Dear Parents and Friends of SGS,

It is musical week! All the hard work, time and effort from the musical team comes to fruition in the performances. It will certainly be an experience that all of the students in the musical will remember for the rest of their lives. I encourage everyone to purchase a ticket for one of the shows, tonight, tomorrow night or Saturday night. Tickets can be purchased through the website.

Witnessing the fascination of the students with the big machinery and activity on the building site is very special. This week a large crane was unloading the supports for the second story slab as the students arrived at school. They were all drawn to look and express their wonder.

Grandparents’ Day
Grandparents and special friends are very important in the lives of our young people. It is a pleasure to be hosting these special people at school tomorrow. I also hope it offers an opportunity for Grandparents and friends to gain a greater insight into the changing nature of schooling in the 21st Century.

There certainly are many changes and some things that remain the same. The need for students to develop the ability to manage change and collaborate in order to work through problems are two critical skills in their development and in preparation for a world that is so rapidly changing.

Technology and its ethical and positive use is another significant change that we should all consider. We should continue to educate the young people of today in how to benefit from the technology and avoid any potential harm.

School continues to be very positive with great opportunities for learning each and every day.

Paul Smart
Principal
As a school community, we are sharing in two very special activities this week; ‘All Shook Up’, our School Musical, and Grandparents’ Day. Both these activities provide wonderful opportunities for enriching the learning experiences of our students, reminding us all of the importance of the creative arts, together with the value of history, family and shared life stories. Thank you parents for your involvement from home that ensures these opportunities are successful. We are so very grateful for your support. Thank you for organising your weekend schedules around rehearsals for the Musical over recent weeks; for facilitating visits from grandparents, relatives and special friends; and for your willingness to assist with preparing and serving food here at school on Friday. I do want to sincerely thank staff from the School who have also worked tirelessly to oversee the planning and production in these areas, or to provide support as part of the team; particularly Mrs Tori Saunders, Miss Wendy Thomas and Mr Jason Buckley with the Musical; and Mrs Julie Jones with Grandparents’ Day. They have done an amazing job! Thank you staff.

On Monday morning, I spoke with the Primary students on Morning Assembly, following our support for ‘Pink Shirt Day’ last week. This initiative was an Awareness Raiser about bullying in the community, and how it is not to be tolerated. I shared how it is important that having given our support on the day, we now do our best to ‘walk the walk’ and not just ‘talk the talk’, every day. 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.

Together, we will continue working hard towards ensuring a happy, safe school community, with no place for bullying.

Last weekend, the following Primary students were involved in the Basil Sellers ‘Country v City Hockey Challenge’, held at the Moorebank Hockey Fields, in Sydney: Zoe Gallagher, Olivia Ryan, Phoebe Cox, Camilla Warner, Sophia Bell, Emily Turner, Harriet Firth and Claudia Frampton. (Heidi Edlington was also involved in the training, but unfortunately wasn’t able to attend the competition.) This Challenge was a Scone Hockey/ Hunter Centre of Development initiative, which saw 65 teams participating from all over NSW, with close to 650 players, in U13’s boys and girls and U15’s boys and girls. The girls prepared with four training sessions in Scone, two on the turf in Maitland with other Hunter players, finally culminating in the weekend Challenge. Our SGS girls were divided into three different U13 teams, made up of girls from all over the Hunter region and enjoyed some great turf experience, leading up to the NPG in Tamworth in the April holidays. Well done girls!

An information pack for new students in Years K-6 regarding the Student Banking programme is being sent home over the next week. Student Banking is conducted every Thursday morning for participating students across all Primary classes and we are very grateful for the assistance of volunteer parents who administer this valuable programme at the School. If you would like your child to participate in this opportunity, please read the information carefully and follow the steps to set them up with a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. As well as encouraging sound saving habits, School Banking is also an opportunity to support the School financially, as the Commonwealth Bank returns a small contribution to the School for each deposit made into the students’ accounts. I would encourage you to consider this opportunity for your child.

Good Humour for the Week
Why was the broom late? It overswept!
What do you call an artificial stone? A shamrock.
Why wasn’t the butterfly allowed to go to the dance? Because it was a moth ball.

