Dear Parents & Friends of SGS,

The concrete pour today of the footings and the ground floor slab for the STLC demonstrate great progress for this building project. I have had very positive feedback on the builders and their professionalism from students and staff and can echo these from my own experience.

We are continuing to seek donations for this project and to enable us to complete Stage 1b, the Administration and Staff Room sections of the building. If you would like to contribute to enable the ongoing development of our school facilities please contact Mrs Alice Forsythe or myself.

‘All Shook Up’
I hope you have purchased your tickets for next week’s performances. It will be a wonderful show that you shouldn’t miss.

Grandparents’ Day
We look forward to hosting all the Grandparents and special friends at school next Friday. This is always a special event in the year.

Pastoral Care
This week we have had Mid-term Reviews. This is an opportunity for staff to focus on how each student in progressing at the mid-point of the term. The focus is mainly on their pastoral development but also includes discussion of the academic progress. This is a wonderful tool to help us know and care for each student of Scone Grammar School.

Edward Arnott was presented with the CIS NSW Red Award for his Rugby Union success in 2015 while he was representing SGS through the CIS pathway. The Red award is the highest honour achievable at this level for Primary students. Our congratulation go to Edward.

Mrs Peggy Stevenson has joined the staff working in Learning Support. She comes with a wealth of experience working with students with learning needs across K – 12.

I continue to be excited about the positive start we have had to the year and all the learning that is going on across the School.

Paul Smart
Principal
Primary News from Mr Feeney

I’m particularly pleased that we will be supporting ‘Pink Shirt Day’ as a school community this week. This is an initiative of the Upper Hunter Shire Council Youth Council, which will be held in schools across our local area on Friday, 26 February. ‘Pink Shirt Day’ is an Awareness Raiser about bullying in the community, and how it is not to be tolerated. SGS students are encouraged to show their support by wearing a pink item on the day, perhaps a ribbon, socks, hat, shirt etc. There won’t be a gold coin donation, as it isn’t a fundraiser, but rather a day to raise the awareness of bullying and its effects.

This initiative deserves our wholehearted support, both at school, and together as families at home. Do take time to talk with your child/children about the issue of bullying; what it is, why it’s not acceptable, and what we can do to stop it. Help them to understand more clearly how they can all make a difference by their positive actions. Let’s participate by wearing pink on Friday, and let’s follow this participation up with positive consistent action against bullying. This means:

- Always treating others with respect.
- Saying no to the bully, and speaking to someone who can help, if we are bullied!
- Not standing by and doing nothing when we see bullying happening to someone else.

Thank you for your support.

Grandparents’ Day is always a very wonderful event on our School Calendar and I would ask for your assistance again as we prepare. Class Liaison Parents are looking for contributions towards Morning Tea – please help where you can, either with cooking and / or serving our special visitors.

The Programme for the day will be emailed out during next week, as well as copies being available during the morning here at School. Thank you again for your involvement and support.

The Muswellbrook Late Bus now departs from SGS at 5:15pm and not 5:00pm. For this reason, we have asked that all Year 2 students staying back for Maths Club activities, are picked up by parents at School at 4:15pm. Wherever possible, students in Years 3-6 should also be picked up when after-school activities have concluded at 4:15pm. On Thursday afternoons, Primary staff will supervise students from Years 3-6 who have been involved in the After School Assistance programme, and who are not able to be picked up, in one of the Primary classrooms from 4:15pm - 5:15pm.

Congratulations to three of our Primary students on their wonderful efforts and achievements last weekend in the Maitland Show Cattle Judging and Parading.

Olivia Gill (Year 5 Gold), Montana Cronin (Year 6 Gold) and Audrey Gill (Year 4 Gold) earned second place in the Junior Judging Competition team event, while Olivia Gill earned second place in the Junior Judging Competition individual event. The girls competed against other local schools, and against competitors much older than themselves.

Well done girls!

