Welcome to the final week of term 3.

It is hard to believe that we are here already and heading into the final term for the school year!

**Term Dates**
The school holidays begin this Friday 18th September. **School returns on Tuesday 6th October, 2015.**
When students return in term four we are back to our **summer uniform**. For boys it is a blue short sleeved shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black school shoes. For girls, the summer tunic, and white socks. For sport on Friday, navy school shirt and shorts for boys and navy school shirt and shorts or skort for girls. White sports socks. All students must have a hat for next term. Our school policy of no hat no play comes into action. (If it is forgotten they stay under the covered areas to play)

**School holiday fun!**
I have attached a Family Fun Day Flyer held at Scone Park. Hunter Wetlands Holiday Education Program, Scone and Upper Hunter Regional Libraries Holiday program.

**SGS Challenge Day**
We had two children participate in the SGS Challenge Day held on the 2nd September. Emily was a valuable team member of the junior netball team and Eddie was part of the Under 10’s rugby team. The weather was perfect and the Scone Rugby grounds and the Bill Rose Sporting Complex offered a wonderful venue for the event. The senior and junior netball teams came up against some very tough competition. Many of the small school team members had not played netball and rugby before, however Eddie and Emily were lucky to already have the skills and know the rules required for the day.
The junior netball team lost their first match against a very strong year 4 Scone Grammar team, however their 2nd match was tough, but their determination saw the team come away with a win and take 2nd place on the overall score board.
The senior netball team also had some very tough competition and came away with 3rd place.
In the rugby, the 10’s participated in some drills and skills foloowed by a game with the 5 small school members joining into their teams for the games.
The Under 12’s won their first match with pure determination, however they went down by 1 point in the 2nd. At the end of the day the Small Schools Under 12 team came away with the trophy. It will spend 4 months at Blandford, Ellerston and Murrurundi.
I would like to thank Nathan Teague for his commitment to the rugby and his coaching of the boys, and to the Scone Grammar School for a wonderful event.

**Canteen:**
Canteen day is this Thursday. It is a Red Day and the menu is attached.

**Italian Fun Day** – Wednesday 2nd September also saw the Belltrees students meet Lisa, a young Italian girl living with Mrs Scott who wanted to come along and share her culture with the students. This term the students have been learning about other cultures, religions and customs. The students did some traditional Italian cooking, performed Italian dances and songs and played some Italian games. They even learnt some of the Italian language. Thank you Mrs Scott for organising this wonderful day for the students.
Italian Fun Day
Family Fun Day
Scone Park
Hill Street, Scone
Thursday 24th September 2015
10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Families with children aged 0-8 years
Join us for a fun filled community family event.
Meet our emergency services,
Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade

Activities include:
Storytelling, craft, music, reading and games

Free Sausage Sizzle
cooked by the Aberdeen Men’s Shed

Supporters:

Enquiries anne@familyinsight.org.au or lee@snrc.com.au
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE**

**Make It Workshop**  For 7 to 10 years  10.00am - 12.30pm  
Tuesday 22 September 2015  **Cost: $20 per child**  
Kites, puppets, giant bubbles and other fun things.

**Bush Skills Adventure**  For 8 to 12 years  9.30am - 12.30pm  
Tuesday 29 September 2015  **Cost: $20 per child**  
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.

**Wriggly Wetlanders**  For 5 to 8 years  10.00am - 12.30pm  
Wednesday 23 September 2015 & Tuesday 29 September 2015  **Cost: $20 per child**  
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.

**Cartooning Fun**  For 8 to 12 years  10.00am - 12.30pm  
Thursday 1 October 2015  **Cost: $20 per child**  
Learn basic cartooning skills and have fun creating your own characters.

For all the above activities - Bookings Essential  Ph: 4951 6466

**Wetlands Explorer**  For 5 to 12 years  
Available any time during the school holidays.  **Cost: Free**  
Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.

**Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre**  
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!  
Open every day 9am to 4pm

**Entry**  
$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). $5 general entry

**Activities**  
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30 pm  
- Try dipnetting from the jetty  
- Playtime at Discovery Playground  
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre  
- Tank Talk - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.  
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks  
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults
ABERDEEN
Tues 22 September 10:30am
Octopus Craft - limit 10

Friday 2 October 2:30pm
Designing Windmills - limit 10

Bookings Essential
Ph: 6540 1303

CASSILIS
Wed 23 September 10:30am
Assemble and Decorate Flying Birds

Bookings Essential
Ph: 6376 1295

MERRIWA
Tues 22 September 11:00am
Decorating Door Hangers

Tues 29 September 11:00am
Decorating Chinese Hats

Bookings Essential
Ph: 6521 7007

MURRURUNDI
Thurs 24 September 2.00pm
Designing Windmills

Thurs 1 October 2.00pm
Popstick Fun

Bookings Essential
Ph: 6540 1363

SCONE
Mon 21 September 10.30am
Making Music Shakers

Thurs 24 September 10.00am
Family Fun Day - Scone Park

Fri 25 September 10.30am
Storytime

Mon 28 September 10.30am
Decorating Butterflies

Wed 30 September 11.30am
Spring Craft

Fri 2 October 10.30am
Storytime

Bookings Essential
Ph: 6540 1183

UPPER HUNTER SHIRE LIBRARIES
ABERDEEN: 6540 1303 | CASSILIS: 6376 1295 | MERRIWA: 6521 7007
MURRURUNDI: 6540 1363 | SCON: 6540 1183

Holiday activities are limited to School Age Children unless accompanied by a carer
