Dear Parents and Friends of SGS,

The term is moving along very rapidly. It is exciting to see and hear of the many wonderful learning experiences that are occurring across the school. I spent some time at The Yellow Cottage this week and experienced a delightful session where the children were sharing with others a treasure of significance. It was very special. I sat in with Primary staff grappling with how best to implement the new English curriculum and with the Secondary staff as they shared how they are using the Building Learning Power (BLP) framework to impact students’ development. These were all exciting learning-focused times and are so positive for our school’s learning culture.

In September the Year 12 students will showcase their major works in Art, Industrial Technology, Design and Technology, and Music. I would encourage all members of the community to come and experience the quality of the work the students will present, as the standard is excellent. This Showcase evening is on Thursday 1 September.

This week we all mourn the loss of Mrs Pam Scalley. Pam was married to John Scalley, who has been a member of staff at Scone Grammar School since the early 1990’s. Pam will be greatly missed in the Scone community and especially by John and their three children. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with them.

Have a great week.

Paul Smart
Principal
Reading is fundamental! In fact, it is one of the most important ingredients to becoming all that we can be.

Reading develops our brain, provides a window into the world around us and helps students do better in all school subjects.

Most importantly, reading can not only help children become a better student, but a better person. They can learn from the brightest people whenever and wherever they choose.

SGS Primary teachers have been focusing this year on a number of key curriculum areas and this vital area of developing student reading has been a high priority.

During last term, some Primary class teachers trialled a new programme called 'Accelerated Reader’, which received very positive feedback from the students and also showed very encouraging results as the teachers analysed and assessed reading progress.

Following these trials, we have had a number of staff discussions and are agreed that the 'Accelerated Reader’ offers significant opportunities for strengthening reading across Years 3-6.

As a result, we have decided to implement the programme for these classes and Primary staff have spent time over the last two weeks involved in Professional Development sessions to be equipped and prepared for this change.

The initial set-up costs, including the staff PD, will be covered by the School, primarily from funds raised last year during the Primary Walkathon.

We are excited about this programme and the possibilities it will offer our students. Developing reading skills, and also discovering a real love of reading are such important aspects of successful learning.

Please find below a web-link with access to further Parent Resources about the programme.

I would encourage you to speak with your child’s class teacher if you have questions and also to touch base in the Term 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews as to how your child is settling in to the programme and how they are progressing. Thanks you for your support as we move ahead with Accelerated Reader.

Year 2, 3 and 4 students will be away on camp next week at Sydney, Lake Mac and Galston Gorge respectively. These are valuable opportunities for building self-confidence, social co-operation and team skills, and giving students who have different strengths, the opportunity to shine outside the classroom. Please pray for the students and the staff attending.

Congratulations to the students who competed today at the HRIS Primary Athletics. My thanks to Miss Day and other Primary staff who have been assisting the students in their training and preparation.

Good Humour for the Week (special thanks to Lachlan Peasley - Year 4 Blue)
Q “Did you hear about the kidnapping?”
A “It’s ok, he woke up!”

Knock knock, who's there?
Woo.
Woo hoo?
Why are you so excited? It's just a joke.”

Congratulations to Georgia Goodchild (Year 6 Gold), Sean Ryan (Year 2 Blue), Hannah Glenn (Year 4 Gold), George Bowman (Year 6 Blue), Sarah Clark (Year 4 Gold) and Zoe Figallo (Kindergarten Blue), who are all celebrating birthdays this week. I do wish each of these students all the best as they enjoy this special day and share the time with their family and friends.
The Olympic Games started on Saturday morning! There was much anticipation about who was going to light the Olympic torch which burns through the games to remind the athletes of the ideals and spirit of the meeting. The Olympic flame is lit from another torch. Natural lights, such as the sun, stars, and the firefly, have the source of light within themselves. There is only one natural spiritual light that has its own source of energy; that light is Jesus.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

When Jesus ‘the light of the world’ shines in our hearts and lives, darkness is exposed and obliterated. He reaches into all the artificial and dark corners of our lives with His life-changing words. He calls us and leads us out of darkness into the marvellous light of His saving and guiding presence, whereby He gives a whole new perspective to our life. Jesus is the true Light of the world, and He makes the invitation to be the light of our lives.