Congratulations also to our 2015 Primary Captain, Joseph Hamson,(now in Year 7) who spent the weekend in Sydney competing in the NSW Country Swimming Championships at Homebush. His results were outstanding. Joseph competed in 5 individual swims and was part of the 4x 50m freestyle relay team. He placed first in the 50m and 100m Freestyle, and 50m and 100m Backstroke, making him the NSW Country Champion for these events. He placed 4th in his Butterfly. In all 5 events, he swam massive PB’s: 50m Freestyle - 28.11 (0.02 second PB), 100m Freestyle - 1:00:01 (2.21 second PB), 50m Backstroke - 33.48 (2.01 second PB), 100m Backstroke - 1:11:66 (1.94 second PB) and 50m Butterfly - 31.77 (0.32 second PB). His relay team swam well, placing 2nd, and gained a national qualifying time. Joseph, along with his relay team, will now travel to Adelaide in late March / early April, to compete in the 2016 Australian Age Championships. Fantastic swimming Joseph!
**Good Humour for the Week**

Why did the boy eat his homework?  
His teacher said it was a piece of cake!

What did one elevator say to the other elevator?  
I think I’m coming down with something!

What do you say when you lose a Wii game?  
I want a Wii-match!

Congratulations to Jordan Mount (Year 5 Gold), Harry Warner (Year 3 Blue), Freddy Paradice (Kinder Blue) and Laura Williams (Year 5 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.

**From the Chaplain**

The Primary and Secondary SRC Representatives have been elected for 2016. On Monday our Primary SRC Representatives were presented with their badges and next Monday, in Chapel, our Secondary students will receive their badges. Our SRC representatives are responsible people elected among their peers to represent them; to take their concerns, ideas and thoughts about school life and initiatives to the Principal and his Executive team. These are students whom you can expect to count on as students who know what it is like to ‘be a student’!

In a similar way that we elect students to represent students because they know what it is like to ‘be a student’, there is great comfort in knowing that our Lord Jesus came down to enter our world. This means that our God is not separated from our world. Jesus made it His business to identify with us. He went through our trauma of birth, childhood and youth. He knows ‘life’! This gives Him a unique capacity to help and serve us in heaven. How can God possibly understand... not just notice, but truly understand to the depth of His being, that which we feel when He Himself is perfect and Holy?

The answer lies in Jesus Christ who lived among us, and experienced the mess of our imperfections. Jesus Christ, the Son of God who died for us, has taken the capacity for complete sympathy and understanding into heaven. This is why He is able to ‘represent us’ (imperfect beings) so entirely before God. Because Jesus was both fully Divine, yet also fully ‘human’, the prayers that we offer ‘through Jesus’ are certain to fall on the caring ears of God. Take a moment this week to be encouraged that God knows how we feel and He hears our prayers through Jesus! That is totally amazing isn’t it?

Weekly Chapel Bible passages and relevant links can be found at [twitter.com/sgschapel](http://twitter.com/sgschapel)

In Prayer this week:
Reflect on: [Hebrews 4:15](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+4%3A15&version=NIV)

Give thanks for: God’s generosity in giving us Jesus... our great representative; The willingness of many students to serve others as SRC Reps; For those who serve our school behind the scenes; For our school ‘Foundation’
Pray for: Families and students who are ill or struggling at the moment; For the upcoming Musical; For Year 5 & Year 12 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

Caring for the individual
This week at preschool the children have been wearing pink and bringing in a gold coin donation on the days they come to The Yellow Cottage. We will donate the money raised to the McGrath Foundation. It has been great to receive so many donations and see so much pink. Thank you Yellow Cottage families.

