



PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome to the best school in the State!

2024, Term1, has seen us excelling in many areas of our curriculum.

Our various sporting teams have travelled far and wide to compete against other schools, often much larger, and returning with many success stories about grit and determination. We love that Ms Smith has been able to coordinate so many teachers and students so that they have had an improved experience.

Our Young Mob has again been meeting each week in the Gaba room to continue in their engagement in First Nations culture. This is a highly important feature of our school, this program brings us all together in our learning of Indigenous culture and assists us to make much stronger friendships and relationships.

We have started delivery of Aboriginal languages as a course in Year 7, and we have already seen students using their language skills at our greeting of Year 6 students for our Yr6 Open Day.

We are, in fact, the Best in the State at the Royal Easter Show. Our Steer Leading & Judging team have shown, once again, that our relationship with Main Camp at Rouchel is of the highest standing in Australia. Mr Newling and his team have been successful in achieving the RAS NSW Farmers' Perpetual Shield for CHAMPION SCHOOL CARCASE. Also achieving the Noel Williams Shield for the Highest scoring Angus School Carcase.

Also, another steer achieved a bronze medal for his carcase while a third steer achieved a silver.

'These are outstanding results for the Scone High School and Main Camp Brooker,' Main Camp Upper Rouchel <https://maincampbrooker.com.au/>

We also were very excited to meet the Department of Education Secretary, Murat Dizdar, who came to see us at the show.



Teachers have been, and are continuing to be, very busy creating quality learning opportunities for our students, with several areas having new syllabus in the junior school. These changes are dramatically different to the previous documents and we are already seeing that our students are becoming more engaged in these courses. Well done to our staff.

ANZAC Day is coming up, and we will be participating in services at Scone, Gundy, Aberdeen and Murrurundi. Please encourage your students to attend one of these services, in their uniform and join in on our respectful remembrance for ANZAC Day. There is an expectation that our school leaders and the SRC are all in attendance for the main services in these towns.

Finally, I wish all students and staff a well earned break from classes, knowing that formal learning begins here on Tuesday April 30.



Brian Drewe
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

MENTAL HEALTH STATE OF MIND

The NSW Police Force Youth Command in partnership with the NRL delivered the Mental Health State of Mind Program to 40 students. Students participated in a workshop on how stress can impact us, how to adopt positive strategies, learning to ask if someone is ok, making connections and enlisting support.



ROYAL EASTER SHOW

On Tuesday morning, the High School cattle show team began their weeklong trip to the Royal Easter Show. A Scone High tradition that has been going on since 1986.

Once arriving at the show students got to work setting up our cattle stall and helping their cattle, Barney, Moose and Shrek, settle into city life.

We were happy on Wednesday morning when our steers were weighed and scanned as all of our cattle were within their ideal market specification. This was achieved due to the excellent handling and nutrition that our steers received by our students during the 4 months leading up to the Show.

On Thursday afternoon, the Angus Stan Hill Team selection took place. This involves a representative from the angus cattle society selecting the three best Angus steers present at the show. There were over 50 Angus steers present at the show and we were all very excited when Moose was selected to be a part of the team.

Friday morning is the busiest time at the show with the School Steer and Open Steer competitions taking place. Our school steer, Barney, took out second place in his lightweight class and Moose received a fifth-place ribbon in his Open steer class. Moose was up against 40 steers in his class which is the biggest ever in the Easter Shows history.

The final two days were spent looking after our steers before the truck came to collect them. During this time our Show Team were able to experience everything the Easter Show had to offer, including plenty of rides and show bags.

Every single member of the cattle team did a fantastic job at representing Scone High and our school community should be very proud of them. It takes so much work and preparation to get the steers to a stage where they can be presented at the show and compete at the highest possible level.

A huge thank you must also go to Miss Parker who volunteered to give up her week to help out at the show. This experience would not have been possible without your generous support.



COLOUR RUN

To celebrate Wellbeing Week the Scone High School P&C held a Colour Fun Run for all students. The obstacle course passed through various colour zones and water obstacles. Look at all these smiling faces! It's safe to say SHS students enjoyed the afternoon.



MUSWELLBROOK SHOW

The Scone High cattle team had an early start on Friday morning as they ventured down to the Upper Hunter show. The day started with students loading their steers onto the truck at 5am and then following them down to the Muswellbrook Showground. Once there, students unloaded the steers and then began to wash and prepare them for the day.

