

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2

21ST MAY 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 has started off with us running to keep up with a variety of testing of students to give us feedback. Teachers have reviewed the Year 7 Best Start testing data and have discovered strengths and weaknesses that will be addressed across the school. Also in Term 2, Year 8 have completed their Check In Assessment, which tests their skills in Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers have been reviewing this data in detail and have plans to improve student outcomes so that next time the students are tested, there will be measurable skill development and growth.

NAPLAN has been delivered to students again in 2021, following a disrupted 2020. It is always very nice to see that students take these National tests very seriously. Sometimes the student results from these tests are at odds with teacher knowledge of students and we can often put this down to the student's approach to the NAPLAN test itself. We will also be using this data to inform teachers of the next teaching and learning steps for our students in Years 7 & 9. A detailed report will be provided later this year when it is published by NAPLAN.

Building Works

As usual, Term 2 will be exceptionally busy with planned maintenance of H Block roofing, which will involve scaffolding etc. around H Block. There will be new disability access created in the MPU, with a stage lift and bathroom.

The redesigning of the Administration building is also starting, with disability access being created in the staff carpark, drop off and pick up zone for wheelchairs and student transport, and also access to A block from the under cover area. All of this will create access issues for us for the rest of Term 2.

Kelly Street

You may have noticed the new roadside barriers in Kelly Street Scone. Our students have created some outstanding artwork which is now on display in front of Domino's Pizza and Subway. Make sure that you have a look at them, we are very proud to be a part of the landscape in Kelly Street.



Brian Drewe
Principal



"Helping young people create their futures"



EXCURSIONS & NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

The regional cross country carnival is to be held at Tocal College on Friday 28th May.

We wish the following competitors the best of luck: Zara Sampson, Emily McMahon, Savannah Marshall, Eloise Fisher, Caitlyn Coady, Bayley Ralston, Will Foley, Preston O'Brien, Tasman Collins and Jared Gibbs. There will be more information to come as the date gets closer.

Written by Loren Heath

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

What a cracking photo! 20 students, five different Upper High Schools, united and working together to create a better future for our community!!

This snap was captured today when our Year 11 Student Leaders came together to plan their very own Leadership Summit for their peers. They will share some of the insights and skills they picked up from the National Student Leadership Summit they attended in Adelaide earlier this year and together they will lead wellbeing and mental health initiatives in our schools.

We look forward to sharing more details as their Summit approaches!

Written by Where There's A Will



HORSE SPORTS

On Friday 30th April a group of students represented Scone High at the Scone Horse sports. Each student participated in Hack, Rider, Utility and Sporting events.

They all worked their ponies well and ended up bringing home a swag of ribbons. Harrison and Jordan in Year 8 both ended the day as Runner Up Age Champions.

A fantastic effort in such tough competition. Our next Horse sports event will be on May 21st at Quirindi. Thank you to the parents and families that assisted on the day.

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Written by Joanne Cutler



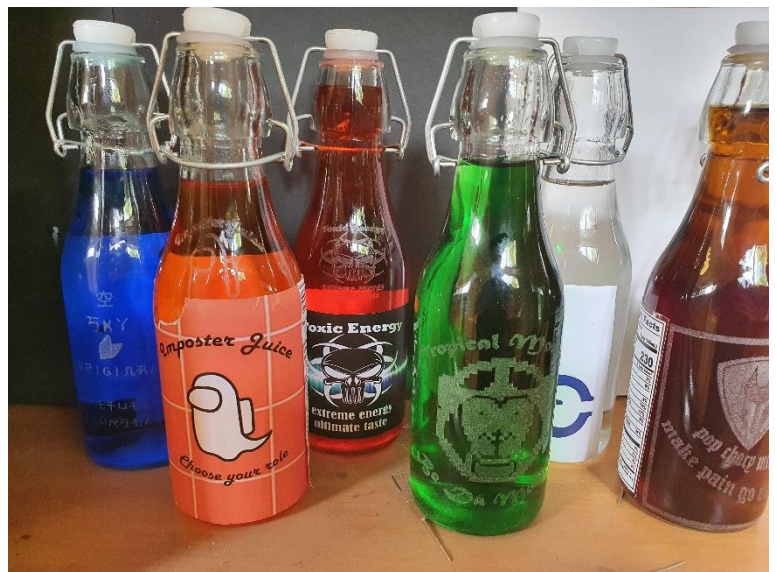
YEAR 9 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

During term 1 Year 9 Design and Technology were tasked with developing a brand that would sell a drink of the students choice. As part of this task they created a logo and learnt to use the laser cutter.

