

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 7

15TH DECEMBER 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Life wasn't meant to be easy; but take courage, it can be delightful – George Bernard Shaw.

This has been a year of unforeseen changes. Just over 12 months ago, for the first time in the history of Scone schooling, the High School was closed due to catastrophic fire threat.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we asked that students do their learning from home. This was a major challenge for families, balancing schooling, work, home farm duties. I acknowledge all families hard work and successes through this time.

Teachers had to re-plan, re-organise, create online learning platforms. I thank them for their perseverance and their love of learning and even their curiosity to see what this was and what it could be.

Admin, support staff, cleaners, canteen, P&C all had to dramatically change their routines to ensure that you, the students, were able to continue to learn.

We applaud all the adults in our students lives who have helped us out in 2020.

When the nurse at the blood bank yesterday asked me how the kids at school had managed the year, I had to quickly compute some data in my head.

This year, staff have told me that they have a very high morale, they love coming to work each day. Students have said that their teachers create high skill and high challenge lessons where you are excited to improve. Attendance at school has improved dramatically.

16 th December	Last Day for Students
17 th – 18 th December	Staff Development Days
19 th December – 26 th January	School Holidays
27 th – 28 th January	Staff Development Days
29 th January	Year 7 – First Day
1 st February	Year 11 & 12 – First Day
2 nd February	Years 8 -10 – First Day
5 th February	Swimming Carnival
19 th February	Whole School Assembly



“Helping young people create their futures”



Teachers continually tell me how they are extremely grateful that we have great kids in this school. They are perseverant, with humour and gratitude. They are fair and kind. They display a zest for life are engaging in their classes with creativity and a love of learning.

Lastly, I thank all of the students at Scone High School. You create a school where difference is respected, you are the reason we all come to work each day.

Finally, I wish everyone a relaxing break from school, spending time with loved ones and also wish you all a very happy and safe 2021.

Thankyou.

Brian Drewe
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have made it through the challenges and many opportunities that 2020 presented us. Our staff and students have demonstrated adaptability and bravery in uncertain times and emerged stronger and more confident from it. I would like to thank everyone in our school community for their support this year and their commitment to helping our students achieve to the best of their ability.

Enjoy a restful festive season with family and friends. I would encourage all of our students to find some time to read across the holidays. We look forward to everyone beginning 2021 with clear eyes and ambitious goals. Only 45 sleeps until school starts again.

Adam Johnston
Deputy Principal

NEW BELL TIMES 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Warning Bell	8.53	8.53	8.53	8.53	8.53
ROLL CALL	8.55 – 9.05	8.55 - 9.05	8.55 – 9.05	8.55 - 9.05	8.55 – 9.05
PERIOD 1	9.05 – 9.55	9.05 – 9.55	9.05 – 9.55	9.05 – 9.55	9.05 – 9.55
PERIOD 2	9.55 – 10.45	9.55 – 10.45	9.55 – 10.45	9.55 – 10.45	9.55 – 10.45
RECESS	10.45 – 11.20	10.45 – 11.20	10.45 – 11.20	10.45 – 11.20	10.45 – 11.20
PERIOD 3	11.20 – 12.10	11.20 – 12.10	11.20 – 12.10	11.20 – 12.10	11.20 – 12.10
PERIOD 4	12.10 – 1.00	12.10 – 1.00	12.10 – 1.00	12.10 – 1.00	12.10 – 1.00
LUNCH	1.00 – 1.35	1.00 – 1.35	1.00 – 1.35	1.00 – 1.35	1.00 – 1.35
PERIOD 5	1.35 – 2.25	1.35 – 2.25	1.35 – 2.25	1.35 – 2.25	1.35 – 2.25
PERIOD 6	2.25 – 3.15	2.25 – 3.15	2.25 – 3.15	2.25 – 3.15	2.25 – 3.15

STAFF PROFILES

Each newsletter we will be introducing you to members of our teaching staff

SALOTE HUKEHUKE **ENGLISH**

How long have you been teaching? *2 years*

What was your favourite subject as a student? *Ancient History*

What are your top 5 character strengths? *Kindness, Resilience, Teamwork, Zest, Creativity*

Who is your favourite author? *Toni Morrison*

What is your favourite movie? *There's many but some that come to mind are The Firm, Fences and Sense and Sensibility.*

What is your favourite holiday destination? *The motherland, Tonga*



JEREMY AMPT **HSIE**

How long have you been teaching? *7 Years*

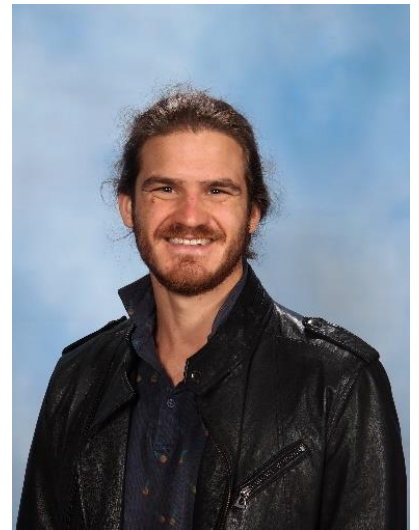
What was your favourite subject as a student? *Modern History*

