

# SCONE HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER 6

## 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

So, 2021 has come to an end and today we celebrate the successes of many of our students. What a year we have had. We have discovered that we are able to deal well with changes that have taken place around us. We have learned that we are able to learn by ourselves at home, with direction from our teachers. We have discovered that we are persistent, resilient and that we all have a positive outlook on the future.

I would like to also acknowledge the learning struggles, sometimes you might call them “failures” and hard times that we all have had throughout the year, for it is only with these that we are able to grow from who we are today to who we will be tomorrow.

2021 has seen the following happen;

We have developed our new 3 year strategic plan, where we clarified our vision as:

***The students at Scone High School are inspired to grow their capacity and confidence to become resilient, socially responsible citizens who are flourishing lifelong learners. Staff facilitate and model a supportive, inclusive and passionate educational setting that extends beyond the gates to include wider learning networks and the whole community. We provide a flexible, personalised, nurturing environment focused on all aspects of the student.***

We have seen students completing many new types of testing. Best Start Year 7, Check In Assessments in Years 7, 8, 9. These give teachers quality feedback about their teaching, so that they are able to continue to assist you to improve. These will be a feature of your learning growth into the future.

We have not been able to participate in many extra-curricular activities in 2021, instead this allowed us to really focus on our in-class learning.

I am always amazed at our student achievements across the school. I see classrooms with students actively engaged and concentrating on their learning, when I walk around the school with visitors, I see a school that is well maintained, clean and cared for and I therefore feel that students are cared for, are learning and are continuing to grow to become the future leaders of our greater community.

It is, however, with a deep heart that we are saying farewell to one of our most revered leaders. Mr Hill began his teaching career when he was 20 years old in Mt Druitt. He then moved to Scone in 1986, so doing the Maths on this one, he has been teaching students here for 35 years and is still the fittest and youngest at heart on the staff.



*“Helping young people create their futures”*



We all wish Mr Hill the best of health and that he enjoys his new role with his family, and we are also excited that he will be continuing to teach with us in a much-reduced capacity in 2022.

Also, Mrs Cutler is moving on, making the decision to continue her professional growth by challenging herself in leading the Maths / Science faculty at Scone Grammar School. Mrs Cutler has devoted 20 years of her career to the students at Scone and I am sure that these students would like to wish her well in her future.

Mrs Yvonne Bishop has decided to retire from her role as a School Administration Officer, which she has held for 23 years. Schools would not function without the support of our SAOs, and we thank Yvonne for ensuring that we are able to deliver the highest classroom learning due to her support.

Mrs Vicky Ralston has been supporting our school for over 20 years as a cleaner. Her children and grandchildren have been students here over these years and she has looked after our learning spaces as if they were her own and we are forever grateful.

Mrs Delechantos has been teaching at Scone High School for over 20 years and has been a major force in our Creative Arts programs across the school and has created many budding musicians who have used their beginning in Music with Mrs Delechantos as a start to their careers.

I would like to thank all the students, for working on their strengths along with the teachers, for this will carry you into the future with knowledge and skills that you will be highly valued for.

I would like to thank every adult who has had a hand or word in creating the minds that I see in front of me – Great Job.

I would like to thank all of the school support staff who work directly with students both in classes and in offices. Also, the maintenance, farm staff and cleaners, your attention to detail enables us all to learn in an environment that is conducive to learning.

I wish each and every one of you the best for the festive season and that all of the students have a restful, well-deserved break. Be safe, enjoy your connections with others and enjoy reflecting on your various achievements throughout 2021.

Brian Drewe

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

We have made it! 2021 is done and dusted and we are all still standing. I would like to thank everyone, students, parents and staff, for their resilience and perseverance in what has been a particularly challenging year for us all.

In amongst the business of learning this term Year 12 have now departed, Year 11 have accepted the mantle of Year 12, and we have met the Year 6 students who will be joining us next year. Now it is time to recharge the batteries over the holidays so that our minds and bodies are fresh to engage with all the learning opportunities available to us next year.

I wish everyone a safe, happy and enjoyable holiday. Only 47 sleeps until school starts again! Merry Christmas to one and all.

Adam Johnston

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully achieved a leadership role in the school for 2021/2022.