Students used the laser cutter to apply the designed logo onto a glass bottle that could contain their drink. Through testing and experimentation students created a professional looking bottle and label.

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Written by John Constant



MANGOOLA OPEN CUT MINE EXCURSION

On Monday 26th April, Year 9 science students visited the Mangoola Open Cut mine site. We saw massive repair sheds, the open cut mine and several areas in different stages of the rehabilitation process.

The knowledgeable staff from Mangoola led the educational tour around the mine. We learnt about several aspects of the mining process, including how they rehabilitate the land after use. This included planting endemic seed banks and slope contouring to retain water in the soil.

They also explained how they restored the native ecosystem to the area. One way they do this is providing nesting boxes for native birds. This ties in perfectly with our current unit of study, "Communities and Systems". Thank you to the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue for providing the bus, tour and the opportunity to look at a local coal mine in operation.

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Written by Bianca Garling



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Scone High School Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 23rd April. We were blessed with lots of sunshine on the day and some excellent performances from our students. A special mention must go to Emily Smallmon for throwing a distance of 22.55m in the 13yrs girls Discus. This effort was a new school record in the event. Congratulations Emily!

The sportsmanship and comradery amongst all students on the day was outstanding, with great competition had both on and off the track and in the Ultimate Vortex arena. The afternoon brought fantastic house spirit during the 4 x 100m relays with some very closely contested races. Thank you to the house captains for their efforts in organising relay teams.

A note of congratulations goes to the following students who were Age Champions for 2021:

Age	Boys	Girls
12yrs	Levi King	Tamika Roberts
13yrs	Aren Dingwall and Riley Perez	Emily Smallmon
14yrs	Billy Chamberlain	Eloise Fisher
15yrs	Jack Foley	Ryelie Fletcher
16yrs	Brady Roser	Caitlin Coady
17yrs+	Connor Poeschl	Rhiarne Edmonds

The overall winning house of the day was Wattaka with 544 points, followed by Meekah, Murrong and Pannal. Thank you to all staff and students for making this year's carnival a successful day!

We'd also like to wish all our students who are off to compete in the Upper Hunter Zone Athletics Carnival at Singleton the very best of luck. We know you'll do yourselves and Scone High School proud.

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Written by Melanie Smith





YEAR 7 CAMP

On March 28th, 2021, our intrepid band of Year 7 explorers set out on an expedition to develop their character strengths of Leadership, Bravery and Teamwork at the expansive Lake Keepit. Getting on the bus bright and early on a Wednesday, the students entered into the camp to be introduced to their camp counsellors Stewart and Isabelle for the first time. After some ground rules were laid out, which included a free drink bottle, they were geared up and ready to go.

After a phenomenal lunch and a slight reorganisation of the groups (which had nothing to do with Mr Richardson's complete lack of organisational ability), the students were off to their first activities: canoeing, raft-building, and archery. Highlights of these water sports included a certain Year Advisor staring down the bow of an approaching warband of Year 7 boys, paddling towards us at all speed, before feeling the mighty crash shake the boat to its core. There was also the fact that Year 7 somehow made rafts that actually floated from one side of the pool to the other. And best yet, no one got shot at archery, instead hitting bullseyes galore! All in all, a grand success.

The night's activities included games such as musical chairs without the chairs, anywhere between two and twenty kids trying to fit into one hula hoop, and some general trivia from their counsellor. However, the highlight was seeing them run in abject fear from the teachers, now armed with pool noodles, who had been given the instruction of hitting as many students as they could. While I'm sure there were other rules to the game, I'm not sure the teachers heard them.

On day two, after swapping activities, Year 7 got to try out the 'Keepit Commando' course. Think obstacle course, but more mud and water to keep things interesting.

There were ups, downs, lost shoes, dirty water, some fantastic stacks, and more mud than would be found at a spa day. We also learned just how many students had never learned to wash behind their ears when they were forced into the lake to get the mud off themselves, as the ever-watchful Stewart sent them back in if they were even slightly dirty. Then, after some free time, it was off to campfire stories with Isabelle and damper, with maple syrup drizzled through the centre. It was certainly delicious.

