**Principal’s Report**

**Scone High School P&C Meeting**

**Tuesday 25th March 2014**

**Formal Assemblies**

We celebrated student achievement at a Formal Assembly on 11th March, with Year Advisors acknowledging students who have made a successful start to the year. We also recognised our House Captains and our Swimming Age Champions at this assembly. It was easy to base my speech on student success.

Last week we acknowledged World Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying with a Formal Assembly, presenting national flags from around the world that have a link to the student community in our school.

**Storm Damage**

On Sunday 16th March, the roof on the western end of A Block was severely wind and water damaged in a storm. Mrs Byrne, who happened to be there on that afternoon, raised the alarm and Mrs Paine contacted the SES. We are fortunate that it occurred after school hours.

The repair work has commenced with a minimum of disruption. It requires the closure of one classroom for the duration of repairs.

**International Student**

Miss Vivien Carsten is currently enrolled in Year 11 on an international student exchange. She is from Germany and has settled in very well after a little initial homesickness. She is being currently hosted by the Belfield family.

**Student Achievements**

Our swimmers have excelled at school, zone and regional levels and several have qualified for the state competition: Talia Bruce and Ebony Taylor as individuals and our Open Girls Relay Team. The Steer Leading Team are preparing for Tamworth & Muswellbrook Shows, closely followed by the Sydney Royal Easter Show, all occurring before the end of Term One. Mrs Eather has taken on this program, assisted by Mr Congdon.

Other sports teams continue to enjoy success in State Knockout programs, with Water Polo, Basketball and Netball competitors progressing through the competitions. Tennis, Soccer and Rugby League are soon to commence. Individual success is ongoing for Kirsten Smith in state level Cricket, and the Horse Sports team continues to excel.

**WH&S Monitoring**

New guidelines requiring more regular and closely monitored Work Health & Safety practices are in place. We have a staff WH&S Team comprising of Ms Hunt, Mrs Higham, Ms Carter, Mr Croucher, Mrs Young and Ms Bowe.

We have conducted an emergency evacuation drill and a lockdown drill in the past fortnight and had a meeting with DEC WH&S personnel last Friday, culminating in a very favourable report.

**Friday Newspapers**

Are your students bringing them home? They have been using them well in roll call on Fridays.
Anzac Day
Anzac Day occurs during the next holidays. Sub-branches have already started to invite our student participation, and I will encourage this over the remainder of the term. Please encourage your children to take part. We always present very well. In addition to the 6 a.m. Dawn Service at the memorial outside Scone pool, there are services at Gundy (9 a.m.), Scone (10.30 a.m.), Aberdeen and Murrurundi. Our students lay wreaths at the mid-morning services in each centre.

Extra Curricula and TPL Events
Out teachers have allocated the time to enrich our student’s learning experiences by conducting several events since the February meeting. These include the Combined University Road Show for Years 11 & 12 (Mrs Eather), Clean Up Australia Day with SRC and friends (Mrs Carter), SHS Promotion to Year 6 at SPS (Mrs Smith), Extension HSC English Seminar (Mrs Paine & Miss Partridge), two Horse Sports events (Mrs Cutler & Mrs Frost), Year 6 Orientation with Year 10 Peer Support (Mrs Smith & 5 staff), LOTE Conference (Mrs Jeffries), Aboriginal Student Support Planning (Mrs Eveleigh), VET curriculum audit (Mr Westbury, Mrs Gal and 5 other staff), Primary Industries TPL (Miss Lauren Hunt), Year 11 Mock Trial (Mr Garland), Executive Network (Mr Rowney), student First Aid Certificate Training (Mr Westbury & Mrs Byrne), social & emotional learning (Mrs Collins), Shave for A Cure (Miss Davis, Mr Croucher & various students), Careers Student Forum (Mrs Eather & Mrs Jeffries), Year 7, 3-day Myuna Bay Camp (Miss Carrigan and two other staff), Australian Curriculum Planning (Mrs Wild & Miss Schumacher), Agriculture Farm Visit (Mr Congdon), Autism Welfare Training (Mrs Thompson) and Elite Education Senior Studies Skills (Mrs Young).

