

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4

30TH JUNE 2022

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have arrived at the end of Term 2 and reports are ready to go. It's a great time to reflect on the growth our students have achieved over the past 6 months and identify opportunities to work on for the rest of the year.

Year 10 have also recently returned from work experience – some even received offers of employment during their time 'on the job'. This is such a brilliant chance for students to explore potential future pathways and challenge themselves with real life application of learning.

We are all very grateful to our wonderful community for providing our students with such valuable learning opportunities.

Last issue I shared the four key values that will continue to build upon the positive education journey that we are involved in along with all schools in the Upper Hunter, driven by the initiatives of Where There's a Will. Our school has identified 4 key values that we want to embrace and focus on moving forward. These are:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Relationships

These values will be at the core of our decisions and initiatives as we continue to move forward.

As part of this we surveyed a range of students to identify what these values meant to them. This issue I would like to share their thoughts on Responsibility.

What does Responsibility mean to you?

"It means you take ownership of your actions and yourself"

"Being a leader, showing that you can do something"

What does Responsibility look like?

"Being in charge of yourself"

"Helping people with problems"



"Helping young people create their futures"



What does Responsibility sound like?

“Encouraging words”

“Communicating with others to get something done”

“Talking to each other”

What does Responsibility feel like?

“Being mature and feeling proud of yourself”

“Being a leader and taking control”

Why is Responsibility important?

“Because it keeps you from doing stuff that’s immature”

“So things get done”

Over the next few issues I will share more of our student’s thoughts on our key values.

Next term we will continue to focus on improving our attendance rates one day at a time. COVID and flu have had significant impacts on our student’s learning over the past two years and we need to rebuild the daily habit of attending each lesson each day so that each student has every opportunity to grow. Our Head Teacher Learning and Engagement Gayelene Hillier and Student Support Officer Sam Cockerill will be leading the charge in supporting our students to increase their personal attendance. Freddo Fridays are about to become even more competitive!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on deck next term.



Adam Johnston
Deputy Principal

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then

YES, attendance does matter!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

NEWSLETTER FROM THE GABA

It has been a very busy Term 2 so far. The new Indigenous Support room is now open and supporting many students with their learning. Our room has been called Gaba Ngurruga (pronounced Gaba Ning-ar-uga) which means "Good Tomorrow". We chose this name from the Kamilaroi Language because we felt it represented what students are working towards and supported our belief that each day brings new opportunities to put whatever has happened previously behind us and start over!

First Nations students have had the opportunity to participate in an Art Workshop at the Neighbourhood Centre, attend the Flag Raising Ceremony for Reconciliation Week at the Upper Hunter Shire Council and participate in an excursion to country as part of the Young Mob program.

The students who participated in the Art Workshop received instruction for Artist in Residence, Michelle Earle. They all contributed to a dot painting that will be auctioned to raise money for further projects at the centre.

Tahlia Venz made an impressive speech on the topic "Be Brave, Make Change". We are truly proud of this young woman as she continues to demonstrate her pride in being a First Nations leader of the future and as she provides a great role model for those who aspire to follow in her footsteps.

This week eleven students, myself and Auntie Rae went on an excursion to see the Biamie Cave near Milbrodale. We were accompanied by World Vision Auntie Yvonne and Auntie Jen who facilitate the Young Mob Program. This was a fantastic experience for us all as we learned much about the creation story of Biamie and got to see the art work in the cave close up. As parents of the participants probably already know, this was more than just a cultural experience as our mechanical and navigational skills were tested as well. All in all, a fun day was had by all and we are already planning another adventure in week one of Term 3 when we will celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Written by Gayelene Hillier



COONA EXPO

Billy Chamberlain, Paige Baxter and Harrison Baxter attended the North West Equestrian Expo that was held 3rd to the 7th June 2022.

The weather was not very kind to us with rain all day Friday, frost and icy cold winds the rest of the time but that didn't dampen the student's spirits as they continued to represent Scone High School with both conduct and results.

Harrison Baxter - Overall winner of the Working Horse Challenge, Reserve Champion 80cm Showjumper, Numerous Sporting Places, 8th in the 80cm One Day Event and 10th in the Team Penning.

Paige Baxter - 5th overall in the Working Horse Challenge, 8th in the Team 6 Bar Competition, Numerous Sporting Places, 7th in the 80cm One Day Event, 4th in The Warrumbungles Way, 1st in the Team of 4 riders, numerous show Riding places.

Billy Chamberlain - 2nd overall in Working Horse Challenge, numerous sporting place, 1st in the Dressage Phase in the 60cm One Day Event and 10th in the Team Penning.

Written by Lisa Baxter



YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY TERM 2

Wednesday Week 8 brought sunshine and happy faces to Scone High School and we were grateful for both.

