Dear Parents and Friends of SGS,

Wow! What a week we had last week. The musical, ‘All Shook Up’ was fantastic! We were able to enjoy such a fun production shared with us by a talented group of students. One of the best aspects for me was to see the joy on the faces of all those performing. There was a lot of time, hard work and commitment given by so many to get to the performances but I believe it was well worthwhile when we can all see the outcome. Congratulations to all involved in the production: staff, parents and students.

Grandparents’ Day was again a great success. It is a joy to host Grandparents and special friends for the day and share with them what is happening at school.

Things have settled back into the busy routine of school after this hectic week, which is a credit to everyone.

With the major incidents over the weekend we have had many students affected and needing extra care. The pastoral care system has been working very well to offer students somewhere to go to either work through their concerns or share with staff to get support. Please communicate with your child’s class teacher or tutor if they need extra support because of a challenging life experience.

We have had communication that Mr Van Es and Tristin (Year 8) are both in a stable condition and they will remain under care at The John Hunter Hospital for some time. Your prayers for them will be greatly appreciated.

P & F
Following the P & F AGM on Tuesday night, I am pleased to announce that the Committee going forward is:

President
Mrs Di Gillett
Vice-President
Mrs Sarah Badenhorst
Treasurer
Mrs Jenny Crackett
Secretary
Mrs Katie McCann
CLP Coordinator/Fete Coordinator
Mrs Yvonne Clerk
Parents’ Council Representative
Mr Graeme White

I hope you are all finding the Website, App and Facebook page useful in keeping connected to what is happening at SGS.

Paul Smart
Principal
Primary News from Mr Feeney

We were greatly enriched as a school community last week in so many ways, as we shared the excitement of ‘All Shook Up’, our 2016 School Musical, together with the joys of Grandparents’ Day. What wonderful opportunities these were for our students! Thank you parents for your support with the logistics of both events and especially for the provision and serving of Morning Tea on Friday.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, I am just so grateful for the amazing work of the staff who have given so much to make these two special activities such a resounding success. Thank you again!

Thank you also to ‘Mr and Mrs Simpson’, for visiting our Grandparents’ Day Assembly and for sharing about their involvement with the ‘Variety Club Bash’. We are looking forward to supporting this charity work through the SRC, as well as through the Poster Competition. Do encourage your children to be involved!

Important letters have been emailed home this week, with information for Primary families in Years 1-6 about 2016 Primary Camp Costs. The School is seeking to make these camp costs more manageable, particularly for families with more than one child, and again this year we will be spreading instalments on Monthly Statements across six months (April-September). The final amount charged in September, will be adjusted, as appropriate, once overall camp costs for each group are finalised. Please contact the School if you have questions about this area.

Next week, we have a number of students attending the UHSC & Kia-ora Youth Music Camp from Wednesday through to Friday. This will be a wonderful opportunity for those SGS students involved, to share some further rich musical experiences together with students from other local schools.

The Camp Concert is on Friday, 18 March, commencing at 6:00pm in the Scone High School MPU.

Coeliac Awareness Week is being held from 13-20 March. A number of members in our School Community are affected by Coeliac Disease, or suffer from varying levels of gluten intolerance, and for this reason, amongst others, we regularly encourage our students not to share food, and also to be thoughtful and considerate about the dietary needs of those around them. Do take time to find out more information, which is available at www.coeliac.org.au or by phoning 1300 458 836. A simple test may be the first step to improved health!

Year 6 students have been involved this week in their Peer Support Training Programme, which was conducted over two days by Mrs Robertson, Miss Thomas and Mr Saunders. Mrs Robertson is the Peer Support Co-ordinator and facilitates this valuable programme, which will run primarily through Terms 2 and 3 for all K-6 students. Students have already been meeting in their groups sharing some introductory activities this term. The module being used this year focuses on resilience.

Next week, I have the opportunity of attending a supporters’ function in Sydney for the Crusader Union of Australia. Crusader’s regularly support our School with visiting speakers at Chapel, and also run the camp programme for our Year 3 and Year 4 groups at their ‘Lake Mac’ and ‘Galston Gorge’ campsites. Many of our students over the years have also attended various Cru Camps or Study camps during the holidays, which Crusaders also facilitate. I commend their work to you and encourage you to visit their website to learn more of their mission and varied endeavours: http://www.crusaders.edu.au/

We have been inviting the students to contribute to Chapel offerings during Lent as a way of expressing support. Please feel free to share in this giving. Your support for the work of Crusaders, either prayerfully or financially, would always be valued.