What are your top 5 character strengths? *Enthusiastic, Energetic, Analytical, Adventurous & Outgoing*

Who is your favourite author? *George Orwell*

What is your favourite movie? *Aladdin*

What is your favourite holiday destination? *Mexico*



JUSTIN NEWLING **SCIENCE**

How long have you been teaching? *6 years*

What was your favourite subject as a student? *Ag*

What are your top 5 character strengths? *Fairness, Courage, Persistence, Kindness and Modesty*

Who is your favourite author? *Matthew Reilly*

What is your favourite movie? *A New Hope*

What is your favourite holiday destination? *Anywhere there is a beach*



EXCURSIONS & NEWS

LIBRARY RETURNS

Please round up overdue Library books and return them ASAP.

It's also time to return any laptops that were borrowed earlier this year - due to Covid use at home.

Also to be returned are the Telstra internet devices that were provided to students.

Written by Bev Adams

A graphic with a background of colorful books. A purple banner at the top contains the text 'LIBRARY RETURNS' in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below the banner, in a white cursive font, is the text 'As the year is coming to an end, all Library borrowing will ease..... (except seniors)'. To the right of the book background, there is a purple rectangular box containing white text that repeats the library return information.

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SAIL CLASS EXCURSION TO THE CAMEL FARM

On Friday 13-11-20 the SAIL Class participated in an Excursion to Hunter Valley Camel Farm.

The students were showed how camel products, such as soap and lip-gloss were made and they also tasted some camel milk. This was followed by a wagon ride behind a tractor to feed a herd of camels.

The students and staff of Scone High School who participated in the Excursion would like to thank the staff at the Camel Farm for their hospitably.

Written by Alan Moore





RUGBY UNION COMPETITION

On the 27th of November Scone High participated in the annual Steve Merrick Cup competition.

The boys were extremely excited to be back participating in a sporting competition, with a lot of different sports being cancelled due to the Covid crisis. The boys had a rocky start against Hunter Valley Grammar School, but found their rugby potential with two consecutive wins against Lambton High and Hunter River High.

These wins led to the boys being placed in the second division finals. Again they pulled together and displayed team unity to narrowly beat Newcastle High 7-5. They then went down to All Saints in a tough game.

The boys displayed tremendous skill and continued positivity throughout the day. Well done to all the boys for representing the school with pride and having an enthusiastic school spirit on the day.



Written by Yasmin Meakes

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE LIBRARY

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the library Ladies at SHS Library.

Sharing our book Christmas tree for 2020. The folded book tree topper was kindly made by Axel of Year 12.

Written by Julianne Frost



YEAR 10 OPTIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

From Raymond Terrace to Scone, twenty percent of our Year 10 students took up the option of a second week work experience this week to build on the compulsory work experience which ran in September.

With some 42 degree days it was wonderful to see students keen to learn about their work place and given the unusual year we have had it has been a superb effort by employers to host work experience students, thank you.

Written by Tony Borg



CHESS COMPETITION

Hass Porter of Year 7, organised and co-ordinated the chess competition in the library. Tutoring was offered and spectators welcome.

The competition has been a huge success with students from all years taking part. Friday, 4th of December Hannah & Hass played out the Grand Final in the student led Chess Comp. Passion and organisation is strong in these ones.

Written by Julianne Frost



SAIL CLASS EXCURSION 20/11/2020

On Friday 20-11-20 the SAIL Class participated in an Excursion to the Bill Rose Complex.

The students had the opportunity to try out the equipment at the newly opened exercise area and to play kicking games and catching games.

Written by Alan Moore



VISUAL ARTS: STREET ART

In Semester 2 Year 8 visual artists explored 'street art' and its origins from WYC of the 1980's to the present day.

This unit culminated in all students designing and painting a skateboard each, the brief being; to integrate all elements of design using symbols which have a personal significance.

Every student is to be commended for their dedication in producing some impressive artwork.

Written by Sue-Ellen Berry



YOUNG MOB EXCURSION

On Thursday the 19th of November, twenty of Scone High School's Indigenous students took part in a cultural excursion to the Baiame Caves in Milbrodale, about twenty minutes from Singleton. We were accompanied by two Indigenous elders who our students have formed close relationships with through their work with Young Mob.