Year 6 moved through 5 rotations where PE, Art, Metals, Geography and English were the order of the day.

A game of ultimate dodgeball had everyone running and removing their jumpers (hence a couple were misplaced), in English a murder mystery was solved, long lasting bag tags were made in Metals, amazing creative skills were demonstrated in the quiet, calm space that was Art and I was surprised by the geography skills of our Year 6 students (perhaps the reward system helped to motivate them).

Congratulations to all the Year 6 students on their engagement, manners and positive attitude on the day.

To our Year 10 helpers and SHS staff who made this day possible- THANK YOU!

Written by Marianne Young



PAJAMA DAY

On Friday 24 June Scone High celebrated our annual Pajama Day. Students arrived at school dressed in their snuggly best with avocado oodles proving to be a popular fashion choice for many students as well as fuzzy onesies. Gold coin donations were also a requirement to be out of uniform with proceeds being donated to a local organisation currently offering homeless support.

Donations collected on the day this year totaled \$112.80 and will be donated to the Upper Hunter Homeless Support who provides specialist homelessness services here in the Upper Hunter and up to Singleton.

Thank you to all staff and students who participated in pajama day and to parents and carers too for your ongoing support.

Written by Salote Hukehuke



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience for all Year 10 students ran June 20-24. A big thank you to employers, parents and students.

Written by Tony Borg



RURAL HEALTH CAREERS WORKSHOPS

Eleven postgraduate students in Medicine from Macquarie University ran workshops in rural health careers at Scone High School Monday 27 June.

Written by Tony Borg



DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING

In a busy fortnight for career education activities, Defence Force Recruiting ran workshops at the school on Friday June 24 attended by students in Year 9 to Year 12.

Written by Tony Borg



STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

On 16th June students from Scone High School, Muswellbrook High School, Merriwa Central School, Scone Grammar School and St Josephs High School met at Scone High School to dream up a brighter future.

Following their visit to St Peter's School in Adelaide earlier this year, student leaders from all over the Upper Hunter lead workshops on topics covering a wide range of leadership aspects from strengths based leadership to leading change in schools.

This tradition of collaboration facilitated by Lindy Hunt from Where There's a Will continues to bring our young people together to build a future that they dream of.

Written by Samantha Cockerill



ENTERTAINMENT EXCURSION

Day 1 of the Senior Entertainment Excursion saw a very early 5am rise to bus down to Sydney. After a short break we headed in to see Moulin Rouge. The show did not disappoint with amazing sets, costumes, music and lights. After dinner it was off to see Mary Poppins, a very different but equally as amazing show.

Today has us riding in ferries and sightseeing around the Sydney Harbour before heading out to Darlinghurst Theatre for a production of Once. Everyone seems to be having a great, if not tired, time.

Written by Shane Westbury



COMMUNITY NEWS




Carers for school aged children are urgently needed.

Become a foster carer with Wesley Dalmar and make a difference.

Wesley Dalmar provides respite, temporary, adoption and permanent placements for children from birth to 18 years of age. Aftercare support is available for young people transitioning into adulthood.

Call 1300 325 627
Support, training and allowance provided.

wesleymission.org.au

2022 June/July School Holidays

TENNIS CAMPS

With Chris Herdson, Tennis Australia Club Professional, Former NSW ranked junior, USA college representative.
 For ages 4-14 yrs all abilities at Scone, Denman and Merriva.



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!

SCONE TENNIS CLUB: June 28-30, July 6-8 & 13-15.	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 9-10am Time: 9-12noon	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
DENMAN TENNIS CLUB: July 6-8	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 2-3pm Time: 2-5pm	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
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Bookings essential!
Call Chris on 0400 331 553 for details and bookings

Term 3, Hot Shots coaching and match play commencing July 10, 2022.
 Bookings essential.

and Like Scone Hardcourt Tennis Association,
 Upper Hunter Tennis & Sports on Facebook






July 2022
What's the Goss

Hunter Park Family Centre

58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook Ph:65433566 E: hpfc@uhcs.org.au



NAIDOC

CULTURAL DAY & EXCURSION

CULTURAL DAY FREE	EXCURSION FREE
10.30am-1.00pm Thursday, 7 July Hunter Park Family Centre 58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.	Explore Baime 10am-4.30pm Tuesday, 5 July 2022 For ages 9 to 17 only. Departing Hunter Park Family Centre, 58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook 10am sharp. Permission notes required.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Call **6543 3566** or 6542 3555. Spaces limited



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Circus Quirkus Excursion

Upper Hunter Community Services is offering families that receive NDIS services the opportunity to attend this amazing free Circus Event put together by Newcastle businesses. If you would like to join us on this bus trip, please ring Janelle on 65433566 or 65423555.

