Issue 2

“Be a Positive Influence”

2nd March 2015

Congratulations to Mr Dransfield and The Smiths
Congratulations to Kirsten (Year 10) and Isaac Smith (Year 12) who were selected to represent the Hunter/Central Coast Region open girls and boys cricket teams respectively. They both played in their respective State Carnivals in Armidale and Bathurst during Week 3 of this term.

The level of competition to make it into the team was incredible, and Isaac’s selection was an outstanding achievement. The Hunter/Central Coast team was placed third overall in the carnival, which was an impressive result. To make it into any of the open boys’ teams for cricket is an excellent achievement, because the competition for positions is highly competitive and many of the boys already play at very high levels in NSW cricket.

Kirsten is quite young to be selected in an open girls’ team, and this year she opened the batting and was also successful in bowling. She was selected in the NSW CHS open girls cricket team as a result of her performances at the State Carnival. This is an outstanding achievement as most of the other team members are in Years 11 and 12. Kirsten will play with the CHS team against the Catholic Schools and Independent Schools Open teams next week. We congratulate her and send our best wishes for another highly successful carnival.

Congratulations to Mr Ross Dransfield who has coached the Hunter/Central Coast girls’ cricket team for 16 years. To finish his coaching of the team with a win at the State Carnival was an amazing effort.

Thank you and congratulations.
Last week, Sophie Dawson of Year 12 and Lachlan White of Year 10 both presented at the Scone Public School Leadership Assembly. They spoke about what leadership meant to them and shared some of their leadership experiences with the new Student Representative Council. They were very well received and I commend them both on their speeches.

Sophie also assisted in promoting what our school has to offer at the Scone Public School Information Evening on Wednesday. She spoke very confidently to parents and students about what opportunities our school has to offer.

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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

Sophie Dawson & Lachlan White

Kirsten & Isaac Smith
Outstanding Zone Swimming Carnival results

Congratulations to our swim team who performed above and beyond last week at the Zone Swimming Carnival. While we are yet to receive the names of those who will represent at regional level, a special mention should be made of the following students:

Tom Farley – 16 Years Boys Age Champion

Ebony Taylor – 17+ Years Girls Age Champion
   – 17+ Girls 50m Freestyle 29.55
      (Previously held by M Groves, Singleton High School 1990 at 30.30)

Talia Bruce – 17+ Girls 100m Backstroke 1:16.82
   (Previously held by M Trees, Singleton High School 1999 at 1:18.62)

13 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
   (post push change 2006) Scone High School 2:26.28
   (previously held by Scone High School 2006 at 2:26.78)

17+ Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
   (post push change 2006) Scone High School 2:08.15
   (previously held by Scone High School 2014 at 2:15.12)

Peer Support running well

At our school, we support Year 7 as they embark upon the Peer Support Program. Mrs Wild coordinates the Year 11 students who are trained in delivering the program.

The program helps Year 7 settle into secondary school and make wise decisions and provides senior students with opportunities for leadership and responsibility for a small group of students. They present to a small group for whom they are responsible each Wednesday morning for the entire of Term 1. The program this year is running really well. I congratulate all those associated with it.

Visual Arts students visit galleries.

Thank you to Miss Davis for taking the Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts classes to see the best of the HSC art works at Newcastle Gallery last week, and also to Lake Macquarie Gallery to view works of artists they will study for the HSC. Both gallery personnel praised our students for their interest and excellent behaviour. Congratulations on a great excursion!

Year 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 4th March

We are delighted to invite all Year 6 students from around the Upper Hunter to our first orientation day for the 2016 Year 7 cohort. Students will have received invitations at their primary schools, but if you know someone who might like to attend our school in Year 7 next year, please let them know of our event. It is the first in a series that we hold over the year to ensure that Year 7 is comfortable and well prepared for secondary school.

Uniform looking good

Congratulations and thank you to all those families who have made a real effort to get their students into uniform. The students are looking really good. Our next step is to update the sport uniform so that it also looks great. We are asking that parents have some input into the new design. Please see the sheet with the two proposals for a new sport uniform attached to this newsletter.

The P & C have approved two designs for the school to select from. We ask that you vote on which one you would prefer and return the sheet to the front office via your student. All students will also be given the opportunity to vote on their preference over the next few weeks.

