Please correct your calendars

The first day of school for teachers for Term 3 is Monday 13th July.

The first day of Term 3 for students is Tuesday 14th July 2015.

There has been a misprint on the whole school calendar, so please make this adjustment to your calendars for Term 3, 2015.

Year 6 Orientation very successful

It was fantastic to have so many Year 6 students join us last Wednesday and enjoy some of the many different activities and classes on offer at our school. If you have a student in Year 6 who is coming to Scone HS in 2016, please ensure that you have returned your enrolment forms as the Department is currently planning for teachers for 2016.

Scholarships for Year 7 2016

The P & C are offering up to 10 scholarships to incoming Year 7 students. They will cover the cost of school fees, the book pack and a calculator. Students were given information on Orientation Day. Year 6 teachers have information as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Thompson who will be the Year Adviser for the incoming Year 7 cohort.

Year 10 Work Experience

Week 10, Term 2

I would like to thank the many organisations, both within Scone and around the state, who are hosting Year 10 students during Week 10 for work experience. It is always a great week. Some students gain full or part time employment from the week, and everyone learns a great deal about the organisations who are hosting them.

Reward Days

Congratulations to the many students who have been recipients of reward day benefits this term. To be selected for a reward day, students must have 100% wearing of uniform, above 85% attendance and have no negative discipline entries. It is great to see so many students in these categories.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs Cutler who goes through all of our records to identify the students who qualify for these days, then on top of that, she organises the activities and supervises the students. This is an amazing effort.

Formal Assembly on Tuesday

As a result of all of the Entertainment students being in Melbourne for the last two days of school this term, the formal assembly scheduled for Thursday 25th June has been changed to Tuesday 23rd June at 10.46 am in the MPU. All students who are receiving awards will have received notification in the mail and parents an invitation.

All families are always invited to our formal assemblies which celebrate the many achievements of our great students. This one is no exception. Many sporting, academic and citizenship awards will be distributed to very deserving students. Joel Bates who recently travelled to Gallipoli will share his thoughts with us as well.

Reports to students

The teachers have been working really hard on getting the reports completed and printed off for students in Years 7 – 10. Year 11 comes a little later. If your student has not received their report when you receive this newsletter, please get them to see their Year Adviser who will be keeping them safe for each student.
**Years 7 – 10 Parent/Teacher Night**

last week of Term

All families of students in Years 7 – 10 will have received in the mail an invitation and a booking sheet to make appointments with their student’s teachers for Thursday 25th June from 4.00 – 7.00pm in the MPU. If students have misplaced their booking form, please ask them to get another from the Teachers’ Centre.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents to talk with teachers about their student’s progress. We look forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

Year 10 parents, we know that students are on work experience during the last week, please do not let that deter you. Please come along and talk about your students at a vital time in their schooling.

**Staff raise funds for Cancer Council**

The staff of Scone High School support “Cuppa for Cancer” each year with a raffle and special morning tea. This year they raised $461 for cancer research through a quilt raffle, which was won by Mrs Lynne Gray from Scone Public School, and a range of other raffles on the day.

**Year 10 Decision Time**

In Week 3 of Term 3, Year 10 start to make decisions about what courses they might like to study to meet their needs beyond Year 10. Decision time begins with an information day on Wednesday 29th July. Regardless of what career path students may be thinking of taking, apprenticeships, traineeship, TAFE beyond school, HSC and university study etc… all information will be available for students.

The process takes the rest of the term and involves information sessions, subject advice, counselling sessions, subject selections and refining those etc. We ask that Year 10 parents are actively involved in the process so that students make decisions as individuals to meet their needs.

**HSC Student Information**

Students have their ID numbers for the BOSTES. The HSC timetable is on there, as is information about the Sydney Morning Herald series for HSC. Students are encouraged to access if. It has some excellent information.

Lindy Hunt
Principal

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**Story time at Scone Library**

The Annual National Simultaneous Story Time is an event where the same book is read to children across Australia, at the same time on the same day. The aim is to promote and encourage lifelong reading through story telling.

