Dear Parents and Friends of SGS,

Our fantastic first term comes to an end tomorrow. It has been an excellent start to the year with so much to be thankful for and celebrate. We are blessed to be involved in such a great school in this beautiful part of the world. I encourage you to consider what we have and what is available to the students of Scone Grammar School and not what we don’t have. This is a special place; a learning community that is continually seeking to improve! Why? To enable us to provide the best learning environment for all students.

K – 12 Cross Country
Last Friday saw the running of the 2016 Cross Country at Lake Glenbawn. This is a wonderful day with challenging tracks, great participation, joyful House activities and talented athletes displaying their form. It is very special to participate in this event with all students from K – 12 in a magnificent setting and very worthwhile making the large effort to set up the venue and prepare the House activities and lunch. Ledger House were the victors on the day.

ANZAC Day
We will endeavour to represent at the many ANZAC Ceremonies in the different centres on ANZAC Day, even though it is in the holidays. Please consider marching or attending a dawn service with your children in uniform. If you return your notification we will have staff or parent representatives to assist the students be prepared and supported.

On the first day back, we will hold our own school ANZAC Service as a whole school in the Secondary Quadrangle from 9.15am. We have Commander Dave Graham, from the Royal Australian Navy, as our special guest at this service. All members of the school community are welcome to attend.

Motto
Our motto encourages us all to consider how we are being creative – sharing our creativity. It encourages us to use the talents God has given us. I hope that we can consider how we have given a twist to our life during the term and how we might challenge ourselves to continue to do so as the new term commences and the year moves along.

I wish everyone a safe and refreshing holiday break and look forward to Term 2.

Paul Smart
Principal
Primary News from Mr Feeney

As we all look forward to the autumn holiday break, and following on from my comments in last week’s Newsletter, I’d like to invite you to explore this interesting web-link below, hopefully to discover some exciting reading adventures to enjoy and share together as you relax over the next two weeks.


I’d love to hear some of your thoughts about which books were your favourites amongst this list.

... only two more sleeps to go! Happy reading!

What a wonderful day we enjoyed at the SGS Cross Country Carnival last Friday! The competition and sportsmanship, the House co-operation and camaraderie, the games and the fun, not to mention the ah-maz-ing views, were such a delight to share. Well done students! Thank you Miss Day and staff! Thank you parents and friends for coming along to give your support also.

I was reminded in a meeting this week, of a new song we’ve been learning this term in Chapel, called ‘Thrive’. It captures so much of what we believe at SGS about life, faith and learning:

"Just to know You and to make You known;
We lift Your name on High, shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide;
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives;
It’s time for us to more than just survive, we were made to thrive ...
... Joy Unspeakable, Faith Unsinkable, Love Unstoppable, Anything is Possible! Thrive!"

Congratulations students on your diligent efforts this term. It’s great to see many of you thriving in the opportunities you have available each day. I would like to also thank the Primary staff for their wonderful efforts this term. They have all worked extremely hard and I constantly feel very privileged to work with such a committed and dedicated team.

Merit Certificates for Effort and Principal’s List Certificates for Effort will be presented after Friday Morning Assembly for those students in Years 3-6 who have earned this award during Term One. These awards cover effort in all class work, homework, bookwork, behaviour, attitude, diary use, respect towards all staff and co-operation with other students.

Sadly, we said farewell last week to Jayden Gadischke, one of our Year 2 students, who is moving with his family to Tasmania. It has been a delight to have Jayden in the School and we wish him and his family all the best as they relocated and settle in to a new school and new work opportunities.

Many parents participated this week in Parent/Teacher Interviews - thank you for your involvement. I hope these sessions with class teachers will be a catalyst for further family discussion about how each student’s learning journey has developed this term, as well as helping them with their goal setting and planning for what lies ahead in Term Two.

A reminder that NAPLAN will be held in Week 3 for all students in Years 3 and 5. An information letter has been emailed this week. NAPLAN will be the first encounter for Year 3 students with this form of assessment, so classes will be completing various trial NAPLAN activities, simply to familiarise them with the process involved. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

Please remember we are moving into Winter School Uniform as we return for Term Two. Do check that all is in order and ensure that every student has all necessary items. Thank you for your support.

