Mr Rowney’s address to Tuesday’s Formal Assembly

Focusing on Success.

Good morning everyone. I am very pleased to be able to speak to you at our second Formal Assembly for the year. I am particularly pleased to welcome our parents and family members to our first Award Assembly for the year. When Ms Hunt spoke at our first Formal Assembly, she established our theme for the year: Learning is our Priority. I want to extend this idea in my speech this morning. I have given my speech the title: Focusing on Success.

I believe this sits very well with our first Award Assembly today. Each of our recipients has enjoyed success in their learning, both at school and beyond the classroom. The recipients of awards have each made success their priority. When I signed the certificates and paid attention to the reasons why teachers had nominated each student, I was impressed by the number of awards for students who had made a strong start to the school year in their studies. I was pleased to see some students achieve a real turn-around, compared with last year. Clearly success is now their priority.

Our students experienced success this term with a very enjoyable school swimming carnival (at which Murrong came second)! We will later announce the house that came first. The carnival was followed by terrific success at our Zone and Regional competitions. We have several students who succeeded at Zone level, and a large team that progressed to the Regional competition, from which a further team will be participating at the State Carnival.

We are getting used to this success, and we congratulate those swimmers who made success their priority.

Other groups who have made success their priority have been our Open and Junior Cricket enthusiasts, our winning Netball girls, our Basketball boys, our boys and girls’ Water Polo teams and our Horse Sports team. Soon we will compete in Rugby League and Soccer, and continue in the local Horse Sports events. Later in the term, our Steer Leading team will compete at local shows, then the Sydney Royal Easter Show, where we have enjoyed so much success in the past. Our Mock Trial team will soon begin their 2014 competition.

Another significant group to enjoy success so far this term is our Student Representative Council - our SRC. This dynamic group of students, including the newly elected Year 7 representatives, has been active in promoting the Clean Up Australia Campaign in Week 5, and in planning the World’s Greatest Shave/Shave For A Cure event this week. They are also planning our next Formal Assembly, to promote World Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This assembly will be conducted next Friday, 21st March.

Beyond the school, some students demonstrate their commitment to success through the Upper Hunter Shire Youth Council. This group of students, from across government and private primary, central and secondary schools in the Upper Hunter, is organising a community youth music event for our school in early April.
Success at Scone High School is not just a student priority. It is a staff priority as well. I wish to acknowledge the commitment of staff to all of the programs our students engage in to achieve success: our sports coaches, our sports coordinators, our student leadership coordinating teachers, and our coordinators of all those extra activities we provide for student enrichment and engagement.

We are only half way through our first term and it has been a very busy one so far. There have been two staff development days for the entire staff and a range of other professional learning events. Our staff, has so far, accumulated over 520 hours of professional learning. Some staff members have gone beyond the normal hours of duty at school to upgrade qualifications, learn new ways of delivering the curriculum and to ensure that we are providing quality teaching and learning at our school. Similarly staff have dedicated collectively over 280 hours of time into extra-curricular activities, in just the first six weeks of the year.

I hope you agree with me that these figures are extraordinary and they signify a strong commitment to making our school as successful as it can be. I hope you also agree with me that it is clear we all have the same priority: to succeed. I hope we can revisit this tremendous success throughout the year at these celebratory assemblies. Thank you for your attention, and once more, to our guests, thank you for attending our Award Assembly this morning.

L. Rowney, Principal (Relieving)

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**P & C**

**AGM on Tuesday 25th March**

7.00pm in the Library.

At the General Meeting that will follow the AGM, there is a Motion on Notice that will be voted on: "That the P&C donate $16 000 to the school to purchase a kiln and a calf cradle and that the P&C invest $10 000 to $15 000 in a term deposit ".

All parents are invited to attend our meetings. They are brief, to the point and very informative in relation to what we do at the school. Please come along and join in our discussions and decision making.

Caron Morris
Secretary

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** SRC Clean Up Australia Day**

On Friday the 28th of February, the Scone High School SRC participated in the annual “Clean Up Australia Day”, where citizens all over Australia clean up their local area.

Although the weather was against them, they stuck to it and cleaned the school grounds instead of venturing on to the treacherously wet Gundy Road. A total of around 40 students participated in this event, leaving the school clean and tidy.

**St Lukes Debutante Ball**

Will be held on Friday 20th June

at Scone Bowling Club.

Any girls 16 years and over, who are interested in making their debut,

Please Phone:

Beryl Bates on 6545 4123 ASAP
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FORMAL ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2014

The following students were presented with certificates at the recent Formal Assembly.

