Dear Parents and Friends of SGS,

One of the many joys of being a P – 12 school is being able to engage with children of all ages and watch the interactions between these various age groups. At the Swimming Carnivals the role modelling and demonstrated leadership by both the seniors and the Primary leaders was outstanding. To see an older student take the time and care to encourage a younger student is of huge value. We have a culture that encourages this attitude and is worthy of celebration.

Activities, such as the PASS class, are developing and delivering a Physical Development Programme for students from The Yellow Cottage. This not only gives multiple learning opportunities but helps develop the culture of supporting and caring for the younger students. It was priceless watching these children interact as part of their shared learning.

We are privileged to share in the learning with each and every one of the students of Scone Grammar School and we will continue to strive for the best for them all.

The Secondary Teaching and Learning Centre, Stage 1A, is progressing well. The pouring of the concrete for the ground floor will occur very soon which will be very exciting. I hope that many of you have been able to view the progress when you have been at school.

Paul Smart
Principal

Parking across or in driveways

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking at School. Please do not park in any driveways or across driveways. This includes the driveway that leads to the Fire Hydrants, which is next to the “drop off zone” in Kingdon Street. This is a significant safety issue as the hydrant access is necessary in the event we have a fire on site!
Congratulations to our recently elected **Primary SRC Representatives for Semester 1:**

Year 3 - Harry Warner and Lilla Stanford  
Year 4 – Alex Bishop and Hannah Glenn  
Year 5 – Kael Saw and Emme Mitchell  

These students have already been meeting, organising and planning a number of special activities for Term 1 and will be presented with their SRC badges in Chapel next Monday, 22 February. I do want to acknowledge and thank Mrs Tesoriero again for her committed leadership of the Primary SRC.

Next week, teachers will be involved together in **Mid-Term Reviews.** These are shared staff discussions, which give us an opportunity to share briefly about all students in the School, giving attention to each one as an individual, and focusing particularly on aspects of their pastoral care, as distinct from areas of their academic development. Our desire is to get to know the students as individuals and together to work hard at encouraging and nurturing them as they grow, develop their friendships, build their self-confidence and discover God’s plan for their lives. I appreciate the work of the teachers in preparing for these reviews.

Mrs Robertson, (Year 3 Gold), together with Ms Broomfield, (our Teacher-Librarian), and Ms Gibson (Head of HSIE), are all participating in **Sydney Coastrek**, to raise money for the **Fred Hollows Foundation**. I was delighted with the efforts of our Primary students, who raised $487.55 from their ‘caps and sunnies’ day on Tuesday. A wonderful effort!

Students are regularly awarded **Well Done Certificates** by teachers here at the School. These certificates are a way of giving encouragement and positive feedback to the students, and acknowledging that we have seen their efforts, endeavours or achievements in particular areas around the School. Where a student has earned 5, 10 or 15 x Well Dones, they are then eligible to receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Well Dones can be accumulated towards these Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, during Years K-2, Years 3-4 and Years 5-6. Students start afresh in Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 5. Do encourage your children to retain their Well Dones and to bring them in to Mrs Reichel as they collect 5, 10 or 15, to keep the award process working through.

Last week, our Kindergarten students participated in a **Bus Safety** workshop. Staff from the local NRMA Office, a local Police Officer and a local bus company driver, visited the School to speak to students about safe bus behaviour. Students learnt about bus safety and also practised these safety behaviours on a short bus ride around town.

At the School, we regularly speak to the students about the importance of **appropriate bus behaviour.** This means respect and courtesy for the driver, for other students on the bus, and particularly for the bus rules. Bus rules include sitting down, facing the front, talking quietly, using appropriate language, following instructions from the driver and / or senior students and always having their bus pass. If a student invites friends to travel with them on their bus, it is important that parents contact the bus company beforehand, organise a letter for the School and the bus driver, and also ensure children have money for their fare. Please talk through these areas with your children at home so that we can work co-operatively and positively with our local bus companies and drivers.

The **Life Education Van** will be visiting our School over the next two weeks (Friday, 26 February - Tuesday 8 March). An information letter will be going home to all Primary families this week. All K-6 students, together with groups from The Yellow Cottage, will be involved in the programme and will attend the scheduled session with their class teacher. We do acknowledge the generous support of Mt Arthur Coal, who once again have assisted in 2016 to cover the major portion of the costs involved for our students to attend.

**Good Humour for the Week**

“Who’s at the door?”  
“The Invisible Man!”  
“Tell him I can’t see him at the moment.”

