

# SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 17 May 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we are celebrating National Volunteer Week. We would like to thank our parents and community members who give their time willingly to help support the students of Scone Public School. The work of our volunteers is especially evident throughout the year whether it be supporting our P&C by giving time to help with fundraising, helping in the canteen, classroom helpers or driving students to school events. Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated by everyone at Scone Public School.

Last week our Year 6 students, teachers and accompanying parents had a wonderful adventure to our Nation's Capital, Canberra. The students were able to enjoy and experience many places that they had been learning about in class. The student highlights were Questacon, Parliament House, The War Memorial and the Australian Institute of Sport.

There has been a spike of positive COVID 19 cases across the school. The Department of Education's COVID Response Team is currently monitoring our situation. They have recommended that all Year 6 students and staff wear surgical masks in classrooms as well as in the playground. Please continue to monitor your child for any cold like symptoms and follow the recommended Department of Health guidelines by keeping them at home and administering a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) when required. If your child does test positive or is a close contact, please inform the school as well as registering positive RAT results with Service NSW.

**Deborah Fisher**  
Principal



## DATES FOR THE CALENDER

### Excursion

**May 20:** Walk to School Day

**May 24:** School Photos

**June 3:** Athletics Carnival

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS Monday – Friday 8.30am – 11.30am

ENTER VIA THE FRONT GATE (LIVERPOOL ST).  
PLEASE CONTACT JUDY ON 0423 694 075  
WITH ANY ENQUIRIES.



## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

### Week 4

16 May Racheal J

17 May Racheal J

18 May Racheal J

19 May Coleen B

20 May Kara M Heather P

### Week 5

23 May Rachael J

24 May Rachael J

25 May Rachael J

26 May Rachael J

27 May Amanda G Lisa M

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 24 May

## SCHOOL PHOTOS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED TO TUESDAY 24 MAY

Students are requested to wear the **winter school uniform** for this. If you require assistance with any item of the school's uniform our Uniform Shop is now open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 11.30am. You can also contact the school office for assistance. **Please remember to bring your photo envelopes in on the day.**

**POETRY CERTIFICATES PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK**

Poetry certificates from our Grand Final, held last term, will be presented this week at our assemblies. All interested parties are most welcome to attend to celebrate our students' wonderful efforts. Infants Assembly begins at 1pm and Primary at 9:30am, Friday 20 May.

**Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term!**

This term we will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Jump Rope for Heart is a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program that has been run by the Heart Foundation for over 36 years. It's a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.



Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools like ours have raised more than \$104 million for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work.

Students will be bringing home a parent guide with information on how to register. It is important you [register your child online](https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents), so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. [www.jumprope.org.au/parents](https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents)

Students will be skipping throughout the term and during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause. We will hold our school Jump Off Day on *Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June*, this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!  
**Scone Public School SRC**

**MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Scone Public School will be participating in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition this year. We will be selecting two students to compete in the Years 3 & 4 section and two students to compete in the Years 5 & 6 section. The students will be expected to give two speeches – a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. All speakers must choose a topic for their prepared speech from the supplied list of themes, which they can obtain from myself. I also have available an information page that outlines rules of the competition as well as tips for improving your public speaking.

The Scone Public School John Townsend Public Speaking Competition will also occur at this time, so students will be able to use the same speech for both competitions.

Students who are interested in participating in this competition will need to have their speeches ready for Mrs Borg to hear on Tuesday 31 May (Week 6 Term 2).

For the Multicultural Perspectives Competition, the Year 3 & 4 students have a time limit of three minutes for their Prepared Speech and one minute for their Impromptu Speech. The Year 5 & 6 students are allowed four minutes for their Prepared Speech and two minutes for their Impromptu Speech.

Best wishes to all interested students.

Nicole Borg

Coodrinator

## A FRIENDLEY REMINDER FOR STUDENTS

After children disembark from the bus please do not cross directly in front or behind buses for your child's safety and the safety of the other drivers.

Also, students that are waiting for the bus particularly at interchanges and schools please do not stand near the gutter when the buses are pulling in.

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## JACK JOHNSON MEMORIAL DAY

Kindergarten students and 2M spent the morning at the Jack Johnson Memorial Day at White Park. We had the opportunity to milk a cow, see a sheep being shorn and met a longhorn steer called Cowboy. We sat inside a police car and the Constable also measured how fast we could run using his radar. The dogs jumped very high and were clever with their sheep work. We saw a horse getting new shoes and the damper smelt yummy.





## YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Year 6 spent an action-packed four days in Canberra last week, taking part in a wide range of engaging learning activities. Of particular note was their visit to Australian Parliament House, where they sat in both the House of Representatives and the Senate to learn about the passing of new laws and viewed portraits of past Prime Ministers. A step back in time in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House showed our students the progression from the initial days of Federation to our modern-day parliamentary system and values.