Year 7 meet the teachers - Thank you

Thank you to all those parents and teachers who attended the meet the teachers night for the new Year 7 students. It was great to put names to faces, chat about expectations and what will be happening in Year 7.

P & C need biscuits

Each year our P & C caters for supper at the Kia Ora Music Camp Concert. We need biscuits delivered to the canteen on the morning of Friday 20th March. (NO nuts please)

A note will be sent home next week for families to register their donations. This means that we will know what is being provided well before the event.

Farewell Mrs Coward

Farewell and best wishes to Mrs Coward (Maths) who is going on leave to have her baby.

Welcome to Mrs Hagan who will be taking her classes while she is on leave.
Music students see HSC performances.
On Friday the 20th February the senior Music classes were invited to attend “Reprise” at the Conservatorium of Music in Newcastle. “Reprise” is a concert put together by the dedicated Music teacher community of the Hunter Valley to showcase the excellent performances demonstrated by local students in the HSC Music courses last year. All participants had been nominated as students who excelled at their instruments and were worthy of band 6’s in their field. This is a similar, but local, event that copies the function of the “Encore” performances that run in the Sydney Opera House for the students all over NSW who achieved a band 6 in Music performance.

Performances ranged from singers to tuba players, saxophones, drum solos and piano players. Our students were in awe of some of the talent and were animated in their discussions about the performances after the event.

A huge “thank you” should go to Mr Delforce who volunteered his time to assist in the transportation of some of the students to this event. Overall, a great day was had by all and students walked away more familiar with the standards necessary to excel in their HSC.

Lindy Hunt
Principal

Scone Basketball Association
Junior basketball will commence next Wednesday 4th March. Registrations can be done on the day. The competition will run every Wednesday at Scone Basketball stadium, Hill Street Scone.
Ages 5 to 9 years 4pm-5pm Cost $50
Ages 10 to 12 years 5pm-6pm Cost $50
Ages 13 to 17 years 5pm-6pm Cost $95
Enquiries contact: Juniors Coordinator Danielle Brown - 0407157645

Upper Hunter Physical Culture Club
Physical Culture is a unique Australian sport which is a combination of dance, ballet and aerobics. It’s an affordable dance and exercise class for girls, 3 years and up. Classes are in Muswellbrook and Scone, and commence on the 16th February, 2015.

Contact: upperhunterphysie@hotmail.com or Belinda – 0411 731 347

School Photo Day
This year, School Photo day will be held on Thursday 12th March. Very soon, all students will receive 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, even if photographs are not being purchased. Payments are to go directly to the photographer in the envelopes provided. The school office will not take payments on the photographers’ behalf. These envelopes will be distributed in roll call, and separate envelopes for family photographs will be available from Miss Davis.

All students will have their photo taken, both individually and as part of their year group, even if they are not purchasing photos. Scone High School will be using the individual photographs to create Student ID cards for all students this year, so it is imperative that all students attend school on the 12th March and have their photo taken.

It is extremely important that all students come dressed in full school uniform with correct shoes and socks, neat hair, appropriate makeup and minimal jewellery. Students not wearing uniform will be made to go home and change, or wear a uniform from the clothing pool. Inappropriate makeup or jewellery will need to be removed or changed before having photos taken. Please do not allow students to wear visible singlets, T-shirts or long-sleeved tops under their school shirts as they will need to remove them before they have their photo taken.

Osborn’s Buses
Lately we have been having a few problems with children missing their stops, whether it be because they have fallen asleep, are sitting up the back and the driver was not aware they are a new student getting off at a different stop or parents not standing at the bus stop waiting for their children.

If your child is new and may not know their bus stop, or you are concerned that they will not know where to get off, we would like parents to be standing at the bus stop, not sitting in their car or waiting at their door as drivers cannot see this. Also, if the parents can wave down their bus when they see it, the driver will know to pull over.
PROPOSAL FOR SPORT SHIRTS
The two designs below have been selected by the P & C for the school to choose from for our new sport tops.

If you would like to be involved in voting on which one you prefer, please indicate by ticking the box beside your preference. Please have your student return your selection to their roll teacher by Friday 6th March 2015.