Congratulations to Harry Goodhew (Year 4 Blue), Izzy Jones (Year 1 Blue), Georgina Pratley (Year 4 Gold), Sophie Gillett (Year 5 Blue), Charlie Odgers (Year 3 Blue) and Nate Hughes (Year 3 Blue), who are all celebrating birthdays this week. I do wish these students all the best as they enjoy this special milestone and share the time with family and friends.
Leaders are so important! We need leaders. Our school rule of life speaks of keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, as our leader. This sets our leadership pattern in our school, as a microcosm of what life with Jesus at the helm ought to look like. It makes me ask myself ‘Am I allowing Jesus to lead me?’ ‘Am I following as I ought to?’ When Jesus called His disciples, His first command before He told them their mission was, “Follow Me.”

"...If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." - Luke 9:23

What does it mean to follow someone? Imagine that you are in an unfamiliar place following a friend in your car. To get where you are going, you have to:
- Trust them to get you where you need to go.
- Submit to their leadership; otherwise you get lost.
- Keep your eyes on them; if you lose sight of them, you’ll get lost.
- Go at their pace, not get ahead or fall behind.

This is what is involved in following Jesus, too. We have to trust Him to guide us where we need to go. We have to submit to His leadership – His will before our own. We have to stay focused on Him and go at His pace. If we do this, He’ll lead us to where we need to go. And here’s even more good news – in the process He’ll lead us to our life purpose. Will you allow Jesus to lead you? What steps can you take to install Him as your leader?

‘App’ of the month: Matthias Media Bible overview and daily devotional

In Prayer this week:
Reflect on: Luke 9:23
Give thanks for: God’s generosity in giving us Jesus; for opportunities to grow and serve others; for those who serve our school; our school leaders
Pray for: For new students and families who have come to our school this year; Families and students who are ill or struggling at the moment; For Year 3 & Year 10 students
(specific prayer requests can be sent to prayers@sgsnsw.edu.au to be prayed for by our weekly prayer group- not published in newsletter)

Rev’d Nate
natkinson@sgs.nsw.edu.au
On Saturday I had the pleasure of spending the day out at Belltrees at The Pink Stumps Day. This was a great community fundraiser for The McGrath Foundation. On the day, Maurice Collison kindly donated a 500 Litre Pink Water Tank that he purchased in the charity auction, to The Yellow Cottage. We are going to set this up next to our cubby house and create an “Eco” style Cubby. We would like to add some guttering and get the tank full of water so the children can use it for water play in the sandpit. This would be the first step in creating a sustainable education opportunity as a part of our Cubby House Play. We would also like to add some solar panels and a weather station. If we have any handy helpers in our parent body that would be interested in helping us get the “Eco” Cubby up and going please talk one of our lovely staff members. In recognition of this kind donation we are going to turn pink again for a week. Next week at preschool we would love the children to wear pink and bring in a gold coin donation on the days they come to The Yellow Cottage. We will donate the money raised to The McGrath Foundation. We look forward to lots of pink next week.

Georgi and Kirsty’s groups have started their visits to SGS Library. We will be heading to the library on Tuesday and Thursday. Please bring a library bag for borrowing on these days. These visits form an important part of our literacy programme. It is a great chance for us to immerse the children in wonderful books and for them to share these with their families at home. The children do get disappointed if they can’t borrow so please try to remember the library bags on these days.

The children have been enjoying the outdoor programme over the last few weeks. The Yellow Cottage staff dedicate a lot of time and energy to making the outdoor activities relevant, educational, inspiring and fun. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic outdoor area to work with and the creativity and enthusiasm of our educators allows magic to happen every day in our Outdoor Classroom. We display the outdoor programme for families on the side of the children’s lunchbox fridge.

Important Dates for this term:
February 22- 26: Fire Drill Week. Every day at The Yellow Cottage we will complete a Fire Drill.
February 26 - March 8: Life Education Visits will occur across this week.
March 2 – Jeral Puppets Performance.
### New Parents’ Function

Well done to the wonderful Catering Team who worked so hard on Friday night for the New Parents’ Function. The success of these functions is due to the fantastic effort and commitment of these students.

Mrs Lambley.

### Equestrian News

Willow Tree Horse Sport’s Day will be held on Friday, 18 March. Entry forms are on the School’s website under School Forms. If you wish to compete at this event please send the entry forms into school by Wednesday 24 February. The cost of this event will be added to your Monthly Statement. Entries are limited and we do not want to miss out. On the day please take your Horse Health Declaration form to hand in at the mail gate. Tuesday Afternoon Horse Sports will commence on 1 March.