Good Humour for the Week

What do you get if you put a witch in the fridge? A cold spell!

What do stuntmen do on their days off? Just stay home to crash!

Congratulations to Michael Downie (Year 4 Gold), Scarlett Frampton (Year 4 Blue), Jordan Evans (Year 6 Gold), Joshua Crowther (Year 5 Blue), Harriette Firth (Year 6 Blue), Zara Gill (Year 1 Gold) and Molly McCosker (Year 1 Gold), 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.
This week has been a week in which many have felt the need to pray to God for assistance. To cry out, amidst real suffering and bewilderment, in hope that their prayers would be heard. Prayers for themselves and prayers for others whom they know are in need. What a blessing to know that when we know Jesus and when we pray to Jesus, we have an advocate who does hear our prayers. The one who represents us; the one who is thoroughly acceptable in heaven. In fact, the Father once said of Jesus: 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'.

Not only does Jesus have the right of access to the heavenly throne; He occupies it! Heaven's doors open gladly to Him. There can be no doubting His access to the Father. By becoming human Jesus ensured that He knows what it is like to be human. It says in Hebrews 9:24 that ‘Christ entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.’

Through Jesus our every heartbeat is registered in heaven, our every need and cry. God cannot remain distant from our needs with an advocate like Jesus Christ to speak for us in times of need. In Christ, this broken, earthly existence is given strong representation in heaven. In Christ, the heart of God never ceases to be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses. Be encouraged. Jesus is our great advocate in times of need. God is with us.

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

In Prayer this week:
Reflect on: Hebrews 9:24
Give thanks for: God's faithfulness in many answered prayers; our school building project; our school musical; the gift of 'teachers' in our young people's lives; the many opportunities to be involved in diverse school activities.
Pray for: The Inglis family and the Van Es family; Staff, families & students who are ill or struggling at the moment; For Year 5 & Year 12 students. (Specific prayer requests can be sent to prayers@sgsww.edu.au to be prayed for by our weekly prayer group- not published in newsletter)

Rev’d Nate
We have had a week filled with Healthy Harold, Puppets and visits from grandparents. The children really enjoyed making the trip into the Life Education Van. It was great to learn about being healthy in such a fun way. Sarah was the teacher in the van and she had a wonderful rapport with the children who loved singing, dancing and listening to stories with her. We thank the Scone Grammar School for including us in this wonderful learning opportunity.

On Wednesday, we had Jeral Puppet Show visit us at The Yellow Cottage. They presented a fun show about a room full of toys that came to life. It was beautiful to watch the children’s little faces light up as they watched the magic of the puppet show.

On Friday we had lots of visitors from the Scone Grammar School Grandparents’ Day. It was lovely to welcome these visitors and for the children to share a small piece of their preschool day with these special people in their lives. The Yellow Cottage will hold its very own Families’ Week during National Families’ Week. This will be a whole week dedicated to celebrating all our families, extended families and special friends. Every day during the week, starting May 16, 2016 we will have activities where special visitors from our family can join us here at The Yellow Cottage. More information about this week will follow closer to the date.

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:
March 10: Pirate Pete Performance
March 14: Newcastle Family and Sports Podiatry free Information Night. 7.00pm at The Yellow Cottage.
Year 12 Geography Fieldwork - Sydney and Intertidal Wetlands

As part of their HSC course of study, Year 12 are required to investigate a major city in the developed world. Sydney is a popular case study and to assist Scone Grammar School students with their understanding of the city, Natalya Catzikiris, Emily Davis, Emily Eather and Ethan Hansia visited several suburbs on Thursday 11 February.

Some of the suburbs visited were Wetherill Park, the largest industrial zone in the southern hemisphere; Elizabeth Hills, one of Sydney’s newest suburbs; Redfern as a suburb undergoing urban renewal and Rhodes as an example of urban consolidation. It is hoped seeing the processes and suburbs will enhance their spatial awareness and provide a foundation for their classroom study.

