



Scone Public School NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 11 Tuesday 30 June 2026



Principal's Message

This week we will be celebrating the oldest living culture as we come together to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Our celebrations started today (Tuesday) with our Aboriginal Dance performance. Our aboriginal students from Kinder to Year 6 have been learning dances throughout the term with Jacob Ellis from Biliirr Collective. We had a wonderful turnout of visitors to watch the performance with parents, grandparents, great grandparents and preschool students from the Yellow Cottage. The performance was interactive, with everyone invited to join the performance. Jacob shared the origin of the dances, acknowledging elders and sharing the story and meaning behind the dances.

Tomorrow we will hold our NAIDOC Assembly, followed by cultural workshops across the week. Our Year 6 students have been learning the Aboriginal game of Buroingin and will participate in a competition alongside students from Scone High School tomorrow afternoon.

Good luck to our sporting students this week with Union Trials and PSSA Basketball being held this week. Rugby League has been postponed until Term 3.

This Thursday student reports will be released via School Bytes. Parents will be able to download and print their child's report from the School Bytes app. This year we are only sending reports out via this digital platform. Please contact your child's teacher or the front office if you require assistance with reports.

As we sign off on a long Term 2, I wish everyone a restful break and look forward to students returning after the holidays on Tuesday 21 July.

Deborah Fisher
Principal



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 1 July

- NAIDOC Assembly 10am Start
- K-2 NAIDOC Workshops
- Buroinjin Workshop and Take the Stage Performance at Scone High School

Thursday 2 July

- 3-6 NAIDOC Workshops
- Reports available via School Bytes

Friday 3 July

- 3-6 NAIDOC Workshops
- Assemblies - K-2 12.00pm, 3-6 9.30am
- Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July

- Students Return

Wednesday 22 July

- Hunter Cross Country

Thursday 23 July

- Drama Production of Being Indy from Books to life.



Science and Engineering Challenge

The Upper Hunter Primary Schools' Science & Engineering Challenge will be conducted again this year at the Muswellbrook Indoor Centre on Thursday 30 July.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be involved in a hands-on and practical science and engineering experience.

The first 30 students to register and pay via School bytes will be able to attend.

Registrations will open at 6pm on Wednesday 30 July, and is limited to the first 30 students registered and paid.

Personal and Contact Details

Your child's safety and wellbeing are our highest priorities. To help us respond quickly and effectively in any situation, it's important that we have accurate and up-to-date information for every student.



Please take a few moments to log in to School Bytes and review your child's details, including:

- Emergency contact names and phone numbers
- Home address
- Medical information
- Any other important details

If any information needs updating, you can make the changes directly in School Bytes or contact the school office if you need assistance.

Keeping your child's information current helps us provide the best possible care and ensures we can contact you promptly if the need arises.

Thank you for taking the time to keep your child's records up to date. We appreciate your support.

School Uniform - Socks

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our school uniform requirements regarding socks. To ensure a consistent and polished appearance for all students, our school uniform includes socks in navy blue or grey only.

Please check your child's uniform and ensure they are wearing socks in the correct colours.



Library News

Our talented school community includes two amazing authors including Jess Carrigan and Tiffany Edwards. We are very thankful to these two generous parents for donating their own books to our library.

New titles from the Dymocks Library Regeneration Charity grant are gradually becoming available for borrowing. I encourage all our students to peruse the new books displays.

Nicole Borg



NAIDOC Week Events

Wednesday 1 July

10.00am

NAIDOC Assembly

12.00pm– 3.15pm

K-2 Class Workshops

12.15pm – 1.45pm

Year 6 participating in the Scone High School
Buroinjin Games Competition

Thursday 2 July

9.30am – 3.00pm Years 3-6 Boomerang
Workshops at Scone Park

Friday 3 July

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Sustainability Heroes

Our Sustainability Heroes (The Rubbish Rangers) have grown spider plants from cuttings. Spider plants are excellent at purifying the air and the team have given a plant to each classroom.



Debating

Our Debaters had their first debates this morning against Aberdeen Public School. Year 5 Debated the topic 'That Year 5 and 6 students should do a weekly cooking class.' They were negative and unfortunately lost to some strong arguments. Our Year 6 team debated the topic 'That parents should have to provide pets for their kids.' They were affirmative and came away with a win! Both teams did great in their first debate of the year.



Public Speaking Grand Final Wrap-Up

Our wonderful, highly regarded and well-respected Public Speaking Competition came to its conclusion on Wednesday 24 June with our Grand Final. Yet again, our students dazzled us with their confident deliveries, incredibly varied topics and their ability to directly connect with the audience – which really is the ultimate objective of public speaking!

Mr Johnston and Mrs North, from Scone High School, were so impressed with all our students, the competitors and the audience. Again, I was so proud of our students who were brave and confident enough to compete. I was also very happy to see the student body respectfully listen and celebrate the talents of their peers.

The results are as follows;

Stage 3

Mim first, Anna second and Sophia third. Highly Commended went to Charlotte. Congratulations to Alexander who competed very well. Unfortunately, Cooper could not attend on the day.