It is with great pleasure we announce to all our families, our application for funding with Department of Education and Community Services has been successful. Our new fee structure will be $37.00 a day for children who turn four before 31 July 2016 and $50 a day for all our younger children. This is in alignment with the new preschool funding model for 2016 across New South Wales that encourages the enrolment of four and five year old children into preschool programmes. We are so pleased to be able to support our families by lowering our fees for these eligible children. Thank you for your loyalty and patience while waiting for the funding to be approved. All eligible families will be issued with an adjusted account for Term 1 2016. Please make time to see Kirsty if you hold a Low Income Health Care Card or you are Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander as these children can also access a fee reduction.

Next week we look forward to visiting the Life Education Van. It will be parked in our car park for the whole week, so it should generate lots of interest amongst the preschool children. This programme supports children's learning and development for a safe and healthy lifestyle through the opportunity to engage in play-based, experiential and interactive experiences to foster their health and wellbeing - building on their mental, physical and social foundations. We look forward to these visits and following up the lesson as part of our embedded health and safety programming.

**Emma’s Group** has welcomed two hermit crabs into their room. The children have loved learning all about how to look after hermit crabs and watching the crabs in the tank. The children have read books about hermit crabs and created hermit crab craft. They have named the crabs “Sponge Bob” and “Shabb’s”.

**Jane’s Group** continue to play and investigate doctors and hospitals. The children have really loved the role-play opportunities and the group times, learning about hospitals and doctors. It has been very timely because several children in Jane’s Group have needed to visit the hospital in the last few weeks.

**Georgi’s Group** have found a great deal of interest in the Noisy Tree at Preschool. Georgi has used this interest to instil a sense of wonder and investigation into cicadas and insects in general. The children have learned about them at group time and had opportunities to continue this investigation through activities set up inside. They have also been creating some beautiful mosaic artworks.

**Kirsty’s Group** continue to be fascinated with the ocean. Last week the children created amazing sea creatures with collage, we learned lots about marine rescue and mermaids entered into our play. The children have enjoyed investigating the creatures that inhabit the deep ocean waters. We have laughed at their names and been intrigued by how they look.

**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 Puppet’s Performance
- **March 10 –** Pirate Pete Performance
The Grammar Grind Cafe has been functioning for over a year now and is growing into a very successful enterprise. The Cafe not only allows our senior hospitality students hands on experience in running a cafe, taking orders and learning the art of making good espresso coffee but also provides a great venue for our busy school community to grab a quick coffee and a ‘catch up’ before they continue on their way.

The Grammar Grind Cafe has taken on a new and modern look with the addition of a counter bench together with 2 long garden stools made by our trusty Maintenance team member, Mr Rob Tesoriero, together with additional seating in the form of groovy bar stools.

The Grammar Grind Cafe functions out of the Trade Training Centre, Kingdon Street, just next to the Primary Entrance arch ways and is open every Monday morning from 8.15am to 9.30am. Also serving Bacon & Egg Rolls, Apple Danishes, Ham & Cheese Croissants and Banana Bread. So don’t forget to swing by **next Monday** to have a look and grab a coffee. In a rush....orders can also be placed online via the SGS App under E-forms.

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**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 had a fire on site!
SCONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS

ALL SHOOK UP

inspired by and featuring the songs of ELVIS PRESLEY
Book by JOE DIPIETRO

The story is all new.
The hits are all Elvis.

Dates: Thursday 3 March, Friday 4 March, Saturday 5 March 2016
Time: 6:00pm  Location: Scone High School  Tickets: $25 - available from sgs.nsw.edu.au

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To all members of the Scone Grammar School community,

Membership of the P & F is a great opportunity to be more informed and more involved in your child/children’s education. Six to eight meetings are held each year on the second Tuesday of the month (excluding school holidays). Meetings are held in Scone, Muswellbrook and Merriwa (one meeting each year). Meetings commence at 6.00pm and include a report from the Principal which keeps members informed and gives us an opportunity to bring up matters that concern us. Both financial and non-financial members are welcomed. Membership also gives you the opportunity to nominate, be nominated and vote at the elections held at the Annual General Meeting. Fees received by the P & F for membership are used in their entirety to offset our membership of the NSW Parents Council Inc., a body that represents parents of children at non-government schools.

