

# SCONE HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER 4

## 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I have been very lucky over the last few weeks to see the evidence of the hard work and dedication of our Year 12 students. It is such a pleasure to get to see the major works of our HSC students as they begin to put the final touches on their masterpieces ahead of the submission deadline. It is even more gratifying to talk to our students about their intent and process in the creation of their major works be they furniture, individual performance pieces or art works.

Our students are doing a fantastic job of showcasing their creativity, persistence and love of learning. They should be proud of their efforts and I thank them for allowing me the opportunity of an insight into their creative process.

Next week is National Science Week and the Science Faculty is having a week full of fun activities planned for our students that will showcase scientific theories and applications in fun, challenging, competitive and interactive ways. I would encourage all of our students to get involved! Bring on the bubble and paper plane competitions!

*Adam Johnston*  
*Deputy Principal*

**REMINDER: If your child is sick, stay home, get tested & report this to the office**

### KEY DATES

17 <sup>th</sup> August - 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 12 HSC Trials
24 <sup>th</sup> August - 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Wellbeing Week
24 <sup>th</sup> August - 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 11 VET Work Placement
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 12 Pizza Fundraiser
7 <sup>th</sup> September – 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Random Act of Kindness Week
14 <sup>th</sup> September – 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Exams
14 <sup>th</sup> September – 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 10 Work Experience
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Vaccinations Year 7
28 <sup>th</sup> September – 9 October	School Holidays
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Students Return to School
16 <sup>th</sup> October	HSC Written Examinations Commence



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# STAFF PROFILES

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

## HEATHER DELECHANTOS MUSIC

How long have you been teaching? *21 years*  
What was your favourite subject as a student? *French*  
What are your top 5 character strengths? *Kindness, Love, Honesty, Fairness, Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence*  
Who is your favourite author? *Diana Gabaldon*  
What is your favourite movie? *Avengers – Infinity War*  
What is your favourite holiday destination? *Sweden*



## JARED AUSTIN MATHEMATICS

How long have you been teaching? *2 years*  
What was your favourite subject as a student? *Science*  
What are your top 5 character strengths? *Caring, humorous, energetic, creative and compassionate*  
Who is your favourite author? *George R Martin*  
What is your favourite movie? *Good Will Hunting*  
What is your favourite holiday destination? *England*



## RUTH GAL TAS – HEAD TEACHR

How long have you been teaching? *This is my 29<sup>th</sup> year*  
What was your favourite subject as a student? *I had lots of favourites, Home Ec, Ancient History, Drama & Biology*  
What are your top 5 character strengths? *Gratitude, Humour, Honesty, Teamwork, Perseverance*  
Who is your favourite author? *I'm not sure I have one – I read all of the Game of Thrones books because the series took too long to be released so maybe George R. R Martin. It was a fairly involved read though, I read a little bit every day for months.*  
What is your favourite movie? *Terminator and Mrs Doubtfire – fairly extreme opposites.*  
What is your favourite holiday destination? *Europe Las Vegas –I only went once and I wasn't all that keen until I got there. I loved it and would go back tomorrow (if we didn't have COVID)*





# EXCURSIONS & NEWS

## **TRANSCENDENCE WEEK**

Week 8 of this term welcomed a new initiative by the Student Representative Council (SRC) known as Transcendence Week. Whereby each day had a particular focus, and on some days a character strength focus. The SRC created roll call activities that featured various challenges, games and videos.

Mindful Monday kicked off the week, followed by Trashy Tuesday (with a character strength focus on the “Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence”), then Wacky Wednesday where students wore their creative accessories. Thankful Thursday highlighted the character strength of Gratitude (as well as the Vinnie’s Virtual Sleepout where members of the SRC participated at home).

The virtual sleepout also allowed students to donate to the pantry drive run by the sleep out organisers (the Upper Hunter Shire Council and the Upper Hunter Youth Council). Several students donated canned goods for this cause which was great to see – thank you to them!

