Dear Parents and Friends of SGS,

We are well and truly into Term 4, having commenced very positively. It is wonderful to have classes operating in the new building, the STLC, and to see the P rooms being vacated!

The ‘Sneak Peek Party’ on Friday 23 September was a great success. It was a relaxed fun evening for those who were able to come and have a look at the completed Stage 1a project. James Holbeck shared a very positive message about hope and the challenges that life brings for us all, especially the young people of our school. The auction was well supported and the money raised will go towards Stage 1b of this ongoing school development. On the Friday afternoon, James Holbeck shared his wisdom and insights with older Secondary students and those who have a particular sporting interest. These sessions were very engaging and challenged the students to see character development as critical to who they are and important for their future.

Indian Exchange
Tegan Ferries and Courtney Brown are representing us on exchange at the Welham Girls School in Dehradun, at present. I have received an email from the girls this week that explains they struggled for the first three days with home sickness and dealing with the strange environment but they are now loving the experience and the time in the school and the Indian culture. The picture on page 6 shows the girls in The Welham Girls uniform on an excursion to a very special religious festival. Tegan and Courtney have been away for almost three weeks and they have two weeks left before they return to us.

I am looking forward to sharing in the Opening of the Art Show on Friday evening and celebrating the artistry in our community, as well as many other talents from our students. If you don’t have your tickets yet it is not too late to be ‘Swept Away’!

Founders’ Day – Tuesday 18 October
On Tuesday we will hold a celebration service for Founders’ day. This Service will be held in the new building and commence at 9.30am. You are all most welcome to come and join in this celebration of our school.

The HSC examinations commenced today. Please pray for our Year 12 students as they sit their examinations, that they will be calm and do their best.

Paul Smart

‘Swept Away’ Artshow - THIS Friday 14 October, 2016 @ 6.30pm in MPR
Tickets $25.00
www.trybooking.com/227773
Welcome back as we begin Term 4.

I am very excited about the SGS Art Show ‘Swept Away’, which begins this week and particularly the opportunity of hearing renowned international (and local) artist Hanna Kay speak at the opening Cocktail Function on Friday night. Hanna is passionate about art and art education and it will be inspiring for all those who are able to enjoy this very special privilege.

The students’ artwork is stunning and the inclusion of staff art works, as well as works from talented local artists, will be a treat to enjoy. There is great intrinsic value in the creative arts ... to entertain, to delight, to give meaning, to interpret, to raise awareness and to stimulate. The importance of creative arts education in the school curriculum is that it can also begin to introduce students to other ways of understanding themselves and their world and to different ways of expressing thoughts, experiences and feelings that are not always easily expressed in everyday symbols and signs. In a bigger picture context, culture and creativity have at times been referred to as the cement that binds not only hearts and souls but entire communities, societies and nations. Don’t miss your chance to share in ‘Swept Away’!

Over the holidays there were some significant traffic management changes undertaken in Kingdon Street. A new School Crossing has been installed directly out from the Primary Breezeway, with traffic islands now protruding from both sides of Kingdon Street towards the centre of the road. This new School Crossing is clearly marked with roadside signs, painted road markings, and will be further highlighted by School Crossing flags, which will be displayed between 8:00am and 4:00pm each school day.

All pedestrians (students, parents, staff and school visitors) should use the new School Crossing when crossing Kingdon Street to enter or leave the School.
Traffic must stop for all pedestrians using or waiting to use the crossing, whenever the School Crossing flags are displayed.
Please note the changes include new double unbroken lines on either side of the school crossing. These are specifically designed to prevent u-turns in this area and facilitate safe traffic flow in one direction only.

The Drop-Off Zone will still function in the mornings on school days, between 8:00am and 9:30am, with two areas available, one on either side of the new traffic islands on the northern side of Kingdon Street. Staff will be on duty between 8:15am and 8:50am each school day. These are valuable and much appreciated traffic management changes. Please use extra care and vigilance as we get used to these new changes.

Please continue to carefully observe the School Zone speed limit of 40kph, between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Our children’s safety is so important. Every trip, every day is important! Thank you for your co-operation and support.

We received results this week for the 2016 ICAS Mathematics Competition. Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

**Merit**
Year 3 - Charlotte Clark  
Year 5 - Alexis Walsh, James Haydon Wicks  
Year 6 - Ryan Cook, Hamish Guiana, Liam Wilson

**Credit**
Year 3 - Lachlan Bennett  
Year 4 - Nicholas Gallagher, Sarah Clark, Ryan Dowell, Georgina Pratley, Braeden Wallace  
Year 5 - Daniel O’Regan  
Year 6 - Charlotte Chopin, Zoe Gallagher, Prunella Hayes

**Distinction**
Year 6 - Jack Faulkner

**Good Humour for the Week**
What did the ball do when it stopped rolling? It looked round!

Congratulations to Campbell Smith (Year 2 Gold), Oliver Hodges (Year 1 Blue), Dempsey Manwarring (Year 3 Blue), Cooper Wilson (Year 4 Gold) and Pippa Saunders (Kindergarten Gold), 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.
From the Chaplain

This year’s Art Show kicks off on Friday night and there will be some spectacular pieces of art on display (and for sale!) This year’s theme is ‘Swept Away’. Art comes in all shapes, sizes and mediums. No two pieces are the same and each piece of work tells us something of the ‘creator’ of it.