The impromptu topic for Stage 3 was 'Three things everyone should do well.'

Stage 2

Connor first, Lachlan second and Nicholas third. Highly Commended was awarded to Zara. Congratulations too to Spencer and Mollie who spoke extremely well.

The Stage 2 impromptu topic was 'Why I love where I live.'

Many thanks to Mrs Stafford who ran the 5-minute impromptu speaking preparation time, which allowed competitors to gather their thoughts in another room.

Stage 1

Maddie first, Mae second and Frankie third. Scarlett received the Highly Commended award in this section. Well done to our other amazing grand finalists – Clayton and Aria.

Early Stage 1

Tristan first, James second and Connor third. Meher received highly commended. Well done to Monica and Oakie who spoke so well too.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the smooth running of the day. Our chairpersons Rory, Lucas, Lexi, Riley, George and Layla were outstanding in their management of the event. Bell ringers, timers and runners Isha, Jazlyn, Joci, Oliver, Cooper, Cali, Sarah, Joey and Vann were crucial in ensuring all speakers, as well as Mr Johnston and Mrs North, were kept abreast of speaking times.

I would like to thank the teachers for their support of this program within our school. As always, students were well prepared. Undoubtedly, it would not be as successful without parental support too. Thank you for all the encouragement, guidance and rehearsal time you spent with your child as they prepared for this competition.

It is extremely rewarding and joyous to see children rise to the challenges of an event such as this. Every student did this and I congratulate one and all!

Kind regards
Nicole Borg

NAIDOC Week Cultural Dance



FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

When: Wednesday 5 August 2026, beginning in the Hall at 9:30 am

Where: Scone Public School

Who: All students

What: We will have various activities available for developing friendships and teamwork

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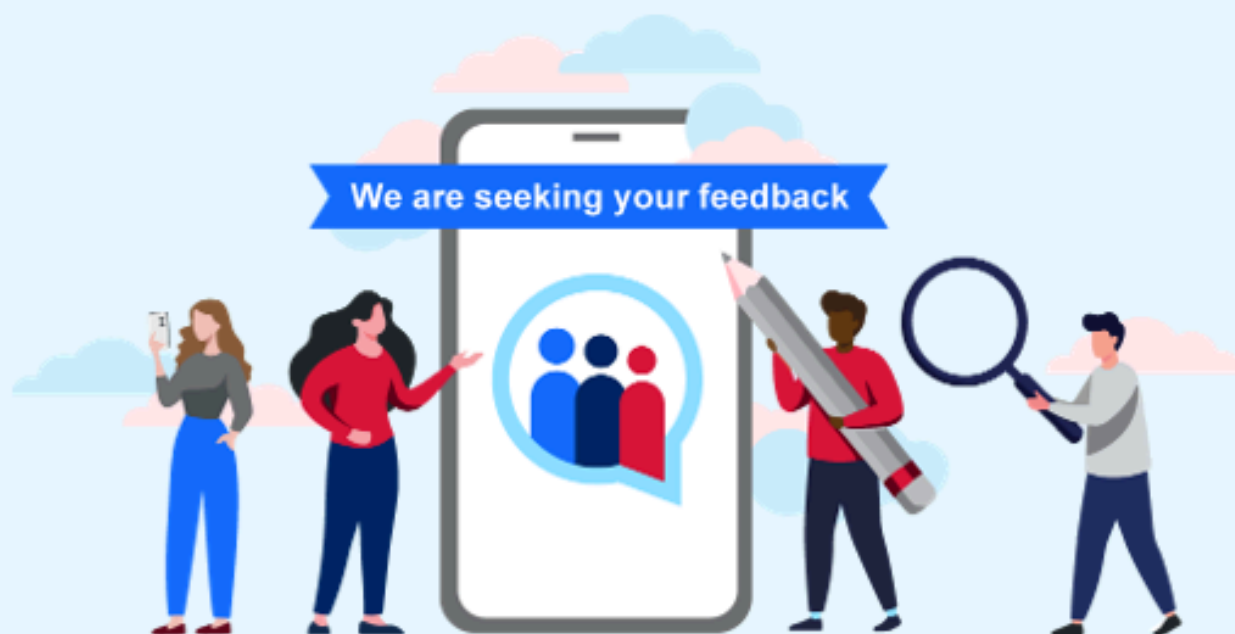
Our school day will run as normal with usual bell times.





NSW Public Schools Surveys

A voice for students, parents and school staff



Scone Public School

The NSW Public Schools Parent Survey

Parents, guardians and caregivers are invited to take 10 to 15 minutes to participate in the **NSW Public Schools Parent Survey**. The survey will help us understand your perspectives on your child's school experience and will be used to make practical improvements to our school.



**The survey is open until
03/07/2026**

Click here to follow the link
to the survey

**[https://survey.
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2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



Monday 24 August



Dear Parents and Care Givers

Our Book Week Parade will take place next term. I know that many students like to start thinking about which of their favourite character from literature they would like to dress up as.