The steers were very successful at the show with our steers Barney, Moose and Shrek receiving second, third and fifth places in their classes. The students did an excellent job at making sure all three of the steers looked and behaved their best.

We also had some success in the Junior Judging section of the show with Ryan Davidson receiving 4th place in his age group.

A long running tradition at the Upper Hunter Show is the steer fancy dress. This year our model, Shrek, wore a fantastic mermaid costume created by Archie Seckold. Shrek definitely caught a few people's attention and was asked for photos wherever he went.

It was a great day out for all and a good introduction for the steers to the show ring before heading down to the royal Easter Show.



UNI ROADSHOW

Student ambassadors from the universities spoke to Year 12 students about the university application process, regional and rural initiatives, living on campus and scholarships. Thank you to the universities that attended the Uni Roadshow.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a fantastic day...filled with incredible enthusiasm, team spirit, bravery and resilient swimmers. A big round of applause to Cooper Coady & Rozenna Welsh who competed and placed 1st in every event.

Winners of our Belly Flop competition: Chase Connolly, Waylon Britt, Hayden Young & Miss Watson and winners of our Silly Salmon competition: Cooper Taylor, Clayton Brooks & Riley Ward.

Whilst the house team scores changed throughout the day it was Pannal that took the victory! Thank you to our amazing staff and students for making the carnival one of our best.



HUNTER RUGBY TRIALS

Well done to our boys that attended the Hunter Rugby trials. Congratulations to Xavier who has been successful in progressing through to the next phase of trials.



OPEN BOYS BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT

Our boys represented Scone High School at the top 16 Open Boys Basketball Knockout earlier this term.

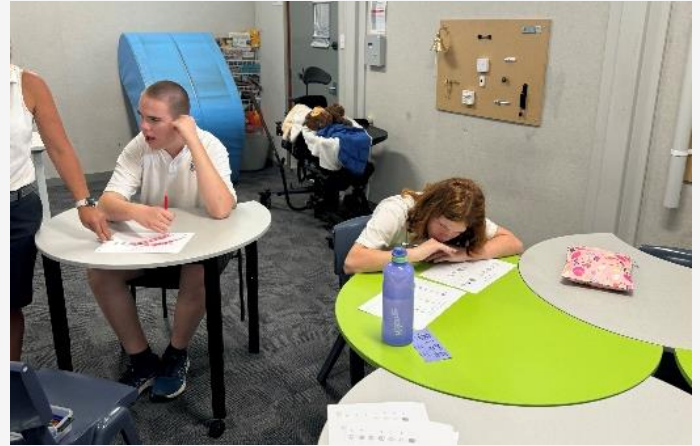
They played hard and unfortunately lost to Swansea High School 18-27 and then had a much stronger second game narrowly losing in a tight match to Cardiff High School 29-31.

Congratulations to our boys who played tremendously throughout this competition to the top 16.



BHIMA NEWS

Students have had a wonderful term of learning in Bhima. Our students have been working on their communication skills, cyber safety and visual arts!

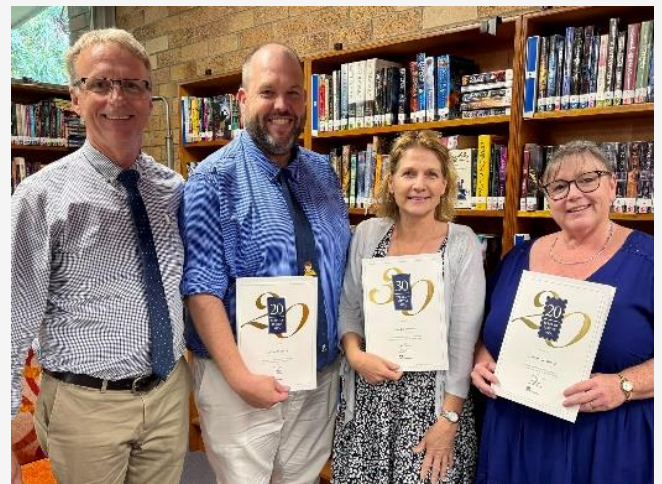


SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS

Adam Johnston, Sandy Byrne and Marianne Young (pictured with Principal Brian Drewe) were presented with their service milestone certificates this week.

Adam Johnston has been in education since 2001 and has taught across the state, from Lightning Ridge to the Murray River. He has spent the past 15 years in the Upper Hunter as Deputy Principal, and has been fulfilling this role at Scone HS since 2019. Adam has built a reputation as an educational leader that is grounded in positive relationships and a particular strength and passion that focuses on boy's education and the impact of positive role modelling.