The last day of Transcendence week culminated in Fun day Friday and Pyjama day. An incredible \$235 was raised last Friday with the proceeds being donated to the Salvation Army and their efforts to fight homelessness in our communities.

The SRC thanks everyone for their support and looks forward to all that Term 3 has to offer!

*Written by Salote Hukehuke*



## **YEAR 6 TRANSITION VIA ZOOM**

Due to the current situation, the Year 6 Orientation day was not able to run as it usually does. This meant that students from Scone, Aberdeen, Belltrees, Blandford and Merriwa would have missed out on a chance to get to know some of their future teachers and school. This simply would not do, and fortunately Scone High has some excellent students who decided to help out.

A collection of Year 9 and 11 students got together for a collection of Zoom sessions over the course of the day. When the Primary schools joined their sessions (after some minor problems that were quickly solved by the level heads at Aberdeen Public), they were given a run-down on some of the important details they missed, and were able to ask our students some pertinent questions. Some of these included: "How often do we get to do Ag?", "Does the canteen do hot food?", and most importantly "Do the llamas spit?". They then got to drop in on some classes around the school, including music and tech classes.

It was a highly successful day thanks to the professionalism of the primary teachers involved, and the Year 9 and Year 11 volunteers. Well done everyone.

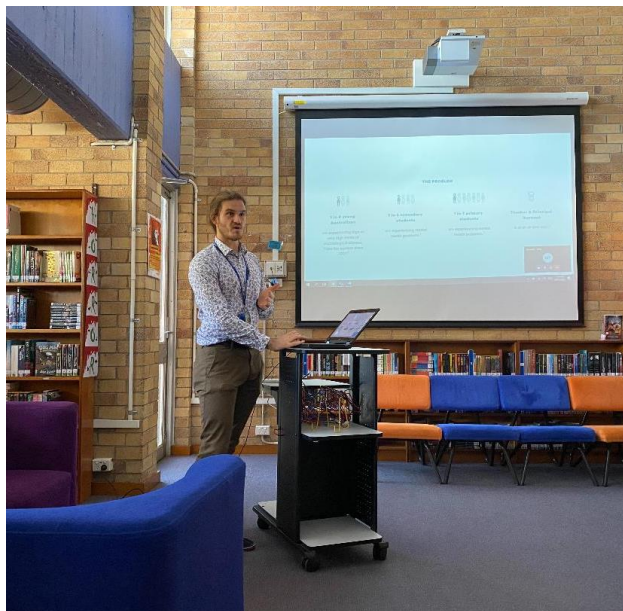
*Written by Michael Richardson*

## **WE ARE A VISIBLE WELLBEING SCHOOL**

Welcome to Term 3 of 2020!

The first day of Term 3 saw our staff reviewing the Visible Wellbeing Training delivered to the Upper Hunter cluster of schools by Prof Lea Waters and her staff in 2018/2019. Visible Wellbeing is the science of teaching combined with the science of wellbeing to improve outcomes for our students. In 2020 we need the skills of Character Strengths, Emotional Regulation and how to bring Attention and Awareness to our lives more than ever in the current climate of COVID 19.

During Scone High School's staff development day, staff explored the SEARCH Framework and in particular, Attention and Awareness. Our brain, our beliefs and our behaviour are central to effective learning and the SEARCH Framework outlines the six areas we can cultivate to increase both academic and wellbeing outcomes. Knowing we have limitations to our attention such as our attention span and our negativity bias (something we inherited from our reptilian brain), allows us the opportunity to learn skills to improve our attention and awareness. Skills such as meditation, mindfulness, savouring and even goal setting can be effective methods to build students capacity to learn effectively. Starting with the "Smiling Mind" meditation app for example can be a great place to begin!



The staff training was delivered by Jeremy Ampt and Samantha Cockerill in the SHS library to socially distanced staff and also streamed to individual staff rooms via Microsoft Teams.

