Dear Parents and Friends of SGS,

We have had a much more normal week with classes in full swing and constant learning continuing. It is a wonderful to see young people gaining confidence in themselves and being able to share their learning and demonstrate their capacities.

Building Learning Power talks about learning dispositions or capacities and these are the learning language words. As we build these dispositions we are building learners for the future. When we talk about Imagining (one example of a capacity) we are encouraging creative thinking and developing the resourcefulness of our learners.

We have 50 students involved in the Upper Hunter Shire and Kia Ora Music Camp this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to build their skills and work together in large ensembles. The concert on the Friday evening is always a highlight.

This week also sees a large group of students exploring the Barrington Tops on their Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards expeditions. This is an excellent programme for students to build outdoor education skills, as well as work in the community and develop their self-sufficiency. Our students are privileged to have this opportunity to participate in the Awards.

The Chess teams, both Primary and Secondary have started their 2016 campaigns with a successful trip to Muswellbrook. Student are challenged to improve their own chess ability as well as grapple with other talented students from across the Hunter.

Paul Smart
Principal
Recently, I had the privilege of attending an APPA (Australian Primary Principals’ Association) function at Parliament House in Canberra, jointly hosted by the Presiding Officers of the Federal Parliament; the Hon Tony Smith MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Senator, the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate. The focus was on the teaching of Civics and Citizenship in the Primary years and its importance in the Australian Curriculum.

Amongst many things they could have spoken about, I appreciated hearing comment from our hosts, that beyond its importance in the curriculum, citizenship is really about who and what we are as people, not just about what we know - about how we learn to show consideration, care and respect to those around us, as well as to our own and others’ property. Learning to be a good citizen starts in the home; is developed further at school; extended with involvement in the local and wider community; and ultimately outworked in the context of global citizenship. These are areas students have daily opportunity to work on at home and at school, and we have been speaking about this at our regular assemblies. I encourage you to consider continuing these conversations with your children at home, perhaps around the family dinner table.

All Year 6 students were involved last week in their two-day Peer Support Training, in preparation for the commencement of the PS programme in Term Two. I would like to especially acknowledge and thank Mr Alex and Mrs Charlotte Warner for their generous hospitality in offering ‘Merric’ as a special venue for this valuable activity.

The UHSC & Kia-ora Youth Music Camp is being held this week, from Wednesday to Friday, with over 40 Primary students from SGS involved. This will be an enriching musical experience and a wonderful local inter-school educational opportunity. I hope many of our school community will be able to attend the Concert on Friday, 19 March at the Scone HS, commencing at 6:00pm.

- Information has gone home recently about the opportunity for students in Years 3-6 to participate in 2016 ICAS Subject Competitions. Please ensure registration forms are returned by Thursday, 24 March.

- The Term One K-6 Open Classroom Afternoon will be held in Week 10, on Thursday, 31 March. Classrooms will be open for visits by parents with their children, between 3:30pm-6:30pm. Don’t miss this valuable opportunity! Information will be emailed next week with further details.

- Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted in Week 11, on Monday, 4 April and Wednesday, 6 April, in respective Primary classrooms. Further information will be emailed closer to the date.

Congratulations to all Primary students who participated recently with entries into various categories at the Upper Hunter Show and particularly to those who received special awards. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Felicity Saunders who co-ordinated our school involvement this year.

Last weekend, Jack Faulkner attended a Mathematics Enrichment Camp, run by the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition organisers. I was delighted to catch up with Jack this week and hear about his adventures, and share the obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm he found in this opportunity. Do take time to read Jack’s report in the Newsletter of his camp experience.

Good Humour for the Week
Did you hear about the farmer in the field with his cows? He counted 196 of them, but when he rounded them up, he had 200.
What do you call a big pile of kittens? A meowtain.
My friend recently got crushed by a pile of books, but he’s only got his shelf to blame.

Congratulations to Jack Henry (Year 6 Blue), Ted Saunders (Year 2 Blue), Max Patterson (Year 4 Gold) and Lourens Ardesch (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.
From the Chaplain

In Primary chapel on Monday we were joined by a special guest from the Bible Society of NSW. Mr Rick George shared an Easter presentation with our students which encouraged us to remember Jesus as the central point of Easter.

Mr George reminded us that without Jesus, Easter loses its meaning. Easter is making the great discovery that because of Jesus the whole world is different. For no longer does death rule. The Lord Jesus was raised from death to life and as a result even though we are surrounded by death we can share in his new life. We remember at Easter time that Jesus travelled the path through sorrow and pain and death in our place, however, He came out again from the tomb and was alive! He was raised to new life. As a result the direction of the world has changed. Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live”

For those who put their trust in Jesus, the best is still to come. The Lord is risen and this means new life. This means ultimate glory, security, hope, salvation and celebration!