Baiame is believed to be the creator of the universe in the Dreaming stories of a number of south-eastern Indigenous groups including the Wonnarua, Kamilaroi, Eora, Darkinjung and Wiradjuri. At this particular cave site, on Wonnarua land, students had the opportunity to view original rock art created by local peoples using ochre. An image of baiame can be seen below, along with a description.

Students were then led by Aunty Jen, one of the elders, to a different site about 20 minutes drive away. Now fit with cabins and built for camps, this site housed the very first mission for Indigenous boys in Australia. Boys were taken from their families and placed in the then Church to receive an education starved of their traditional culture and language. Although deeply sobering, this site is also a testament to the resilience of the boys who lived there, as they managed to grow their own food at a nearby creek in order to establish a secure food supply.

We finished the day by gathering in a yarning circle and taking it in turns to share what we enjoyed. The students practiced deep listening by respectfully only allowing those holding the clap sticks to talk. Aunty Yvonne then spoke to the students about the importance of being proud of being part of the longest continuous culture on earth, to ensure that they build on their cultural knowledge and pass down their knowledge and stories to others.

Written by Jeremy Ampt



COVID SAFE SUMMER HOLIDAY MESSAGE

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

Yesterday we sent home with each student a COVID-safe summer pack. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house.
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen and a hat.
- Meet in small groups.
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow.
- Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the NSW Government website [External link](#)

From all of us at Scone High School, be safe and enjoy the school holidays.



P&C NEWS

As we get closer to the holidays it is time to reflect on the year that was, many of us had to learn new skills: washing hands properly (I never knew I was doing it inefficiently), ZOOM meetings great but not so great when technology didn't quite work, home schooling - quite a challenge for teachers to monitor and parents to sustain. The sadness of not being able to socialise with family and friends.

But through this we have emerged with students, teachers and families working together to support positive change in each student's learning. This newsletter gives many examples of success at Scone High School and the P and C are proud to be part of this success.

The P and C leadership team for 2021 is:

Cheryl Pringle President and Secretary
Andrew Dick Vice President
Katherine Meier Treasurer

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month 7pm in SHS Library. Our Principal and Deputy Principal attend each meeting so it is an opportunity to ask questions and discuss ideas with them and P and C members. You are welcome to come along to meetings at any time. We welcome new members and volunteers.

The P and C manages and supports the school canteen. We are very proud of the variety of items and the quality of the food cooked by Belinda Field and her staff/volunteers.

Our canteen was awarded a NSW Healthy School Canteen certification this year that we are very proud of. Our canteen is very popular with both students and staff, very sound financial structures are in place that produce income for school improvement initiatives. Currently we are continuing to improve the appearance of the canteen. Recently new seating was installed and students are enjoying sitting in groups to enjoy their recess and lunch. Recently a vote was taken to rename the canteen. A student has designed a new sign for the eating area which will be hung shortly.

Our major project for 2021 is Scone HS Enriched Outdoor Learning Areas Project. This project is a collaborative project with SHS, parents and the community to create a range of stimulating, diverse outdoor learning areas for all students. Stage one of this project focuses on creating a safe outdoor learning area for students in the Support Classes, near their classrooms. Fundraising has already commenced, Alicia Baker a parent of one of the students in our Support Classes, organised an online raffle. Congratulations to Veronica Huggins from Muswellbrook you were the lucky winner of the Thermomix.

Thank you to everyone who supported this successful fund raiser.



Sue Thompson, a long term volunteer and employee of SHS canteen is retiring at the end of this term. Sue has given over 30 years of service in the canteen and we wish to publicly acknowledge this long term positive commitment to the students and staff of Scone HS. Enjoy your retirement Sue THANKYOU. An afternoon tea is being organised to celebrate her commitment.

As Christmas and the holidays approach, enjoy every minute with your family and friends. 2021 is the year of togetherness, together we achieve wonderful things and the P and C is committed to ongoing school improvements at Scone High School

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Written by Cheryl Pringle

YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

We continued the long-standing tradition of inducting our new school leaders in front of an audience that was a little different this year, due to restrictions.

This year students very proudly accepted their new responsibilities in front of Year 12 students and their own families only.

It is always quite an honour to sign the Leadership Book, alongside all of the previous school leaders from the 1950s onwards.

Written by Brian Drewe



YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

After what has been a tumultuous year to say the least, it was excellent to finally have a chance to catch up with Scone High School's illustrious Year 7 cohort for 2021. Having students from Scone, Aberdeen, Blandford, St Mary's, Sandy Hollow, Murrurundi and Moonan Flat, with some other hangers on from places around the Hunter, was wonderful.

The day began as most do, with many Year 6 students forcefully reminding their Year Advisor that his jokes weren't funny. They were, to quote, cringe. However, things soon picked up as the primary school plunderers got a chance to get stuck in to some of the delightful activities we have on offer at Scone High School.