50 Years Celebration
We have been meeting monthly in preparation and the event is taking shape: Friday 24th October – re-enactment of the Scone Public School to Scone High School walk, recreation events at Scone High School during the day, and, in the evening, a cocktail reception at Scone High School MPU. On Saturday 25th October, there will be an open day at Scone High School, followed by multi-venue dinners around Scone. On Sunday 26th October, there will be an open morning at Scone High School with brunch.

It is not too late to join the team and we are now letter-box-dropping an information flyer around the Upper Hunter. We anticipate gradually increasing momentum, with people giving us details and seeking to attend.

Staff Development Days
All schools in the Upper Hunter Community of Outstanding Public Schools were represented at the Staff Development Day on Thursday 27th February, and all executive staff or their delegates were present at the follow-up implementation session on Friday 28th February. The focus was on VISIBLE LEARNING. This is a program of testing, assessing, observing and providing meaningful feedback to students about their learning, engagement and their perception of satisfaction at school. The same program is being applied to teachers in terms of evaluating their teaching and learning practice. Our next Staff Development Day is Friday 16th May. This means that school resumes on Monday 28th April in Term Two, and Monday 14th July for Term Three.

Mr Leigh Rowney, Relieving Principal.
25th March 2014.

School Photo Day
This year, School Photo Day will be on Monday 7th April (Week 11). All students should have received a photo envelope which has been pre-printed with their name. If you wish to purchase photos, specify your selection on the envelope and enclose payment via cash or credit card details.

All students are required to return their envelope to the photographer on the day, as the school office will not take payments on the photographers’ behalf. All students will have their photo taken, both individually and as part of their year group, even if they are not purchasing photos. It is extremely important that all students come dressed in full school uniform with appropriate shoes, hair, makeup, jewellery and so on. Students not wearing uniform will be made to go home and change, or wear a uniform from the clothing pool. Inappropriate makeup, hair or jewellery will need to be removed or changed before having photos taken.

Miss Davis distributed the photo envelopes to students during Week 9. Separate envelopes for family photos are be available.
Willowtree Horsesports
On Friday, March 21st, 12 students represented Scone High School at Willowtree Horsesports.

It was a tough day of competition, with over 180 students from across the state attending the day.

Our students did a fantastic job, presenting themselves and their horses with professionalism. We obtained a number of Champion Age Group riders including Darcy Pittman, Anna Wilson and Katrina Wilson. Campbell Jones was Reserve Champion Rider for his age group.

Two of our students, Camilla Swain and William Fardell, were presented with encouragement awards on the day.

Katrina Wilson was awarded Highest Pointscore Secondary Rider and the team won Champion High School.

Congratulations! Every rider contributed on the day to this fantastic team effort.

Mrs Joanne Cutler
Horsesports Co-ordinator

P&C News
The next P&C General Meeting will be held on May 27th at 7pm in the school library. Please come and join us.

We will also be holding a brief meeting on April 29th to discuss organisation for the upcoming Horse Festival Parade barbecue. We will be meeting in the school library at 7pm. Please come and join us.

Scone Hockey Club
Competitions are to suit ages from U5’s through to Seniors.
Competition commences Saturday, 5th April.
Registration fees:
U9’s $45
U18’s $90
Seniors $160
Online registration at www.scone.hockey.org.au.

There will be a “come and try it day” at Scone Sports Complex on Wednesday, 26th March, between 4pm and 6pm. Members will be available to assist with any issues in completing online registration.

Enquiries: email scone.hockey@ozemail.com.au or Gray Davis 0428 412483

Thinking of signing up for soccer this season?
Scone Junior Soccer are holding an open day on Saturday 5th April, starting at 9.30am, at the town soccer fields. Come and try small-sided games, learn the rules of small-sided games if you have children participating this year, or just pick up your free gear if you have already registered. There’ll also be socks and shorts available for sale for anyone who needs them, including players in the Intertown Competition.

There are limited places left in the 14’s Intertown Team for anyone interested in playing in this competition.

The Town Soccer Club is also looking for players, both boys and girls, for the following age groups, 4 - 7, 8 - 11 and 12 and up. Town Soccer is played in Scone every Saturday morning starting at 9.30am.

To register go to www.myfootballclub.com.au, or call Kylie on 0402 522 686 for more information about playing in the Town Competition or Lesley Hayward on 0413-958478 for the Intertown Competition.
On Friday the 21\textsuperscript{st} March, Scone High School took part in Shave for a Cure run by the SRC. The money raised went towards helping out people with Leukaemia and other blood related disorders.