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

In Prayer this week:
Reflect on: John 11:25
Give thanks for: The joy of Easter!; 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 Van Es family and their recovery; Staff, families & students who are ill or struggling at the moment; For Year 2 & Year 9 students. (Specific prayer requests can be sent to prayers@sgnswnsw.edu.au to be prayed for by our weekly prayer group- not published in newsletter)

Rev’d Nate
On Thursday, The Yellow Cottage was taken over by "Pirate Pete". There was great excitement to have a pirate in our preschool. He entertained us with songs, stories and down right fun. Nikki and Kirsty almost had to walk the plank and Pirate Pete lost his treasure. This all ended up in lots of laughter and big eyed children taking it all in.

Easter is just around the corner, this is an important celebration for us at The Yellow Cottage. Over the next week you will see provisions in our learning environments that will allow the children to enjoy this significant part of our Christian Calendar. The children will attend an Easter Chapel service next Monday. Each child will take part in an Easter egg hunt and at the end of the day they will take home a few small chocolate eggs. (All eggs will be nut free). Please let staff know if you would rather your child didn’t take part in this activity.

We would like to thank all our families for the way they have been accessing their children’s preschool journey via ‘Keptme’. We really appreciate your comments in the parents’ section. Don’t forget you can also look at the hard copy portfolios that are on display in your child’s room. Also don’t forget to “like” our Facebook Page for photos and information reminders.

We are very encouraged by the variety of fruit your children bring in their lunch boxes everyday. We appreciate the healthy choices children have available to them at preschool. Please remember to use our Lunchbox Traffic Lights when packing the lunch boxes.

Please don’t forget we have Newcastle Family and Sports Podiatry offering a free screening. The information night was cancelled because we only had three families attending. The appointments for screening are fully booked and going ahead on March 31.

Important Dates for this term:
March 21 – Georgi and Emma’s Group will attend an Easter Chapel Service at St Luke’s Church.
March 31- Newcastle Family and Sports Podiatry Screening day at SGS Multipurpose Room.
Curriculum Corner

NPPMC Mathematics Enrichment Camp

On Saturday, 12 and Sunday, 13 March, I went to a maths camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. When we arrived we signed in, were put into groups and were introduced to the staff. I was in Group D. First up, Group D headed to the computer lab to do a new programme called GeoGebra. We were taught how to make cool patterns, how to figure out the angles of a shape, how to make shapes rotate and reflect and much more. After every maths activity we did a recreational activity and our first rec. activity was the low ropes course. It was challenging but very fun.

We then had a quick morning tea and then were straight back into it. Our next maths activity was doing the Fibonacci number sequence and Fibonacci clocks. We figured out that there were 5 squares all equalling Fibonacci numbers 1,1,2,3,5 - the first 5 numbers of the sequence. We then learnt that red=hours, green=minutes(x5) and blue=both. e.g.

Our second rec. activity was swimming. It was good having swimming at the time we had, because it was really hot, so it was good to cool down. We then went to the dining hall and had some lunch – burgers, which were very tasty.

After lunch, it was session three, our final session for the day. We did some problem solving things like we were given a 4 x 4 grid of numbers and had to come up with ways of making 100 with 4 different numbers. We also had another activity where there were 6 counters, 5 blue and 1 green. If wanted the blue one to be the blue one to be the last one in the circle and he was second in line what number would we have to use. The answer was 10.

Our third and final rec. activity for the day was mini golf. It was lots of fun and I got a hole in one. Then after all the maths and rec. activities we went for a 4-5km hike. When we got back we had a quick swim and then headed to the dining hall for dinner. Dinner was chicken schnitzel and dessert was jelly. They were both quite tasty and definitely filled me up.

After dinner, we did a maths relay. I was with Jake, Nathan and Lachlan. We did very well together and ended up coming around 4th or 5th. After that there was a talent show. It was amazing how talented some people were. I didn't do it because I didn't have anything prepared. After the talent show we had supper and went to sleep.

The next morning we had breakfast. For breakfast there was bacon, eggs, hash browns, baked beans and spaghetti. It was delicious. After brekky, we did our first math session for the day, where we learnt about square and triangular numbers. We learnt that generally accepted that 2 triangular numbers equal a square number.