On the Wednesday 27th of May, Joel Bates and Campbell Jones, both of Year 11, volunteered to read to approximately 120 children at Scone Library. Joel read the book ‘Mail Harry to the Moon’ and Campbell read ‘Too Many Elephants in this House’ which was last year’s National Simultaneous Story Time book.

The boys’ animated reading of the stories engaged their listeners. They really enjoyed reading to the children and also realised their influence in encouraging young boys to read.
Congratulations to Jason Brooks and his team for winning the Scone High School Sports Trivia Challenge at the Scone Bowling Club during Horse Festival. They finished with a possible 79 out of 100 points, making them clear winners over Damien Saunder’s team on 76.5 and Graham White on 73.5.

Congratulations also to the Scone High P & C who managed to avoid their 5th wooden spoon in a row. That title for this year went to David Luck’s team who scored 19 points. The continuous round winners this year was the team from Vinery who scored 25 out of 30.

Thanks go to all winning teams who donated their prize money back to Scone High School. Thanks also to Pat and Lorraine Gleeson who, by donation, sponsored our “Bottle of Scotch” competition and also placed a significant bid on our main prize which was a signed CRL jumper that was donated by Bert Lowrie.

The Scone High School’s organising body would like to thank all contestants for their participation on the night and the long list of sponsors, headed by the Scone Bowling Club. Proceeds will buy sporting equipment and go towards the purchasing of a mini bus to assist with transport to sport and extra-curricular activities.

Jason Croucher
Coordinator
YEAR 7 AWARDS – Nat Smith  
For consistent hard work across a number of KLA’s: Adam Wharton  
For outstanding academic achievement: Lara Dawson  
For a great attitude and application in Maths: Sunday Muffett

YEAR 8 AWARDS – Jason Croucher  
For excellence across a variety of subject areas and a dedicated attitude towards learning: Matt Clark, Cooper Clothier, Emily Collison, Chloe Frost, Blair Jackson, Matt Kilroy, Chloe Russell, Travis Smith, Max Thackeray

YEAR 9 AWARDS - Nicole Wild  

YEAR 10 AWARDS – Carmen Partridge  
For achieving an excellent Semester One Report in all subject areas: Alexandria Barnes, Lucy Brazell, Brianna Denley, Tom Farley, Shenae Ison, Jaydie Minter, Jessica Presland, Kirsten Smith, Jake Speck, Rachael Tillemans, Gabrielle Vickers, Lachlan White

YEAR 11 AWARDS – Crystal Davis  
For volunteering at the Library with young children for “National Simultaneous Storytime”: Campbell Jones, Joel Bates  
For excellent work in Mathematics: Sharnia Thompson  
For excellent work in PD/H/PE: Brianna Muddiman  
For excellent work in Drama: Jaime Petersen  
For excellent work in Visual Arts: Holly Moore, Ella Death, Kate Byrne  
For excellent work in Community & Family Studies: Taylah Tromp  
For excellent work in Ancient History: Samantha Roser  
For excellent work in Chemistry: Rachel Pittman  
For great work in Ancient History: Katie Budd  
For great work in Sports, Lifestyle & Recreation: Lachlan Duwakin, Georgie McGuiness  
For excellent work in Music: Ebony Taylor

YEAR 12 AWARDS – Marianne Young  
For coordinating the Year 12 Fundraising Activity: Talia Bruce, Samantha Hallett  
For efficient preparation and service during Year 12 Fundraising: Stevie Wilson, Crystal Crowfoot, Alana Bruce, Natalie Ryan, Emily-Jane Evans, Sophie Grimshaw  
For designing advertising posters for the Year 12 Fundraising Activity: Emma-Jane Campbell, Jodie Cutler
SPORT – Athletics Carnival 2015 Age Champions
Girls
12 Years – Taylah Moore
13 Years – Holly Almond
14 Years – Indyana Taylor
15 Years – Hannah Rando
16 Years – Jessica Presland
Opens – Emily-Jane Evans
Boys
12 Years – Michael Robinson
13 Years – Richard Riley
14 Years – Max Thackeray
15 Years – Jacob Moore
16 Years – Caleb Taylor
Opens – Joel Bates

SPORT – 2015 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS
Girls
Senior Shield – Indyana Taylor
Junior Shield – Holly Meier

Boys
Senior Shield – Luke Morris
Junior Shield – Daniel Crozier
“Be a Positive Influence”

**Creative Writing for Young People**

**School Holiday Workshop**

Learn valuable writing tips and practical exercises to fuel your imagination and build your writing confidence at a relaxed and supportive workshop designed for young writers 12 -18 years.