God is one big artist! He has created breathtaking sunrises and sunsets and all the beautiful surroundings we enjoy. All that in nature, we can see, smell, touch and feel are God’s ‘pieces of art’. What’s God’s best piece of art? We are! Each of us chosen, created and unique! He has created us in His own image. The great thing is that God’s work doesn’t stop after we are created. It’s actually just the very beginning. If we turn to Him, by accepting that He is the creator who is in charge of our lives and by accepting His Son Jesus who lived, died and rose again so that we can be friends with Him, He starts to mould our hearts and minds to be more like Jesus. Even better than that though, for those who respond by being friends with God’s Son, Jesus, they will win the ultimate prize... life eternal with God!

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

In Prayer this week:

Reflect on: Psalm 139 and John 14:7

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; God’s hand upon Year 12 as they prepare for HSC Exams
Pray for: For the school building project; For families and students who are ill or struggling at the moment: Year 5 and Year 11 students; For your son or daughter’s teacher/s! (specific prayer requests can be sent to prayers@sgs.nsw.edu.au to be prayed for by our weekly prayer group- not published in newsletter)

Rev’d Nate
natkinson@sgs.nsw.edu.au

Monday Lunchtime
(T5)

Jesus’ Epic Story

www.epicstory.net

Caring for the individual
Scone Grammar School Artshow 2016
Cocktail Evening Friday 14 October 2016 @ 6.30pm
MPR, Scone Grammar School
Guest speakers: Hanna Kay - renowned local artist
Cecilija Rubenis - past SGS student

Cocktail Evening
Tickets: $25 per person, includes gourmet delights by Grammar Grind
Tickets purchased online: www.trybooking.com/227773
Complimentary drink on arrival, cash bar
Entertainment by Voiceworx and SGS Music Students

Saturday Morning Viewing
15 October, 2016
10.00am to 12.30pm Coffee and Cake Available

Entries Open to all SGS students - The Yellow Cottage, Primary and Secondary. Entries due in on last day of Term 3, 23 September. All artworks for sale and all proceeds go to the School.

Silent Auction of Major Artworks at the Cocktail Evening. Works from The Yellow Cottage Staff, Kindergarten, Year 6, Year 7, Year 8 and selected staff members.
Welcome back to Term 4.

Water Play at The Yellow Cottage

The Yellow Cottage children love to play in the water at preschool. They enjoy filling up containers and then pouring and tipping them. Water play fosters learning in all developmental areas. It provides opportunities for children to experiment with maths and science concepts, strengthen their physical skills, advance their social and emotional skills and enhance language development.

Please remember to send a change of clothes on preschool days.
Curriculum Corner

Author Illustrator Visit

Coal & Allied have generously sponsored an author and illustrator visit for students of the Hunter Valley. The children’s author, Katrina McKelvey, and illustrator, Kirrili Lonergan, will be visiting Scone on Thursday, 17 October 2016. They have collaborated to produce a picture story book called *Dandelions*, about a little girl whose father cuts down her favourite flowers whilst mowing the lawn and the process of watching them grow again.

Katrina McKelvey is an author, former primary school teacher, and President of the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Newcastle sub-branch, as well as on the committee of the Newcastle Writers’ Festival. *Dandelions* is Katrina’s first picture book. Kirrili Lonergan is a children’s book illustrator and former paediatric nurse. She is also the Vice President of the CBCA Newcastle sub-branch.

We plan to take the students up to St Mary’s Primary, the host school, by bus at the following times:
- Kindergarten to Year 2: 9.15 to 10.50am
- Years 3 and 4: 11.20 to 12.50pm
- Years 5 and 6: 1.15 to 2.40pm.

Louise Broomfield
Teacher Librarian

SGS Indian Exchange Students 2016

Tegan Ferries
and Courtney Brown
Equestrian News

The final date for Belltrees Horse Sport entries is **Friday, 14 October**.

These students have already entered this event – Olivia Ryan, Sophie Hawthorne, Adelaide Cooper, Charlton and Chester Hall, Oliver and Tom Dart, George Bishop, Jaime and Sasha Studdy, Prunella Hayes, Olivia MacCallum, Lilla and Angus Stanford, Jack Murphy, Hunter Wild, Elliott Bull, Cooper Day, Daniel O’Regan, Grace Pratley, Skye and Paul Russell, Olivia Thrift, Zara Nugent.