Our next rec. activity was kick ball and it was fun. Our final maths session for the camp was shapes and fractions. So what we did were fractions with shapes. Some of the questions were if a hexagon is a whole, then what is 1 1/2. That was fun and made fractions a lot easier.

Our final rec. activity was swimming. It was great having swimming last, because it meant we could cool off before we went home. Before the presentation, we had a lunch of wraps, which was a good meal to finish on. After lunch, we had a presentation where awards for the maths relay were handed out. After that it was home time.

This maths camp was really fun and I met lots of new people. I had a great time and would definitely do it again.

Jack Faulkner
Year 6
The Upper Hunter Show

Congratulations to our very creative SGS Primary students who were awarded 1st or 2nd Prize or received highly commended for their artistic entries at the Upper Hunter Show on the weekend. Well done to the following students:

Grace Stenhouse, Year 1 - highly commended for her Lego Disco;
Georgia Henderson Year 1 - First Prize and Champion in the Art Category;
Tom Riordan Year 2 - 2nd Prize for his Battleship lego;
Angus Stanford Year 5 - Highly Commended in the Photography section;
Anna Peasley Year 2 - 1st Prize in 'Other Craft' Section;
Isabella Henderson Year 2 - 1st Prize for her Lego Palace.

Well done!

Congratulations also go to:

**Luke Baker**

Second in Art Under 7 Years any subject in colour Third in Art Under 7 Years any subject in colour.

**First** Junior Cookery 6-9 Years decorated chocolate crackles First Junior Cookery 6-9 Years Pikelets.

**Mitch Baker**

**First** Junior Cookery 6-9 Years Packet Cake Iced and Decorated.

**Second** Junior Cookery 6-9 years Chocolate Truffles Champion Junior Cookery 6-9 years exhibit.
Quirindi Rugby 7s

The 2016 Scone Grammar Primary Rugby Teams got off to a wonderful start with both our U10s and U12s winning the Future Tah’s Local Division 7s competition. For a lot of the younger boys, this was a first opportunity to represent their school in Rugby. Both teams successfully navigated their way through their respective pools before both convincingly winning their grand finals against schools from Coonabarabran.

I would like to congratulate both teams on the way they represented their school both on and off the field. I would like to wish the U12s all the best as they now progress to the regional finals to be held in Tamworth.
Mr Damien Saunders

Primary Students coached by Hockey NSW Coaches

On Tuesday, 20 students from Years 3 to 6 travelled to Tamworth to be coached by the Hockey New South Wales Regional Coaching Coordinator, Blair Chalmers and Player Pathway Manager, Richard Willis. The SGS National Primary Games Hockey Team and other young players were put through their paces doing drills, skill based training and playing small sided games. Both coaches commented on the manners and team culture that was so strong with the girls and boys and their skills improved exponentially over the course of the day. Improvement prizes were given to Sophie Park and Hamish Guianna for their efforts over the day.

Thank you to Mrs Gallagher and Mr Feeney for taking the Hockey Squad to Tamworth for a great day. More photos will follow next week.
**Equestrian News**

Scone Horse Sports’ Day is on Monday 2 May – Entry forms must be handed into the School office by Friday, 1 April. If you are jumping at this event a copy of your jump card must be included with the entry form.

Quirindi Horse Sports’ Day is Friday, 29 April – Entry forms must be handed into the school office by Thursday, 24 March.

Coonabarabran (North West Expo) entry forms must be handed into the School office by Thursday, 24 March. Please make regular checks on Coonabarabran High School’s website. We are planning to stable the horses in the goat yards as usual this year.

An exciting new equestrian event is planned for Monday, 1 August this year – The Scone Grammar Stockman’s Interschool Challenge. I am looking for interested parents to be involved in running this event with me.

An Information Evening is planned for Tuesday, 29 March directly after Horse Sports. More information will be in the Newsletter next week.

New Scone Grammar School saddle cloths are available at the Clothing Shop.

Anne Davies
Equestrian Coordinator

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**Celebrate all the good things happening at Scone Grammar School.**

When searching/liking our Facebook page, please make sure you like the **OFFICIAL** Scone Grammar School page. Our page should look like this:-

You can also go to our SGS website page and click the Facebook icon in the top right hand corner - this will take you automatically to the above page. We have 372 likes – let’s try and make it 500+.

