

SCONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success For All

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Term 3 Week 6

Tuesday August 23 2022

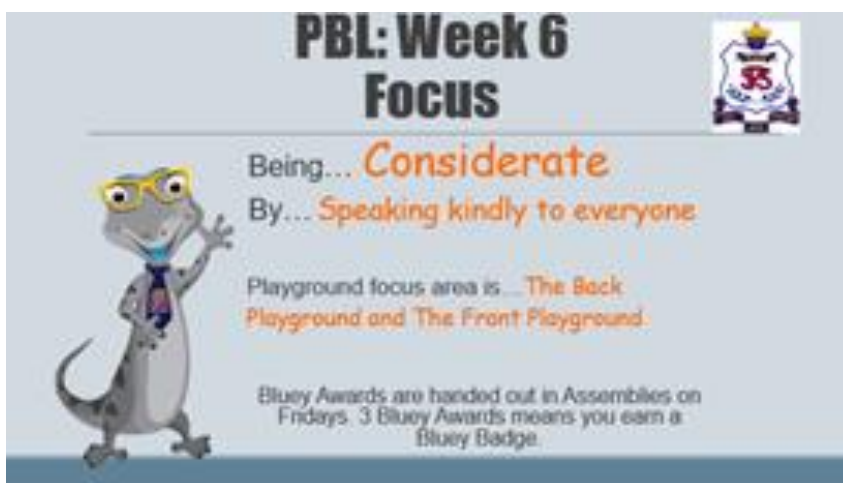
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On Monday we had a fabulous turnout as we celebrated Book Week and Grandparent's Day. Our students wore fantastic costumes to represent their book characters. The staff also enthusiastically participated with their costumes. Thank you to Mrs Cheshire and her team of helpers who orchestrated this fun event. The Book Fair was well attended on Monday and will continue throughout the week for parents to visit and purchase items. A big thank you to our P&C for providing our steaks and sausages for lunch. It was a busy but enjoyable day.

Week 6 of each term we celebrate Wellbeing Week. This is a great opportunity for our school to think about the strategies to utilise to keep our own wellbeing at the forefront of what we do. The importance of a healthy, nutritious diet, adequate sleep and exercise can not be underestimated. We also know that building in some time for meditation or mindfulness can also be useful when we have busy schedules. Having open discussions with our children about these things and asking them what worked well each day are also useful techniques to build reflection and self-awareness.

Goodluck to all our students who will be competing in various sporting and debating activities this week. We look forward to hearing about the outcomes of these events next week.

Deborah Fisher
Principal



DATES FOR THE CALENDER

Aug 23 P & C Meeting

Aug 24 PSSA Girls Touch

Aug 26 Hunter Athletics

PSSA Rugby League

Sept 1 Fathers Day Stall

Sept 12 Alpha Show - Aladdin

Friday Assembly Times

K-2 Assembly 12:45

3-6 Assembly 9.30am

**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 3

Week 6

22 August 2022 Rachel Johnson

23 August 2022 Rachel Johnson

24 August 2022 Rachel Johnson

25 August 2022 Rachel Johnson

26 August 2022 Kara Mc & Val G

Week 6

22 August 2022 Rachel Johnson

23 August 2022 Rachel Johnson

24 August 2022 Rachel Johnson

25 August 2022 Marlene Hinder

26 August 2022 Steph D & Mikaela H

SCHOOL CROSSING

I wish to advise that there will be **No School Crossing Supervisor** available at the crossing at Liverpool Street, Scone.

Wherever possible, cross the road at a designated pedestrian crossing.

- * Stop! Look! Listen! Think! when crossing the road
- * Take care whenever you cross
- * Don't run across the road



YEAR FIVE DEBATING

We debated the Aberdeen Public Stripes on Monday in Week 4. The topic was that every school kid should have to play in a weekend sport competition; we argued the affirmative case. Our team was made up of Ellie C, Emily S, Izak S and me. Ellie opened the debate with determination, giving us a great start to the debate. Emily, as second speaker, had great rebuttals to Aberdeen's first speaker and made some great arguments for our team. Izak's rebuttals were good, and with all team members contributing, we ended up winning the debate. It was amazing to watch and witness.

