Principal’s Message

The spring holidays are tantalisingly close, with the lovely weather we are having a definite bonus. The last day of term is Friday 18th September with Term 4 beginning for staff and students on Tuesday 6th October. Best wishes for a good rest and some family fun.

Hopefully, our dads enjoyed their special day last Sunday with interesting and unusual gifts purchased from our “shop”. Year 6 did a great job managing merchandise, making change and counting up the takings. Another useful and engaging activity at BPS.

We also had a very good roll-up of dads and granddads for our Fathers Day breakfast last Thursday. Mums cooked yummy bacon and egg rolls with a hot cuppa, perfect weather and another tricky activity designed by Mrs Cooper. Happy days!

Regional Athletics

Well done to our Region athletics team who “did their best” at the Newcastle carnival in week 7. Congratulations Lachlan, Millie, Anekah, Brady and Bridie for representing our school.

Chess Club

Our chess team; Kandice, Macarthur, Mac and Millie (Wil and Camilla who were away sick), had an enjoyable day playing chess against a variety of students from schools in the Tamworth district. Thank you to parents for taking the time to accompany the children to this very worthwhile extra-curricular activity. Chess is a game which teaches strategy, tactics, rules and concentration. Thanks again to Mr Dollin who coached our team in preparation for the Chess Fun Day.

Staff professional learning

Mrs Cooper, Mrs Coffey and I spent a long day of professional learning last Friday at Maitland. Our next job is to plot each of our students on the PLAN continuum of learning which will assist with programming, personal learning plans and assessment of learning outcomes. We have planned next Monday 14th September as our “data day” to log this information into the software. Mrs Bettington and Mrs Crowe will be working with our children on their usual programs.

K-2 Excursion

There is much excitement for the upcoming K-2 excursion to the Reptile Park next week. Mrs Cooper has planned a great day of learning to complete their term of work on Australian Animals. The K-2 class were engaged in an interesting video conference on ants today.

Y3-6 have a video conference tomorrow speaking and listening to scientists at Davis Base in Antarctica to complete our term of learning.

General Assistant

Mr Field has taken long service leave until the beginning of T1, 2016. We will have a relieving GA working at our school next term on loan from a high school in Newcastle. Thanks to Mr Field for your hard work at our school. We hope you enjoy your rest.

Enjoy your lovely weather.

Isabel Fox Principal
Students of the Week

K-2  Aaliyah – Terrific enthusiasm in story writing

Lucy – Terrific enthusiasm in story writing and excellent homework responses

Macarthur – Great maths skills when counting adding and subtracting

Y3-6 Angus—Improved handwriting and hard work in maths. Well done Angus.

Charlotte—Always seeking deep knowledge in your learning in all areas of your class work. Keep up the hard work Charlotte.

Rugby and Netball Gala Day—Scone Wednesday 2nd September

Congratulations to all members of the UHSS (Upper Hunter Small Schools) rugby and netball teams who competed at the gala day at SGS last week. Our students combined with Ellerston, Murrurundi and Belltrees schools to create two netball and two rugby teams, junior and senior boys and girls.

The under 12 boys rugby team was triumphant bringing home the shield for UHSS.

Our reps were: Quinn, Brock, Jack T, Oliver, Angus, Brady, Lachlan T, Elinor, Camilla and Charlotte.

Author Visit—St Marys Scone Thursday 17th September

Y3-6 will be attending the annual Author Visit literacy activity next week. The visiting author this year is Deborah Abela who has written the Max Remy Spy and Jasper Zammit Soccer Legend series. We will be sharing the bus with Murrurundi and there is no cost for this excursion. Permission notes attached.

Gymnastics


The costs for this activity have been subsidised by school. Cost per child per week—$2.00. It is helpful if you are able to pay up front, but by-the-week is also fine.

Excursion to Australian Reptile Park reminder

Make sure you have a packed lunch, drink, snacks, hat and dressed in your sports uniform for the excursion to the Australian Reptile Park. NO MONEY NEEDED.
Willow Tree Horse Sports

The following email came this week from Kristy McCarthy the WTPS Horse Sports Coordinator. Congratulations to our team: Wil, Jarna, Ebony, Anekah, Kandice and Charlotte.

On behalf of the Willow Tree Public School P&C Horse Sports Committee, we wish to thank you for allowing your students the opportunity to attend and participate at our recent horse sports.

We thank you for your patience and understanding with all the new rules and regulations that needed to be attended to.

We would like to congratulate your riders on a fantastic day of competition and for being awarded the Highest Point Scoring Small School. All students were extremely well behaved, and displayed great sportsmanship. Special congratulations to Jarna W who was awarded 10yr Girl Encouragement.

It was a pleasure to host students from your school, we look forward to your attendance at our future horse sports.

Flu virus

We have had some very sick children over the past few weeks, with a very virulent flu virus. Thank you to parents who have collected children from school and kept them at home until they are fully well. Another day at home, even if your child looks fairly well, is a good idea during this period of illness.

Scone Arts and Crafts Exhibition

Art works on display daily from 5-12 September 10.00-4.00 and 13 September 10.00-1.00. Entry $3. Scone Arts & Crafts, Kingdon St Scone.

FLAGPOLE

We have a new flagpole in the garden near the Y3-6 classroom. This was installed this morning by the crew from Screen Signs in Newcastle.

Our Y6 leaders will be able to perform a morning flag raising ceremony each day with a pledge and the National anthem on Monday mornings. This is a great new addition to the facilities at our small school.

P&C

A reminder from the P&C that their next meeting is tomorrow night at the White Hart Hotel 6.00pm for 6.15pm start. Everyone welcome.

There will be a note out shortly about signature pavers, they will be available for ordering and purchase.

The P&C Father’s Day raffle was won by the following: - 1st Jack Teague, 2nd Yvonne Hayes and 3rd Jan Kelaher.
Mayor for a day winner, Brady 2nd Quinn and 3rd Charlotte with our Mayor Councillor Bedgood.

Local historian, Mr John Hill showing Yrs 3-6 various interesting mummified animals & stone age tools.

Teegan, Kandice, Aneakah & Brock with our new flag pole.
Father’s Day breakfast and activities