We encourage all members of the school community to support our efforts and become financial members of the Scone Grammar School P & F.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

SCONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
(Incorporated under the Association Incorporation Act, 1984)

I/We hereby apply to become a member of the above named incorporated association. In the event of my/our admission as a member, I/we agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force. Please find enclosed Membership Fee totalling $________ (10 per person or $10 per family)

Full Name(s) –

Address –

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________  Postcode ________________________________

Occupation(s) –

______________________________________________________________

Email Address(es) –

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Signature(s) of Applicant(s) –

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Date - __________________________
Notice is given that at the Annual General Meeting of Scone Grammar School P & F Inc. all positions will be declared vacant and election of members to the following positions will be called for:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Class Liaison Parents Coordinator
Parents Council Representative

All members of the school community are invited to nominate for a position. In order to be nominated or to nominate, persons must be a financial member of the Scone Grammar School P & F (membership form attached). Six to eight meetings are held each year on the second Tuesday of the month (excluding school holidays).

Please consider nominating someone for a position, or putting yourself forward for nomination to a position.

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**NOMINATION FORM**

I hereby nominate _________________________ for the position of _________________________________

Nominated by: ____________________________} (Signature)
Seconded by: _____________________________} (Signature)
Nomination accepted by: ______________________} (Signature of Nominee)

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**NOMINATION FORM**

I hereby nominate _________________________ for the position of _________________________________

Nominated by: ____________________________} (Signature)
Seconded by: _____________________________} (Signature)
Nomination accepted by: ______________________} (Signature of Nominee)

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**NOMINATION FORM**

I hereby nominate _________________________ for the position of _________________________________

Nominated by: ____________________________} (Signature)
Seconded by: _____________________________} (Signature)
Nomination accepted by: ______________________} (Signature of Nominee)
22 February 2016

Scone Grammar School
60 Kingdon Street
Scone NSW 2337

Dear Scone Grammar School

Service NSW self-serve kiosk

Service NSW is committed to making it easier for the residents of NSW, especially in remote and regional areas, to access more NSW Government services.

As part of this commitment, Service NSW and Upper Hunter Shire Council are working together to provide more access to online NSW Government services via the website service.nsw.gov.au and the Service NSW self-serve kiosk in Scone.

Your Scone Self-Serve Kiosk will allow you to complete transactions including:

- Renewing your vehicle and boat registration
- Applying for an eTag or eToll account
- Changing a residential or mailing address with Roads and Maritime Services
- Renewing an individual contractor licence
- Checking a builder or tradesperson licence
- Applying for a NSW Seniors Card
- Paying a penalty notice
- Ordering a National Parks annual pass
- Applying for a Recreational Fishing Licence

and much more.

The Scone Self-Serve Kiosk is located at Upper Hunter Shire Council, 135 Liverpool Street, Scone and is open Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

For more information about Service NSW or the Scone Self Serve Kiosk, visit service.nsw.gov.au, call 13 77 88 or download the mobile app.

Yours sincerely

Service NSW
Week 5 (A)

Monday 22.2.16
Grammar Grind 8:15am to 9:30am TTC
Parents / Staff Prayer meeting 3:30pm MPR
Tuesday 23.2.16
HRIS Jr Secondary Tennis- Broadmeadow. Depart 5:45am, Return 6pm
Wednesday 24.2.16
Thursday 25.2.16
Meet the Music-Sydney Opera House- Depart 12:30pm, return 12:30am
HRIS Primary Swimming- Maitland Pool- Depart 6:30am, return 4:30pm
Friday 26.2.16
Life Education Van
Year 7/11/12 Ancient History Study Day - Macquarie Uni. Ancient History Staff Presenting
Pink Shirt Day—Whole School (not out of uniform, just a dash of pink)
Saturday 27.2.16
ACER Scholarship Testing MPR 9am

WEEK 6 (B)