Evie W 5M

DEBATING ROUNDS FOUR AND FIVE

Our debating teams have been busy over the last couple of weeks completing the last rounds of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The Scone Public Yearlings competed against the Aberdeen Public Stripes in Week 4 (see the article by Evie W for all the details).

On Monday of Week 5 our two teams debated each other; it was an important debate for both teams. A win for the Yearlings would mean proceeding to the knockout finals, as they have won all their debates so far. If the Thoroughbreds won, they may have had a chance to proceed to the next level of the competition.

We held the 'Debate of the Year' in the hall and Stage 2 students kindly joined us, so we had practice with an audience. As teams proceed in the competition it is common for students from the host school to watch the debate, so having a crowd helps us prepare for this.

The topic for the debate was that all primary schools should set aside 30 minutes each day for sport or exercise. The Yearlings argued the affirmative side and the Thoroughbreds, the negative. Both teams were excited and worked hard in their allocated hour to plan their arguments. The Yearlings did a great job defining the topic and made some good points about the importance of sport and exercise. The Thoroughbreds rebutted well and argued the negative side with confidence. It was a great debate but there could only be one winner; thank you to Mrs Schofield for adjudicating. The Yearlings claimed victory and are very excited to be competing in the Finals. Congratulations to the Thoroughbreds (Eilish B, Cooper C, Lily C, Grace D and Athena G) and to the Yearlings (Darcy A, Ellie C, Emily S, Izak S and Evie W).

Jen Ditchfield – Debating Coordinator



WETLANDS EXCURSION

On Thursday August 18, Stage 1 enjoyed a visit to the Wetlands Centre at Shortland.

The students participated in a variety of activities which encouraged them to act like scientists and investigate the health of the environment. These activities included a walking tour, dip netting, and use of the science labs on site.

During the walking tour, students were encouraged to find, identify and name a variety of wetland birds. The students were brave and climbed a very high viewing tower in order to see some egrets in their nests. Whilst dip netting, one of the rangers shared her expertise about the many creatures and their features, as well as their place in the lifecycle. Later in the labs, students were able to look closely at the creatures they had taken from the lake. It was great being able to see the tiny insects under the high-powered microscopes and investigate the bugs that are commonly found in the area. The weather was kind to us and Stage 1 students all had a busy, fun-filled day. Hopefully, we have inspired some future Scientists and conservationists.



SCONE HORSE SPORTS

On Friday August 19, Archie, Ella and Truman competed at Scone & District School Horse Sports. There were over 100 riders from a range of schools competing in riding classes and sporting events. Everyone had a fantastic day and Archie won Age Champion for his age groups.



The School Alpha Show Performance of Aladdin will be held on Monday 12 September. Please return permission note and money by Tuesday 6 September 2022

CLOTHING POOL DONATIONS NEEDED

Pre-loved emergency clothing needed for the office. Girls' shorts and tracksuit pants most urgent.



A selection of photos from Book Week and Grandparents Day







Thank you to all
the parents and
grandparents who
helped celebrate
our wonderful
morning.
A big thank you
to the P&C
and Rachel in the
Canteen.



Fathers Day Stall

Once again our lovely school volunteers will be holding a Father's Day stall for our students to purchase gifts. All gifts will be \$5. The stall will be open Thursday 1 September. Please bring a bag for your gift. Volunteers on the day would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Upper Hunter TENNIS & SPORTS

Indigenous Tennis Program for Children & Youth of the Upper Hunter Shire

INVITATION – FREE TO PARTICIPATE

Invitation to any indigenous infants, primary and secondary aged children that reside in Upper Hunter Shire LGA to participate in Tennis Australia Hot Shots tennis (5-12 yrs) and Tennis for Teens (13 – 17 yrs).