(Unfortunately there is an ‘unofficial’ SGS Facebook page which we can not remove and is causing some confusion with our followers.)
Library News

Carnival Book Fair

Monday 21 March – Thursday 24 March 2016

A book is a door into another place and another heart and another world.  C.M. Valente

This year, the Library is holding a Carnival Book Fair in Term 1. Not only is a Carnival Book Fair a great way to support and encourage your child’s reading, every book you purchase helps us build resources for the children in our school. So please come and visit us next week.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
March – 19th August 2016

Each year, students at SGS participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. It is designed to encourage students to read, and to read more widely. As well as helping students discover a love of reading as a leisure time activity, the PRC also helps to develop essential learning habits such as being organised, meeting deadlines, being accountable and taking responsibility for their reading.

It is available for all students in NSW, from Kindergarten to Year 9.

In the K-2 Challenge, students experience thirty books by reading independently, sharing the reading, or listening to someone else read the books to them. Of the thirty books, at least twenty five should come from the PRC list and a maximum of five books of their own choice can be included.

The Years 3-4 Challenge and the Years 5-6 Challenge require students to read twenty books - fifteen must be chosen from the list, while five can be books of their own choice. The lists are devised to incorporate a range of different books suitable for their age, interests and maturity level.

All Kindergarten students participate in the Challenge during their Library lesson. Older students who express an interest in participating in the Challenge have been given a booklist or shown how to put a booklist in their ibooks shelf in they have an ipad.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Louise Broomfield
Teacher Librarian
lbroomfield@sgs.nsw.edu.au

Scone and Upper Hunter Historical Society

Members of the Society and friends are invited to an Open Day at the Research Centre in Kingdon Street on Wednesday, 6 April 2016.

The Scone & Upper Hunter Historical Society will be celebrating its 60th Birthday during Seniors Week. All members, friends and the general public are invited to come and see what we have in our Research Centre in the Old Sergeant’s Residence and at the Museum in the Old Lock Up. We will have tea and coffee available and volunteers will be here to show you around.

To help with numbers please R.S.V.P. your intention to attend to:

email: sconehistorical@yahoo.com.au
or
telephone: Ann 65459773 or Betty 654451598
Sam 'Spud' Laurie recently competed for Western Province in the U17 Junior Gold Cup Rugby Tournament. This Tournament has run over a five week period.

All teams that play in this tournament are the junior teams of the respective National Rugby Championship franchise. U17 Western Province is the junior team of the NSW Country Eagles.

Western Provence finished 3rd in their pool by one point, being pipped to second spot by Victoria.
Sam scored a try against Southern Province in their final match of the tournament.

Congratulations Sam on a successful tournament.
Everyday

**Psychologists** - Our friendly Psychologists can provide counselling for young people experiencing difficulties.

**Adolescent and Family Counselor (AFC)** - provides support and assists parents and young people to successfully resolve challenging issues and to strengthen family relationships.

**Youth Officers** - Our experienced youth officers are here to talk with you about anything that’s on your mind.

**Monday**

**Sexual Health Clinic** - 11:30am - 4:30pm service for young people 14 to 25 years. Offers screening for STIs and BBVs. The clinic alternates between a male and female nurse and runs every 4 weeks (like our Facebook page to find out when the next clinic is). No appointment is necessary.

**Ungooroo Aboriginal Accommodation Support** - provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander young people.

**Tuesday**

**ARAFMI** - (every 2nd week) provides support for parents and carers whose friends or family are affected by a mental health problem.

**Wednesday**

**GP and Nurse** - Dr Jo is our female GP and is available from 12pm. Sarah our nurse is available for appointment.

**Samaritan’s Accommodation Support** - providing those experiencing homelessness with the right opportunities and support to find a pathway out.

**Drug and Alcohol Counselling** - Wesley Mission provides support to young people struggling with drugs and alcohol as well as facilitating the SMART (Self Management and Recovery Training) recovery group.

**Centrelink** - help navigating Centrelink forms and support.

**Thursday**

**GP and Nurse** - Dr Rob is our male GP and is available from 9am. Sarah our nurse is available for appointment.

**Friday**

**Ungooroo Aboriginal Accommodation Support** - provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander young people.