Term Two begins on Tuesday, 26 April with Open Day. If you have friends or contacts who are interested in Scone Grammar School, please encourage them along for a visit. Come along with them if you can! Student leaders will show our visitors around, with opportunities available to visit the classrooms, speak with key staff and ask questions about all aspects of the School and the learning opportunities on offer.

Good Humour for the Week

Did you hear that a cement truck and a prison van collided on the highway last Friday? News reports said that the police were still looking for 16 hardened criminals who escaped.

Congratulations to Tyler Johnson (Year 2 Blue), Braedon Wallace (Year 4 Gold), Addison Goodwin (Year 3 Blue), Charlie Porch (Kindergarten Gold), Emily Winfield (Year 5 Blue) and Zara Nugent (Year 1 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

Christianity is about faith – faith in Jesus Christ who rose from the dead. I have been thinking about Jesus’ resurrection a lot this season. Some students, over the last few weeks, have engaged in conversation about Jesus’ resurrection from a range of perspectives. Faith is certainly required, however, faithful seekers of the truth need not leave historical evidence out of the picture. Did you realise there is also historical documentation of Jesus’ resurrection? Six different books offer documentation of Jesus’ nine live appearances after His resurrection:

He appeared to Mary Magdalene and other women the morning of His resurrection.
He appeared to Peter.
He appeared to two men on the road to Emmaus.
He appeared to the disciples as a whole (except for Thomas, who wasn’t there).
He appeared to the disciples with Thomas, and Thomas believed.
He appeared to seven disciples at the Sea of Galilee and enjoyed a fish cook-up!
He appeared to over 500 people at once.
He appeared to James, His brother.
He appeared one final time to His disciples before He ascended to heaven.

There are at least nine documented live appearances after His death. That is a lot of evidence that He rose from the dead! I believe Jesus’ resurrection was an historical event.

As you consider the merits of the Biblical claim that Jesus rose from the dead, securing new life for those who believe in what He has done, consider what happens next... Jesus then reappears to many.

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

In Prayer this week:
Reflect on: John 20:24-29
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: 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@sgsnsw.edu.au to be prayed for by our weekly prayer group- not published in newsletter)

Rev’d Nate
It is hard to believe we are in the last week of Term One. The children have settled well into our routines and they are developing some wonderful friendships. We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our programme this term. As we pointed out at the beginning of the year "collaboration" is our focus this year and we appreciate all family contributions big and small. We wish all our families a safe and fun holiday period.

At the end of each term we update our Quality Improvement Plan. The aim of a Quality Improvement Plan is to help preschools self-assess their performance in delivering quality education and care and to plan future improvements. It is exciting to reflect on the improvements we have made this term with regard to communication with families, displaying our programmes and our new portfolio folders as just a few examples. All staff contribute to this plan and we also love family input. The Quality Improvement Plan is always available at the Family Library just outside the office if you would like to look at it at any time.

We understand the importance of sensory play at The Yellow Cottage and this week we would like to share the benefits of these activities with our families. Sensory play includes any activity that stimulates your young child’s senses: touch, smell, taste, sight and hearing. Sensory activities and sensory tables facilitate exploration and naturally encourage children to use scientific processes while they play, create, investigate and explore. Spending time stimulating their senses helps children develop cognitively, linguistically, socially and emotionally, physically and creatively. At The Yellow Cottage we always include sensory activities in our programme provisions.

This week on Tuesday Mrs. Steedman and Year 9 visited us to make volcanoes. This was an exciting journey of joint discovery and explosion. The preschool children went off with a couple of Year 9 students who had prepared an amazing volcano for them to watch erupting. This was a lovely reminder of why our connection to a P-12 School can foster such wonderful learning opportunities. Thank you Year 9 and Mrs Steedman for furthering our interest in Volcanoes.

Important Dates for this term and next term:
April 8 - Last day of Term 1.
April 26 – First Day of Term 2
May 7 – Horse Parade and SGS Fete
May 11-12 – Preschool Vision Screening
May 16– 20 – Families Week at The Yellow Cottage and Preschool Photographs
Curriculum Corner

Languages in Term One

French

Year 7 French students celebrated some French festivals this term, including the French Mardi Gras. They sampled some crepes that were made by Madame Liebeck, our native assistant, and they also created some spectacular masks. Later in the term the students created a mini market and brought in some French goodies that they had made at home.