On the final day, the students had a chance to show their problem-solving skills and just how keen they were to explore the land in a 'Goose Chase', where they would send pictures of them completing tasks around the grounds back to 'Central Control'. Some picture highlights included a particularly creepy camper who appeared to be missing an eye, and a particular group of boys who decided that their new uniform should involve undies on the outside.

With that, the camp was at an end, and the students were returned home safely and accounted for. At Lake Keepit, Year 7 discovered what it was to be 'unluckyyyyyyy', particularly those poor souls who accompanied Mr Richardson on the fishing expeditions in the afternoons, and 'high flyers' when they pushed themselves to go further and longer than they thought they could. It was a grand time had by all, and will hopefully stay in their memories for many years yet to come.

Well done Year 7.

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Written by Michael Richardson



WELLBEING

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is so important, not only to create and ensure continuity of learning for students but to ensure that students benefit from the positive effects of regular routine. I thought it might be nice to take some time and congratulate the following students who have had 100% attendance at Scone High School this term. How overwhelmingly wonderful to see such a big list of names!

Eloise Fisher, Nickolas Lima Melo, Danny Risby, Clayton Brooks, Matthew Byrne, Tasman Collins, Franco Legg, Hunter McLoughlin, Charlie Milton, Lincon Preston, Jackson Smith, Koby Stewart, Isaac Masierowski, Gabriel Sharp, Tahlia Venz, John Butt, Damian Jamieson, Darcy Adams, Riley Hollis

LOVE BITES – YEAR 10

We have recently been in contact with Upper Hunter Community Services who will be coming to deliver the Love Bites program to students in Year 10 during Term 4. Love Bites is a Respectful Relationships Education Program for young people aged 15-17 years. It consists of two interactive workshops: one on Relationship Violence, and one on Sex and Relationships. Love Bites aims to provide young people with a safe environment to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships. All Love Bites programming takes a strength-based approach and views young people as active participants who are able to make choices for themselves and their relationships when supported with information and opportunity for skill development.

Further information will follow for students involved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS: FUTURE PROOFING STUDY

We're thrilled to announce that our school is taking part in Australia's largest ever wellbeing study for high school students – the 'Future Proofing' Study. We'll be working with the Black Dog Institute and UNSW, along with 170+ other schools, to improve the mental health and wellbeing of Australian teenagers.

Participating students will try out new mental health apps and complete surveys at school about their health and wellbeing until they are in Year 12. The surveys will ask about a wide range of issues important to young people, including health, emotions, friendships, school, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students need parent permission and a smartphone to participate. Please follow this link to read the study information sheet and complete the consent form online:
<https://www.fpstudy.org.au/Scone>

We hope you consider your child's participation in this study. Even before COVID-19, research was showing that mental health concerns in teenagers are on the rise. Scone High School is keen to be part of the solution, so we're encouraging all students to participate.

If you would like to learn more, please feel free to watch this 11-minute information video from the research team: <https://youtu.be/Mf2OsMfFKSs>. You can also email the research team to answer your questions: futureproofing@blackdog.org.au

Written by Amanda Johnston

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

Our Parent Teacher Night for Term 1 had to be postponed due to the extensive rain event. The rescheduled evening was held in the library and it was extremely pleasing to see so many parents and students in attendance.

Parents gave Mr Drewe feedback as they left and every parent was able to describe something that they had learned about their child, from the teachers. Students should now be ready, with their parent's support, for their finalisation of Term 2 work and our more formal school reports.

Written by Brian Drewe

ANZAC DAY 2021

ANZAC Day this year had our students participating across the district, with students attending Aberdeen dawn service, Murrurundi, Gundy and Scone dawn service as well as the daytime service.

Our school service included students reflecting on the meaning of ANZAC Day and also the reading of Mr Drewe's Great Grandfather's letters from 1917. These letters summarized some of the experiences that soldiers had on the boats as they left Australia and how they communicated to their families from a distance. It showed how letters had to be kept personal and to not have anything in them that was military in nature. They also had letters from his fellow soldiers following his death during bombing of his trench in France.

We are extremely grateful to have been able to be a part of all of these services.

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Written by Brian Drewe



P&C NEWS

A big THANKYOU to everyone who contributed to the success of SHS Sports Trivia Night held at Scone Bowling Club on May 12th 2021. It was a great night that would not have been possible without lots of community support.

A detailed list of businesses who donated goods or money will be published on the P and C facebook shortly, as well as our grand final, fund raising total.

