Congratulations

Week Three was Education Week. Our school celebrated at a special Education Week ceremony for all schools in the Upper Hunter Learning Community at Aberdeen Public School, on Tuesday 29th July.

The following members of our school community received awards at that ceremony:

Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement to Lauren Eccles and Sam Reddie of Year 12

Awards for Excellence in Teaching went to Ms Anne Carter and Mrs Susan Ransom

Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Non-teaching Member of Staff to Mrs Vicki Wright

Award for Outstanding contribution by a School Community member to Mrs Sue Thompson

School Achievement Award went to our Equestrian Team.

Sam Reddie was one of the guest speakers. He spoke about what public education has given him. Our captains also assisted some of our partner primary school captains to conduct the ceremony. Our band performed and there were choral and dance items from the primary schools.

On Thursday, we had our own assembly where many of our students were recognised for their achievements. Thank you to all those parents who came along and shared in our celebrations.
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Successful parent/teacher interviews
Thank you to all those parents and teachers who attended the interviews last week for Years 7, 8 and 9. There were a couple of teachers away sick. If your child has them, please feel free to give them a call at school to discuss your child’s progress or make a time to see them at school.

Influenza time again
Across the district, there are a number of people suffering from influenza. If your child is sick, please keep them at home until they are well. It helps contain any infections and ensures that students are warm, get rest, and therefore recover much more rapidly. Just give us a call at the front office and let us know that your child is sick.

Have you downloaded the App yet?
In the last two newsletters and this one, there were instructions for downloading the SkoolBag App which gives notifications of school events etc. If you have misplaced those newsletters, they are on our website at www.scone-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Variety Bash Car Wash called off
In the last few newsletters we have been advertising for people to help with the Variety Bash Car Wash on 16th August. Unfortunately, they don’t require our services anymore, so it has been cancelled. Thank you to all those students, teachers and parents who had already volunteered to be of assistance.

The organisers did recommend that if any families would like to catch up with the Bash participants, they could meet them at St Luke’s Anglican Church in Scone where they will have lunch. There will be some “goodie bags” available for young people.

50 Years Celebrations
The next meeting of the committee is on Monday 18th August at 6.00pm in the Library. A booking sheet for activities in attached to this newsletter or can be down loaded from the website. Bookings are due by the end of this term, Friday 19th September.

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations
The timetable for these exams has been given to students. The examinations start on Monday 11th August and continue until Monday 18th August. Year 12 should be well into studying from their summaries. Don’t forget that they can access the Library on Tuesday nights from 6.00 – 8.00 pm for Study Night.

Can your family help at the working bees?
Please put the following dates aside to help out at school with our working bees. Sunday 24th August between 10.00 am – 12 noon and Sunday 7th September between 10.00 am – 12 noon. Come along, even for an hour, to help us improve our school environment for our students and our visitors in October.

Girls Navy Pants
We are trying to find a supplier, but uniform shops often don’t supply very fashionable pieces, some girls have found navy pants at:

1. ICE in Newcastle 2 for $40
2. Millers shops in Scone & Muswellbrook from size 10 up from $20

Lindy Hunt
Principal

Scone Rail Line Reconfiguration Works Shut Down
Track work will take place inside the rail corridor south of Scone Rail yard up to Liverpool Street between 6.00am Tuesday 19th August and 8.00pm Thursday 21st August 2014. Work will take place around the clock during the rail line shut down.

The New England Highway and Liverpool Street Level Crossings will remain open to traffic and pedestrians during the rail line shut down.

Minor traffic and pedestrian management will be in place at Liverpool Street Level Crossing from Tuesday 19th August to Thursday 21st August.

Traffic control will be in place along St Aubins and Susan Streets on both sides of the rail corridor, to assist motorists and pedestrians past the work site this work will commence Friday 15th August and continue to 26th August.

Trucks will be relocating spoil (excess soil) from the Scone site to the rail corridor via Gateleys Road, Wingen. Where possible, truck movements will be conducted during business hours.

Unfortunately, there maybe some noise and possible light spill associated with this work. This will be minimised where possible.

For any environmental enquiries or complaints, please contact the Project information Line 1800 182 543 or EnviroleineAartc.com.au
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Upper Hunter Careers Yarn Days
Aboriginal students, please join us for a yarn about your future career, employment and education opportunities. Come along and enjoy a free BBQ lunch on the day.

Muswellbrook Yarn Day – Wanarueh LALC, 19 Maitland Road, Muswellbrook, Tuesday 19th August
10am – 2pm. RSVP 13th August
Scone Yarn Day – Scone Youth Centre, 105 Susan Street Scone. Tuesday 2nd September 2014.
10am – 2pm. RSVP 27th August 2014

For further information please call: Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Newcastle on 02 4939 4500 or Opportunity Hub on 1300 636 757

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.
**SCONE HIGH SCHOOL**  
Fifty Years Celebration on the Gundy Road Site  
24\(^{th}\) - 26\(^{th}\) October, 2014

**BOOKING FORM**

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**RSVP:** 19\(^{th}\) September 2014 to Scone High School Office, Gundy Road Scone. Phone 02 65451455. Payment by cheque made out to Scone High School or by Credit Card.

Tickets: I will collect from the school office
Please send tickets to the above address

Card Details
Name on Card ________________________________
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Association with school:
Ex student ___________________ Teacher_________________ Other_________________