The Japanese classes also enjoyed some food, making some Sushi with Rumiko Sasaki, a Japanese assistant who has been able to visit some of our classes. The Years 9 and 10 class celebrated the festival of Hinamatsuri, or Girls’ Day, by dressing up and making a display of dolls.
Cross Country 2016

One of the highlights of the year is our whole School Cross Country. Kindergarten to Year 12 all gather at Glenbawn Dam for a terrific day of competition, followed by House luncheons and activities. The social interaction across year groups and the leadership roles of our senior students is lovely to see.

Every year we run an open event which includes 16, 17 and 18 years boys and girls. The winning boy and girl receive the ‘Lake Glenbawn State Park Trust Shield’. This year the winners of this event were Fintan Conway and Lauryn Crackett. Congratulations to these two students.

Congratulations also go to the following students who placed first in their age group and are Age Champions:

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The point score system is different from all other carnivals. The House with the least points is the winning house. Congratulations, Ledger House.

1st Ledger 533
2nd Pulling 573
3rd Jones   582

Thank you to all the staff for their help on the day and thank you also to the parents who came out to support.

Miss Day
AICES Swimming

On Wednesday, 30 March, four students, Maddy Hamson, Caitlyn Jones, Joseph Hamson and Lauryn Crackett competed in the AICES Swimming Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. We had some fantastic results showing the hard work these students put into their training outside school hours.

Caitlyn Jones placed 9th overall in the 100m Freestyle and swam a personal best time. Maddy Hamson placed 5th in the 50m Backstroke and 6th in the 50m Freestyle. Lauryn Crackett swam a strong time in the 50m Breaststroke but was unable to place.

Joseph Hamson had an exceptional day in the pool and has come away with some great results. He placed 1st in the 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle, as well as breaking the AICES record for the 50m Freestyle with a time of 27.43 seconds. Joseph also placed 2nd in the 50m Backstroke and 9th in the 50m Breaststroke.

Joseph will now compete with the AICES team at CIS. We wish him well in his preparation and look forward to hearing about his results.

Miss Day

Archery News

Over the Easter weekend, Alyssa Mollema competed in the Archery Youth Nationals in Penrith.

Although Alyssa didn’t feel she was able to shoot her best, she did have lots of fun with friends that she hasn't seen in a while.

Overall Alyssa scored a 3rd in Target, 3rd in Clout, 4th in Field and 5th in the 35/720 round.

Great results as she prepares for national representation later in the year in New Zealand.

Equestrian News

The following students will be competing at Scone Horse Sports for Schools on Monday 2 May.


Quite a few of the above entries have indicated they wish to show jump but have not attached a copy of their jump card. A copy of a pony club jump card must be attached before the end of this week.

Many Horse Health Forms have been sent in with entries. These Horse Health Forms are to be completed on the day of competition to indicate the health of your horse over the 3 days before the competition.

Entries for Scone will not be received after this week.
Equestrian News Cont.

The following students will be competition at Coonabarabran in June:

Millie Fisher, Katrina Gorman, Willa Mitchell, Molly Northam, Eloise Blayden, Oscar Richardson, Jessica Martin, Sarah Lindsay, Tyler Kelly, Lilly Dunn and Bradley Arnold-Crookes.

Anne Davies
Equestrian Co-ordinator

Isabella Henderson at NSW PSSA this week

Isabella swam in the 8yrs Girl’s 50m Freestyle and placed 13th out of 39 competitors - amazing effort!!

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 393 likes – let’s try and make it 500+.
Do you have the App?

Our school App is an easy way for us to relay messages/important information to parent’s smart devices. **Excursion notes, electronic e-reply permission slips, late excursion buses, cancelled sporting events, reminders, newsletters, calendar of events** and so on. The App is compatible with iPhones, androids and iPads and is free to download. The App also has 2 easy e-Forms – ‘Change of Details’ and ‘Absentee Form Primary or Secondary’ which is another convenient and quick way of sending a message to the School. No more paper notes!