On the following day, the students experienced the Intertidal Wetland environment of Bicentennial Park. Our students joined with two other schools to practice their fieldwork skills and observe how the environment changed as the tide reached its high and receded. Historical images were investigated demonstrating the changing uses of the area and there was a discussion of the effectiveness of a variety of management strategies.

It is always a pleasure to take students away who are respectful, value their learning opportunities and represent our school to the highest level. The group received significant praise from the experienced educator at Bicentennial Park for their ability to mix with other students and contribute to the activities.

Kate Gallagher
Senior Geography Teacher.
Outdoor Activities

Year 7 to 11 Leadership Camp
Thirty seven Year 7 students, twenty four Year 11 students and 7 staff travelled to Omadale Orchard near Moonan Flat recently to take part in the Year 7/11 Leadership Camp. The purpose of this 2 day excursion was to allow the Year 7 students to interact and to enjoy each other's company whilst participating in some “bush” activities.

The staff provided the framework of the activities whilst the Year 11 students acted as mentors and group leaders. The Omadale Orchard and the lodge lie near The Omadale Brook which meets the Hunter River is about a 2 minute walk away. These 2 water courses provide much of the enjoyment for our students. Where the River and the Brook meet there is a difference in temperature which is very noticeable if one stands with 1 leg in The Hunter and 1 leg in the Omadale. The Omadale is much cooler.

Other activities included yabbying with Mr Price, novelty games with Mrs. Foote, food preparation with Mrs Hollis, sports with Mr Noble and the making of fire and string from tree bark with Sam “the bushman”. Sam is a professional educator where his classroom is the Australian bush and in his own unique manner demonstrates many survival skills that he has learnt over many years. The making of fire is a favourite activity. It provides the spark that lights the campfire used for our skit night. The students present bush songs that are critiqued by our panel of judges. The presentations were of various standards.

Mr Brian Tilse of Omadale Orchard allowed us to visit the orchard where the apples were ready for picking. Everyone enjoyed the ‘Jonathans’ and ‘Golden Delicious’ apples. Mr. Tilse explained that some of them went to make cider. The apples were sent to Orange to be crushed and then made into cider at the old Oak Factory in Muswellbrook. It is very popular in Newcastle.

The students found the 2 days to be fun and interesting. Our Year 11 students claim that this camp is one of the best as it is less structured and it allows students to interact more in the free time available.

Duke of Edinburgh Award
Newly enrolled students will be starting their Award soon. They will start at the Bronze level and some will continue onto Silver and Gold. This year we have 5 students who are nearing the completion of their Gold Award. The Bronze Award requires students to complete 2 bush expeditions as well as be involved in community service, a skill or hobby and in a regular sport or fitness programme. Students need to be aged nearly 14 to be able to register.

India Visit
There is still the opportunity for students to be part of the exchange with The Welham Girls’ and Boys’ school in Dehradun, Northern India. I received during the recent holiday photographs from Vidalya Primary School, showing the new classroom and the computers that were able to be purchased from the money raised at Scone Grammar School. These photos were shared in Secondary Chapels this week. Vidalya Primary is close to The Welham School but its facilities are sparse; it provides a lunch time meal for all its students. In many cases it is the only meal the children will have that day. Parents who think their child might be interested in a safe, enjoyable, exchange with Welham are encouraged to contact Mr. Berry through the main administration office.
All Schools’ Triathlon

The NSW All Schools’ Triathlon was held last Thursday 3 March. Joseph Hamson, Lachlan Hobden and Callum Goodwin competed in the Junior Boys Relay event against 330 other teams. Despite the heat and the humidity the boys did exceptionally well, placing 77th out of 330. Congratulations on a wonderful effort!

Miss Day

Equestrian News

Entry forms for the North-West Expo at Coonabarabran are on the Coonabarabran High School’s Website. We will be having a meeting next Tuesday 15 March during Tuesday Horse Sports for those with queries.

Scone Horse Sports for Schools is on the Scone Grammar school’s website - Monday 2 May

New SGS saddle cloths are now in the Clothing Shop.

Anne Davies
Equestrian Co-ordinator

SGS Riders Success at Denman Pony Club

Two of our Scone Grammar School Year 5 students recently competed at the Denman Pony Club President’s Cup, with some wonderful results.