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

In Prayer this week:
Reflect on: John 8:12
Give thanks for: God’s goodness in sending us Jesus, the resurrection and the life, so we can have a way to be friends with God; Parents, teachers and supporters who truly care for us; our extracurricular activities at SGS
Pray for: Year 12 as they undertake their Trial HSC Examinations this fortnight; For the school building project; For families and students who are ill or struggling at the moment: Year 2 and Year 9 students; For your son or daughter’s teacher/s! (specific prayer requests can be sent to prayers@sgsnsw.edu.au to be prayed for by our weekly prayer group- not published in newsletter)

Rev’d Nate
natkinson@sgs.nsw.edu.au
Scone Grammar School
Enrolling now for a third Kindergarten Class, 2017

- Small class sizes in Kindergarten to Year 2
- Kindergarten 'buddies' assist with a smooth positive transition to school
- Engaging academic classes establish strong foundations in the early years
- Kindergarten 'Discovery Day' - 'where the magic happens' in learning
- Specialist classes in Music, Languages, Christian Studies and Library
- Outdoor play, excursions, camps and sporting opportunities encouraged at all levels
- Committed professional and caring staff in all areas of the school

2 classes currently filled with 18 students in each
Spaces now available to help fill a possible third class

Call us today on 02 6545 3131

An outstanding Co-Educational Pre School to Year 12 Independent Anglican School  www.sgs.nsw.edu.au
With National Literacy and Numeracy Week happening in August, The Yellow Cottage would like to provide some insights into how we embed literacy and numeracy into our play based, early childhood education programme. We will focus this week on Literacy.

Studies show that children begin to develop their early language and literacy skills from a very young age — well before the age of kindergarten — well before they learn to write their name. Literacy includes talking, listening, visual literacies such as viewing and drawing, and critical thinking — not just reading and writing. In addition, the literacies of technology (e.g. computer games and activities, internet searching, emails), popular culture (e.g. movies, theatre, arts), functional literacy (e.g. road maps, timetables), ecological literacy (especially for Indigenous groups) and literacies other than English are relevant to the lives of young children today. At The Yellow Cottage we have created a rich literacy environment for the children to explore and learn. We use word and language games, songs, poems, nursery rhymes, books, and finger plays every day. We use nametags. For young children, the most important letter is the first letter of their first name. We create activities that use children’s names, such as having children sign in their names at the start of the day. When displaying written words, such as children’s names or item labels we use lower case and upper case letters as appropriate. We establish literacy centres in our rooms, where the children can access writing materials and books to read. We use small groups and large group times for intentional teaching about early literacy concepts and sharing high quality children’s literature. At all times we provide good role models — writing notes, wearing a nametag, sharing programme policies and weekly activity plans with families, introducing new vocabulary words (“How many different ways can you say big?”). Our Transition groups visit the Scone Grammar School Library once a week for borrowing, this is a highlight of the week for the children and a great way to share a love of books and reading. We are very proud of our literacy rich environment and the children amaze us everyday with their new found literacy skills.

Thank you to the families who have already completed our survey. Please don’t forget to complete our very short survey about our programme on the Skoolbag App. We appreciate your feedback.

Important Dates for this term

15.8.2016 National Tree Day planting excursion
6.9.2016 Book Week Parade visit to Scone Public School.
History Competition 2016

Years 8 and 10 completed the History Competition on 25 May. The competition is national and gave the students the opportunity to compete against 28,000 others using their knowledge and skills; there were many praiseworthy results amongst the students of Scone Grammar School.