*Written by Samantha Cockerill*



## **PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

The first place, Runner up and highly Commended will receive a gift voucher.

The top ten photos will be displayed in the A block hallway for everyone to view.

All students are invited to submit up to 5 digital photographs. The photographs are to be submitted in the high definition digital format to Mrs Frost on Thursday 17 September 2020.

Winners to be announced on Thursday 24 September 2020.

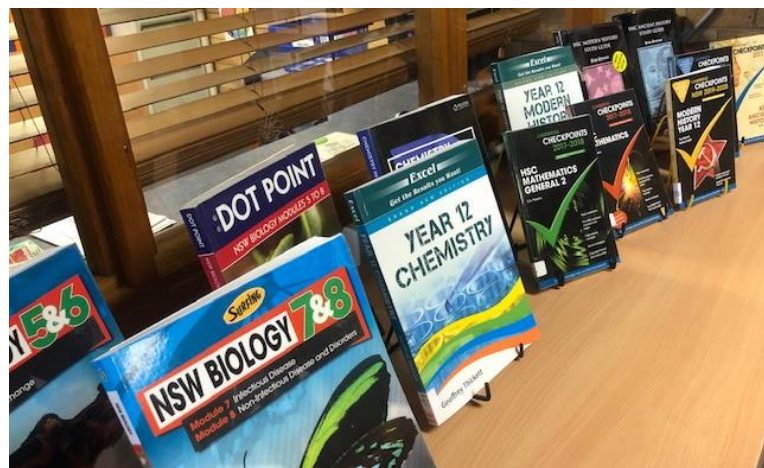
Please see Mrs Frost for more instructions and hints.



## **YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS ARE COMING UP SOON**

The library has heaps of resources including study guides and how to study books, to help you prepare for your exams.

Please ask the library staff if you need any help.



## **NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY (NCCD)**

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.



# NCCD

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## **NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2020**

School vaccination clinics continue into terms 3 & 4.

Our next vaccination clinic at Scone High School will be Wednesday 16 September 2020.

### **WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE**

If your Year 7 or Year 10 child has missed any vaccinations throughout 2020, they will be offered these missed doses at the next clinic at school.

### **WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED CONSENTED VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2020?**

If any Year 7 or Year 10 student has returned a signed consent form in 2020, they are eligible to receive:

- Year 7 - any missed doses of HPV & dTpa vaccine in 2021.
- Year 10 – any missed dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine in 2021.

### **ADDITIONALLY:**

- Any 2020 year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in year 7 and are yet to finish the course of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive this at the next clinic at their school (as long as 6 months have elapsed).

Please note:

- As of July 2017 any student who has missed school program vaccines or any childhood vaccines can now receive these vaccines from their local doctor.

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

## **ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences. Schools, in providing a caring teaching and learning environment, which addresses the learning and support needs of students, including those with additional learning and support needs or complex health conditions, foster students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community.

When records indicate that there may be concerns regarding your child's attendance at school, we will clarify these concerns with yourself and your child. This allows for the opportunity for your child to share their concerns about school with us.



Parents are required to provide an explanation of their child's absences to the school within seven school days from the first day the child is away. These explanations can be:

- Verbal - including a phone call or a conversation in person.
- Written - a letter from the parent or a doctor's certificate explaining the absence.
- Electronic - an email or text message explaining an absence.

When interventions are unsuccessful the Home School Liaison Officer will become involved in the process. Every day at school counts and I have included a table that demonstrates just how much learning can be missed from days off school.

Thank you for supporting our efforts. If you become aware of any issues impacting on your child's attendance or engagement with school please contact us promptly.