*The sexual Health Clinic is the only drop in service all others by appointment

**All services are free or Medicare bulk billed**

To make an appointment:

**Phone**

(02) 4931 1000

**Address**

73 Elgin Street, Maitland NSW 2320

**Email**

headspacemaitland@smaritans.org.au

**Web**

www.headspace.org.au/maitland
The Anglican Parish of Scone

Holy week and
Easter Services

Palm Sunday, 20 March
9.00 am - Holy Communion, St Luke’s, Scone
5.00 pm - Contemporary service, St Luke’s Hall

Maundy Thursday, 24 March
6.30pm – Agape Meal and Service, St Luke’s Hall
Children welcome. Includes simple meal as part of the service. RSVP to Margaret on 0438451891 by 22 March

Good Friday, 25 March
9.00 am - St Luke’s, Scone
11.00am- Procession of Witness, meet at Coles carpark

Easter Eve, 26 March
8.00pm - Lighting of the new fire and Holy Communion, St Luke’s, Scone

Easter Day, Sunday 27 March
9.00am - Holy Communion, St Luke’s, Scone
11.00am - Families Together, St Luke’s, Scone
(short child focused service with coffee/cold drinks after)
5.00pm - Contemporary Communion, St Luke’s Hall

All are welcome
For more information, contact 6545 3396 on Fridays
or Rev. Angela on 0447 203007
Find us on facebook - search for “Scone Anglican Church”

Parents & Staff Prayer Time

Meet: Multi Purpose Room
When: Mondays 3:15pm

All welcome!

prayers@sgs.nsw.edu.au

‘Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful’

Colossians 4:2
Harmony Day – Wednesday 23 March, 6.00pm is being held at the Scone Grammar School Deck, Kingdon Street entrance. Come in traditional dress, enjoy the entertainment and experience culinary delights from around the world. To register your dish, go to: www.snrc.com.au; ‘phone 6545 2562 or call into the Scone Neighbourhood Centre. We are delighted to welcome Jamo Jamo Arts, a West African Drum and Dance team who will provide an exciting interactive performance. We welcome also the talents of Nehu Puri as she performs an Indian dance ... and we look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday, 23 March at 6.00pm. Hosted by the Scone Neighbourhood Centre.

For Your Diary

WEEK 8 (B)
Wednesday 16 March
UHSC & Kia Ora Youth Music Camp until Fri 18 March
D of E – Silver until Fri 18
HRIS 15s Girls Netball Trials

Thursday 17 March
D of E – Bronze until Fri 18

Friday 18 March
RAS Steer showing return
D of E – Silver & Bronze return
Kia Ora Music Camp
Willow Tree Horse Sports

Sunday 20 March
Group 21 Rugby League Knockout
Extn 2 English HSC Study Day

WEEK 9 (A)
Monday 21 March
Grammar Grind Cafe 8.15 – 9.30am
Book Fair in Library

Tuesday 22 March
Book Fair in Library
Year 12 Biology & Senior Science Excursion to Museum of Health
CIS Primary Swimming at Sydney Olympic Park

Wednesday 23 March
Book Fair in Library
Harmony Day 6.00pm TTC Deck
Stages 5 & 6 Visual Arts Excursion to Sydney

Thursday 24 March
Book Fair in Library
Leaders’ Lunch

Fri 25 March
Good Friday Easter

Week 10 (B)
Monday 28 March
EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday 29 March

Wednesday 30 March

Thursday 31 March

Friday 1 April
Cross Country - Whole School at Glenbawn Dam

Canteen Roster

Week 8 (B)
Thursday 17 March
Jenny Crackett, Kristy Brooks

Friday 18 March
Jenny Crackett, Claire Norvill, Georgie Ryan

Week 9 (A)
Monday 21 March
Jenny Crackett, Danielle Townsend-Saw

Tuesday 22 March
Fiona Bailey, Linda MacCallum

Wednesday 23 March
Jenny Crackett, Bernadette Holz

Thursday 24 March
Jenny Crackett, Jaymee Allan

Friday 25 March
GOOD FRIDAY

Week 10 (B)
Monday 28 March
EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday 29 March
Fiona Bailey, Rachel Northam

Wednesday 30 March
Fiona Bailey, Debbie Sadler

Thursday 31 March
Jenny Crackett, Sarah Stanford

Friday 1 April
Jenny Crackett, Cross Country at Glenbawn

Grind

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
TRY RUGBY!

Scone Junior Rugby Union is holding a Try Rugby session on Friday, April 1 2016 from 5pm - 6pm. Come along and meet new friends and learn more about the great game of rugby - and bring a friend!

Where: Scone Rugby Park, Aberdeen St, Scone
What’s on? Skills & drills with qualified coaches, registration information and sausage sizzle.

Complete the attached Colouring in Competition for your chance to win FREE registration for the 2016 season!!

For more information contact President Tor Killman on 0437 974 735 or Vice-President Angus Patterson on 0427 443 250 or visit Scone Junior Rugby Union on Facebook.
Scone Junior Rugby Union Colouring Competition - 2016

Name: ______________________  Age: ________
Contact details: ________________________