Monday 29.2.16
Grammar Grind 8:15am to 9:30am TTC
Life Education Van
Parents / Staff Prayer meeting 3:30pm MPR
Primary National Leaders Day — Sydney Olympic Park
Tuesday 1.3.16
Life Education Van
Wednesday 2.3.16
Life Education Van
Thursday 3.3.16
Life Education Van
Year 8 Equine Studies, Ellerston, Depart 9am, return 3pm
Rugby 7s Quirindi U12s Departing 7am, returning 5pm
All Schools Triathlon - Sydney International Regatta Centre
"All Shook Up” Matinee-Dress Rehearsal and Evening Show 6pm Scone High School
Friday 4.3.16
Life Education Van
Grandparents’ Day
"All Shook Up” Evening Show 6pm Scone High School
Saturday 5.3.16
"All Shook Up” Final Show 6pm Scone High School
Community Notices & News

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.

Scone Films Presents the Australian comedy/drama, The Dressmaker, starring Kate Winslet, rated M, at 7.30pm Friday, 26 February, at their pop-up cinema at the Senior Citizens’ Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. Scone Films are marking Oscars Night with a red carpet Oscar themed event. Dress up if you wish and enter into the Oscar spirit. Tickets are $12. This event is expected to be popular, so to be sure of a ticket, purchase in advance at Hunt a Book, Scone. Doors open 7.00pm. Oscar Night Refreshments will be available $5. Running time is 2hrs. Everyone is welcome. Details www.sconefilms.org.au www.facebook.com/sconefilms

Canteen Roster

Week 5 (A)
Thursday 25 February
Fiona Bailey, Sinead Scott
Friday 26 February
Fiona Bailey, Rachel Northam, Keren Manning

Week 6 (B)
Monday 29 February
Jenny Crackett, Tania Dart
Tuesday 1 March
Fiona Bailey, Amanda Paradise
Wednesday 2 March
Fiona Bailey, Emma Sharpe
Thursday 3 March
Jenny Crackett, Karen Johnson
Friday 4 March
Jenny Crackett, Karen Yelverton

Weeks 7. (A)
Monday 7 March
Jenny Crackett, Sarah Stanford
Tuesday 8 March
Jenny Crackett, Bronwyn Redgate
Wednesday 9 March
Jenny Crackett, Bernadette Holz
Thursday 10 March
Fiona Bailey, Irene Smith
Friday 11 March
Fiona Bailey, Erryn Day, Di Gillett

Grandparents’ Day
Would you child like to play Rugby Union?
Make sure you ‘lock in’ the below date into your diary and you to can be a part of the magic of Scone Junior Rugby Club!

A welcome to the season, Social Touch Rugby game on a casual come and try basis will be held from 5.30pm on Friday 25 March – Parents, brothers, sisters and friends all welcome to come and have a run around – Scone Rugby Oval – Sausage sizzle to be provided and BAR will be open.

As many of the children are playing touch football, cricket and or swimming we have decided to not officially start training until 1 April. We are conscious of the heavy load on parents and children at this time of year.

Copy the link below to go direct to the registration page

Junior Basketball Registration Day.

Wednesday 2 March
5-9 year olds (Miniball) 4 to 5 pm  Cost $60 for 2 terms
10-14 year olds (Juniors) 5 to 6 pm  Cost $70 for 2 terms

Competitions will commence the following week.
Miniball consists of half hour skills and half hour games. 4 till 5pm each Wednesday
Juniors will be put into teams and play 30 minute games with 10 minute skills and warm up. Games will start at 5pm Wednesdays.
Both competitions will finish Wednesday 29th June.

Also anyone in Year 5 or 6 can try out for a girl and boy representative side to compete in the National Primary School Games. These games will be held at Tamworth on 9 and 10 April. Cost is $40 per person for the competition. If you are interested tryouts will be on 6 till 7pm on Wednesday 2nd March. Any enquires contact Danielle Brown 0407157645.