**SCONE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  

**Issue 7**  

**“Learning is our priority”**  

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The P & C Association meets at 7.00 pm in the Library at Scone High School, every fourth Tuesday in the month

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For more information regarding the canteen, please contact the supervisor, Tonia Barton, on 6545 1008

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**Congratulations to the Horse Sports Team**

Our Horse Sports team has been representing the school amazingly well this past year. Last week, students spent 6 days at the Expo at Coonabarabran and returned with a swag of ribbons.

Our team of four were triumphant again, bringing home Champion Team of Four Riders. There will be a more detailed report of the team’s achievements and some photos in the next newsletter.

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**Examinations are over**

Teachers are working hard to give feedback to students about their exams and getting their reports completed. This is a huge task as we have to cover every student from Year 7 to Year 11 by the end of term. We hope we can achieve this, but if it runs over into next term, please do not panic.

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**Years 10 and 11 Parent/Teacher Evening**

Invitations will be sent in the mail to all families with students in Years 10 and 11 this week. They contain a booking sheet for students to make appointments with their teachers. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with teachers and find out how students are progressing. Teachers can offer suggestions about how students can build on their skills and knowledge, and move forward positively.

The meeting will be in the Library on Thursday 19th June from 4.00pm - 7.00pm.

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**50 Years Celebrations shaping up well**

We have had some very positive responses to the 50 Years weekend to be held from Friday 24th – Sunday 26th October this year. Our next meeting will be on Monday, 23rd June at 6.00pm in the Library. At that meeting, we will finalise all costings for the weekend’s events. These will then be posted on the school’s website, so people can book their places for the various events.

If you are an ex student and would like to attend, you can download an Expression of Interest from the website and send it in to the school. This will ensure that you receive all communication.

If you prefer to wait until all of the details and costings are published, you can download the booking forms and then send your money to the school.

If you know people who are ex students or ex staff members of our school, please let them know of our celebrations. We want as many people as possible to come along and join us.

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**Audit of VET (Vocational Education) at our school**

Each year, schools are audited for various aspects of their operation. This year we have had a financial audit, which was very positive indeed. Next, we will be audited for our Vocational Program.

External people visit the school and ensure that we are delivering the courses and administering them according to national guidelines. Our audit will take place on Tuesday, 18th June.
Variety Bash comes to town

On Saturday 16th August, the Variety Bash will come through Scone. They have contacted us to ask if our school would wash their cars while they have lunch at the Anglican Hall.

The P & C are keen to raise some funds through this venture.

The cars are always fascinating, the drivers an interesting mix of characters from across the country and they’re very generous with their donations.

So, please put this date in your diary and come along to school to help us remove the dirt from their cars. We will have to have a very organised approach to the couple of hours we have been allocated (approximately 10.30am – 1.30pm) so we can help them on their way to Cessnock, and then into Sydney on the Sunday.

Lindy Hunt
Principal

Prostate Cancer Awareness Day

On Tuesday, 17th of June, the SRC is having a fundraiser to help raise awareness for prostate cancer. Around 18,700 Australian men are diagnosed with this each year. 3,300 of these men die from it, which is equal to the number of women who die from breast cancer annually. Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer after lung cancer, and makes up approximately 30% of cancers diagnosed every year.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) is an organisation who promotes and funds research into a cure for prostate cancer, provides awareness campaigns throughout Australia and supports men and their families who are affected by the disease. The PCFA is a great organisation and the SRC wish to help them out by spreading awareness of prostate cancer and raising funds to go towards this group. They will do so by selling blue prostate cancer ribbons for a gold coin donation during roll call, and for a donation, allowing students to add something blue to their uniform e.g. hairband, wristband. Please take this opportunity to give generously to this very important cause.

Thanks from the SRC

Open Girls Hockey

Last Wednesday, the Open Girls’ Hockey team travelled to the International Hockey Centre in Newcastle to compete in Round 3 of the CHS Knockout.

The girls, who have never all played together, took on a very experienced and well drilled Merewether High School side. With the Merewether girls dominating possession, our girls were forced to play a very defensive game. In what should have been an absolute white-wash, the girls were only defeated by three goals. Not much was getting past our super halves and backs, and the opposition’s ten thousand other attempts at goal were put to rest by our champion goalkeeper, Rachael Buchannan!

Despite our loss and the end of our hockey journey for 2014, the day was filled with fantastic sportsmanship and plenty of laughs. The girls were an absolute pleasure to take away and are a credit to our school.

Thanks must go to the wonderful parents for assisting with transport and Brock Nugent for umpiring and tracking down the whereabouts of our opposition for our consolation game.

Scone Country Markets

The next Scone Country Markets will be on Saturday 14th June. The markets, starting at 8.30am and finishing around 2.00pm, are held on the lawn of the Scone Visitor Information Centre, Kelly Street. A sausage sizzle gets underway from 10.00am, provided by The Scone Garden Club. There are lots of stalls selling something for everyone, including sewing and craft supplies, hand-made jewellery, children’s clothing, plants, lotions & potions, homemade cakes and much more! Anyone looking to have a stall at the markets are more than welcome to come.

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**Senior State Wind Band Selection**

Isaac Smith of Year 10 has been selected to play in the Senior State Wind Band. Isaac has previously played bass guitar in this ensemble, but will play in the percussion section for this year’s performances.

Students from across the state have received three pieces of music to practise and two will be selected for the performances after rehearsals on the 21st and 22nd. The State Band will play over two nights as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House on the 23rd and 24th June.

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**Tim Collison selected to play with the Greater Northern Tigers**

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Tim Collison, on his recent Rugby League success. Tim was selected as part of the Greater Northern Tigers Rugby League representative team following trials in Tamworth. Tim has shown why he is considered to be a dedicated and talented sportsman, with training every Friday night in Tamworth and success on the weekend at the Under 16s Aami and CRL Championships in Wollongong. We congratulate Tim and wish him all the best for the final against the Western Rams on Saturday, 21st June in Tamworth. Top effort!

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**A great effort by the Mock Trial Team**

On Tuesday 27th of May, Scone High School’s Mock Trial team participated in the third round of the competition. They travelled down to Muswellbrook to compete against San Clemente High School of Newcastle. The team put in a tremendous effort. Crystal Crowfoot and Sophie Jeffries did a great job as barristers and were assisted by Abbey-Rose Winter’s wonderful solicitor notes. Jarod Smith and Lucy Kemp were outstanding as witnesses and demonstrated that they had a sound understanding of the case, and were more than willing to argue their point of view. Natalie Ryan also did a great job as Magistrate’s Clerk.

The team were successful winners on the day. This was their third consecutive win.

Ms Carter
Coordinating Teacher
Celebrate NAIDOC Week

Hunter New England Health NAIDOC Committee would like to invite you to our NAIDOC Week 2014 Flag raising ceremony and participate in the proceedings if you wish.

This year the National theme is Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond, which honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country.

The Flag raising ceremony will be held on the grounds of Muswellbrook Hospital on Tuesday 8th July at 10.30am, followed by morning tea to be held in the Weidmann Wing of Upper Hunter Community Health.

Please RSVP to Amanda Howard on 0408663243 or Community Health Administration on 0265 422 050 by Monday 23rd June 2014.

Yours sincerely

HNEH NAIDOC Committee

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land that I work on. I would like to pay my respects to our Elders Past and Present and Future.