Anne Davies  
Equestrian Co-ordinator

### Archery Achievement

Congratulations to Alyssa Mollema, who has continued with her outstanding archery achievements. Archery NSW recently selected a ten person compound Under 20s team to compete in the National Youth Archery Championships, for six days over Easter, at Penrith. Archers come from all States in Australia, as well as Tonga and Malaysia. Alyssa has been selected as a member of this team. Well done Alyssa! Alyssa is also awaiting news on the possibility of selection into the Trans-Tasman team.
INFORMATION EVENING

PROPOSED TRIP TO JAPAN, DECEMBER 2016

There will be an information session for all those interested in participating in the SGS Secondary tour to Japan

All most welcome

When: Thursday 18 February, 2016

Where: MPR

Time: 6.00pm

Queries: Mrs Foote, Head of Languages

E: amfoote@sgs.nsw.edu.au
On Tuesday 9 February, Primary held their annual Swimming Carnival. The grandstand was colourful with house decorations and students were ready for a big day of competition. Participation rates were sensational and the drought was finally broken with Jones house coming out victorious on the day!

Congratulations to the following students who broke records on the day:

- **Isabella Henderson**
  - 8 Years Girls
  - 100m Freestyle: 1.46.71
  - 50m Freestyle: 45.53
  - 50m Backstroke: 57.37

- **George Patterson**
  - 8 Years Boys
  - 50m Freestyle: 44.05
  - 50m Breaststroke: 59.28

- **Andrew Crowther**
  - 8 Years Boys
  - 100m Freestyle: 1.44.71
  - 50m Backstroke: 55.65

- **Ethan Jones**
  - 9 Years Boys
  - 100m Freestyle: 1.36.43

**Age Champions**

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Thank you to all the parents that came along to support their children on the day and a big thank you to the parents who helped with the running and pack up of the Carnival. It is very much appreciated as the Carnival would not be able to run without your support.

**Big congratulations to Jones house as winners for 2016.**

**Primary House results:**

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On Tuesday February 9, SGS senior boys participated in the HRIS competition at the District Park Tennis Courts in Broadmeadow. Two teams competed and played some excellent tennis against tough opponents. The teams were-

Team 1: Sam Laurie, Nick Jackson, Andrew Edwards and Nick Mossman
Team 2: Liam Wallace, Jeremy Mason, Griffin Miller and Cameron Boyle

Andrew Edwards, Nick Mossman, Liam Wallace, Cameron Boyle and Jeremy Mason all had wins in their singles, with Jeremy winning two of his sets. Whilst there were no wins in the doubles, the boys competed in good spirit and enjoyed their tennis. Thank you to Michelle and David McCauley who assisted in transporting the boys to the competition.

Ms Gibson
Book Launch

Kaz Delaney successfully launched her new teen novel, *The Reluctant Jillaroo*, at Scone Library on Saturday morning, ably assisted by two SGS students, Pru Hayes in Year 6 and Madelaine Rose in Year 7. Pru and Maddy are to be congratulated for delivering speeches that showed their engagement with the novel and enticed the audience to read this book. They were certainly wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Louise Broomfield
SGS Teacher Librarian

SGS Art Show - From Kerry Cooke

Last year's 'Outside' Art Show was a great success and paved the way for yet another exciting Scone Grammar School Art Show later this year. Proceeds from 'Outside' exceeded $5,000 and these funds will be distributed between The Yellow Cottage and Kindergarten to Year Twelve. The Yellow Cottage has already purchased a new item for their playground and Kindergarten to Year Twelve can look forward to new Resilience resources. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Meg Wisemantel and her 2016 Art Show Committee all the very best as they plan this year's Art Show. We look forward to another creative display of art from Scone Grammar School students, parents and friends.

Apple Recall

Apple is wanting to replace a faulty iPhone and iPad electrical plug that can cause electrical shock. If you have an iPhone or iPad it would pay you to check it out.