We also visited the Royal Australian Mint, seeing coins being minted for our neighbours in the Pacific Island region, and the CSIRO Discovery Centre, where we were amazed to discover how many scientific developments have happened right here in Australia. Government House, the residence of our Governor General, was a real eye-opener for our small-town kids. We had a wonderful evening at Questacon and burned off more energy the next day at the Australian Institute of Sport's Sportex facility.

All students were thoroughly impressed by a drive past The Lodge, and a tour of the Embassy and High Commission district – so many impressive buildings! After hearing about the planning and building of Canberra, a view of the entire city from Mt Ainslie allowed students to see from a height the many culturally significant buildings and sites in the National Triangle. At the bottom of Mt Ainslie is the War Memorial – our students were very respectful while hearing the many stories of war and viewing the artefacts on display.

And of course the excursion would not be complete without a show of many talents at our in-house Talent Quest, judged by a panel of parents. The Canberra excursion is not only a wonderful learning experience, but an important time for the students to get to know each other better outside of school.

As usual, we were so impressed with the wonderful manners and avid interest from our students. All of our venues commented on the wonderful behaviours on display from the Scone Public School group.

A huge thank you must go to the seven parents who accompanied us on the excursion – extra adults are such a help on this busy excursion. We were so very grateful for their support and care of all of the students. We also acknowledge the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) of \$45 per student that is contributed by the Australian Government to reduce the cost of this incredibly valuable excursion.











# SAVE THE DATE

## FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

### National Walk Safely to School Day



## National Reconciliation Week 2022

### FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

10:00am-11:00am Friday 27 May 2022

Scone Administration Centre forecourt, 135 Liverpool Street

Everyone is welcome. Morning tea is included.

The ceremony will feature a performance by Richie Lawton and the Yidaki Buri (Didge Boys) from Scone Public School.

RSVP to Amanda Catzikiris via ph: 65401153 or email: [acatzikiris@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:acatzikiris@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)



National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**I AM A GIRL  
I CAN DO ANYTHING  
COME N TRY**



**GIRLS SKILLS SESSION  
IT'S FUN & FREE**

**FRIDAY - 24TH JUNE 2022**

**4.5YRS - 7YRS 3.30PM - 4.30PM  
8YRS - 18 YRS 4.30PM - 6.30PM**

**SCONE PARK - HILL ST**

**SIGN UP NOW**  
[www.bnsw.com.au/i-am-a-girl](http://www.bnsw.com.au/i-am-a-girl)





Outside of School Hours Care starting soon!

**A BIG HELLO!**

We are your new Outside of School Hours Care provider!

We are currently working hard setting up your service so we can be ready to start up the fun!

We will be in contact soon with information on how to enrol, service hours and pricing... until then sit tight!

We thank you for your patience and cannot wait to meet you all real soon!



**COMING SOON...**

[bigchildcare.com](http://bigchildcare.com) [/bigchildcare](https://www.facebook.com/bigchildcare) [@big\\_childcare](https://www.instagram.com/big_childcare) **BIG** **V.I.P**

# Bloom Markets 2022

## Save The Date!

November 19th  
2022

More Information To Come





back in the Upper Hunter

All abilities  
welcome!

## Do you or your child need help to be part of a sports team?

Sense Rugby is a rugby based Occupational Therapy program and we are teaming up with OT Sports & Services along with Scone Rugby Union Club and Muswellbrook Rugby Union Club to run it in the Upper Hunter!

We use modified rugby drills to help kids, teens and adults:

- Process sensory information
- Focus on activities
- Work on their coordination
- Manage their emotions
- Have fun with friends!



## Free Trial Day

We are having a free trial day with Australian Rugby Sevens Olympian Jesse Parahi! Come and join the fun and see if Sense Rugby is for you!

When:

Sunday, May 22nd  
9:00 - 11:00 am

Where:

Muswellbrook Rugby Union Club  
Highbrook Park, Ironbark Road,  
Muswellbrook

Sign up here:

<https://www.senserugby.com.au/enquire>

Or contact Jemma:

[hello@otsports.com.au](mailto:hello@otsports.com.au)  
0411 174 372

## When therapy meets rugby

Sense Rugby was founded in October 2015 by Paediatric Occupational Therapist, Carlien Parahi and Australian Rugby Sevens Olympian, Jesse Parahi. Our Sense Rugby teams now run across Australia & New Zealand and our team of OTs work together to help enable sport for all kids.

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# Good for kids

good for life



## Screen-free Saturday

Challenge your family to dedicate one day a week to turning off screens. Reducing screen time will give your kids more time to play and connect as a family.

### Tips

- Decide what 'screen free' will mean for your family.
- Be a role model for your kids – commit to the challenge too.
- Plan some screen-free activities to do together.
- Let your kids come up with their own ideas – start a new tradition.



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