**1 DAY PER  
FORTNIGHT**  
IS 20 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **260** DAYS  
OF SCHOOL MISSED  
FROM KINDY TO Y12  
THE EQUIVALENT OF

**1.25**  
SCHOOL  
YEARS

**1 HOUR  
PER DAY**  
IS 40 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **520** DAYS  
OF SCHOOL MISSED  
FROM KINDY TO Y12  
THE EQUIVALENT OF

**2.5**  
SCHOOL  
YEARS

**1 DAY  
PER WEEK**  
IS 40 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **520** DAYS  
OF SCHOOL MISSED  
FROM KINDY TO Y12  
THE EQUIVALENT OF

**2.5**  
SCHOOL  
YEARS

**2 DAYS  
PER WEEK**  
IS 80 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **1040** DAYS  
OF SCHOOL MISSED  
FROM KINDY TO Y12  
THE EQUIVALENT OF

**5**  
SCHOOL  
YEARS

**3 DAYS  
PER WEEK**  
IS 120 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **1560** DAYS  
OF SCHOOL MISSED  
FROM KINDY TO Y12  
THE EQUIVALENT OF

**8**  
SCHOOL  
YEARS



# FORMAL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## **YEAR 7**

Hayley Smith, Annabelle Midgley, Sophie Edmonds, Ryan Davidson, Abbey Bell, Talia Brabant, Holly Nester, Jack Roser, Chloe Smith, Hannah Gillett, Korbz Fitzgerald, Eloise Fisher, Leelan Wyldman, Charlotte Brown, Cooper Cloake, Kurtis Bridge, Ayvah Nixon, Hudson Gunning, Logan Stewart, Hayden Dingwall, Jayden Seckold, Yorke McInerney, Danny Risby, Caitlyn Taylor

## **YEAR 8**

Jackson Dever, Xena-Delta Whitby, Shene Kahler, Krystal Muffett, Jorja Cooper, Jack Pinkerton, Campbell Munn, Reagan Taylor, Zane Groves, Rylie Fletcher, Hunter McLoughlin, Emlyn Elliott, Matthew Byrne, Finley Whitla, Blake Liverton, Tasman Collins, Ethan Downton, Taya Fitzgerald, Bridgette Thompson, Franco Legg, Rajitha Amarasingham, Keira Dingwall, Jared Gibbs

## **YEAR 9**

Tyler Jordan, Sharnie Preston, Legacy Lewis, Rubina Davis, Max Tucker-Kelman, Molly Ollerton, Isaac Masierowski, Gabby Curry, Tom Rose, Marshall Hutchison, Abbey Parkinson, Travis Boyle, Brady Roser, Angus Speck, Zane Welsh, Tom Hughes, Sam Adams, Shaylee Mitchell, Mitchell Downton, Tahlia Venz, Kayleb Wyldman, Ziggy Minter, Anthony Grisheimer, Gabe Sharp, Sam Bristow, Shakira Muffet, Charlotte Bell, Carolyn Day

## **YEAR 10**

Aedyn Johnston, Zachary Groves, Madisen Cooper, Kyarne Sampson, Ryder McInerney, Rhys Baker, Liam Kennedy, Talyn Adams, Logan Boswell, Mark Orlowsky, Indi Welsh, Dylan Dennley, Cynthia Gibbs

## **YEAR 11**

Darcy Adams, Aneka Bettens, Emily Cheshire, Lachlan Cone, Hallie Day, Mikayla Farley, Seannah Hall, Flynn Harman, Matylda Hayne, Gabby Kennedy, Trin Preston, Emily Rose, Akaash Shukla

## **YEAR 12**

Jordan Bowd, Matt Harman, Elle Cook, Abbey Cook, Zoe Zammit, Lucy McGrath, Phoebe Farley, Gemma Denley, Lara Dawson

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Principal:	Mr Brian Drewe
Deputy Principal:	Mr Adam Johnston

Street Address:	9 Gundy Road, Scone NSW 2337
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School Email:	<a href="mailto:scone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au">scone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
Webpage:	<a href="http://www.scone-h.schools.nsw.edu.au">www.scone-h.schools.nsw.edu.au</a>
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 – Katherine Meier on 0429 326 168.