For details please go to the following website:

Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday, 6 March

The Upper Hunter Shire Council is again supporting Australia's biggest community participation event and invites all to come along and make a difference to the Shire and the local environment. For Scone registration be at Elizabeth Park from 9am to 10.15am on the Sunday. The Clean Up will be followed by a BBQ for all volunteers starting at approximately 10.45am. For further information go to the Council’s website, www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or contact the Council Administration Office on 65401100; Merriwa Office 65217000 or Murrurundi Branch on 65401350.
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Book by JOE DIPIETRO

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Time: 6:00pm   Location: Scone High School   Tickets: $25 - available from sgs.nsw.edu.au

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**Parents & Staff Prayer Time**

**Meet:** Multi Purpose Room

**When:** Mondays 3:15pm

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‘Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful’

*Colossians 4:2*
Dear Parents/Carers/Godparents,

RE: 2016 Sacramental Programme

There will be an enrolment meeting for families who have a child who could be ready to take the next steps on the journey of Sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church. This would include some or all of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

These Sacraments are available to children who have been baptised and who are in Year 3 or above.

The meeting will take place in St Mary’s Church on Tuesday 23rd February at 5.30pm. During the meeting, the planned programme - including dates, expectations and resources - will be explained and candidates can be enrolled.

A Sacramental Team, which is to include parents/carers/Godparents will be formed during the meeting. That Team will then oversee the programme in support of all families who enrol in it.

If you know of any family for whom this information is relevant, please alert them to this information.

Yours sincerely,
Jim FitzGerald
Acting Sacramental Team Coordinator
Ph. 6545 2058

For Your Diary

**Week 4 (B)**
- Thurs 18: Information Night-Proposed Japan Trip in MPR at 6pm
- Fri 19: K - 2 Swim Fun Day

**Week 5 (A)**
- Mon 22: Grammar Grind 8.15am-9.30am
- Tues 23: HRIS Junior Tennis Boys & Girls Broadeadow
- Thurs 25: Meet the Music Sydney Opera House HRIS Primary Swimming at Maitland King of the Ranges to 28 February
- Fri 26: Life Education Van Visit to 8 March
- Sat 27: Academic Scholarship Examination, MPR 9.00am

**Week 6 (B)**
- Mon 29: Life Education Van Visit to 8 March Primary National Young Leaders Day
- Thurs 3: "All Shook Up" Dress Rehearsal All Schools Triathlon Rugby 7s (U 10s, U 12s) Quirindi
- Fri 4: Grandparents’ Day "All Shook Up” 6.00pm SHS
- Sat 5: "All Shook Up” 6.00pm SHS

Canteen Roster

**Week 4 (B)**
- Thursday 18 February
  - Jenny Crckett, Sally Devenish
- Friday 19 February
  - Jenny Crckett, Kylie Odgers, Rachel Nugent

**Week 5 (A)**
- Monday 22 February
  - Jenny Crckett, Cathy Gatwood
- Tuesday 23 February
  - Jenny Crckett, Bronwyn Redgate
- Wednesday 24 February
  - Jenny Crckett, Elizabeth Henderson
- Thursday 25 February
  - Fiona Bailey, Sinead Scott
- Friday 26 February
  - Fiona Bailey, Rachel Northam, Keren Manning

**Week 6 (B)**
- Monday 29 February
  - Jenny Crckett, Tania Dart
- Tuesday 1 March
  - Fiona Bailey, Amanda Paradise
- Wednesday 2 March
  - Fiona Bailey, Emma Sharpe
- Thursday 3 March
  - Jenny Crckett, Karen Johnson
- Friday 4 March
  - Jenny Crckett, Karen Yelverton
  - Grandparents’ Day
Registrations for the 2016 Scone Football (Soccer) Club season are now open.

As per previous years we will have 2 competitions:- Town Competition is played in Scone on Saturday mornings. The other competition is an Interdistrict Competition in the Newcastle/Lake Macquarie Comp also played on Saturdays, each team will have 7 home and 7 away games.


**A few new things this year** -
There is a subsidy available to help with the cost of registration from UHSC if you hold a current healthcare card. Please take your card to the Council to apply for the subsidy.
*Town Competition* registrations include a shirt for your child to keep. Please look out for size selection in the additional questions. You will also have the option to purchase club shorts and socks (not compulsory for town competitors).

*Inter District* players - due to lack of supply we have had to change the club shorts please make sure you make your purchase and select sizes where prompted

Any further inquires please contact the club committee members at [scone@huntervalleyfootball.net.au](mailto:scone@huntervalleyfootball.net.au), or contact Registrar Lesley on 0413 958 478. The new committee is keen to implement some new ideas to help make a successful season!

**Dates for the season:**
Gala Day 2nd April 2016 10am
Inter-district Competition first round 23rd April 2016
Town Competition kicks off 30th April 2016 (no Town Comp games 7th May due to Horse Festival Parade)