Emme Mitchell was Champion Girl (9-11 yrs), Champion Dressage Rider, Reserve Champion Girl Rider, Champion Highest Point Score - Girl, Highest Point Score - Team of Four, and Denman Pony Club Highest Point Score.

Harrison O’Neill was Champion Boy (9-11 yrs) and Reserve Champion Boy Rider.

Congratulations to Emme and Harrison on these excellent achievements.

The Clothing Shop

“Thank you so much to my volunteers who helped out for The Clothing Shop stocktake:
Cathy Gatwood, Myff Hall, Belinda Sowter & Di Gillett! Couldn’t have done it without you. Fantastic effort”

Thanks!
Pip
****Tonight****

NEXT SGS Fete Meeting

Thursday 10 March 2016 at the Scone Golf Club – Sporties Bar @ 6.30pm. All welcome to come and play a part in making the 2016 SGS Fete the best ever!

Parents & Staff Prayer Time

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

prayers@sgs.nsw.edu.au

‘Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful’

Colossians 4:2

COME AND TRY DAY!

12TH OF MARCH 2016
1-3PM KARGOLA PARK,
HASTINGS ST, MUSWELLBROOK

This will be a great opportunity for parents to bring their children to come and have a go and to see what netball is all about! They will get to join in some fun games, learn a few skills and meet some new friends.

It will be a good opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have about how NetSetGo is run.

Older players who are new to netball or the area might also like to pop down to meet the committee and to ask any questions.

"YOUR CLUB, MY CLUB, OUR CLUB"

MUSWELLBROOK RSL CLUB
Rotary New Zealand Exchange 2016

Rotary New Zealand Exchange is all about new experiences and fun.
The exchange is six months, three months living with you in Australia, and three months living with a family in New Zealand.
Rotary Aus/NZ exchanges build life-long friendships between students and whole families.
Students attend school both here and in NZ.
Take the Kiwi to see your Australia and when visiting NZ, the NZ family takes the Aussies to see their New Zealand. And everyone has fun.
More information - check out our Facebook page – RANZSE District 9670

*Rotary has organised these exchanges for 40 years*
**NSW Gold Representatives**

Three of our Secondary students have been selected into the NSW Gold Development Programme. Conor Edwards and Matt Smart in the U15s Inland Bushrangers and Sam Laurie (Spud) in the U17s Western side. All of the boys are experiencing high level Rugby as they participate in this national pathway competition. Absent from the photo was Sam Laurie.

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**Northern Inland Academy of Sport - NIAS**

NIAS provides an elite sports pathway for young country people in a variety of sports. Anna Atkinson is representing in the U16s Netball and Edward Bell in the U14s Rugby.
Community Notices & News

Athletics Training starts
Are you keen to perfect your High Jump technique, learn how to use blocks, improve your running technique? Scone Athletics Club is offering 4 weeks of athletics training in preparation for school athletics carnivals, on Tuesday afternoons at 5pm, beginning on 15 March. All events will be covered over the course of the 4 weeks. Long distance running of 2km or 4km will still take place on Tuesdays at 6pm. For more information contact Nicky Western on 0414-806074.

For Your Diary

**WEEK 7 (A)**
Friday 11 March
Kindergarten Bus Visit.

**WEEK 8 (B)**
Monday 14 March
Grammar Grind Cafe 8.15 – 9.30am
Year 10 Ag students depart to Sydney RAS Steer Show
Depart 9am, return Fri 5.30pm
Tuesday 15 March
HRIS Primary Football Trials – Day 2
Chess ICC Day Pri and Sec
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
Willow Tree Horse Sports
Sunday 20 March
Group 21 Rugby League Knockout

**WEEK 9 (A)**
Monday 21 March
Grammar Grind Cafe 8.15 – 9.30am
Book Fair in Library
Tuesday 22 March
Book Fair in Library
Wednesday 23 March
Book Fair in Library
Harmony Day
Stages 5 & 6 Visual Art Excursion to Sydney
Thursday 24 March
Book Fair in Library
Leaders’ Lunch
Fri 25 March
Good Friday Easter

Canteen Roster

**Week 7. (A)**
Thursday 10 March
Jenny Crackett, 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

**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, Jaymiee Allan
Friday 25 March
GOOD FRIDAY