**Year 8**

Merits: Chloe Green, April Johnson, Noah McDonald, Clancy Moore, Emma Witts, Ruby Wong
Credits: Alexander Buckley, Lila Christopher, Hayley Cook, Nathan Cole, Isla Folpp, Ashton Hall, Willa Mitchell, Tristin van Es
High Distinctions: Edward Bell, Harry Williams

**Year 10**

Credits: Gilbert O’Brien, Chloe Flanagan, Noah Folpp, Phoebe Smith

The Year 8 English and Year 9 Drama excursion to A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Including Anmol, Divyam and Rishik, our Indian visitors.
Book Week 20 – 26 August 2016

Book Character Parade
Theme: Australia Story Country

To all and sundry, near and far, parents in particular...

Book Week is fast approaching. Our theme for the Parade is Australia Story Country so we invite students to dress as a character from an Australian book for the Parade. We have some wonderful Australian authors and illustrators including:

Jackie French, Morris Gleitzman, Sally Murphy, Graeme Base, Bruce Whatley, Mem Fox, Julie Vivas, Terry Denton, Andy Griffiths, Garth Nix, John Marsden, Ethel Turner, Mary Grant Bruce, Isobelle Carmody, Anh Doh, Leigh Hobbs, Deborah Abela, Jacqueline Harvey, Emily Rodda – the list is endless!

Some suggestions:

Come as a window from Jeannie Baker’s picture story book of the same name; dress up as a wombat – a muddleheaded one from Dorothy Wall’s The Muddle Headed Wombat or one who plays the role of Jesus in the Christmas Nativity play in Wombat Divine. Dress as Young Josh from The Last Viking by Norman Jorgensen and James Foley, or as one of popular author Deborah Abela’s characters - Max Remy Super Spy, Isabella Charm or Griffin from Grimsdon, or Jasper Zammit Soccer Legend. Come as Alice Miranda, or Mr. Chicken; a boggle hunter from Catherine Jinks A Very Unusual Pursuit or as Pagan from Pagan’s Crusade; Lief or Jasmine from Emily Rodda’s Deltora Quest. Dress as one of May Gibb’s Gumnut Babies, or a fairy from Ida Rentoul Outhwaite’s Elves and Fairies; Ginger Meggs or Banjo Patterson’s The Man from Snowy River.

Prizes will be awarded to a boy and a girl in each year group. There will also be some awards for creative costumes and a People’s Choice Award.

Please join us for the show!
When: Friday 26 August 2016 at 11am
Where: Primary Basketball Courts

The Grammar Grind will be open before the parade if you would like to enjoy a coffee before the show.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be set up on the deck outside the Trade Training Centre. Please support our School by buying a book.

Scholastic Book Fair: 20–26 August 2016

As part of our celebration of Book Week, the Library will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair where students are given the opportunity of purchasing books and other items. Not only is a Scholastic Book Fair a great way to support and encourage your child’s reading, it has the added bonus of helping the Library to acquire much-needed resources. So please come and visit us during Book Week. We will have a range of different titles for you to purchase on display in the Library.
Premier’s Reading Challenge

19 August 2016 is the last day to enter books online for the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
If you require a user name and password, please contact me via email or the telephone, or visit me in the Library.
If you are having problems entering your books, please let me know before this date so I can assist you.
I have entered books for Kindergarten students.
Louise Broomfield
Teacher Librarian
lbroomfield@sgs.nsw.edu.au

Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter Eisteddfod

Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter Eisteddfod – Creative Writing
The Closing Date for the Creative Writing Division of the 2016 Eisteddfod has been extended!
The Closing Date is now Friday, 12 August.

So, all you budding writers, put pen to paper, and enter!