Congratulations to Arabella Patterson (Kindergarten Gold), Heidi Edlington (Year 6 Blue), Matthew Edwards (Year 4 Gold), Mia Turner (Year 2 Blue), Byron Fraser (Year 2 Gold), Joe-Joe Sedgwick (Year 6 Blue), Edward Ray (Year 4 Blue), Safia Manwarring (Year 6 Blue), Elizabeth Young (Year 4 Blue), Shereen Jawaad (Kindergarten Blue) and Poppy Shearman (Year 6 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.
It is encouraging to see ‘walls’ being built as part of our new building project! I’m sure those foundations are deep and strong. I have been thinking about our school foundations and what they mean for us today. A word closely related to the term ‘foundation’ is ‘rock’. The term ‘rock’ is often applied to our God as a picture of strength, of defense and safety. David sang: ‘The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer’ (Psalm 18:2). God is indeed like a rock, because He is firm, unchanging, and immovable. As a Christian school with Christian ‘foundations’ it is worth acknowledge the spiritual and eternal help which God has provided for us through the gift of His dear Son, Jesus Christ. Our ‘rock’ upon which we can build.

Jesus saw the people around Him basing their lives on an insecure foundation; they were building on sand, which the rushing waters and pounding waves of time would sweep away. Jesus called to them: 'Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock'. Jesus Christ is presented as a rock on which we are to build. For many, the Lord ‘the rock of salvation’ for ‘the very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’. As we look forward, may we stand on the solid rock, Jesus Christ.

Weekly Chapel Bible passages and relevant links can be found at twitter.com/sgschapel

In Prayer this week:
Reflect on: Matthew 7:24
Give thanks for: God’s faithfulness in many answered prayers; our school building project; the gift of ‘teachers’ in our young people’s lives; the many opportunities to be involved in diverse school activities.
Pray for: The new children and families here at SGS in Term 1; Staff, families & students who are ill or struggling at the moment; For Year 4 & Year 11 students. (Specific prayer requests can be sent to prayers@sgs NSW.edu.au to be prayed for by our weekly prayer group- not published in newsletter)

Rev. Nate
A huge thank you for all the donations last week. We raised $200 for the McGrath Foundation. This is a fantastic effort.

We have made a few changes to the pick up and drop off arrangements. We would like all families to use the front or the back door of The Yellow Cottage to enter and leave the building. We have had some feedback about families entering through the children’s toilet; we agree that while washing hands is necessary this is not the ideal way to enter the building. So as a staff we have decided to take this feedback on board and encourage all families to use the front and back doors as the access ways into The Yellow Cottage. We would strongly encourage Orange Room families to use the front door and Turquoise Room families to use the back door. We appreciate family feedback in all areas of our preschool service and we are hoping this change will be a much more acceptable option for all families. The children will now be back inside their rooms doing quiet mat activities while waiting for pick up from about 3.15pm instead of playing outside. Thanks again for your understanding and co-operation in these procedures.

This week is all about Life Education. The excitement levels have been high, as we have made our way into the Healthy Harold Van. We have enjoyed meeting Sarah and her friend Harold. Harmony White told us “it was the greatest day of her life!!” We learned so many things about staying healthy but most of all we had lots of fun in the process.

Emma’s Group are still enjoying their investigation into under the sea. This week they have made some amazing play dough sea creatures and read lots of stories about life under the sea. The children have been exploring the chicken and vegetable area during outdoor play and they have started an “Egg Diary”. Each day different children take home our eggs and then send in photos of how they used the egg at home. The children also made plans with Dee to replant the vegetable garden beds with winter crops. We will look forward to some gardening in the next few weeks.

Jane’s Group are enjoying lots of colour blending and mixing experiences. The children have used lots of different droppers and textures in these sensory packed colour activities. They have set up an office in their room and it has been busy with children involved in lots of fun role-play. A big thank you to the families that have sent in their family photo. The children love taking time during their day to see the photos up on the house display.

Georgi’s Group are continuing with their learning journey about insects. They have an insect tree in their room that is generating lots of interest in different types of bugs. The children have been encouraged to use their creativity in all areas of their play and art. There has also been some excellent construction work happening with the Lego this week. The children have been very proud of their constructions.

Kirsty’s Group continue to be fascinated with animal rescues. Last week we looked at lots of real life marine rescues. We have read some great animal conservation stories like “Where the Forest Meets the Sea” and “Journey of a Sea Turtle”. The children have enjoyed the role-play marine rescue station and they have transferred their knowledge of real life rescues into their play. Last week the children continued their creative flair in the art area with amazing box collage creations.

