Principal’s Message
We have had reports of good rain in our district over the past week with fun in the snow for some of our students. Welcome back to Term 3 and to a proper cold winter!

Best wishes to Millie as she competes at the State Cross Country event at Eastern Creek this Friday. Winter woolies will be in order as the wind whistles down across this venue from Katoomba.

The Woolies Earn and Learn program is starting again today. There is a collection box at school for your stickers as well as a box in the store at Scone. Your help is always appreciated as we are able to collect additional items for our school through this initiative.

Upper Hunter Community Health—Child and Family Clinic
We had a visit from Amanda Howard from UHCH on Monday. Amanda and her team are available at the Community Health Centre at Murrurundi Hospital on the second Monday of each month.

This will be a regular timeslot for babies and young children from birth to 4 years of age.

Please see the attached brochure and keep it handy for your information.

Wollemi and Upper Hunter Community of Schools Education Week Reception
Education Week will be celebrated in schools around our state from 27th—31st July.

The combined reception and awards ceremony will be held at Scone High School in the MPU Commencing at 5.00pm. Afternoon tea will be served from 4.30pm.

This year our Small Schools (Blandford, Ellerston and Belltrees) will be presenting an item. Several children from each school are learning a song for a combined choir item. There will be one or two rehearsals at Scone Public School for this, with information and permission notes forwarded to children involved closer to the time.

Staff Development Day—Monday 13th July
Mrs Cooper and I attended a combined workshop on Monday, with all schools from our area investigating and updating information around the new English Syllabus. We spent the afternoon working on an IT workshop for the new History Syllabus.

The next new document to be implemented in NSW schools is the Geography syllabus. History and Geography will replace parts of the previous HSIE Syllabus.

Enjoy your week.

Isabel Fox
Principal
Students of the Week

K-2 Jensen—great strategies when reading
    Archie—terrific comprehension and recall

Y3-6 Samantha—effort in handwriting and improved neatness. Well done Sam!
    Quinn—collaboration in maths problem solving activities. Good teamwork!

Citizenship Award - Charlotte—being a willing helper to/for staff.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

Belltrees PS Public Speaking Competition—Tuesday 4th August 2015

This is the second year that Belltrees PS are organising their Upper Hunter Small Schools public speaking competition. Participating schools: Blandford, Ellerston, Belltrees and Murrurundi.

Children are to prepare a free choice speech at home and then will have time to practice, develop and improve their speech at school with help from teachers.

Please return the note attached by Friday this week (17.7.15) if your child is interested in competing in this competition.

Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition 2015
Singleton Heights Public School

We are hoping for entries again this year for the Hunter Inter-Schools competition. This has a limit of 2 students per school from each stage—ES1, S1, S2 and S3.

Travel will be by private vehicle. Please let Ms Fox know by this Friday 17th July, if your child is interested in competing in this competition. The speech presented at Belltrees could be re-used.

Celebration Day—Thursday 30th July 2015

Our annual Celebration Day activities will take place at school from 9.30 on Thursday 30th July. On this day of fun and learning we celebrate Education Week, NAIDOC Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week and Book Week.

All students participate in rotating activities with morning tea - “bring a plate to share” and lunch organised by our P&C ladies.

Please keep this date free in your diaries.
Prawn—chicken—Trivia Night

Congratulations to our P&C for a well organized and fun-filled Prawn & Chicken Night last term. The meal was excellent and the trivia very challenging.

This was a great night of socializing, with many community members and past parents joining our current families for a catch up. Well done to the organizing committee.

Containers

There are still numerous containers left in the kitchen from last term’s cupcake day. Would you please collect them.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Mrs Cooper is seeking entries for the Zone Athletics Carnival in Scone on 31st July. Children are allowed to nominate for any number of events but the school is only able to enter 2 for each event so some ‘trading’ may have to take place before final nominations are sent on FRIDAY 17TH JULY. Please let Mrs Cooper know if your child/children want to enter.

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Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition 2015
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My child _______________________________ is interested in competing at the Hunter- Inter Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition to be held at Singleton Heights PS on Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th August 2015.

Signed ___________________________________ Date _______________________________