We wish the students competing at ISHI in Tamworth this weekend spectacular success.

We will not be competing at the Aberdeen Horse Sports Day as we are already competing at Belltrees the week before and we have a short term with two of those weeks dedicated to the Swim and Survive programme.

Anne Davies
Equestrian Co-ordinator

Scone Films

*Scone Films presents* the teenage comedy/drama, *Girl Asleep*, set in South Australia in the 1970s. Rated **M**, it will screen at 7.30pm on Friday **14th October**, at their pop-up cinema at the Senior Citizens’ Centre, Oxford Road, Scone.

Tickets are $12 and as this event is expected to be popular, be sure of a ticket and purchase in advance at Hunt a Book, Scone. Doors open 7.15pm with the running time of 1hr17m.

Refreshments available and everyone is welcome.

Details [www.sconefilms.org.au](http://www.sconefilms.org.au) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sconefilms](http://www.facebook.com/sconefilms)

Scone Golf Club After-School Golf Term 4

Scone Golf Club will be running after school golf on Monday afternoons during Term 4. Tuition will be provided based on Golf Australia’s My Golf Programme. The programme can be adjusted to provide coaching at different levels from beginners to more experienced golfers.

Details of the programme are as follows:

- **Where:** Scone Golf Club
- **When:** Monday afternoon from 4.00pm until 5.30pm
- **Duration:** Commences Monday 17 October for six weeks
- **Equipment:** All equipment provided but you are welcome to bring your own
- **Target Group:** Boys and girls in school Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 (age 10 to 14)
- **Cost:** $20 first child, $15 second child

To register please call Gordon Halliday Co-ordinator for Junior Golf on (02) 6545 2814

*Still a few places left*
For Your Diary

Term 4 – Welcome Back
Monday 10 October 2016 to Wednesday 7 December 2016

Week 1 (A)
Thursday 13 October
HSC Commences – English; Music
Year 8 Geography Fieldwork at Hunter Wetlands
Year 11 Elevate Study Skills
Friday 14 October
SGS Art Show Official Opening
HRIS Primary Tennis Gala Day
HRIS Secondary Golf Open
HRIS Deputies’ Group Meeting
HSC Exams – English; Hospitality
Saturday 15 October
SGS Art Show - final day

Week 2 (B)
Monday 17 October
Black Dog Institute Presentation to Years 9 & 10
Year 11 Drama-Antigone, Seymour Centre
Primary students - Author Illustrator visit at St Mary’s
Digi-Ed Workshop for Year 6B
HSC Exams – Senior Science; IDT
Tuesday 18 October
Founders’ Day
Digi-Ed Workshop Year 6G
HSC Exams – CAFS; Engineering
Thursday 20 October
Voiceworx performing at Newcastle Con & Cathedral
HRIS Secondary Softball Gala Day, Stevenson Park
Foundation Meeting 5.30 Bullock Library
HSC Exams – Biology; SDD
Friday 21 October
HRIS Primary Chess
IPSHA Primary Debating Gala Day at Barker College
HSC Exams - Maths
Sunday 23 October
RYCAGS Camp at Narromine to 28 October

Week 3 (A)
Monday 24 October
HSC Exams – Ancient History; Industrial History
Tuesday 25 October
HSC Exams – Geography; Agriculture
Wednesday 26 October
HSC Exams – PDHPE; Maths Xtn 1
Thursday 27 October
HRIS Secondary Touch 15s Gala at Tomaree Sports’ Complex, Nelson Bay
HSC Exams – Studies of Religion 2
Friday 28 October
Belltrees Horse Sports

Canteen Roster

Welcome Back!
Term 4 – Monday 10 October to Wednesday, 7 December

Week 1 (A)
Thursday 13 October
Fiona Bailey, Jaymiee Allen
Friday 14 October
Fiona Bailey, Amanda Dowell, Sarah Stanford

Week 2 (B)
Monday 17 October
Jenny Crackett, Amelia Wilkinson
Tuesday 18 October
Fiona Bailey, Tracey Stewart
Wednesday 19 October
Fiona Bailey, Bernadette Holz
Thursday 20 October
Jenny Crackett, Sinead Scott
Friday 21 October
Jenny Crackett, Julianne Christopher, Kylie O'dgers

Week 3 (A)
Monday 24 October
Jenny Crackett, Danielle Townsend-Saw
Tuesday 25 October
Jenny Crackett, Bronwyn Redgate
Wednesday 26 October
Jenny Crackett, Belinda Sowter
Thursday 27 October
Fiona Bailey, Kristy Brooks
Friday 28 October
Fiona Bailey, Julie Smart, Erryn Day
Lyrics on the Lawn

with special guest

KATIE NOONAN

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 5pm
SCONE RUGBY CLUB

Silent Auctions • Raffles • Music

TICKETS $75.00
Tickets include entertainment, dinner by Lisa White's Suppervan and dessert by Feico Elbiard.

