CONGRATULATIONS TO SCONE HIGH SCHOOL
WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL HORSE FESTIVAL PARADE’S
BEST SCHOOL FLOAT – “EQUINE ON THE FRONT LINE”

For more information regarding the canteen, please contact the supervisor, Tonia Barton, on 6545 1008
**Trivia Night a huge success**

Thank you to all those parents, community members, teachers and students who supported the Sports Trivia Night last Wednesday. It raised just over $3000 for sport in the school and an additional $800 for the Jamie Manning Fund. What an amazing achievement! Jamie is an ex student of Scone High and his parents are long term supporters and sponsors of many of our school events. We wish Jamie well in what will be a very long term recovery process.

I would like to especially thank Mr Croucher and his team for coordinating the event and for gaining so much sponsorship for it. Our long term sponsors, and many new sponsors, mean that we can offer fantastic prizes and a lot of fun on the evening. Thank you to our sponsors.

Thank you to Mrs Byrne and the Year 11 Hospitality class for preparing and presenting a magnificent supper for all those who attended the evening.

**Winners at the Horse Festival again**

Congratulations to students and staff who were involved in producing the Best Schools’ Entry for the fourth consecutive time, in the Horse Festival parade on May 10th. Thanks to Miss Davis who came up with the idea of how we could reflect the theme “Equine on the Frontline” and to the many teachers who sewed costumes, the students who painted banners, and to those who went in the parade on the day. We had a lot of fun and our school was represented very well indeed. (Photos in this publication)

**Horse Sports winners again**

Congratulations to our Horse Sports team on winning the “Scone Horse Sports Best Secondary School” on May 12th. We had some outstanding riders who represented our school with distinction.

I would like to thank Mrs Cutler and Mrs Frost for taking the team, along with the many parents who assisted the students and their horses. What a fantastic achievement! Well done to everyone concerned (Photos in this publication).

**Congratulations to Years 7 and 9**

Last week, all students across the country took part in the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. Our students participated and their behaviour in the examination situations was excellent. Congratulations to all those Year 7 and 9 students on a great effort.

**Cultural exchange to South Korea in 2015**

We are conducting our biennial visit to South Korea in 2015. All those students who are interested in attending should get an “Expression of Interest” form from Ms Hunt. They need to be returned by Friday 23rd May, 2014.

This excursion has been fantastic in the past and it is a very supportive and fun way for students to travel overseas. They learn a great deal about Korean culture, about tolerating difference and about their responsibilities as a traveller.

**South Koreans are visiting us in August**

We require billets for 15 – 20 students in August for 10 days. Families who have students who have already been to Korea, or who are planning to go in 2015, are asked to host these students. We also invite any other family to do so as well. It is a wonderful experience for families and a great way to learn about another culture.

Expressions of Interest forms can be obtained from Ms Hunt, and there is one included in this newsletter.

**Year 11 Examinations this week**

All year 11 students received their timetables last week. They are not required to be at school when they do not have an examination.

However, students who cannot go home between exams are reminded that they are to STAY AT SCHOOL and work in the Library. They are NOT to go down town, go driving in cars or leave the school grounds without permission.

**Years 7 and 8 Exams in Week 5**

These exams will take place between Monday 26th and Friday 30th May 2014. Students will receive a time table soon. Please ask them for it. Some exams will be in class, while others will be in whole year group situations in the MPU. Students should be going over their work every evening and revising for a couple of extra hours EVERY day from now on.

**Years 9 and 10 Exams in Week 6**

Years 9 and 10 know the procedures for exams and should be preparing with extra work at home from now onwards. Their exams are both in class and as whole year groups in the MPU. A timetable of exams will be made available soon for Monday 2nd – Friday 6th June 2014.
Celebrating 50 Years on Gundy Road

On 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014, our school will be celebrating 50 years on Gundy Road. We have a range of activities planned and ex students and community members are invited to attend. If you have friends who attended Scone High, who no longer live in Scone, please let them know about the weekend in October. More information can be found on our website at [www.scone-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.scone-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

For those who wish to register to participate in any of the events, they should download the form and send it in. They will then be on the mailing list for future communication, payment options and participation etc.

We are not sending out special invitations to anyone, so please help us get the word out to all ex students and staff by sharing the above information.

If you have any photos you would like to share over the weekend, please bring them into school. We will copy them and return them to you, and people will have lots to see and reminisce over.

The next meeting of our planning committee is 6pm in the Library on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lindy Hunt
Principal

Scone High School P&C News

Our next General Meeting is on Tuesday, 27th May at 7 pm in the school library. Please come along and join us.

We had a very successful barbecue at the Horse Festival Parade. We would like to thank Greg and Sue Ryan, Ann-Marie and Ross Higham, Leigh Rowney, Matt and Raelene Smith and Greg and Caron Morris for their assistance in making this fundraiser a success.

Reforms to P & C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P & C’s, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P & C Associations.

Each school’s P & C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at: [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php).

Important news for students leaving Scone High School prior to completing their HSC

Students in Years 10, 11 or 12, who are intending to leave school prior to completing the HSC, are eligible to enrol in the Board of Studies Online Literacy and Numeracy tests. These are designed to provide employers with an awareness of student achievement in these areas and, combined with the formal school report and other references, could be beneficial in assisting students to secure employment or a TAFE position. The tests will be conducted in May (22-28) and again in October (23-29). Some students may change their mind and choose to remain at school after completing the literacy and numeracy tests. They can take the tests again at a later stage if they choose to do so.