In Mr Newling's agricultural wonderland, students braved the heat, harvest and hens, and even got a chance to chase some sheep (and one cranky looking Alpaca) around their pens. Much excited chatter was heard over the incredibly stylish headwear, in addition to the students getting a chance to snack on some refreshing ice blocks.

In Mr Westbury's frozen palace, students had a chance to play around with sound, lighting, screen-craft, and then get their funk on in an impromptu dance party. While there were some clear attempts to blind a poor Year Advisor that got in the way, it was marvelous to see many future stage-hands and roadies in action. Special props go to our Year 12 leader Trinity Preston for managing to be the loudest in a room filled with rambunctious primary school children.

Señor Ampt gave the students a crash course in Spanish, and the excitement rolled out of the room much like the Rs rolled off their tongues.

It was pleasing to hear just how quickly some of the students took to the language, especially when they were able to challenge each other on labelling the parts of their heads and bodies in Spanish. Muy bueno, I think...

Miss Heath showed that lying around in a PE class does not mean you get to rest, especially when you can sit on bottom boards while playing soccer. Then again, there was some breakneck agility and speed seen during a game that looked like a cross between relay racing and dodgeball. From the looks of things, some of them have a future in the F1s if the whole football thing doesn't pan out.

Finally, Mr Constant's workshop gave the students a chance to hammer out some issues, and create the most horrendous noise known to man while filing down the metal of their key chains. The Year 10 helpers were a real credit here, as their patience in working with the youth and their clear understanding of the safety procedures was exemplary.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and hear all about how much they enjoyed the day. We can't wait to have them as members of Scone High School next year.

Written by Michael Richardson



YOUNG MOB 2020

Young Mob has proven to be a positive experience for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students of Scone High School each Thursday. Aunty Jen and Aunty Yvonne, our Young Mob leaders offered a warm welcome to the new Year 7 students, and the older students welcomed them back with open arms and hugs before social distancing and sanitising became our 'new' normal. Young Mob offers students a chance to learn about their cultural heritage in terms of language, artefacts, family structure, songs, dance and history in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Students have also been involved in discussions about the significance of traditions, including Yarning circles and smoking ceremonies. As a group we have also learnt several traditional dances. Young Mob has provided our students with the opportunity to form bonds based on their culture, develop an increased knowledge of their ancestry, and importantly to develop confidence in themselves.

Our Young Mob's unity strengthened with our project this year, a Yarning circle complete with garden, which was designed, constructed and painted by the students with a little help from staff. We finished our painting last week, and we look forward to the garden establishing itself in the coming months.

Our new Yarning circle was officially opened during Naidoc week and the students, led by several Year 9 and 10 members created a media presentation explaining its significance and the meaning behind smoking ceremonies. This presentation was shared with all students across the school during morning roll call. All staff have been invited to use the Yarning circle with their classes, it has been promoted as a resource to be enjoyed by all. Plans for next year's Naidoc day will include inviting the whole school to engage in a smoking ceremony and hopefully a dance presentation.

The students at Scone High School have enjoyed this year's Young Mob program and will no doubt look forward to continuing the program next year. Of note are several Year 9 and 10 students who have stepped up to adopt leadership roles in the group this year, this has proven important for their personal development and for their confidence as proud young Aboriginal men and women.

Written by Ruth Gal



FORMAL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE AWARDS

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Matylda Hayne
Indi Welsh

WHERE'S THERE A WILL FOUNDATION – ACT OF HUMANITARIANISM AWARD

Mikayla Farley



Matylda Hayne



Indi Welsh



Mikayla Farley

CWA AWARD FOR AGRICULTURE

Madisen Cooper

CWA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY

Isabella Taylor
Bridgette Thompson

CWA EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Maisie Carpenter-Kludas

CWA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE BY A YEAR 10 FEMALE STUDENT

Emily Grenenger



Madisen
Cooper



Isabella
Taylor



Bridgette
Thompson



Maisie
Carpenter-Kludas



Emily
Grenenger

ADF LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARDS

Lara Dawson
Cynthia Gibbs

ADF FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARD

Hayden Barnes
Isabelle Cook

LES THURGOOD MEMORIAL AWARD FOR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION

Darcy Adams

SCONE MASONIC LODGE JUNIOR ALLROUNDER AWARD

Jack Foley

ROTARY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SERVICE

Luc Bates
Zane Welsh

AUSURE SCONE AWARD

Xena-Delta Whitby

MICHAEL JOHNSEN MP, STATE GOODWILL & LEADERSHIP AWARD

Mikayla Farley

SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS

Darcy Adams, Gracie Bates, Luc Bates, Charlotte Brown, Sienna Brown, John Butt, Madisen Cooper, Rubina Davis, Dylan Denley, Mikayla Farley, Eloise Fisher, Taya Fitzgerald, Rylie Fletcher, Jack Foley, Cynthia Gibbs, Brayden Gibson, Emily Grenenger, Zachary Groves, Jonny Honeyman, Liam Kennedy, Taylah Maxwell, Ryder McInerney, Sarah McMahon, Lexie Meier, Shaylee Mitchell, Campbell Munn, Jackson Munn, Bree Nugent, Bowen Partridge, Emily Rose, Brady Roser, Kyarne Sampson, Hayley Smith, Jackson Smith, Reagan Taylor, Lachlan Teague, Delacey Thomas, Indi Welsh, Zane Welsh, Xena-Delta Whitby, Kaitlyn Woodward

AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Darcy Adams, Hayden Barnes, Billy Chamberlain, Tasman Collins, Mitchell Downton, Madison Edmonds, Hannah Gillett, Seannah Hall, Matylda Hayne, Franco Legg, Isaac Masierowski, Jackson Munn, Sarah Riley, Tahlee Stein, Charlotte Thompson, Xena-Delta Whitby, Brodie Williams-Paul

YEAR 12 AWARDS

DUX OF YEAR 12, 2019

Indyana Taylor

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Lara Dawson

ACADEMIC CONSISTENCY AWARDS

Abey Cook

Gemma Denley

Lucy McGrath

FIRST PLACE IN YEAR 12 COURSES

Abey Cook

Chemistry

Mathematics Advanced

Mathematics Extension 1

Lara Dawson

Biology

English Advanced

PDHPE

Visual Arts

Gemma Denley

Investigating Science

Legal Studies

Phoebe Farley

Design and Technology

Modern History

Matt Harman

Agriculture

Holly Hawkins

English Studies

Matisse Hjorring

Community and Family Studies

Lucy McGrath

Drama

Mathematics Standard 2

Music

Daniel Officer

Software Design and Development

Bronte Partridge

English Standard

Michael Robinson

Mathematics Standard 1

VET COURSES

Abey Cook

Entertainment Industry

Brad Orlowsky

Metals and Engineering

Matt Harman

Primary Industries

BOARD ENDORSED COURSE

Sophie Collard

Sport Lifestyle and Recreation

Georgia Maxwell

Exploring Early Childhood

YEAR 11 AWARDS

THE BENGALLA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Matylda Hayne

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Seannah Hall
Gabrielle Kennedy

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Hallie Day
Darcy Adams

EXCELLENT APPLICATION AWARD

Gypsy-Rose Whitby

FIRST PLACE IN YEAR 11 COURSES

Darcy Adams	Agriculture
Teegan Apps	Biology
Emily Cheshire	English Extension
	Community & Family Studies
	Mathematics Standard
	PDHPE
Hallie Day	Ancient History
	Investigating Science
Heath Eadie	Industrial Technology – Timber
Mikayla Farley	Music
Seannah Hall	Chemistry
Matylda Hayne	Engineering Studies
	English Advanced
	Mathematics Advanced
	Mathematics Extension 1
	Software Design & Development
Connor Poeschl	English Studies
Trinity Preston	Design & Technology
Courtney Vickers	English Standard

VET Courses

Jessie Cook	Entertainment Industry
Gabrielle Kennedy	Primary Industries

Board Endorsed Course

Flynn Harman	Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
Trinity Preston	Exploring Early Childhood

YEAR 10 AWARDS

THE HELEN HINDE MEMORIAL TROPHY AND THE BHP AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Cynthia Gibbs

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Indi Welsh

Dylan Denley

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Logan Boswell

Gracie Bates

EXCELLENT APPLICATION AWARD

Rhys Baker

FIRST PLACE IN YEAR 10 COURSES

Dylan Denley

Jye Flaherty

Cynthia Gibbs

Danielle Surawski

Indi Welsh

Emily Watts

Kaitlyn Woodward

Information & Software Technology

Industrial Technology Metal

Industrial Technology Timber

Commerce

Mathematics

Music

Science

Visual Arts

Food Technology

Design & Technology

English

Geography

History

PDHPE

STEM

Physical Activity & Sports Studies

Agriculture

YEAR 9 AWARDS

THE SCONE SURGERY AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Thomas Hughes

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Zane Welsh
Charlotte Bell

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Caitlin Coady
Legacy Lewis

FIRST PLACE IN YEAR 9 COURSES

Charlotte Bell
Kayla Holt
Thomas Hughes

Isaac Masierowski
Abigail Midgley
Abbey Parkinson

Brady Roser
Gabriel Sharp

Tahlia Venz
Zane Welsh

History
STEM
Industrial Technology Timber
Mathematics
Music
Information & Software Technology
Food Technology
Geography
Visual Arts
English
Commerce
Design & Technology
Drama
Agriculture
PDHPE
Physical Activity & Sports Studies
Science

YEAR 8 AWARDS

THE SCONE TEACHERS' AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Finley Whitla