Date – Monday August 24

Time – 10am to 11:15am

Venue – Scone Public School front playground

Each class will parade in front of the whole school, sharing this happy event together. Parents and friends will gather on the front grass and surrounds, with students parading on the walkways around this area. Please bring a chair and/or a picnic rug to be comfortably seated to enjoy the show!

I look forward to the celebration of books, discussing with students the reasons for their dress up choices and witnessing the fun everyone will have immersing themselves in a different persona! Please join us if you can.

Kind regards
Nicole Borg



School Reports

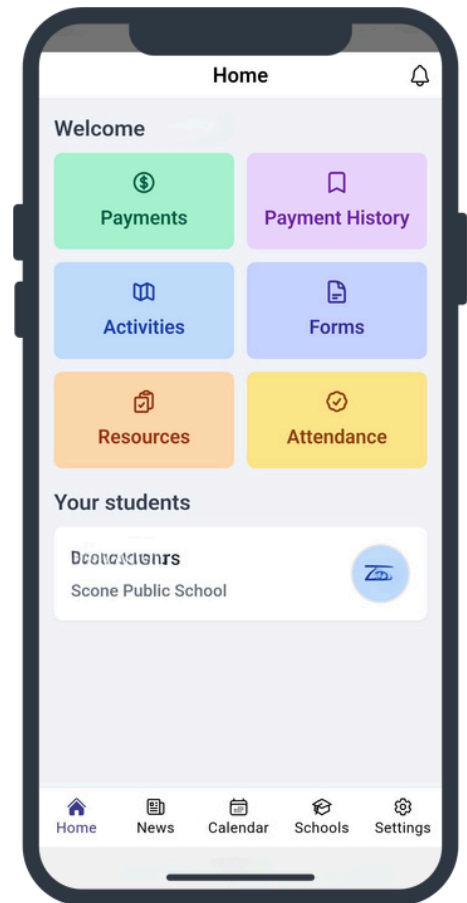
School Reports will be published this Thursday on School Bytes.

You will be able to access your child's report via the School Bytes App.



On your home pages select Resources, you will then be able to open and download the report.

If you have any trouble please contact the school on 6545 1049.



SIMMENTAL NSW YOUTH EDUCATION DAY



SATURDAY, JULY 11TH 2026



8AM TO 4PM



**SCONE REGIONAL LIVESTOCK
SELLING CENTRE, SCONE NSW**

- **HANDS ON LEARNING**
- **HEAR FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS**
- **NETWORK WITH BREEDERS & YOUTH ACROSS NSW**
- **EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE**
- **ALL AGES WELCOME!**

**“The best investment
in agriculture is the
next generation.”**



*A day for young people passionate
about our industry!*

**REGISTRATIONS ARE
NOW OPEN!
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[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)**



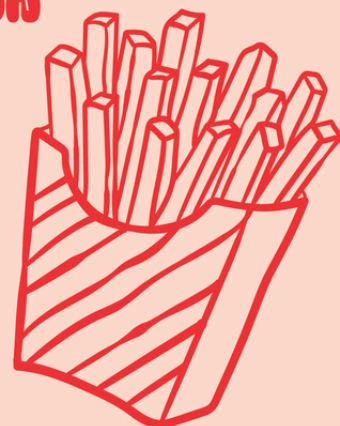


JULY HOLIDAYS YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY

JOIN US FOR A HOT, HOT, HOT DAY OF FUN



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TIME

11:00am - 3:00pm

AGE

10 - 17 years old

Cost

Gold coin donation

Held at each towns
local Youth Centre

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Monday 6 July

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Tuesday 7 July

SCONE

Wednesday 8 July

HOT



Stay in you PJ's all day and
enjoy hot chips, hot dogs,
hot chocolate, games,
competition and prizes.

Hunter Wetlands Centre SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN

I ♥ Trees Trail

Everyday of School Holidays

Learn about trees and vote for your favourite on this self-guided activity!

Cost: FREE with Entry

Reptile Encounters

EVERY Wed, Sat & Sun at 11am

We've added EXTRA Reptile Encounter shows for the school holidays! Meet & learn about our reptile residents!

Cost: \$5pp + Entry

Wetlands After Dark!

Mon 6th and Wed 15th at 6.00pm

Join our Expert Guide, John, on this special after dark tour.

Cost: \$7.50 Kids / \$15 Adult
(suitable for 5years+)

**Book
Online**

Mangrove Walk

Tues 14th at 10.30am

Follow Carolyn on a walk along the Creek to learn all about Mangroves!

Cost: FREE with Entry

Critters & Craft

Wed 8th & 15th July at 10am-12pm

Drop in between 10am-12pm for Dip-netting and Nature Craft!

Cost: \$5pp with Entry

Swamp Kids Make Films

Wed 8th & 15th July at 10am-12pm

Get creative making short Stop Motion movies about the Wetlands!

Cost: FREE with Entry

PLUS

BBQ PICNICS
PLAYGROUNDS
CANOES
GUIDED WALKS
BIKE TRAILS
DIPNETTING



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