Important Dates for this term:
February 26th-March 8th: Life Education Visits will occur across this week.
March 10th: Pirate Pete Performance
March 14th – Newcastle Family and Sports Podiatry free information night. 7.00pm at The Yellow Cottage.
Ancient History and Archaeology Day

On Friday 26 February, students in Year 7 and those studying Ancient History in Years 11 and 12 were able to learn from experts in the field from Macquarie University. Staff from the Museum of Ancient Cultures, Karl van Dyke, Egyptologist Nicole Leong and Voula Simos shared their great knowledge with the students, including seniors from Scone High School. The senior students had input for their studies of Sparta and Pompeii and Herculaeum, as well as enjoying an introduction to the interpretation of information from Roman inscriptions. Students heard about the life of slaves in Ancient Rome and participated in a mock ‘slave auction’. The winner in this was Julia Wisniewski who found that she was in fact a member of the ruling classes. Hands-on discovery was provided through the handling of artefacts, both real and reproduction. Learning about the use of sponges in hygiene in Rome was very entertaining! An exploration of burial customs in Ancient Egypt through an examination of a coffin gave the Year 7s lots of chances to think about the meaning of the images and hieroglyphs. All students held their breath as Karl let the Scone High boys feel the weight of swords against their centurion’s armour, helmet and shield.

Ms Gibson

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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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Last Thursday, 25 February, 31 talented swimmers travelled to Maitland to compete at the HRIS Division One Swimming Carnival. Leading up to the carnival, the team had been training during sport time, focusing on fitness, stroke correction, starts and finishes, as well as having their own private training programmes. It was evident to see we had strong ability with the first point score revealing our school was coming 5th overall out of 8 schools. This pushed our swimmers to do even better with the next point score jumping up to first place. We all had smiles from ear to ear.

Despite the heat, our swimmers performed at an elite level on the day, showcasing some very quick times and fantastic sportsmanship. I had constant comments throughout the day about how Scone Grammar was dominating the pool. It was lovely to see the pride our students took in their uniform, being one of the only schools dressed and swimming in complete uniforms.

Overall SGS came 3rd in the point score. Congratulations to the following students who achieved either a combined age champion or an individual champion:

**Combined Age champions**
- 8 years boys – Andrew Crowther, George Patterson
- 8 years girls – Isabella Henderson, Alex Ryan
- 9 years boys – Joshua Chopin, Ethan Jones, Hugo Firth, Paul Russell
- 10 years boys – Max Patterson, Daniel Crowther, Kael Saw

**Individual Age champions**
- Isabella Henderson and George Patterson

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top three out of 32 competitors and will now be heading down to Sydney Olympic Park to compete at the NSWCIS Swimming Championships on 27 April:

- Charlotte Chopin 3rd 11 years 50m Breaststroke
- Isabella Henderson 1st 8 years 50m Freestyle
- Ethan Jones 3rd 9 years 50m Freestyle
- 3rd Junior Boys’ Relay
- George Patterson 2nd 8 years 50m Freestyle
- Max Patterson 2nd 10 years 50m Breaststroke
- 3rd 10 years 50 Freestyle
- 3rd Junior Boys’ Relay
- Hunter Ryan 3rd 11 years 50m Freestyle
- 2nd 11 years 50m Butterfly
- Daniel Crowther 3rd Junior Boys’ Relay
- Kael Saw 3rd Junior Boys’ Relay

Good luck to those swimmers, we wish you all the best.

Miss Day

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Allysa Mollema

Allysa has been selected into the Australian Trans Tasman Archery Team to shoot in Christchurch, New Zealand in the April school holidays. To qualify for the team she had to register 3 qualifying scores and the highest 2 archers in Australia in each division being selected to represent Australia. The team consists of 40 U20 year old Archers coming from NSW, QLD, TAS, SA, ACT, VIC and WA. Congratulations Allysa.
Equestrian News

The programme for the North West Expo will be on the Coonabarabran Website from 1 March. Entries close on 8 April. I will have a meeting for those intending to compete at Coonabarabran on Tuesday 15 March at 4pm at White Park (during Tuesday Horse Sports). This meeting is for those intending to compete in some team events such as polo crosse, horse ball etc at Coona. It is not compulsory to attend.

Tuesday Horse Sports has commenced – all welcome to come along.

Entry forms for Scone Horse Sports (Monday 2 May) will be on the School’s website from today.