Instructions as to how to download the App are below:

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**How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone**

**For iPhone and iPad users:**
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click “Get” then “Install”.
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager” changed to “Allow” instead of “Notify” in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

**For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:**
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for “Skoolbag” in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the “Pin” icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

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Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 😊
Saturday 7 May 2015

5 weeks to go.....stay tuned to hear over the next few weeks all the exciting things happening at our Fete.

In the meantime, could I ask for the following:

- Please offer as much assistance to your Class Liaison Parents in helping with the Fete. The more hands on deck, the merrier the Fete will be!
- **Needed:**
  - Old Crockery
  - Second Hand Books
  - Teddies for the Teddy Tombola
  - Jars for the Jar Tombola

Drop off points – Main Admin, Primary Admin, The Yellow Cottage Office. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Many thanks.

Yvonne Clerke
Fete Co-ordinator 2016
0419 449 976
yvonne@glastonburyfarm.com.au
Visit from Indian Students

In Term 3 we will welcome three Year 11 students from the Welham Boys’ School, together with 2 senior students from the Welham Girls’ School. We are seeking expressions of interest from families who would be interested in being host families to the students. The boys will visit from 16 July to 19 September and the girls from 16 July to the end of August. The opportunity to host a student is open to any member of the school community irrespective of the age of the Scone Grammar student.

Please contact Adrian Berry at the School or by email: aberry@sgs.nsw.edu.au

Canteen Roster

Week 11 (A)
Thursday 7 April
Fiona Bailey, Rachel Northam
Friday 8 April
Jenny Crackett, Karen Yelverton

Term 1 ends

Term 2 - Tuesday 26 April to Friday 24 June

Week 1 (B)
Monday 25 April
ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 26 April
Fiona Bailey, Tania Dart
Wednesday 27 April
Jenny Crackett, Acey Firth
Thursday 28 April
Jenny Crackett, Pip Bishop
Friday 29 April
Jenny Crackett, Rachel Nugent

Grind the Grammar Cafe

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

Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc.

PRESENTS A FREE
FUN DAY AT LAKE LIDDELL

When & Where
Lake Liddell
15 April 2016
10.00am – 3.00pm
FREE ENTRY

Enquiries
Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc.
Located @ The Showground
Ph: 02 65434841

How Do I Get There?
FREE BUS RUN - Leaving – Muswellbrook Youth Centre @ The Showground
Departing @ 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am
Returning @ 2.00pm, 3.30pm, 3.00pm

Thank You to Our Sponsors and Volunteers
UH Youth Services - GJ’s By The Lake Castles 4 Rascals Ostborn’s Transport
Power FM RMS Muswellbrook Coles – Muswellbrook Farm Fresh Meats – Muswellbrook Muswellbrook Shire Council
Muswellbrook Signs PCGY – Muswellbrook St John’s Ambulance – Mission Aust – UH Shire Council
UH Homeless Service - UH Community Services – Muswellbrook Police – Singleton Youth Venue

Permission notes MUST be signed by a Parent/Guardian either on the day or available from
Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc
Community Notices & News

Joseph swims at the Australian Age Championships (Nationals)

Joseph Hamson, Year 7, represented his Club, Singleton Amateur Swimming Club, in Adelaide at the Australian Age Championships (Nationals) on Friday April 1. He competed with his Relay Team in the 12-14 year old boys 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay. As Joe is only 12, this made him one of the youngest competitors in the race. There were 2 heats in this event and the boys swam in the first, winning their heat with a time of 1:46:49. After the 2nd heat swim, the boys were ranked 9th overall. Joseph also swam a personal best time of 27.01 in his 50m leg of the race. Considering the boys were up against private schools from Sydney who train together at least once every day and clubs from places like Brisbane who train with some of the Olympic swimmers, the boys swam very well and are very proud to have placed as well as they did.

For Your Diary

Week 1 (B)

Tuesday 26 April
Term 2 begins
Open Day
Anzac Day Service in Quad. comm 9.15am

Wednesday 27 April
School Council Meeting
Year 9 Geography - Burning Mountain Excursion

Thursday 28 April
Years 9, 10 & 11 Drama students to Belvoir State Theatre

Friday 29 April
Quirindi Horse Sports
Year 9 History Excursion to Tamworth

Sunday 1 May
Rycott Ag Camp until Wed 4 May.

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