## **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](http://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](https://facebook.com/SconeHighSchool)**

# SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WK 5</b>	<b>17 AUG 2020</b> Year 12 HSC Trials Year 10 Booklets Issued	<b>18 AUG 2020</b> Year 12 HSC Trials Year 10 Decision Day	<b>19 AUG 2020</b> Year 12 HSC Trials	<b>20 AUG 2020</b> Young Mob	<b>21 AUG 2020</b> Year 12 HSC Trials
<b>WK 6</b>	<b>24 AUG 2020</b> Wellbeing Week Year 10 to 11 Subject Selections Year 11 VET Work Placement Year 12 HSC Trials	<b>25 AUG 2020</b> P & C Meeting Wellbeing Week Year 10 to 11 Subject Selections Year 11 VET Work Placement	<b>26 AUG 2020</b> Wellbeing Week Year 10 to 11 Subject Selections Year 11 VET Work Placement	<b>27 AUG 2020</b> Wellbeing Week Year 10 to 11 Subject Selections Year 11 VET Work Placement Young Mob	<b>28 AUG 2020</b> Wellbeing Week Year 10 to 11 Subject Selections Year 11 VET Work Placement Year 12 Pizza Fundraiser
<b>WK 7</b>	<b>31 AUG 2020</b>	<b>1 SEP 2020</b>	<b>2 SEP 2020</b>	<b>3 SEP 2020</b> Young Mob	<b>4 SEP 2020</b>
<b>WK 8</b>	<b>7 SEP 2020</b> Random Act of Kindness Week	<b>8 SEP 2020</b> Random Act of Kindness Week	<b>9 SEP 2020</b> Random Act of Kindness Week	<b>10 SEP 2020</b> Random Act of Kindness Week RUOK Day Young Mob Year 10 Decision Parent Interview Day	<b>11 SEP 2020</b> Random Act of Kindness Week Whole School Assembly
<b>WK 9</b>	<b>14 SEP 2020</b> Year 10 Work Experience Year 11 Exams	<b>15 SEP 2020</b> Year 10 Work Experience Year 11 Exams	<b>16 SEP 2020</b> Year 10 Work Experience Year 11 Exams Vaccinations Year 7	<b>17 SEP 2020</b> Year 10 Work Experience Year 11 Exams Young Mob	<b>18 SEP 2020</b> Year 10 Work Experience Year 11 Exams
<b>WK 10</b>	<b>21 SEP 2020</b>	<b>22 SEP 2020</b> P & C Meeting	<b>23 SEP 2020</b>	<b>24 SEP 2020</b> Young Mob	<b>25 SEP 2020</b>
	<b>28 SEP 2020</b> Spring Holidays	<b>29 SEP 2020</b> Spring Holidays	<b>30 SEP 2020</b> Spring Holidays	<b>1 OCT 2020</b> Spring Holidays	<b>2 OCT 2020</b> Spring Holidays
	<b>5 OCT 2020</b> Spring Holidays	<b>6 OCT 2020</b> Spring Holidays	<b>7 OCT 2020</b> Spring Holidays	<b>8 OCT 2020</b> Spring Holidays	<b>9 OCT 2020</b> Spring Holidays
<b>WK 1</b>	<b>12 OCT 2020</b>	<b>13 OCT 2020</b>	<b>14 OCT 2020</b>	<b>15 OCT 2020</b> Young Mob HSC Written Examinations	<b>16 OCT 2020</b> HSC Written Examinations
<b>WK 2</b>	<b>19 OCT 2020</b> HSC Written Examinations	<b>20 OCT 2020</b> HSC Written Examinations	<b>21 OCT 2020</b> HSC Written Examinations	<b>22 OCT 2020</b> HSC Written Examinations Young Mob	<b>23 OCT 2020</b> HSC Written Examinations