Written by Cheryl Pringle

COMMUNITY NEWS

UPPER HUNTER YOUTH SERVICES INC.

CALENDAR

MAY 2021



TUESDAY 4TH – GROUP DISCUSSION THERE IS ONLY 1 ME:

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE YOURSELF

WEDNESDAY 5TH – BULLRUSH

THURSDAY 6TH – CRAFT FOR THE SPECIAL LADY IN YOUR LIFE

TUESDAY 11TH – GROUP DISCUSSION – PEER PRESSURE:

HOW TO RESPOND ASSERTIVELY & LISTENING TO YOUR GUT INSTINCT

WEDNESDAY 12TH – LEARN HOW TO SEW ON A BUTTON

THURSDAY 13TH – WALK AND TALK AROUND THE SHOWGROUND

TUESDAY 18TH – GROUP DISCUSSION – MEDIA –

FRIEND OR FOE? DISCUSSING MEDIA INFLUENCES

WEDNESDAY 19TH – ART WITH JACKIE

THURSDAY 20TH – SOCCER

TUESDAY 25TH – GROUP DISCUSSION – POSITIVE ROLE MODELS:

WHO IS YOURS AND HOW CAN YOU BECOME ONE?

WEDNESDAY 26TH – PAPER AIRPLANE DAY – MAKE YOUR OWN

PAPER PLANE TO FLY IN OUR COMPETITION

THURSDAY 27TH – COOKING – MAKING PIKELETS

Located at The Showground, Maitland Street,

Muswellbrook NSW 2333

Phone: (02) 6543 4841

Email: admin@uhys.org.au or cbrown@uhys.org.au

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 3pm – 6pm

Free Transport Provided: Muswellbrook Area Only

Age Group: 10 – 17yrs

FREE MEMBERSHIP TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 – 17 YEARS

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 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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WK 5	17 MAY 2021 NAPLAN Year 7-10 Assessment Week	18 MAY 2021 NAPLAN Year 7-10 Assessment Week	19 MAY 2021 NAPLAN Year 7-10 Assessment Week	20 MAY 2021 NAPLAN Year 7-10 Assessment Week	21 MAY 2021 NAPLAN Year 7-10 Assessment Week Zone Athletics Carnival
WK 6	24 MAY 2021 Wellbeing Week	25 MAY 2021 Wellbeing Week School Photos	26 MAY 2021 Wellbeing Week	27 MAY 2021 Wellbeing Week	28 MAY 2021 Wellbeing Week HSC Seminar Day Regional Cross Country
WK 7	31 MAY 2021	1 JUN 2021	2 JUN 2021 Whitcard WH&S Course	3 JUN 2021 Year 11 Reports Issued	4 JUN 2021
WK 8	7 JUN 2021	8 JUN 2021	9 JUN 2021 Year 11 Camp Year 6 Orientation Day	10 JUN 2021 Year 11 Camp	11 JUN 2021 Year 11 Camp Whole School Assembly
WK 9	14 JUN 2021 Public Holiday	15 JUN 2021	16 JUN 2021	17 JUN 2021	18 JUN 2021
WK 10	21 JUN 2021 NAIDOC Week	22 JUN 2021 NAIDOC Week	23 JUN 2021 NAIDOC Week Entertainment Excursion STEM Day Visits	24 JUN 2021 NAIDOC Week Entertainment Excursion Year 7-10 Reports Issued	25 JUN 2021 NAIDOC Week Entertainment Excursion
	28 JUN 2021 School Holidays	29 JUN 2021 School Holidays	30 JUN 2021 School Holidays	1 JUL 2021 School Holidays	2 JUL 2021 School Holidays
	5 JUL 2021 School Holidays	6 JUL 2021 School Holidays	7 JUL 2021 School Holidays	8 JUL 2021 School Holidays	9 JUL 2021 School Holidays
WK 1	12 JUL 2021 Staff Development Day	13 JUL 2021 Students Return to School HSC Trials	14 JUL 2021 HSC Trials	15 JUL 2021 HSC Trials	16 JUL 2021 HSC Trials
WK 2	19 JUL 2021 HSC Trials Special Ed Transition Year 10 Mini Talks	20 JUL 2021 HSC Trials Year 10 Mini Talks	21 JUL 2021 Year 6 Orientation Day Year 10 Mini Talks	22 JUL 2021 Year 10 Mini Talks Fractional Pi Day	23 JUL 2021 Whole School Assembly Year 10 Mini Talks