

A photograph of a school building with trees in the foreground, serving as the background for the newsletter header.

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Age Bene Partem - Play Your Part Well'

PRINCIPALS REPORT

On Friday 22 September our exceptional Year 12 graduating class of Scone High had their final assembly. Celebrated alongside family and esteemed guests our school community gathered to acknowledge the positive impact these young adults have had on our learning and our culture as a school.

First and foremost, I am incredibly honoured and privileged to have been able to bid them farewell as Relieving Principal. What a journey it has been, and what a remarkable group of young men and women they have become.

I know that the last 5 years have flown by for me since meeting them in year 8 and in that time I have been lucky to share amazing moments, personal highlights, tough conversations and witty repartee, but the smile has rarely left my face as I watched them all mature. Friday was their day and a crossroads between the long journey they are finishing and the incredible adventure that lies ahead.

It was also a time for reflection, firstly the importance of the character strength of bravery. As our Year 12s venture out into the wide world, they will remember that courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. They will embrace change, take risks, and never shy away from challenges.

Another important character strength is that of curiosity. Keep asking questions, keep seeking knowledge, and never lose that thirst for learning. As Albert Einstein once said, "The important thing is to not stop questioning."

Gratitude is something that can never be overemphasized. Taking a moment to reflect on all those who have been a support on this incredible journey – parents, staff, friends and loved ones. Say thank you, not just today, but every day, because gratitude is a gift that keeps on giving.

But let's not forget the importance of grit and resilience. Life can throw curveballs, and success often comes to those who keep going when the going gets tough. Remember that setbacks are just setups for comebacks. An ability to bounce back from adversity will define the journey.

Furthermore, our Year 12 are role models. The younger students in our school have been watching and learning from their example. They've witnessed dedication, hard work, and kindness. Their legacy will continue to inspire those who follow in their footsteps.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you – our wonderful students, our supportive families, and our dedicated staff. You have made this school an incredible place, and I couldn't be prouder. Congratulations, Class of 2023, go out there, conquer the world, and remember, you will always be a part of our school family.



Adam Johnston
Rel. Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO YEAR 12

Dear Year 12 Students,

As your Year Advisor, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your academic journey. Year 12 has been a year filled with challenges, growth, and hard work, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you for your dedication and resilience.

As you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your lives, I want to wish you all the best in the future. Remember that the skills and knowledge you've gained throughout your time in school will serve as a solid foundation for whatever path you choose to pursue. Whether you are heading off to university, entering the workforce, or exploring other opportunities, I have no doubt that you will excel and make a positive impact on the world.

Please know that your teachers, family, and friends are here to support you as you take this next step. Don't be afraid to seek guidance and ask for help when you need it. Remember that failure is a stepping stone to success, and setbacks are just temporary obstacles on the road to achievement.

As you move forward, keep your dreams alive and never stop learning. Your potential is limitless, and I am excited to see the amazing things you will accomplish in the years to come.

Once again, congratulations, Year 12, and all the best for your bright future!

Tonya McQuilty Year 12 Advisor



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2024

Congratulations to the following students who have gained a leadership position for 2023/2024.



Hayden Young
Captain



Charlie Milton
Captain



Blake Liverton
Vice-Captain



Natasha Vickers
Vice-Captain



Luc Bates
Prefect



Hunter McLoughlin
Prefect



Jordanna Belcher
Prefect



Charlotte Panui
Prefect

SRC NEWS

On Friday the 11th of August, Scone High School SRC hosted a 'Pyjama and Anything but a Bag Day'. This was a fun and inclusive fundraiser for all students to participate in. The purpose of the day was to raise funds for the Upper Hunter Homeless Shelter and for students to think of a fun and appropriate way to experience what it is like to have very limited resources in your life. Students wore their most stylish and comfy pyjamas to school and were creative in finding another way to bring their books and lunch to school. It was great to see everyone's creative alternate school bag ideas and help support those in the Upper Hunter who need a little bit of help and give back to our community. We successfully raised \$167.80.

On Thursday the 7th of September Scone High School SRC hosted a Footy Colours Day to raise awareness for the Fight Cancer Foundation (FCF) which help kids with cancer. All students and teachers looked fantastic in their favourite footy team colours on the day which is held annually.

SRC Team



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

When students borrowed a book during Book Week they went into the draw to win a prize. There were total of 117 books borrowed during the week and Jai was our winner with 23 books borrowed!

Mr Johnston also enjoyed the opportunity to read to the children at Scone & District Preschool. He was delighted to share his love of reading and looks forward to having this chance again soon!



U14 & U16 GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

On Thursday 14th September our U14 & U16 Girls League Tag teams competed in a tournament at Denman. All our girls had a wonderful day full of positivity, support and sportsmanship. Congratulations!



DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Our Year 11 future leaders have recently returned from a leadership workshop organised by Where There's A Will. These students have organised and run a dodge ball competition this week to increase student well being for all of our students.

As an added support students are supporting their teams by wearing their favourite football jerseys with all funds raised to support Fight Cancer Foundation (FCF).

Everyone has had a lot of fun participating and congratulation to our winners Team 6 – Ruby, Halle, Cooper, Bryce, Tyson, Cash.

The magic moment award went to Jayden.



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Scone High School Annual Photo Competition is back! This year there will be a section for the best black and white photograph. Entries will close Wednesday 11th of October. Please submit your entries via google classroom: ZYDKVRQ

RURAL HEALTH CAREERS WORKSHOP

This term our Year 10-12 students attended a workshop hosted by University of Newcastle.

This workshop involved medical and allied health students coming to our school to talk about rural health careers and run practical workshops. Students rotated around each of the workshops in small groups. These activities included physiotherapy, medical science, psychology, audiology and more.



U15 BOYS BASKETBALL

On 7 August our U15 Boys Basketball team played Singleton High School and were victorious 34-27 which allowed them to progress to round 2.

Our boys team then competed against Belmont High School on 22 August. The boys had done our school proud and have taken the win 31-20 which then allowed them to progress to round 3.

The team then had a home game and went down to Lambton High School 54-25.

A lot of grit and determination was shown by our boys.

A special thank you to our officials Steve and Emma as well as parents and friends of our team that came along to support.



WEAVING WORKSHOP

Students participated in a weaving workshop conducted by Richie and Sue Lawton and Aunties Michelle and Julie.

The students weaving will be used in an art installation that will be exhibited next year.



CELEBRATING OUR NAIDOC WEEK CHAMPIONS

Our principal rewarded our Naidoc Week champions with a special lunch at Asser House Cafe celebrating our win in Burounjin during NAIDOC Week.



WATER TESTING

Year 7 students Josh and Renzy took part in the Hunter River Health Check organised by Shane Roberts - Principal of Belltrees Public School.

Ten schools are conducting various tests of the Hunter River, from Ellerston, at the head of the river, to Carrington at the river's estuary. All the data will be collated and provide a picture of the river's health.

The Hunter River Health Check is a way to recognise World River Day (24/9) and Threatened Species Day (7/9). It is also an opportunity to raise awareness about one of our major natural assets. The Hunter River is facing many challenges, including issues about water quality and the destruction of habitats, which are both threatening the survival of the Hunter River Turtle.

Josh and Renzy, with Ms Garling's assistance tested water from both Glenbawn Dam and a site further along the river. They tested PH levels, electrical conductivity, turbidity and the water temperature. It was a great opportunity for our school to participate in a Hunter School initiative which will provide important information to NSW Water.



FREDDO FRIDAY ROLL CALL WINNERS

Each week the roll call groups with the highest weekly attendance and highest weekly growth in attendance are rewarded with Freddo Frogs! Congratulations to the following roll call groups this term.

| | Highest Weekly Attendance | Highest Weekly Growth |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Week 1 | SRC – 93.33% | 10B – 14.00% |
| Week 2 | SRC – 100.00% | 12A – 12.50% |
| Week 3 | 7B – 98.40 | 9A – 16.25% |
| Week 4 | 7B – 91.54% | 10C – 12.17% |
| Week 5 | 11C – 95.00% | 10C – 7.94% |
| Week 6 | 7A – 88.80% | 11B – 7.50% |
| Week 7 | 7B – 93.85% | 9A – 11.76% |
| Week 8 | 7B – 95.38 | 7A – 12.00% |
| Week 9 | 11A – 100.00% | 11B – 10.00% |
| Week 10 | 11C – 95.00% | 9B – 2.86% |

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

90% ATTENDANCE CLUB STUDENTS FOR TERM 3

Year 7 - Ryan Ashford, Cohen Ashford-Apps, Althea Bartolo, Joshua Bates, Ryan Bell, Riley Bennett, Thomas Bogaard, Jane Chen, Aaleisiya Clark, Wiley Crisp, Maya Davis, Faith Gardner, Scarlet Goude, Lacie-May Hall, Halle King, Ebony Langan, Georgia Lyne, Alexa Moberget, Bridget Moberget, Dean Mohr, Ruby Munn, Bailey Nester, Amelia Ninness, Daniel Ostara, Hunter Palmer, Annika Parker, Renzy Perez, Logan Redshaw, Hannah Saunders, Riley Soper, Shaelee Sullivan, James Tillemans, Scarlet Van Balen, Lilli Waters, Kyeesha Webster, Amaya White, Brodie White & Isla-Rose Wicks.