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Matthew Byrne

Blake Liverton

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Isabelle Bogaard

Natasha Vickers

EXCELLENT APPLICATION AWARD

Cowan Dever

FIRST PLACE IN YEAR 8 COURSES

Rajitha Amarasingam

Matthew Byrne

Jack Foley

Emily Taylor

Hayden Young

Finley Whitla

Visual Arts

Geography

History

Mathematics

Music

PDHPE

English

Science

Technology Mandatory

Visual Arts

YEAR 7 AWARDS

THE J J KEVANS AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Hannah Gillett

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Chloe Smith

Eloise Fisher

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Hayden Dingwall

Logan Stewart

EXCELLENT APPLICATION AWARDS

Jessie Bridge

Amber Davis

Danny Risby

FIRST PLACE IN YEAR 7 CLASSES

Felicity Azarcon	Spanish 7E
	Visual Arts 7W
Eva Baker	Visual Arts 7O
Charlotte Brown	Geography 7E
Ryan Davidson	English 7E
	Science 7E
Sophie Edmonds	Music 7R
Eloise Fisher	Geography 7S
	History 7S
Hannah Gillett	English 7S
	Music 7S
	Technology Mandatory 7P
Robert Griesheimer	Geography 7R
	Mathematics 7R
Jessica Luscombe	English 7R
Yorke McInerney	History 7E
Annabelle Midgley	Science 7R
	Spanish 7R
	PDHPE 7R
Holly Nester	Science 7S
Ada Ollerton	Visual Arts 7W
Hass Porter	Technology Mandatory 7O
Jaxon Rowland	Mathematics 7E
Jack Roser	Spanish 7S
Jayden Seckold	Mathematics 7S
	Technology Mandatory 7W
	PDHPE 7S
Hayley Smith	History 7R
Isabella Zizza	Music 7E
	PDHPE 7E

DECEMBER 2020

- CALENDAR -

UPPER HUNTER YOUTH SERVICES INC
- YOUTH CENTRE

TUESDAY 1ST - DECORATING OUR YOUTH CENTRE FOR CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY 2ND - MAKING MINI QUICHES

THURSDAY 3RD - CHRISTMAS CRAFT: CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING

TUESDAY 8TH - CHRISTMAS DRESS UP & PHOTO BOOTH

WEDNESDAY 9TH - CRICKET ON THE LAWN WITH OUR YOUTH WORKERS

THURSDAY 10TH - BBQ AND TUNES ON THE LAWN

MONDAY 14TH* - DISCUSSION: WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

TUESDAY 15TH* - PIN THE BEARD ON SANTA

WEDNESDAY 16TH* - YOUTHIES CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!

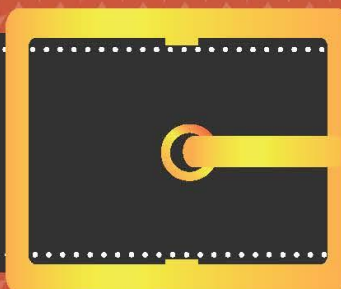
LAST DAY OF YOUTHIES FOR THE YEAR

OPENING HOURS 3:30PM - 6PM

*NOTE DAY CHANGES

YOUTH CENTRE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY

Located at The Showground,
Maitland Street, Muswellbrook
Phone: (02) 6543 4841
Email: lmcphee@uhys.org.au
or cbrown@uhys.org.au



Free Transport Provided:
Muswellbrook Area Only
AGE GROUP: 10 - 17yrs
FREE MEMBERSHIP TO YOUNG
PEOPLE AGED 10 - 17 YEARS

JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR

UPPER HUNTER YOUTH SERVICES INC - YOUTH CENTRE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
10AM - 2PM

WEEK 1

Tuesday 5th Jan

Welcome Back! Discussion:
How was your Christmas?

Wednesday 6th Jan

Pool, Badminton and Tunes

Thursday 7th Jan

In Town Excursion - TBA

WEEK 2

Tuesday 12th Jan

Bingo

Wednesday 13th Jan

Cooking And Decorating Cupcakes

Thursday 14th Jan

Craft : Mandala Colouring

WEEK 3

Tuesday 19th Jan

Drawing Cartoon Pictures

Wednesday 20th Jan

Excursion: Hunter Valley Zoo -

For Further Information Please

Call UHYS Office 65 434 841

Thursday 21st Jan

Celebrity Heads

WEEK 4

Tuesday 26th Jan

Australia Day - CLOSED

Wednesday 27th Jan

Cover Your School Books

Thursday 28th Jan

Baking Cookies

Located at The Showground, Maitland Street, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

Phone: (02) 6543 4841 ~ Email: lmcphee@uhys.org.au or cbrown@uhys.org.au

Free Transport Provided: Muswellbrook Area Only

AGE GROUP: 10 - 17yrs

FREE MEMBERSHIP TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 - 17 YEARS

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PEOPLE**

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CONTRIBUTION**



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today!*



Vinnies

**Your local Vinnies Shop is recruiting
for new volunteers. A variety of
flexible positions are available.**

**Interested? Just call/text 0428 977 454
with your name and suburb.**



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WHAT'S ON

in the school holidays



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Get the most from your vacation with these Upper Hunter Shire activities.