Sandy Byrne began her teaching career in Wee Waa, where she spent 4 years before coming to Scone in 1992. She has been teaching at Scone HS since, in her specialty areas of Food Technology, Hospitality and Exploring Early Childhood. In recent years, Sandy has also played an important role in sharing her expertise with students in the Special Education classes, where she has been able to tailor invaluable life skills learning experiences for students.



Marianne Young spent the first 2 years of her teaching career in Finley from 1996, and in 1998 arrived at Scone HS. She has been teaching with us since, sharing her love of Science and Biology with students. Marianne has also played an invaluable role over the years in taking Science experiences to the local primary schools, forging positive relationships for students in younger years, as well as coordinating Year 6 into 7 transition to ensure a smooth start to high school.

Not pictured here, but also recognised formally this week for their service milestones were Business Manager Ann-Marie Higham (20 years) and Teacher Alan Moore (20 years).

LIBRARY LOVERS WEEK

Xena & Isabelle were very excited to correctly guess the amount of LOVE genre books we have in our library during our 'Library Lovers' celebration week. Congratulations!



DARTBROOK NEWS

Students in Dartbrook have been extending their art making skills and have even made their own litmus paper using cabbage!



RUGBY 7'S GALA DAY

On Monday the 25th of March, Scone High School students participated in a Girls Rugby 7's Gala Day hosted by Hunter Sports High School in Speers Point. For most of the girls this was their first taste of Rugby 7's, for some it was their first time playing a contact sport.

The under 14's started strong in their first game, scoring two long range tries in the first half of the first game. With a large squad we rotated the girls around and unfortunately they weren't able to maintain this lead. The girl's didn't win a game, but were never kept scoreless, despite going up against what turned out to be the top 3 sides. Flickers of brilliance were seen throughout the three games and the girls were confident that with some more skills and knowledge, they'd soon become a competitive force.

The under 16's found themselves on the backfoot in the first game, but as it progressed it was clear they were starting to click. In the second game they found themselves up against a team that had a whole other side to substitute on. Despite this, the girls rose to the challenge and managed to pull off a draw. They took this confidence into their final match, which again saw a tough contest. A late try to the opposition resulted in another draw, and unfortunately cost them a spot in the finals. Like the 14's, the 16's were confident that with a bit more Rugby experience, they could certainly match the more experienced schools.

A big thank you to the parent's who helped with transport on the day, the girls are looking forward to more Rugby 7's events later in the year.



OPEN BOYS SOCCER

The SHS Open Boys Soccer Team travelled to Adamstown to compete in a soccer gala day last week. Our boys went down 2-1 against Wingham High School in the first game and 1-0 to Tomaree High School in the second game.

Well done to our boys who represented our school marvelously..



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time your school starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

FREDDO FRIDAY ROLL CALL WINNERS

Each week the roll call groups with the highest weekly attendance and highest weekly growth in attendance are rewarded with Freddo Frogs! Congratulations to the following roll call groups this term.

	Highest Weekly Attendance	Highest Weekly Growth
Week 1	10B, 12B & SRC – 100.00%	
Week 2	SRC & 9B – 95.00%	11A – 4.17%
Week 3	7A – 95.59%	7B – 9.23%
Week 4	SRC – 96.88%	SRC – 15.99%
Week 5	11C – 100.00%	10B – 20.04%
Week 6	SRC – 95.31%	11B – 8.01%
Week 7	7B – 96.84%	10A – 8.64%
Week 8	12B – 95.29%	9A – 7.27%
Week 9	7B – 99.00%	10A – 16.10%
Week 10	12B – 95.00%	N/A

STUDENTS THAT HAVE ACHIEVED OVER 90% ATTENDANCE TERM 1

Year 7 – Morgan Ashford-Atton, Hamish Coady, Chase Connolly, Rubie Fitzpatrick, Shelby Ford, Nash Griffiths-Whitby, Phoenix Kenna, Hannah Mace, Ethan McDonald, Isabelle Morse, Matika-Joyce Rumbel, Mathew Simpson-Wells, Eliza Smallman, Solana Talty, Cooper Taylor, Koby Thompson, Lochlan Thompson, Mia Turnbull, Schyler Van Helden, Tarquin-Shane Whitby, Harmony White, Lynk Willoughby.