This event is presented by the Hunter Writers Centre in partnership with Maitland and Lake Mac Libraries.

Bookings are essential and can be made online or in person prior to the event.

When: Thursday, 9 July  
Where: Charlestown Library  
Time: 10am - 4pm  
Cost: $25


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**NSW Government—Education & Community Information for Parents & Carers**

**Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW Government Schools.**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public Schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

**How can you participate in the review?**

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link:  http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired, but is not essential.

**Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted.**

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au  
All complaints will be treated confidentially.

**WEP Student Exchange**

**Learn and Discover the World!**

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year.

To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.
What is Snapchat?
Snapchat is an application which is free to download on iOS and Android devices that allows users to send images (‘snaps’) to each other. Operating the app requires use of the device’s data plan or wireless internet connection. Images can be drawn on using a whiteboard-style tool and can be given a caption. Images can be sent to other users for up to 10 seconds before they ‘dissolve’.

Is Snapchat free?
Yes, Snapchat is a free application that can be downloaded on most devices. Operating the app might attract costs depending on your data plan and whether you utilise a wireless connection.

Who can see the snaps that I send?
There are many ways an image can be saved, even on Snapchat. iOS and Android devices have a feature which allow the device to take a photo of what is on the screen (‘screencapture’). Snapchat notifies the sender if an image they have sent has been captured, however you are not always notified. There are also many other ways images can be saved without the sender being notified so it is important to think before you post.

Be aware that all images you send via Snapchat are also temporarily saved on the Snapchat server which could be accessed even after they have ‘dissolved’.

Is Snapchat a ‘safe sexting’ application?
It is important to know that there is no such thing as ‘safe sexting’ and Snapchat is no exception. You need to be aware that as soon as you send an image you have lost control. Who might see that image? We encourage you to do the ‘grandma test’; if the image is something you would not be comfortable sharing with your parents or grandparents reconsider why you want to share it. Sending sexually explicit images of someone under the age of 18, even if you’ve taken the photo of yourself, could be an offence under State and Commonwealth law.

If someone sends you an explicit image of themselves, you need

to realise three things:
1. It’s not your photo - you have no intellectual property ownership rights whatsoever to the image;
2. It’s not you in the picture - it’s not your face or your body in the photo;
3. It’s not your decision who to share it with - you don’t get to decide who else sees the picture, that decision should always remain with the person in the photo.

How do I delete my Snapchat account?

To delete or block a contact on Snapchat find their username on your ‘My Friends’ list and swipe or press their name, select ‘Edit’ or the gear icon, and select ‘Delete’ or ‘Block’.

How can I stop people I don’t know sending me snaps?
Snapchat has very limited privacy settings, however, you can limit who can send you snaps. This can be enabled by going into the Settings menu, select Who can send me snaps... then select My Friends. This will ensure that only users on your contact list can send you snaps.

What are the potential problems with Snapchat?

Ethically, you need to be aware of the impact that your online behaviour has on others as well as your own reputation. If you share sexualized or naked images or videos of yourself or someone else via Snapchat, you may be committing an offence. Even if you think that you are happy to send or receive a message from someone, once you have sent it you have lost control of it – even if you’ve set your snaps to 1 second! If these images are saved and uploaded anyone could come across or find the images, such as your future employer or even your mum or dad! Even scarier, they could still be out there when you have kids of your own!

By sending naked selfies, ‘someone else’s’ or ‘n00dz’ you may make yourself and others more vulnerable to bullying and cyberbullying. This might happen at school or even online with people posting and sharing the image on social networking or instant messenger apps.

Top 3 Snapchat Tips
1. Never share images or videos that you wouldn’t be happy for the world to see. As soon as you post an image you’ve lost control.
2. Be aware of how to block, report and delete users on all your accounts and apps
3. Restrict your account settings so only people you know and trust can communicate with you.

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au/kids
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