SPORTING ACTIVITIES



**Xmas 2020 Holiday
TENNIS CAMPS**

with Chris Herden - Tennis Australia Club Professional
For ages 4-14 at Scone Tennis Courts

**Heaps of fun for beginners
and experienced players**

Camp includes stroke development, drills, point and game play. You will also play a mix of cricket, soccer and t-ball to help develop hand-eye coordination. With prizes and competitions!

CAMP 1: 14 - 16 December	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 8.30am - 9.30am Time: 8.30am - 11.30am	\$45 per week / \$15 per day \$60 per week / \$20 per day
CAMP 2: 21 - 23 December	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 8.30am - 9.30am Time: 8.30am - 11.30am	\$45 per week / \$15 per day \$60 per week / \$20 per day

Bookings essential!
Call Chris on 0400 331 553 for details and bookings
and Like Scone Hardcourt Tennis Association on Facebook!



Pools are open these holidays!
See inside for opening hours.

YOUTH CENTRES



Tuesday 1

Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Decorate the hall for Christmas



Friday 4

Merriwa - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then sausage sizzle
Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Design and make a mad milkshake

Tuesday 8

Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Fresh fruit kebabs

Friday 11

Merriwa - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then Play station
Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Make white Christmas slice



Tuesday 15

Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Water activities

Friday 18

Merriwa - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then card games
Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Fresh fruit platter



Tuesday 22

Merriwa /Murrurundi/Scone
 Pool Christmas party -See your centre for more details

Friday 25

Merriwa
Murrurundi
Scone



Tuesday 29

Murrurundi
Scone



2021



NOTE: Hours have changed due to COVID-19 and may be subject to change

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Facebook:
 @MerriwaYouth
 @MurrurundiYouthCentre
 @scone.youthcentre
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Merriwa

33 Bow Street, Merriwa
 For 12-17 year olds
Ph: 0428 971 208
Fri: 4:00-7:30pm

Murrurundi

4 Little Street, Murrurundi
Ph: 0438 437 082
Tues: ages 10-11: 5.00 – 7.30pm
Fri: ages 12-17: 5.00 – 7.30pm

Scone

105 Susan St, Scone
 For 12-17 year olds
Ph: 0417 287 540
Tues: 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Fri: 4.00pm – 7.30pm



Download permission notes at upperhunter.nsw.gov.au



Friday 1

Murrurundi
Scone
Merriwa



Tuesday 5

Murrurundi
Scone



Friday 8

Merriwa
Murrurundi
Scone



Tuesday 12

Murrurundi
Scone



Friday 15

Murrurundi
Scone



Tuesday 19

Murrurundi
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone
Fire Drill



Friday 22

Merriwa
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then basketball
Murrurundi
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone
Water Activities

Tuesday 26

Murrurundi
Scone



Friday 29

Merriwa
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then Among us
Murrurundi
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone
Book Covering



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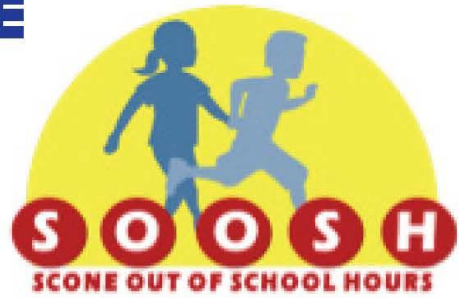
SOOSH VACATION CARE

Hello parents!

There's lots of fun and safe vacation care activities for only \$65 per day per child.

We are open 8am to 6pm.

Visit Council's website for a booking form and a printable version of the program.



WEEK 4

Monday, 11 January
Sensory Day
Join us for all things sensory!
• Playdoh
• Slime
• Shaving Cream
• Jelly



Movie Afternoon
Pets United



Tuesday, 12 January

Backward Day
Normal daily tasks are simple when you do them the right way, but today we are going to trick our minds and do things backwards - today's fun will include backwards name tags, backwards relays and a backwards alphabet challenge. Will you succeed??

Wednesday, 13 January
Cultural Cooking Day
Today we will taste the flavours of the world as educators and children engage in a cooking experience.

Movie Afternoon - The BFG Movie



Thursday, 14 January

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Engineering Challenge - Today the children will be challenged in groups to construct a device that can cart water from one end of the basketball court to the other using only the materials provided.