YEAR 7 AWARDS
For an enthusiastic and positive approach to school: Abby Witkowski, Wyatt Roberts, Leah King, Molly Whitehead, Phoebe Weatherley, Cooper Clothier, Mady Thomas
For enthusiasm and willingness to participate in Design and Technology: Mady Thomas
For an excellent attitude to learning in Design and Technology: Salman Khan
For being prompt to class and having a positive approach to Design and Technology: Bradley Moores

YEAR 8 AWARDS
For working well in History: Tayla Townley, Luke Ihle
For a consistent effort in English and History: Jacob Moore
For a consistent effort in English: Lachlan Cheshire, Bianca Soper
For improvement in Design and Technology: Adam McKee
For enthusiasm and an excellent attitude in Design and Technology: Johnathan Carter, Angelica Vickers, Abbey Hallett, Chloe Flanagan
For enthusiasm in elective classes: Mitchell Dykes
For an enthusiastic attitude in Tech Mandatory: Emily Winn

YEAR 9 AWARDS
For participation in Science: Gibson Clothier, Jaydie Minter
For a positive approach to Year 9 study: Vanessa Wood, Billy Clark, Ryan Hawkshaw, Steven Blayden
For a positive approach to Year 9 study: Brianna Denley
For excellent attitude and application in Maths: Brianna Denley
For participation and achievement in English: Kirsten Smith, Rachael Tillemans

YEAR 10 AWARDS
A positive and mature start to Year 10: Klea McGrath, Kate Byrne, Dylan Sansom, Joel Bates, Jimi Von-Stanke, Tegan Tickner

YEAR 11 AWARDS
For excellent work in Advanced English: Crystal Crowfoot, Emily-Jane Evans
For outstanding effort in Primary Industries: Natalie Ryan
For participation and application in Agriculture: Jackson Cook
For excellent attitude and application in Maths: Taylah Wayte

YEAR 12 AWARDS
For excellent commitment in Senior Science: Sherry Chan
For excellent progress and commitment to their study of Extension English 1 & 2: Rebecca Harvey, Chris Hodge
For always giving her best in Music: Mel Cone
For a positive attitude and commitment to his HSC year: Matt Winter
For excellent attitude and application in Maths: Matthew Walmsley

HOUSE CAPTAINS were presented with their badges.
Meekah (BLUE) Captains: Hollie Collison & Isaac Smith; Vice Captains: Talia Bruce & Troy Higham
Murrong (RED) Captains: Ianna Malcolm & Mitchell Thompson; Vice Captains: Sharon Atkinson & Tom Logan
Pannal (GREEN) Captains: Abbey-Rose Winter & Luke Kennedy; Vice Captains: Crystal Crowfoot & Carson Reid
Wattaka (YELLOW) Captains: Taylah Rossington & Nathan Jones; Vice Captains: Sophie Dawson & Brianna Frost
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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS - GIRLS**
12 Years – Matilda Jones  
13 Years – Indyana Taylor  
14 Years – Amelia Meir  
15 Years – Kirsten Smith  
16 Years – Ebony Taylor  
Opens – Talia Bruce

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS - BOYS**
12 Years – Richard Riley  
13 Years – Jake Newman  
14 Years – Ben Orlowsky  
15 Years – Tom Farley  
16 Years – Luke Kennedy  
Opens – Isaac Smith

**CHAMPION HOUSE - Meekah**

**SRC**
New members were presented with their badges - Joel Bates, Georgia Coombes, Gabrielle Vickers, Hannah Luck, Tom Darlington, Grace Coombes. All SRC members for 2014 were presented with a certificate.

**Blandford Horse sports**
On Monday 3rd March 2014, twelve Scone High School students headed to Murrurundi to complete at the annual Blandford Horse sports. They had a fantastic day, competing against 180 students from 28 schools. Many ribbons were won by our team and Anna Wilson was awarded Champion Girl Rider 15+ Years.

Congratulations to everyone who represented our school.

Mrs Joanne Cutler.
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln said “The best way to predict the future is to create it”.

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Help determine the future resilience, diversity and global awareness of your children and family.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2014 for either one term, or one or two semesters, from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.
SCONE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

Scone High School considers the wearing of a full school uniform a major factor in promoting and maintaining school tone. The community of Scone High School encourages the wearing of school uniform for the following reasons;

- Unites the student body
- Demonstrates pride in the school
- Discourages discrimination on social grounds

If the uniform cannot be worn on any particular day, a note should be supplied to the Deputy Principal on that day. Students who do not wear the school uniform and who do not provide a note may be excluded from representing the school.

Students are encouraged to wear predominantly blue hats/caps for sun protection. Caps are not to be worn in buildings and should be removed and placed in school bags before classes.

The uniform for Scone High School is as follows...

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* Optional – school tie can be purchased at the front office for $26

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School blazers are available for formal functions and students are encouraged to wear the formal uniform (white shirt, with tie and trousers or skirt) when representing the school at various functions.

Families can purchase a school blazer at Farrams, but they will need to be ordered. The school has a set of blazers for students who represent the school. A $25 refundable deposit is required. Bookings can be made through the front office.