Year 8 - Tyson Apps, Braydon Bridge, Isabell Brookes, Rueben Brooks, Ely Crisp, Chad Darnell-Oldham, Felicity Davidson, Xavier Day, Edwyn Elliott, Tia Fairbrother, Bryce Ford, Harrison Frew, Jordan Grant, Scarlet Hjorring, Taylor McDonald, Kloe McFadyen, Mikayla Morse, Hayley Mortimer, Tommi Noonan, Justice Richards, Mason Rigby, Lacy Rumbel, Kyle Saunders, Rubie-Lea Stacy, Airlie Thompson, Jayden van Helden, Rozenna Welsh, Lynx Whitby & Lorelai White.

Year 9 - Matthew Bates, Paige Baxter, Waylon Britt, Isabelle Cone, Will Foley, Levi King, Connor Logan, Riley Mortimer, Carolyn Orlowsky, Nate Parkinson, Riley Perez, Archie Seckold, Deakin Soper, Lily Townsend, Bohen Ward, Rosie Whitby & Olivia Witchard.

Year 10 - Eva Baker, Abbey Bell, Kurtis Bridge, Taihla Clarke, Cooper Cloake, Ta'Kaya Coward-Hillard, Ryan Davidson, Saxon Englebrecht, Eden Ferguson, Korbz Fitzgerald, Hannah Gillett, Jordon Hall, William Hankins, Nickolas Lima Melo, Taylah Maxwell, Holly Nester, Samuel Ninness, Hass Porter, Danny Risby, Jack Roser, Jaxon Rowland, Jayden Rowland, Jayden Seckold, Triston Skinner, Chloe Smith, Isabella Teague & Isabella Zizza.

Year 11 - Luc Bates, Jordanna Belcher, Isabelle Bogaard, Chace Bridge, Clayton Brooks, Jorja Cooper, Ethan Downton, Jack Foley, Taylor Gibson, Franco Legg, Blake Liverton, Hunter McLoughlin, Charlie Milton, Mikayla Mitchell, Hayley Mohr, Victoria Nester, Bella Reardon, Quinn Thackeray, Linden Thomas, Riley Thomas, Bridgette Thompson, Natasha Vickers, Riley Ward, Xena Whitby, Finley Whitla, Te Awhina Williams-Paul & Hayden Young.

Year 12 - Jessica Bogaard, Caitlin Coady, Gabrielle Curry, Mitchell Downton, Ace Fraser, Isaac Masierowski, Lexie Meier, Ziggy Minter, Molly Ollerton, Thomas Rose, Max Tucker-Kelman & Tahlia Venz.

TERM 3 REGGIE WINNERS

Asha, Maya, Dean, Kyle & Mikayla.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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P & C Association

Meets 7.00pm in the School Library, fourth Tuesday in the month.
For further P & C information contact the school – 02 6545 1455

Canteen Supervisor – Mrs Belinda Field

Please call the front office on 02 6545 1455 if you need to contact the canteen.

SMS Text Messaging

Daily attendance of your child is sent to your family mobile number. This can also be used for important information regarding parent teacher meetings, issue of reports etc. The school SMS number is: 0427 016 460. Please add this as a contact in your mobile phone. You CANNOT phone this number, please phone using 02 6545 1455. You may send a text message at any time to this number to explain your child's absences. Please let us know if you have any problems with this texting service.

Millennium

<https://millenniumschoools.net.au>

The Millennium website contains all your child's school information. This includes attendance, school reports, assessment tasks, timetables and behaviour information.

Families can see the whole family at a glance with your private login. This will be sent to you via an email if you have one listed with us. If not, please phone the office with a current email address. Students can also access this site through a separate login.



IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE | EVENT |
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| 9 th October | Students First Day Back – Term 4 |
| 23 rd October – 3 rd November | Year 8 VALID |
| 24 th October | P&C Meeting |
| 25 th October | Year 11 Reports Issued |
| 30 th October – 10 th November | Year 10 Assessments |
| 6 th November – 10 th November | Year 7, 8 & 9 Assessments |
| 10 th November | Year 12 Formal |
| 13 th November – 17 th November | Wellbeing Week |
| 28 th November | P&C Meeting Year 6 Orientation Day |
| 5 th December – 7 th December | Year 7 Extra Transition Days |
| 6 th December | Zone Cup Year 7 & 8 Sport Gala Day |
| 7 th December | End of Year Attendance Rewards Day Excursion |
| 15 th December | Reports Issued – Years 7-10 |
| 18 th December - 29 th January | School Holidays |
| 30 th January | Staff Development Day |
| 31 st January | Staff Development Day |