The Sections are:
SHORT STORY: May take any form, including original essay, murder/mystery or memoir.
Section No.
1001 Primary School Student - No more than 1000 words
1002 Secondary School Student - No more than 1500 words
1003 Open (18 yrs & over) - No more than 2500 words

ORIGINAL POEM OR PROSE: Poem may take any form, including limerick or shaped form.
Section No.
1004 Primary School Student - One entry per competitor.
1005 Secondary School Student - May also include sonnet or ballad.
1006 Open (18 yrs & over) - May also include sonnet or ballad

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: A letter written as if it were to be sent to a newspaper.
No more than 300 words. One entry per competitor.
Section No.
1007 Primary School Student
1008 Secondary School Student
1009 Open (18 yrs & over)

The Comps on Line system has been reopened to allow for new entries – log on to the Eisteddfod’s web site and follow
the prompts. If you have any queries please liaise with the Creative Writing Convener, Adrienne Casey on 0427
102264. Entries are to be mailed to reach us no later than Friday, 12 August, to:

Creative Writing Convener
P O Box 353
Muswellbrook 2333
Artists from across our school are busy creating artworks for our Swept away Art Show. Year 10 Visual Arts students have focussed their thoughts on individual artworks which focus on something that sweeps them away. Their subject matter includes cars, nature, music, technology and they have chosen to work in a range of expressive forms such as Ceramics, Drawing, Painting and Sculpture. Two of our Staff Artists, Mr Holland and Mr Bustos, are looking the part in their Artist hats and honing their charcoal and chalk drawing skills. The budding artists in Year 1 have a colourful selection of artworks ready to hang! They have been swept away by artists and the world around them. All students are invited to submit an artwork they have made at home or in their own time. The closing date for student artworks is Friday 23 September which is the last day of Term 3. Don't forget to save the date for Our Art Show Cocktail evening on the first Friday in Term 4 (14th of October). The evening will be packed with art, music, edible delights made by our Senior Hospitality students and the chance to hear local artist Hanna Kay speak. We are very lucky to have so many creative artists in our school and local community!
NIAS Netball

Anna was selected into the Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) Netball Squad in 2015. The NIAS netball squad is made up of 32 talented athletes aged between 14 & 16. The squad train all over the Northern Inland Region every fortnight, following along with a weekend training camp in Armidale. The Coaching team are great role models and Anna has made lifelong friendships.

During the programme, Anna was selected into the Division 1 Netball Squad competing both at the Academy Games and NIB Games 2016.

Anna was awarded the "Coaches Award" at the annual NIAS Awards night held on the 23rd of July in Armidale.

"The coaches award is awarded to someone who meets both the most dedicated and most improved criteria. Selection is based on leadership, attitude, effort, performance and commitment. This year Anna embodied excellence both on and off the court, she consistently gave her best effort in training and competition, demonstrated drive for improvement and passion and respect for the sport, always setting a great example for others in the programme. Anna epitomises the programme’s motto of "developing potential on and off the field" which is evident through her growth as a player and person."

Kirstie Fuller, Head Coach, NIAS Netball Squad

In September Anna will be travelling with the Squad to New Zealand to compete and train. During the tour the squad will be having breakfast with a Silver Fern.
Let’s help ‘run the race’ with Rev Nate

When
Sunday 18 September 2016

What & Where
Blackmore’s Sydney Half Marathon—21.1kms

Target: $2000.00
www.ozcrowd.com/campaign/3061

Purpose
Mental Health Awareness is a significant factor in the ongoing wellbeing of our school community. At SGS we believe that student wellbeing and student learning go hand in hand. You can’t have one without the other. By supporting Rev Nate, Where There’s A Will Foundation will help us upskill SGS teaching staff in student mental health and wellbeing and first aid.

Where There’s A Will Foundation
The focus of local charity Where There’s A Will Foundation, is to provide support to schools in the Upper Hunter in delivering recognised mental health programs from Preschool through to Year 12. ‘All children and adolescents should feel safe, valued and heard.’

Donate Now
Click on www.ozcrowd.com/campaign/3061 and make your donation now. Let’s help motivate Rev Nate in his running endeavours which will also enable us to work with local charity Where There’s A Will Foundation in ensuring SGS is a leading school in managing student health and wellbeing.
LET’S CELEBRATE –
HELLOWORLD SCONÉ TRAVEL & CRUISE EXPO IS BACK!