Paul Johnson and Blake Nesbitt shaved all of their hair off, while Alyssa Jones, Olivia Gould and Lyndsay Atkinson got a large amount of their hair cut off, all for this great cause. For those who did not feel like getting their hair cut off, there was also a hair colouring station set up in the quad where students had an array of colours sprayed in their hair.

A barbeque was held by the SRC and was a great crowd pleaser. A total of $450 was raised and sent to the Leukaemia Foundation. Alyssa Jones managed to raise a massive $700 on her own to send to the Leukaemia Foundation. Mr Croucher grew a beard for the occasion and the SRC students sold raffle tickets, where the prize was to shave Mr Croucher’s beard off. Mrs Towler won the raffle, but Jono McMahon was allowed the honour of taking off the beard. The day was a great success and we hope it will be as good next year. A big thanks to Miss Davis and Ms Carter for helping run the day, and to Olivia Meier who came in to cut the hair and shave the students’ heads.
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Harmony Day
On Friday the 21st of March, we held our Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Assembly, to celebrate different cultures and traditions, and to draw attention to the need to act responsibly towards each other. Participants included students with different cultural backgrounds such as Australian, Brazilian, Bangladeshi, Chinese, German, Italian, New Zealander, Philippino, South African, English, American, Vietnamese and Aboriginal. The assembly began with the acknowledgment of country, which was delivered by Year Ten student Joell Cochrane, then the flags were carried by 19 students, who were each representing their cultural backgrounds. At the end of the assembly, Ashley Jones (a previous Captain), spoke to us about bullying and we showed a video to the school about the need to stop bullying and treat each other with respect. The SRC agreed that the day was very successful.

Darcy Pittman and Matilda Jones (Year 7)
Youth Beat - an event for Upper Hunter young people

Young performers, bands, DJs and other entertainers will be celebrated at the Youth Beat concert on Friday 4 April. The event is being put on by the Upper Hunter Youth Council and brings together students from throughout the Upper Hunter.

Funding from Indent, a Music NSW program, has been received to help put on a grassroots concert which encourages new and emerging talent to have a go at performing. The event will be strongly supportive of all performers and organizers are keen to encourage a wide range of acts to be part of the fun. Information on performing at Youth Beat can be found on our Face Book page, YouthBeat 2014.

The concert venue is the Scone High Hall, which is well equipped with sound and lighting equipment needed to put on a professional event. The Entertainment class from Scone High will be the sound and light crew.

Young people are involved in all aspects of Youth Beat. Catering for the night will be organized and run by students from a cooperative group of SRC reps from St Joseph’s, Scone High and Scone Grammar.

The committee putting on Youth Beat has been strongly supported by our young people with representatives from Scone Grammar School and Scone High having input into aspects of the concert, from promotions to pricing and ticketing.

Youth Beat is for High School aged students and older Upper Hunter youth. There will be no alcohol or smoking allowed and large bags will not be allowed in.

Tickets are being sold now at local schools and will be available at the door.

For more information please contact Mary Spora, Youth Mentor, 6540 1169.
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CLASS OF 1964

"Helping young people create their futures"

Scone High School
Celebrating 50 Years on Gundy Road
Friday 24th – Sunday 26th October 2014

Planned Celebrations
Friday 24th October 2014
- A re-enactment of the original walk from Scone Public School to Scone High
- Planting of a time capsule and activities at Scone High School
- Cocktail party and entertainment by current and ex-students

Saturday 25th October 2014
- Historical display in the Library
- School open for tours conducted by current students
- Celebration dinners across the town

Sunday 26th October 2014
- Brunch at the school
- Historical display in the Library

(There will be no personal invitations sent)

If you need accommodation book now. Suggestions/Phone numbers:
Arlie House Motor Inn 6545 1488
Colonial Motor Lodge 6545 1700
Scone Motor Inn 6545 3079
Iris Motel 6545 1100
Highway Caravan Park 1800 679 427
Scone Caravan Park 6545 2024
Royal Hotel Motel 6545 1722
Portman House 6545 9726

Celebration Dinner:

Name: 
E Mail: 
Years I attended Scone High School: 
I would like to attend. Please send details.
(This is an expression of interest form)
Branch 
Cocktail Party
The Walk
Tour of School