We wish the following students good luck for the Willow Tree Horse Sports Day to be held on Friday 18 March.


Please note that Willow Tree Horse Sports will be held at Quirindi Show Ground.

You must hand in your Horse Health Declaration Form at the Gate.

Anne Davies
Equestrian co-ordinator

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OPEN: Every Monday Morning

TIME: 8.15am to 9.30am

WHERE: Trade Training Centre

WHAT: Espresso Coffee and Baked Goodies available

SAVE TIME.....ORDER ONLINE VIA THE SGS App/ e-FORMS
New Organ

Scone Grammar School is delighted to have received a generous donation from Mr Wilf & Mrs Edith Newman of an Organ and stool. This is a significant contribution to our Music Department where students can enter the intricate world of learning the organ and to share this knowledge with the School Community. Our sincere thanks to Mr & Mrs Newman for their gift.

Bags for Primary

We would appreciate any used Coles/Woolworths bag you may no longer want. We also have a use for ‘Green’ bags if you have unwanted ones. Thank you.

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.

Little Athletics’ Regional Championships

Laura Sadler competed at the Little Athletics NSW Region 1 Championships where she competed in 6 events including 100m, 200m, 400m, 200m Hurdles and 800m and Long Jump.
Laura performed well achieving PBs in all events and gained a bronze in 200m hurdles and 400m and a gold in 800m. Laura now progresses to the Little A's State Event in March.

Thank you to Mrs Brennan and Miss Day for preparing Laura for this event.
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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I hereby nominate _________________________ for the position of _________________________________  
Nominated by: ________________________________} (Signature)  
Seconded by: ________________________________} (Signature)  
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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) –

Signature(s) of Applicant(s) –

Date - _____________________
SCONE & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.
All registrations this year are online ONLY and close on 10/03/2016.
Go to our website
and follow the registration links.
Alternatively go to the Scone Netball facebook page for more information.

WEEK 6 (B)
Thursday 3.3.16
Life Education Van
Year 8 Equine Studies Studies-High Goal Polo
10.30am - 3.00pm
Rugby 7’s Quirindi U12 / U10 Departing 7.00am
returning 5pm
All Schools’ Triathlon- Sydney International Regatta
Centre
“All Shook Up” Matinee - Dress Rehearsal and Evening
Show 6.00pm Scone High School
Friday 4.3.16
Life Education Van
Grandparents’ Day. Commencing at 8.30am
“All Shook Up” Evening Show 6.00pm Scone High School
Saturday 5.3.16
“All Shook Up” Final Show 6.00pm Scone High School

WEEK 7 (A)
Monday 7.3.16
Grammar Grind 8.15am to 9.30am TTC
Parents / Staff Prayer meeting 3.30pm MPR
HRIS Secondary Hockey U16s-Girls, Open Boys &
Girls. Broadmeadow. Depart 6.30am, return 7.00pm
Life Education Van
Tuesday 8.3.16
Life Education Van
Drum Beat Years 3-6. TTC 9.00am
P&F AGM/Monthly meeting 6.00pm Library
Wednesday 9.3.16
HRIS Secondary Swimming-Lambton Pool. Depart
6.00am, return 5.45pm
Year 6 Peer Support. Depart 9am, return 3.00pm
Thursday 10.3.16
Year 6 Peer Support. Depart 9.00am, return 3.00pm
Vaccination- First Dose
Year 12 Studies of Religion Excursion-Auburn Gallipoli
Mosque. Depart 7.00am, return 6.00pm
Friday 11.3.16
Kindergarten Bus Visit.

Canteen Roster

Week 6 (B)
Thursday 3 March
Jenny Crackett, Karen Johnson
Friday 4 March
Jenny Crackett, Karen Yelverton

Grandparents’ Day

Week 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

Week 8 (B)
Monday 14 March
Jenny Crackett, Joy Harvey
Tuesday 15 March
Fiona Bailey, Catherine Raphael
Wednesday 16 March
Fiona Bailey, Megan O’Sullivan
Thursday 17 March
Jenny Crackett, Kristy Brooks
Friday 18 March
Jenny Crackett, Claire Norvill, Georgie Ryan
You are invited to
Families Together
this Sunday
6 March

11am at St Luke’s Church
A short child focused service, followed
by craft for children, real coffee for
adults and lunch together

Come and bring the family

RSVP for catering purposes by the day before
Jenny Sylvester – 0409 818977 or jennys12@tpg.com.au