Year 8 – Ryan Ashford, Cohen Ashford-Apps, Althea Bartolo, Joshua Bates, Thomas Bogaard, Jane Chen, Cooper Coady, Wiley Crisp, Faith Gardner, Nash Good, Scarlet Goude, Lacie-May Hall, Olivia Hardy, Abigail Hodges, Halle King, James Maxwell, Matisse Maxwell, Jarred Mitchell, Alexa Moberget, Bridgette Moberget, Ruby Munn, Lily Musca, Bailey Nester, Amelia Ninness, Daniel Ostara, Hunter Palmer, Renzy Perez, Logan Redshaw, Ashley Rose, Toby Sadler, Hannah Saunders, Riley Soper, Evie Steel, Shaelee Sullivan, James Tillemans, Scarlet Van Balen, Lilli Waters, Amaya White, Brodie White, Isla-Rose Wicks, Jaydan Willan.

Year 9 – Braydon Bridge, Isabell Brooks, Ely Crisp, Chad Darnell-Oldham, Felicity Davidson, Xavier Day, Bryce Ford, Harrison Frew, Tyson Gillis, Lexia-Lee Hall, Scarlet Hjorring, Taylor McDonald, Hayley Mortimer, Tommi Noonan, Jorja Roser, Lacy-Emily Rumbel, Kyle Saunders, Rubie-Lee Stacy, Airlie Thompson, Jayden van Helden, Willow Waterford, Darcey Waugh, Damien Webster, Rozenna Welsh, Lorelai White, Lachlan Willan.

Year 10 – Matthew Bates, Waylon Britt, Isabelle Cone, Tyson Connolly, Liam Coward-Hillard, Levi King, Emily Lewis-Carter, Connor Logan, Daniel Lyne, Dawson Mills, Riley Mortimer, Carolyn Orlowsky, Riley Perez, Ava Roughan, Cameron Ryan, Zara Sampson, Archie Seckold, Emily Smallman, Deakin Soper, Raya Talty, Lily Townsend, Bailey White, Olivia Witchard.

Year 11 – Eva Baker, Abbey Bell, Kurtis Bridge, Charlotte Brown, Rachel Brown, Sienna Brown, Taihla Clarke, Cooper Cloake, Ta’Kaya Coward-Hillard, Ryan Davidson, Amber Davis, Sophie Edmonds, Saxon Englebrecht, Eden Ferguson, Hannah Gillett, Hudson Gunning, Cash Hill, Nickolas Lima Melo, Taylah Maxwell, Holly Nester, Hass Porter, Danny Risby, Jack Roser, Jaxon Rowland, Taylah Sait, Brooke Sampson, Triston Skinner, Chloe Smith, Hayley Smith, Meckenzie-Lee Soper, Caitlyn Taylor, Isabella Teague, Leeton Whitla.

Year 12 – Luc Bates, Jordanna Belcher, Isabelle Bogaard, Chace Bridge, Clayton Bridge, Ethan Downton, Taylor Gibson, Franco Legg, Blake Liverton, Mikayla Mitchell, Victoria Nester, Charlotte Panui, Quinn Thackeray, Riley Thomas, Bridgette Thompson, Natasha Vickers, Finley Whitla, Hayden Young.

TERM 1 REGGIE WINNERS

Congratulations to our Term 1 Reggie award winners who have each won themselves a \$25 canteen voucher: Tori Nester, Matika-Joyce Rumbel, Jorja Cooper, Charlotte Panui & Georgia Lyne.



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 please 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. 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.

School Bytes

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/>

School Bytes is used for all payments and excursion permission forms.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
13 th April – 28 th April	School Holidays
29 th April	Staff Development Day – School Closed
30 th April	Students Return to School
1 st May	Alan Tongue Rugby League 10's ANZAC Day Assembly
3 rd May	Athletics Carnival
27 th May – 31 st May	Assessment Week
31 st May	HSC Seminar Day
3 rd June – 7 th June	Wellbeing Week
7 th June	SRC Fundraiser – Beanie for Brain Cancer
10 th June	Public Holiday – School Closed
12 th June	Year 6 Orientation Day
13 th June	Zone Athletics
17 th June – 21 st June	Year 10 Work Experience
20 th June	Upper Hunter Leadership Summit
21 st June	Formal Assembly
26 th June	SRC Fundraiser – Spirit Day
1 st July – 3 rd July	TVET Construction Workshop
1 st July – 5 th July	Future Careers Workshop Year 10 Renewable Future Industries Program
2 nd July	NAIDOC Assembly
5 th July	Year 7-11 Reports Issued
6 th July – 21 st July	School Holidays