

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 4 Week 9

Tuesday 30 November 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a wet week it was last week and it looks to continue, according to the weather sites. Thank you to all the parents who assisted to get their children home promptly on Friday after we were contacted by the police and SES. I would like to say a huge thank you to the executive staff at Scone Public for their quick action dealing with the evolving situation as the flood waters rose. I would also like to thank the Aberdeen and Muswellbrook Public School staff who attended our school on Friday, as they couldn't attend their own school. This allowed our students to remain relatively settled in their classrooms throughout the day.

I have recently been speaking to Principals in schools where they have had identified cases of COVID 19 in their schools which has caused significant disruption. Based on the experiences I am hearing from these Principals around contact tracing, we have put in place some further structures to prevent cohorts from mixing on the playground, canteen, library and shared spaces. Some of the things that will help if we do need to do contact tracing is knowing the following:

- Most up to date parent contacts phone numbers
- Parents having access to the Sentral parent app and receiving notifications from the school
- Knowing who your child might sit next to on the bus, in classroom and who they may play with at school and after school
- Knowing your child's movements ie attended music lesson at school on Tuesday, had dance after school on Wednesday etc

Whilst we have timetables and duty rosters at school, knowing your own child's movements will be extremely helpful if required for contact tracing. Scone has been very fortunate throughout the pandemic but I am very aware that as the state opens up and people are leaving the area to visit friends and family that we have to be prepared that COVID 19 may enter our community.

This reminds us that we should continue to be vigilant in keeping our child home if sick with COVID 19 symptoms, no matter how mild. Continue to encourage hand washing and hygiene practices. Masks are not mandatory for primary aged students but are recommended.

This Friday we will hold our 2021 Presentation Day. Whilst parents and special guests will not be present this year, we look forward to sending out the links to the recorded aspects of the day. Please join us in celebrating every child's successes.

Deborah Fisher
Principal

Every student, on time, everyday!

Attendance matters at Scone Public School

When your child misses just...	That equals...	Which is...	And therefore, from K – 12 that is...
5 minutes each day	25 minutes each week	Nearly 1 week each year	Nearly 3 months of learning
10 minutes each day	50 minutes each week	Nearly 1.5 weeks each year	Nearly 6 months of learning
20 minutes each day	1 hour 40 minutes each week	Nearly 2.5 weeks each year	Nearly 1 year of learning
30 minutes each day	2.5 hours each week	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1.5 years of learning
1 hour each day	1 day each week	8 weeks each year	Over 2.5 years of learning

DATES FOR THE CALENDER

- 3 Dec Presentation Day
- 8 Dec Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 10 Dec Christmas Out of Uniform Day

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 9

- 29 Nov Racheal J
- 30 Nov Racheal J
- 1 Dec Racheal J
- 2 Dec Racheal J
- 3 Dec Rachell C
- Makala B

Week 10

- 6 Dec Racheal J
- 7 Dec Racheal J
- 8 Dec Racheal J
- 9 Dec Jed B
- 10 Dec Val G
- Kara M

PBL: Week 9 Focus



Being... **Respectful**
By... **Use good manners**

Playground focus area is... **The Yarning Circle**

Bluey Awards are handed out in Assemblies on Fridays. 3 Bluey Awards means you earn a Bluey Badge.

Term 4 Week 7		Term 4 Week 8	
94.1%	82.5%	93.8%	81.5%
Attendance Rate	Students Attending +90% of the time	Attendance Rate	Students Attending +90% of the time

COVID 19 UPDATE WEEK 9

In order to minimise disruptions caused to schools by COVID 19 cases, and to maximise the time our students have learning in the classrooms a number of changes to operations for schools will be introduced from Monday 29 November for the remainder of Term 4.

Rapid antigen 'test-to-stay' program

A rapid antigen home testing (RAHT) 'test-to-stay' program will be available to any student who is a close contact of a COVID 19 case in a school setting. This will enable them to get back to school immediately following a negative PCR test and on the basis they do daily RAHTs before attending school across 7 consecutive days. This means that our students' learning is able to continue with minimal interruptions following a positive COVID 19 case. Full support will be available to help you implement this should it be required at our school and many other schools and students are already using RAHTs successfully.

Singing, chanting and instruments that rely on breath allowed outdoors

In line with community settings, instruments that rely on breath and singing and chanting will now be permitted if held outdoors, within cohorts, with distancing in place and where there is no sharing of instruments. Under these same conditions music classes, bands, ensembles, group repetition and choirs within cohorts can also resume.

An update to our cleaning protocols

NSW public schools are cleaned by professional cleaners each day, guided by expert advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), the National Health and Medical Research Council and NSW Health. As we have already seen in many schools, cohorting and our other COVID-safe layers of protection have been effective at minimising disruption. NSW Health has provided clear advice, based on evidence that the department's regular clean, day clean and enhanced clean provides a more than sufficient layer of protection in schools for students and staff. NSW Health have advised there is no health and safety benefit to undertaking an environmental clean which is highly disruptive to a school's ongoing operations and can close a school for up to 2 days. This is another important change that will get students back into classrooms faster in parallel with the 'test to stay' program. You can read more on the department's website about the different levels of cleaning in place in our schools.