Tickets can be purchased at www.trybooking.com/a25542 or at Scone Visitor Information Centre.

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Who's eligible for the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS)

Students from Kindergarten-Year 2 are eligible if:
They are a resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education.
Aged 4 years 6 months, or older.
No minimum distance criteria applies to these students.
Pre-school children are not eligible for subsidised travel between home and school under the SSTS.

Primary school students from years 3-6 are eligible if:
They are a resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education.
The straight line distance from their home address to school is more than 1.6 kilometres.
The walking distance from home to school is 2.3 kilometres or further.

Secondary school students from years 7-12 are eligible if:
They are a resident of NSW or an overseas student who is eligible for free government education,
The straight line distance from their home address to school is more than 2 kilometres, or
The walking distance from home to school is 2.9 kilometres or further.

Non-Australian residents and students temporarily in Australia:
Certain non-Australian residents and students temporarily in Australia are eligible for free or subsidised travel, depending on their visa subclass. You will need to quote your visa subclass number when applying for the SSTS, in addition to meeting the standard eligibility criteria.

What to do once you've completed your application

Once you have submitted your application online you will need to print it out immediately or email it to yourself to print out later. Then you will need to sign and date it and take it to the student’s school for endorsement. The school will then send the application to Transport for NSW for processing and you will be notified of the outcome of your application by email.

Additional information or attachments may be required

If additional information needs to accompany the application, e.g.:

Visa subclass category for non-Australian residents
Medical report and certificate
Who needs to do a new application

If the student already has a school travel pass, in most cases you won't need to re-apply at the end of the school year for the following year.

For students in rural/regional areas, a new school travel pass (or passes) will automatically be issued at the start of the new school year without you having to re-apply for it. Please contact your operator(s) for information on when and how the student will receive a pass.

However you will need to do a new application if:

Applying for a school travel pass for the first time
Enrolling in Kindergarten
Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).
If your home to school free travel period expired.
Importantly, you will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:
The student is progressing from Year 2 to year 3
The student is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7

The student's circumstances change, e.g. change of school, home address or school year outside of the usual progression.
If you do need to apply or update the student's details, this must be done by the student’s parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years.
Students 16 years and over must complete and then sign the application form themselves if they need to apply. Applications are subject to eligibility criteria.

Please note that transport operators will allow a grace period at the start of the new school year to allow time for students to receive their new pass.
How to apply

You will need an email address to complete the form.

Step 1. Parents (or students aged 16 or over) first fill in the online application form.

Step 2. Print and sign the form and submit to the school for endorsement.

Step 3. The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing.

rural/regional students, please contact the operator(s) directly to find out when and where the student's pass(es) will be sent. If you have any questions about timetables or pick up points, please contact the operator.

The application process may take several weeks. You will be informed of the outcome of your application by email.

The previous (blue or green) paper application form is no longer used. However, you can use a new paper application for free travel if you don't have an email address or a computer, or your address isn't being recognised by our systems, or for boarding school students opting for weekend and vacation travel (https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/assets/documents/subsidisedTravelSstsPaper.pdf)

How to change my details

If the student has a current school travel pass for free home to school travel, and the student's details change, for example:
Change of school
Change of address
Change of name
New transport operator required (N.B. Requests are subject to approval)

For rural/regional students, if the update application is successful, a new school travel pass (or passes) will be sent to the school by the transport operator, Please contact the operator directly to find out when and where the student's pass(es) will be sent. If you have any questions about timetables or pick up points, please contact the operator.
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GARDEN RAMBLE

Sunday 16th October, 2016

Entry Fee $20.00 for all 3 Gardens
($8 for one garden)

1. Rosewood – 4 Diebenham St, Blandford
   10.00am – 10.00pm

2. Swansborough Garden – 34 Haydon St, Murrurundi
   10.00am – 4.00pm

3. Riverside Garden - 505 Pages River Rd, Murrurundi
   10.00am – 4.00pm

Afternoon tea available at Riverside Garden $7.00
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Plant Stall

Wire & Pottery Garden Sculpture
by Anna Smith and Mish McKillop

Entertainment during Afternoon Tea

Contact: Lynda Posa  0417 917 669
movie night hosted by the

Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

Shown on our 6 metre outdoor screen!

Saturday 5th November 2016

At Scone Park, Hill Street, Scone.

Bring a chair, beanbag or rug.

$15 family of 4. $5 extra per additional child.

Snacks available

Expected time of start: 7.45 pm

Running Time 1hr 45 min

For more info contact 6545 2562.

Thankyou to the Upper Hunter Shire Council for waiving the fees on the Scone Park grounds so we can show this movie and future family movies