaching, Match Play, High Performance Pathway.

#### PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM (4-5 yrs)

An introduction to basic tennis techniques to develop and improve perceptual motor skills in a fun, play based way

#### TENNIS AUSTRALIA ANZ HOT SHOTS (5-11 yrs)

Hot Shot red, orange and green balls offer players a progressive pathway through stroke production, court positioning and tactics. Teaching the framework of key skills "first" allows more intricate skills to fall into place. Match play available.

#### LEADER SYSTEM

The Leader System program covers a wide range of basic personal development disciplines from sportsmanship, self-esteem and decision making to nutrition.

**All levels of high school programs and competition squads also available**

**Bookings essential!**  
**Call Chris on 0400 331 553 for details and bookings**

**and Like Scone Hardcourt Tennis Association and Upper Hunter Tennis & Sports on Facebook**