Alternatively you may stream this event via the details below.

We will be attending the 11.00am session and pickup for the bus will be Hunter Park Family Centre, 58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook at 8.15am.

2022 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT!

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from businesses across Greater Newcastle, this incredible spectacle provides children of all abilities and backgrounds with an opportunity to experience the incredible family friendly *Circus Quirkus 2022 live show* with some of Australia's best and wonderfully quirky circus performers!

Enjoy an inclusive, accessible and flexible environment with a relaxed attitude to audience noise and movement.

If you can't attend the live show, watch a professionally filmed version of the show direct from the stage to your screen, with unlimited streaming and on-demand viewing available!

To view the 2022 show trailer, visit www.circusquirkus.com.au

WHEN & WHERE...

THURSDAY 14th JULY 2022

@ 11.00am & 6.00pm

(1 hour show, no interval)

NEX - Newcastle Exhibition & Convention Centre

To book complimentary tickets and register for streaming access, please email

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call/text 0404-367-782



Call 65433566 to register



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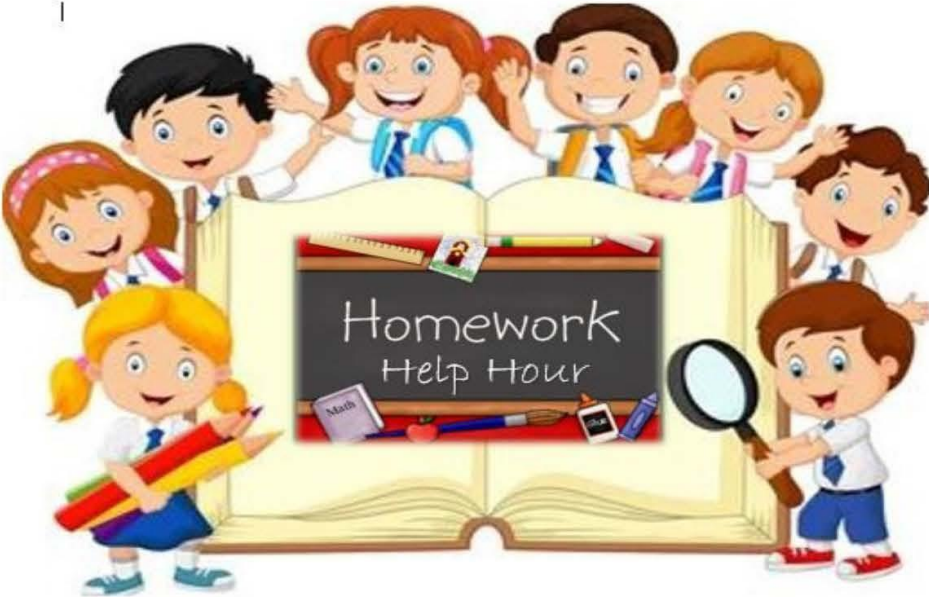
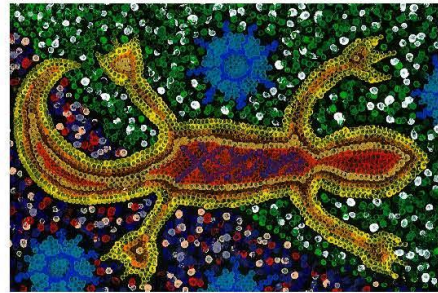
Aboriginal Animal Painting

When: 14 April 2022

Time: 11am to 1pm

Where: HPFC, 58 Wollombi Rd

Drop in and join us.



FREE!

Where : Hunter Park Family Centre
58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook

When : Thursday afternoons 3:45—4:45pm


Begins 16 Feb 2022

A healthy light afternoon tea is provided for the children.

Parents are encouraged to join their children in Homework Help Hour.

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Playgroup at HPFC has a new look

We have a Jumping Castle, Toddler gym equipment, large colourful blocks and many more sensory toys for your child to have fun while learning social, emotional and developmental skills.

Playgroup at HPFC

FREE!



10.30am-12.00pm @ Hunter Park Family Centre
Wednesday mornings during school term
58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook

Bookings are essential

Call 6543 3566

To register or for more information



11 May
18 May
25 May
1 June
8 June
15 June
22 June
29 June



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Parenting Programs

Did you know that Upper Hunter Community Services Inc. (UHCS) run Parenting Programs?

Free Parenting classes are delivered by the Upper Hunter Family Support Services team in Denman, Scone, Muswellbrook, Murrurundi and Aberdeen.

Check out our website and like our Facebook page to find out about upcoming sessions and other exciting community events. If you wish to enroll, please ring 65423555 or 65433566.