Friday, 15 January
FLUORO DISCO!
Wear your brightest, Fluoro clothes today for a fluoro disco and a special treat!



WEEK 5

Monday, 18 January

Tie Dye
Children to bring a white shirt or piece of clothing. Educators will assist.



Movie Afternoon
The Lego Movie



Tuesday, 19 January

Mosaic Tiles
Create a mosaic masterpiece to take home.

Wednesday, 20 January

News Day
What's been going on at SOOSH over the holidays? How about you tell us! Today you will be tasked with creating a video about what we have been doing at vacation care. Interviews, film some activities and we will show of your hard work online!

Thursday, 21 January

Water Play
Bring your swimmers and a towel for

a morning enjoying some play in the water.

People Guess Who Game
Using St Mary's Hall we will play a large game of People Bingo.



Friday, 22 January

PJ & Movie Day
We will walk to the Council Administration Centre to watch a movie on the big screen and walk back to SOOSH before it gets too hot.

Movie - The Willoughbys



Sandpit Castle Challenge
In teams we will see who can build the biggest sandcastle!



WEEK 6

Monday, 25 January

Water Play!
Pack your swimmers and a towel for a day in the water.



Tuesday, 26 January
CLOSED - Australia Day



See you tomorrow!

Wednesday, 27 January

Last Day of Vacation Care!
We will celebrate a great 6 weeks with a party and a sausage sizzle.



Disco and Movie with Popcorn
To finish off Vacation Care, dance your way through the afternoon with a movie to relax after busting out those moves!



CHECK OUT SOOSH FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE!



SCONE	MERRIWA	MURRURUNDI
Monday to Friday: 6am - 6pm	Monday to Friday: 5.30am - 8am 3pm - 6pm	Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12pm - 7pm
Saturday: 7am - 6pm	Saturday and Sunday: 1pm - 6pm	Tuesday & Thursday: 6.30am - 8.30am
Sunday & Public Holidays: 11am - 6pm.		Saturday & Sunday: 11am - 7pm

**All pools will close at 5pm 24 December and 31 December.
Pools will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.**

CHECK OUT THE NEW FACILITIES!



MERRIWA SKATE PARK

Cnr of Golden Highway and Quigley
Street

ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

Bill Rose Sporting Complex, Scone



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Principal:	Mr Brian Drewe
Deputy Principal:	Mr Adam Johnston

Street Address:	9 Gundy Road, Scone NSW 2337
Postal Address:	PO Box 285, Scone NSW 2337
School Email:	scone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Webpage:	www.scone-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Phone:	02 6545 1455
Fax:	02 6545 3269
SMS:	0427 016 460

P & C Association

Meets 7.00pm in the School Library, fourth Tuesday in the month.

For further P & C information contact the President – Cheryl Pringle on 0412 998 774.

Canteen Supervisor – Mrs Belinda Field

Please call the front office on 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 of your child's school information. This includes attendance, school reports, assessment tasks, timetables and behaviour information.

Families are able to 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.



www.scone-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

The school website holds a great deal of information, and is a useful place for you to find out what is happening at school.



facebook.com/SconeHighSchool

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020/2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WK 10	14 DEC 2020	15 DEC 2020	16 DEC 2020 <i>Last Day for Students</i>	17 DEC 2020 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	18 DEC 2020 <i>Staff Development Day</i>
	21 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>	22 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>	23 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>	24 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>	25 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>
	28 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>	29 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>	30 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>	31 DEC 2020 <i>School Holidays</i>	1 JAN 2021 <i>School Holidays</i>
	2 JAN 2021 <i>School Holidays</i>	3 JAN 2021 <i>School Holidays</i>	4 JAN 2021 <i>School Holidays</i>	5 JAN 2021 <i>School Holidays</i>	6 JAN 2021 <i>School Holidays</i>
	11 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	12 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	13 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	14 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	15 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>
	18 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	19 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	20 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	21 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	22 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>
WK 1	25 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	26 JAN 2021 <i>Summer Holidays</i>	27 JAN 2021 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	28 JAN 2021 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	29 JAN 2021 <i>Year 7 – First Day</i>
WK 2	1 FEB 2021 <i>Year 11 & 12 – First Day Back</i>	2 FEB 2021 <i>Year 8 – 10 – First Day Back</i>	3 FEB 2021	4 FEB 2021	5 FEB 2021 <i>Swimming Carnival</i>
WK 3	8 FEB 2021	9 FEB 2021	10 FEB 2021 <i>Whole School Meet the Parents</i>	11 FEB 2021 <i>Best Start Year 7</i>	12 FEB 2021
WK 4	15 FEB 2021	16 FEB 2021	17 FEB 2021 <i>Year 6 Orientation Day</i> <i>Year 6 Parent BBQ Lunch</i>	18 FEB 2021	19 FEB 2021 <i>Whole School Assembly</i>