A reminder that students who present with COVID 19 symptoms will be required to take a COVID test. Students can only return once they are symptom free and have a negative test result which must be sighted by the school.

ORGANISATION FOR PRESENTATION DAY 2021

The structure of Presentation Day for 2021 has been altered to keep in line with guidelines the Department of Education has set around COVID.

We are still able to go ahead with a Presentation Day, this will be on Friday 3 December. Special guests or parents and community members **are unable to attend** our Presentation Day celebrations for 2021.

Students will come to the hall in stage groups, Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. As in previous years, all students will receive a success certificate during this part of the ceremony. A Library Award and an Academic Persistence Award for students in K-2 will also be given for each class as well as an Academic Achievement Award for each class in 3-6.

Each ceremony will be recorded and a link uploaded to Facebook for parents to view.

Our Special Academic Awards and the announcement of our 2022 School Leaders will also take place. Parents of successful School Leaders for 2022 and Special Award winners will be invited to connect via Zoom to see this section of our Presentation Day. Parents will receive a letter in the mail with instructions if your child falls into one of these categories.

It is important that we continue to celebrate the success of all our students in 2021 and we see this is the best way we can facilitate this within the guidelines that have been put into place. Thank you for your understanding.

Liz Osmond
Presentation Day Co-ordinator

P & C NEWS

**P AND C MEETING
TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER**

Meeting details will be provided on the Scone Public School P&C Association Facebook page.

The No Nasties Project have kindly donated our P&C Association with Icy Stix to help us with fundraising.

The No Nasties Project is on a crusade to remove 500 tons of sugar from Australian diets per year without the artificial nasties.

On Presentation Day Friday 3 December our school will celebrate our 2021 achievements and the Sugar Free-zies Day to raise money for our back playground Fairy Garden rejuvenation.

Icy Stix will be available for a gold coin donation after every presentation session.



CHRISTMAS THEMED OUT OF UNIFORM DAY



On Friday 10 December the SRC is holding a Christmas themed out of uniform day to support the Red Cross.

For 107 years, Red Cross has stood with Australians through disasters, emergencies and the other challenges. COVID 19 is no exception.

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power of
humanity



Their focus remains where it always has been: helping those left most vulnerable, and supporting all Australians to maintain their wellbeing and cope with disruption and uncertainty.

Please send a gold coin donation to support this great cause and ensure your child wears closed in shoes, sun safe and appropriate clothing for physical activity.

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to The AR Champs for Week 8 of Term 4.



Well done to everyone who are trying very hard with the AR reading program and a special **"CHEER"** for the students who achieved 100% for the first time this year.

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

All library books need to be returned by end of Week 10



Scholastic Book Club Rewards was created as a form of currency as a way to give back to schools for participating in Book Club throughout the year. Every time an SPS family purchases a book, the school is rewarded with points. The school then redeems the rewards by adding more quality books and learning material to our library.

The final issue for the year, Issue 8, of Book Club 2021 has been sent home with students this week. SPS is working towards 100% online book club orders. We are encouraging parents to place their **orders online** at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Alternatively, you can send the order form along with the correct money to your classroom teacher on the due date.

Orders are due by THURSDAY 2 December 2021 before 10:00am.

If you have any questions regarding this or require help to place an order, please speak to Mrs Cheshire.

COMMUNITY NEWS



2021-2022 Xmas School Holidays
TENNIS CAMPS
 With Chris Herden, Tennis Australia Club Professional, Former NSW ranked junior, USA college representative.
 For ages 4-14 yrs all abilities at Scone, Denman, Casilllis and Gresford.

Heaps of fun for beginners and experienced players

Camp includes stroke development, drills, point and game play. You will also play a mix of cricket, soccer and t-ball to help develop hand-eye coordination. With prizes and competitions!

SCONE TENNIS CLUB: Dec 13-15, 20-22, 2021. Jan 24, 25, 27, 2022	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 9-10am Time: 9-12noon	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
DENMAN TENNIS CLUB: Dec 20-22, 2021. Jan 24, 25, 27, 2022	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 2-3pm Time: 2-5noon	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
CASILLIS TENNIS CLUB: Dec 20-22, 2021. Jan 24, 25, 27, 2022	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 2-3pm Time: 2-5pm	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
GRESFORD TENNIS CLUB: Dec 23-24, 2021. Jan 28, 2022	For ages: 5-14	Time: 2-5pm	\$25 per day / \$50 per week

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

Term 1, 2022, coaching and match play programs for children 4 to 16 yrs, commencing Jan 30, 2022. Bookings essential.

and Like Scone Hardcourt Tennis Association,
 Upper Hunter Tennis & Sports and ANZ Hot Shots on Facebook