Hot Shots tennis (5-12 yrs)

<https://hotshots.tennis.com.au/about/>

Kids play on smaller courts with modified equipment to make it easier, and more fun to progress. We have lighter racquets, lower nets, and tennis balls that don't bounce too high – so they are easier to hit and chase down.

Our program develops kids mentally and physically. A child's early years are when fine motor skills are developed and tennis is amazing for developing coordination, speed, strength and agility.

Tennis 4 Teens program (13-17 yrs)

A technique based tennis coaching session that combines all the best elements of the sport, in a fun, inclusive format. This program is open to complete beginners as well as established players. Each student will be grouped according to age, ability and success. You can create a group with your friends, or join by yourself.

Don't feel worried if you don't feel confident in your skills, we have beginner sessions, and after the first session you'll wonder why you didn't start earlier!

ALL RACQUETS AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED.

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY T-SHIRT.

Times: After school, weekends, in school hours (if applicable)

Venues: Scone, Aberdeen, Murrurundi, Merriwa.

Program organised by Chris Herden, Head Coach Scone Tennis Club.

Enquiries and bookings 0400331553





A safe and friendly community for children with a disability

Rainbow Club welcomes children with a disability for individualised swimming lessons to learn to swim, be safe in the water, interact, feel included, play and have fun.

COMING SOON
To a pool near you!

Swim the Rainbow

- Our unique Swim the Rainbow program has been specially designed to teach children with a disability
- The swimming goals are aligned to the seven colours of the Rainbow to help build confidence
- Individualised swim lessons are delivered by qualified and dedicated swim teachers

Register your interest

- Vacancies arise at short notice, so we recommend you register and be ready to start swimming with a Club that understands and supports children with a disability (regardless of the type of disability)
- There is an expectation that a parent or guardian will remain close by during lessons to assist if required

About Rainbow Club

- We provide a membership for the duration of a school term (9 weekly half hour lessons)
- Our social calendar has something for everyone
- Club Committees are run by volunteers

We can't wait to see you at Rainbow Club soon!

Rainbow Club is a network of social swimming clubs for children with a disability

Join us! Sign-up online at myrainbowclub.org.au/register/

myrainbowclub.org.au

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- Rainbow Club Australia



How to Play

Step 1 – Choose a Book, eBook or Audio Book (or books) from one of our libraries.

Step 2 – When you finish reading the book(s) put a line through the appropriate square(s).

Step 3 – Present your completed card (all 15 squares must be completed) and receive your prize.

Upper Hunter Shire Libraries

WINTER BOOK BINGO

5 to 8 years
Ends 31/8/2022



Humorous	Free Choice	About a Jungle Animal	Free Choice	About a Sea Animal
Free Choice	Australian Author	Free Choice	About an Australian Animal	Free Choice
About a Reptile	Free Choice	Adventure	Free Choice	About a Domestic Pet



FREE DRUMMING WORKSHOP

**Book a day of drumming
during the school holidays**

**Date: 27 September 2022 or
29 September 2022**

Time: 9:00am - 1.30pm

Cost: Free

Facilitator: Charlie James

Morning Tea and Lunch included

Ages: 12 to 24 years

Book: by phoning 65452562



Regional
NSW



Bloom Markets 2022

Save The Date!

November 19th
2022

More Information To Come

Good for kids
good for life



Active indoor play

Try these fun activities to get kids moving indoors!

🌱 Play games that get kids moving e.g.

Twister, balloon tennis, Simon Says, hide & seek

🌱 Use Apps that get kids physically active e.g. yoga, dance

🌱 Get your groove on! Have a dance party, with lots of movements e.g. jumping, hopping. Freeze the music and balance on one leg!

🌱 Set up a gym circuit using home equipment e.g. mini tramp, balls, hula hoops, skipping ropes. Include star jumps, squats, running on the spot, bridges



Get active with your kids, its fun!

Source: Keeping kids active indoors: Top tips from our experts | Boston Children's Hospital
<https://www.childrenshospital.org/kids-active-indoors/>



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