Let’s celebrate by attending your local Upper Hunter Travel & Cruise Expo, talking first hand to some of the best travel suppliers in the business who are here to help you to plan your next holiday, or maybe your own personal travel celebration. Do you have a special anniversary, honeymoon, milestone birthday, gap year or maybe retirement which needs to be celebrated? Or maybe you just need to spoil yourself because you can!

WHEN: Saturday 27th August 2016
TIME: 09.30am – 1.30pm
WHERE: helloworld Scone, The Mare & Foal Mall, 166 Kelly Street, Scone
WHAT: Don’t miss this amazing opportunity to explore your travel dreams right here at helloworld Scone, chatting face to face about all things travel. Whether you are yearning to go island hopping, taking an African jungle safari, heading off on a luxury ocean cruise, driving along Route 66 in the USA, meeting up with Mickey & Minnie at Disneyworld, skiing the slopes of New Zealand, floating down the Danube on an all inclusive River Cruise, savouring the flavours of Asia, or enjoying the sights of Great Britain, Scandinavia and Europe, it will all be on show at helloworld Scone’s Travel & Cruise Expo.


WHY: Exclusive Travel Expo Deals, Book and Deposit on the day for great travel prizes, heaps of awesome lucky door prizes, an amazing opportunity to speak face to face with travel experts

HOW: Free entry! We encourage you to pre-register your attendance but this is not essential. Please bring all your friends!
Canteen Help Needed Please

A shout out to all SGS families. We are struggling at the moment to fill our canteen roster. We would greatly appreciate any new volunteers as we are working at least two days a week with no helpers, this flows on to the children because the canteen does not function as efficiently as we would like. A day a term would be of great assistance and would go a long way to helping us with this situation.

You can contact us directly on 6545 3131 ext. 1514.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jenny and Fiona

For Your Diary

Term 3

Week 4 (B)
Thursday 11 August
Year 12 Trials
Friday 12 August
HRIS Primary Athletics Division 1 at Glendale
Year 12 Geography Fieldwork to Honeysuckle
Year 11 Ag excursion to Waverley Station
Sunday 14 August
HICES Music Festival

Week 5 (A)
Monday 15 August
Grammar Grind Cafe
HICES Music Festival
NSW Junior Chess League Country Secondary School Teams at Singleton
National Tree Day
UAC Night 1
Tuesday 16 August
HICES Music Festival Concert
ICAS Comp Maths
Wednesday 17 August
HICES Music Festival
Year 10 Ag students to AgQuip
Year 4 Camp to Galston Gorge until Fri 19 August
Meet The Music
Year 3 Camp until Fri 19 August
UAC Night 2
Thursday 18 August
HRIS Debating Gala Day at Macquarie College
Year 2 Camp to Sydney until Fri 19 August
Friday 19 August
Years 2, 3 & 4 arrive back from Camp in afternoon
Years 8, 9 & 10 Maths Inspiration Day
SGS Challenge Rugby & Netball
Sunday 21 August
Year 11 Ski Trip depart until Fri 26 August

Canteen Roster

Term 3

Week 4 (B)
Thursday 11 August
Jenny Crackett, Sally Devenish
Friday 12 August
Jenny Crackett, Julianne Christopher

Week 5 (A)
Monday 15 August
Jenny Crackett, Tania Dart
Tuesday 16 August
Jenny Crackett, Tracey Stewart
Wednesday 17 August
Jenny Crackett, Catherine Raphael
Thursday 18 August
Jenny Crackett, Irene Smith
Friday 19 August
Jenny Crackett, Rachel Northam

Week 6 (B)
Monday 22 August
Jenny Crackett
Tuesday 23 August
Fiona Bailey, XXXXX
Wednesday 24 August
Jenny Crackett, Amanda Paradise
Thursday 25 August
Fiona Bailey, Sinead Scott
Friday 26 August
Jenny Crackett, Amanda Dowell, Erryn Day

XXXXX HELP WANTED PLEASE - SEE ABOVE