Mrs S. Paine
Relieving Head Teacher English
Board of Studies Coordinator
On Monday 5th May, 15 students represented our school at Scone Horsesports. The students had a fantastic day competing against 220 other students from 40 schools. We achieved lots of great results including:

- Darcy Pittman – Age Group Champion
- Anna Wilson – Age Group Champion
- Campbell Jones – Age Group Champion
- Katrina Wilson – Age Group Reserve Champion
- Callum Winn – Age Group Reserve Champion
- Matilda Jones – Junior Rider Reserve Champion & Junior Hack Reserve Champion
- Emily-Jane Evans – Encouragement Award

The team then went on to win Champion Secondary School for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to this wonderful team. Well done!

Mrs J Cutler
Horsesports Coordinator
Chess Round 2

Scone High’s Chess Team played St Catherine’s Singleton on the 13/5/2014 and came away winners in the second round, with a draw and 2 wins to their credit.

Sam Reddie was our Number One and beat their top player, skilfully exchanging pieces for position early in the game and trapping his king in checkmate in record time. Troy Higham had a strategic win in his 3rd position and Braeden Hill held on for a draw in the 4th. Carsen put pressure on his talented opponent early but let her get back in the game. We now move optimistically into round 3.

Open Girls Soccer

On Thursday the 1st of May, the Open Girls Soccer Team ventured down the Hunter Expressway, to play a gala day at Bolwarra against Kurri and Dungog High schools.

The girls hit the field with all their might. They played a very good game with the backs Hannah, Sarah, Kimberly, Tahlia, Emily and Kasey keeping constant pressure on the Kurri forwards. But unfortunately, we went down 4-nil, which made the girls fire up for the second game.

In the first half of the second game against Dungog, the team were down 1-nil. All of our mid fielders, Emily T, Rachael, Viviene and Vanessa, supported the backs and helped get the ball up field to our forwards Leah, Taylah and Eliza. They played exceptionally well, making many runs down field and only missing goals by millimetres.

At half time, the score was still 1-nil. The girls revamped with Gatorade that our coaches Lachlan and Sam provided, whilst our physio, Luke, strapped and offered cotton balls to the girls for comfort. The boys did an amazing job.

In the second half, the girls hit the field fired up. The rest of the game was played with a lot of determination. The score stayed 1-nil with the help of our goal keeper Kirsten, who had already caught and kicked many balls out of danger. She then decided she would go for a run and took the ball half way up the field before returning to the goals. The score was still at 1-nil.

A goal was finally scored by our team and this made the girls very happy, as the score was now 1 all, which, at the end of the game, was still the case. We then packed up and headed back along the highway.

This day could have not been possible without Ms Carter’s organisation, the parents Mr & Mrs Ryan, Mr Ron Tillelans, Mr Gary Wood and our coaches Lachlan, Sam and Luke.

The girls had a wonderful time and developed as a team throughout the day.

By Rachael Tillelans
“Learning is our priority”

**Volunteers needed - only 2 hours a week**
As a Family InSight volunteer, you can make a real difference to the lives of families with young children.

We need volunteers in the Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter areas urgently.

Course starts 21st May 2014.
Contact Family InSight on 4961 0700 - RING NOW

www.familyinsight.org.au

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**Workout Smarter not harder**
**Join the FREE fit challenge**
Metabolic training to increase your metabolism & burn fat efficiently. All ages welcome.

Sessions held at:
Bill Rose Complex
Monday & Friday 5.45am for 6am start
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Sunday 9.45am for a 10am start

Check us out:
www.facebook.com/groups/Sconeactive
Contact Linda – 0422 676 245

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**Safe Drivers Course**
Muswellbrook PCYC is running a Safe Drivers Course on Tuesday 20th May 5.30pm till 8.30pm

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IT’S FREE, FREE....NO EXCUSES..BE THERE!!

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**CAR WASH**
Sunday 15th June 2014

10am – 2pm
Muswellbrook Fair Carpark, Rutherford Road
Opposite Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre

$10 regular car
$15 4WD

Please come along and help the fundraising efforts of the four Upper Hunter students attending the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing next year.

They have combined together to raise funds for the Hunter Valley District Council of the RSL Sub-Branches, whose initiatives sees 20 students selected to represent the Hunter schools at this historic event. For part of the selection process, each student presented a research project on a forebear or local who attended WW1.

Thank you for your support of local youth as they strive to remember the past.
Skoolbag: Scone High School App - Smartphone school to parent communication. Skoolbag provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.

No more lost paper in student school bags! School newsletters, school notices and alerts are communicated directly to the parent smartphone through the Skoolbag App.

Many of our feeder primary schools already use this app and the feedback is very positive.

We are conducting a trial of our own Skoolbag app to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. The trial is for 30 days and is only available to iPhone users at this point. If the app is a success, it will be available for Android users via the Google Play Store. We are asking parents/students with iPhones to install the app.

To do so:
• Go to the App store on your Apple device.
• Search for ‘Scone High School’ in the Apple App store.
• Download it to your device for free.
• Open the app and when prompted, ‘allow’ push notifications.
• Select ‘more’ which can be found on the black bar at the bottom of the app.
• Select ‘setup’.
• Choose which categories you would like to receive notifications for.
• Choose ‘Home’ and you will be able to start exploring the app and what has been uploaded.

NB: THIS IS ONLY A ONE MONTH TRIAL. PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE CONCEPT.

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