When we were interviewing the applicants, it was very humbling for these students to be able to describe leadership as much more than “doing more” than others. They were very clear that their future roles will be mostly about showing other students and the community that “doing your best” and working on your “next steps” is key in learning.

We would like to acknowledge these students and their willingness to be a part of the leadership of Scone High School.



**Dylan Denley**  
School Captain



**Indi Welsh**  
School Captain



**Bowen Partridge**  
Vice Captain



**Danielle Surawski**  
Vice Captain



**Riley Brooks**  
Prefect



**Tahlee Stein**  
Prefect



**Madisen Cooper**  
Prefect

# HOUSE CAPTAINS



Caitlyn Coady  
Meekah Captain



Skye Singleton  
Meekah Vice Captain



Sarah McMahon  
Wattaka Captain



Holly Tallar  
Wattaka Vice Captain



Riley Brooks  
Pannal Captain



Danielle Surawski  
Pannal Vice Captain



Brady Roser  
Murrong Captain



Marshall Hutchison  
Murrong Vice Captain

# EXCURSIONS & NEWS

## ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This year's photography competition was interrupted with a covid lockdown. However, it did not dampen the student's enthusiasm as we received over 50 amazing photos. Congratulations to the winners and place getters.

Teacher's Favourite – Yorke McInerney  
Student's Favourite - Jack Pinkerton

### WATER IN THE LANDSCAPE

Winner – Will Foley  
Runner up – Felicity Azarcon

### LANDSCAPE

Winner – Jack Pinkerton  
Runner up – Sarah Riley

### MACRO

Winner – Riley Perez  
Runner up – Paige Baxter

### ANIMALS

Winner – Yorke McInerney  
Runner up – Eva Baker

*Written by Julianne Frost*

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## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

In their first official capacity as school leaders, our 2022 Leadership Team attended the Remembrance Day service at Scone Memorial Pool.

Our School Captains, Indi Welsh and Dylan Denley, recited the moving poem 'The Ebbing Tide' by Tomas (Paddy) Hamilton.

They were joined by Vice Captains Bowen Partridge and Danielle Surawski and Prefects Riley Brooks, Tahlee Stein, and Madison Cooper to pay their respects on behalf of the school by laying a wreath at the memorial.

The students solemnly and respectfully performed their duties and were fine representatives in the community.

*Written by Samantha Smart*

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## **FREE HSC LECTURES**

From 17 January - 21 January 2022, ATAR Notes is running live-streamed lectures for Year 10-12 students in New South Wales.

These lectures are completely free. Thousands of students have benefitted from ATAR Notes Lectures, with sessions delivered by high-achieving graduates.

[https://atarnoteslectures.com/nsw?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=email&utm\\_term=email&utm\\_content=email&fbclid=IwAR3fqpmJoCEX70JkqaFOQ-iAUM27O4nysxfKPHSoWDvdOZWOXxTWCbvSlbQ](https://atarnoteslectures.com/nsw?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email&utm_term=email&utm_content=email&fbclid=IwAR3fqpmJoCEX70JkqaFOQ-iAUM27O4nysxfKPHSoWDvdOZWOXxTWCbvSlbQ)

## **YEAR 6 FINAL TRANSITION DAY**

What an awesome day!

The final transition day for our 2022 Year students found us with clear weather in the middle of a week with flooding rains great activities and the most positive of attitudes. This combined to make our final orientation day simply magnificent!

We have discovered new Agriculturists, Ultimate Vortex whiz kids, Musicians, Engineers and some amazing maps readers!

We hope that you all had a fun day, met up with some old and new friends, and know just a little bit more about Scone High School and some of the subjects you will do next year.

Thank you to all Year 6 students for your enthusiasm and participation, you made this an amazing day!

See you all in 2022.

*Written by Staff Marianne Young*

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## **FASHIONS ON THE FIELD**

On Thursday 2 December Scone High celebrated our annual Fashions on the Field event.

Students, teachers and canines alike donned their best (and interesting) attire to strut down the catwalk for our judges. It was a great afternoon, and we hope everyone enjoyed the delicious burgers and goodies on sale (and the fabulous catwalk show) as much as we did.

Our gratitude and thanks to Mr Westbury and the Entertainment students, our MC (Mr Richardson) and judges (Belinda Field, Mrs Gal and Mr Hill) for their time and energy.