The parenting courses that we offer are:

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching

Engaging Adolescents

Triple P Group and Seminars

Circle of Security

Helping your Child with Early Learning & Primary School

Shark Cage

Child & Family Nurse

Nurse Melissa from Hunter/New England Health, visits Hunter Park Family Centre every **Thursday, from 9.30am to 11.30am**. Nurse Melissa not only helps you with caring for your baby and their development milestones she is also happy to discuss your experiences of being a parent and any post-natal health concerns that you may have. Please ring HPFC on 65433566 for an appointment.

HPFC is family friendly and Janelle is on hand for a chat or to assist you with service information, parenting courses or community events that may be happening.



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**Naidoc Week Event -
Muswellbrook Simpson Park**



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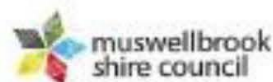
**Please come along to a Naidoc Week
School Holiday Event
Friday 8th July at Simpson Park**

**10:00am - Mural Painting in Simpson Park with
Richie from Budbuddha Dreaming**

Midday - Bush Tucker BBQ

Everyone is welcome

This event is hosted by Community Partners
Muswellbrook Council and Upper Hunter Homeless Support
For more information call (02) 6542 5051



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**SINGLETON NAIDOC
Family Fun Day 2022**

Wednesday 6th July
Singleton Show Ground
10-3pm

- Welcome Ceremony & Flag Raise
- Free BBQ
- Cultural Activities
- Koori oke, Jumping castles, & More
- 30 + Services & Community Stalls
- Elders Tent

MACHEnergy
Mount Pleasant Operation



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Week 1	Week 2
Monday 4th July Podcasting with Mind your Mob	Monday 11th July Weaving with Elizabeth
Tuesday 5th July Design our deadly drink bottles	Tuesday 12th July Beauty (pedicures)
Wednesday 6th July Cupcakes with Tania	Wednesday 13th July Beauty (manicures)
Thursday 7th July Origami Native Animals	Thursday 14th July Traditional art
Friday 8th July Deadly games	Friday 15th July Art exhibition



Free NAIDOC School Holiday activities sponsored by Muswellbrook Shire Council

To be held at Wanaruah Land Council 19 Maitland Road Muswellbrook

10am – 2pm

You must RSVP on 6543 1288

Lunch provided

Kindergarten to Year 12 students

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Principal:	Mr Brian Drewe
Deputy Principal:	Mr Adam Johnston

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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 school – 02 6545 1455

Canteen Supervisor – Mrs Belinda Field

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

SMS Text Messaging

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

Millennium

<https://millenniumschoools.net.au>

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

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



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
	4 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>	5 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>	6 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>	7 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>	8 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>
	11 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>	12 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>	13 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>	14 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>	15 JUL 2022 <i>School Holidays</i>
WK 1	18 JUL 2022 <i>School Development Day</i>	19 JUL 2022 <i>Students Return to School</i>	20 JUL 2022	21 JUL 2022	22 JUL 2022
WK 2	25 JUL 2022	26 JUL 2022 <i>P&C Meeting</i>	27 JUL 2022 <i>Hunter SSSA Athletics</i>	28 JUL 2022	29 JUL 2022
WK 3	1 AUG 2022 <i>Trial HSC Exams</i> <i>WW1 Living History Exhibition</i>	2 AUG 2022 <i>Trial HSC Exams</i>	3 AUG 2022 <i>Trial HSC Exams</i>	4 AUG 2022 <i>Trial HSC Exams</i>	5 AUG 2022 <i>Trial HSC Exams</i> <i>Aboriginal Survival Technology</i>
WK 4	8 AUG 2022	9 AUG 2022	10 AUG 2022	11 AUG 2022 <i>Year 5 Leadership Day APS & MPS</i>	12 AUG 2022 <i>Year 5 Leadership Day SPS Recognition Assembly</i>
WK 5	15 AUG 2022	16 AUG 2022	17 AUG 2022 <i>Evacuation Drill</i>	18 AUG 2022	19 AUG 2022
WK 6	22 AUG 2022 <i>Wellbeing Week</i>	23 AUG 2022 <i>Wellbeing Week</i>	24 AUG 2022 <i>Wellbeing Week</i>	25 AUG 2022 <i>Wellbeing Week</i>	26 AUG 2022 <i>Wellbeing Week</i>
WK 7	29 AUG 2022	30 AUG 2022	31 AUG 2022	1 SEP 2022	2 SEP 2022
WK 8	5 SEP 2022	6 SEP 2022 <i>Smashed Alcohol Education Performance</i>	7 SEP 2022 <i>STEM Day</i> <i>Year 6 Orientation Day</i>	8 SEP 2022 <i>R U OK Day</i>	9 SEP 2022 <i>Recognition Assembly</i>