Our appreciation and thanks also extend to our local Coles store for their generous donation.

We look forward to next year.

*Written by Salote Hukehuke*

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## **PRESENTATION DAY**

Please find below links through to the recording our 2021 School Presentation Day.

[https://scone-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2021/12/2021-presentation-day-awards.html?fbclid=IwAR2PxkyXJUvXeKKXxxkvOC6kIIJtR9p1v-Po-Ulup3hPaJgw47Rnst\\_OPBM](https://scone-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2021/12/2021-presentation-day-awards.html?fbclid=IwAR2PxkyXJUvXeKKXxxkvOC6kIIJtR9p1v-Po-Ulup3hPaJgw47Rnst_OPBM)



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Share Our Space

### This play area is open over the holiday break

Share Our Space is a commitment by the NSW Government to make schools the centre of our community. Our grounds are open from **8 am to 5 pm** during the school holidays, including weekends and public holidays.

Remember to:

### Play safe. Respect others. Care for our space.

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|  Access to school grounds outside of hours is prohibited |  No fires or BBQs                           |
|  No skateboards or rollerblades/skates                   |  No littering or depositing of any material |
|  No vehicles on site                                     |  No glass                                   |
|  Children should be supervised by adults at all times    |  No damage to school facilities             |
|  No smoking or alcohol                                   |  No animals                                 |

School outdoor facilities are unsupervised.  
Please call 1300 880 021 to report a violation of rules or for help.  
For emergencies call 000.

[edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpace](https://edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpace)



### The Set for Success - Youth Tennis Leadership Program

Suitable for a wide range of ages, whether an individual is starting out on their tennis career pathway, right through to older teenagers looking to support their local coach, official or club committee.

The program can act as a pathway into a range of future opportunities and careers in tennis for young people, and as a pre-cursor to gaining qualifications such as Tennis NSW Future Leaders program, Community Coaching Foundation course or becoming a Trainee Coaching Assistant, the first stage of the TA coaching pathway.

Pilot program to commence Jan, 2022, at Scone Hardcourt Tennis Association Courts, Scone, NSW, to coincide with 2022 Australian Summer of Tennis tournaments featuring the Australian Open, Melbourne Jan 17- 30, and School holiday tennis camps for children aged 5 -14yrs, Jan 20-26, 2022.

Enquiries Chris Herden 0400331553.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Deputy Principal:	Mr Adam Johnston

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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.



**VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE**

[\*\*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.



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# SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>27 DEC 2021</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>28 DEC 2021</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>29 DEC 2021</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>30 DEC 2021</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>31 DEC 2021</b> <i>School Holidays</i>
	<b>3 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>4 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>5 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>6 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>7 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>
	<b>10 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>11 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>12 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>13 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>14 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>
	<b>17 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>18 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>19 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>20 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>21 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>
	<b>24 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>25 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>26 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>27 JAN 2022</b> <i>School Holidays</i>	<b>28 JAN 2022</b> <i>Staff Development Day</i>
<b>WK 1</b>	<b>31 JAN 2022</b> <i>Staff Development Day</i>	<b>1 FEB 2022</b> <i>Year 7 Commences</i>	<b>2 FEB 2022</b> <i>Year 11 &amp; 12 Return</i>	<b>3 FEB 2022</b> <i>All Students Return</i>	<b>4 FEB 2022</b> <i>Swimming Carnival</i>
<b>WK 2</b>	<b>7 FEB 2022</b>	<b>8 FEB 2022</b>	<b>9 FEB 2022</b>	<b>10 FEB 2022</b>	<b>11 FEB 2022</b>
<b>WK 3</b>	<b>14 FEB 2022</b> <i>Best Start</i>	<b>15 FEB 2022</b> <i>Best Start</i>	<b>16 FEB 2022</b> <i>Best Start</i>	<b>17 FEB 2022</b> <i>Best Start</i>	<b>18 FEB 2022</b> <i>Best Start</i>
<b>WK 4</b>	<b>21 FEB 2022</b>	<b>22 FEB 2022</b>	<b>23 FEB 2022</b> <i>Year 6 Orientation Day</i>	<b>24 FEB 2022</b>	<b>25 FEB 2022</b> <i>Evacuation Drill</i> <i>UNI Roadshow</i>