Principal’s Message
Welcome back to the 2013 school year. Our staff and I look forward to working with you this year to ensure your child/ren have a great year at school. Our classes and staff for this year are:

PRINCIPAL Mrs Michelle Floyd
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
(2 Days: Mon/Tues) Mrs Louise Dunn
(3 Days: Tues/Wed/Thurs) Mrs Di Wither
Relieving Assistant Principal Mrs Coralie Kerrigan
SCHOOL ADMIN MANAGER Mrs Marj O’Rourke
SCHOOL ADMIN OFFICER Ms Maree Laurie
LIBRARY Mrs Megan Thompson
(RFF TEACHERS Mrs Di Wither
LAST TEACHERS Mrs Jessica French
GENERAL ASSISTANT Mr Rod Wither
SLSO’s Mrs Kaye Wright
(School Learning Support Officers) Mrs Chris Johnston
CLEANER Mrs Dodo Wilton

CLASSES
K/HL Mrs Kimberley Hill & Mr Allan Larnach
K/1K Mrs Coralie Kerrigan
1B Miss Louise Birch
2DP Mrs Louise Dunn & Miss Kiera Power
3/4A Miss Ashlee Anderson

3/4P Mrs Hayley Pennell
5R Mr Daniel Ramage
6M Mrs Bianca Mooring

Miss Birch commences duty on Monday 4th February and Mrs McMahon is capably holding the reins until next week.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families and look forward to having you as a part of our Aberdeen Community.

First Whole School Assembly for 2013
We will be holding our first assembly for the year, a captains’ assembly, on Friday 8th February at 9:15am in the hall.

Whole school assemblies, where classes take turns in presenting a short item, will take place once a fortnight. Class awards and Principal’s awards are also presented at these assemblies. All parents and community members are welcome to attend our assemblies.

Michelle Floyd
Principal.

STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAIL REPORT:
A “Student Emergency Contact Detail Report” for each child has been generated from information supplied by parents/caregivers and will be sent home early next week. This report needs to checked and updated where necessary. This ensures that we have the most up-to-date information if we need to contact you. The report must be returned to the school asap even if you have no alterations. It is most important that this information is correct, so, if your details change during the year please contact the school to let us know. Please ensure you update any current or new medical conditions your child may have: on the form or by contacting the office.
MUSIC & BAND LESSONS:
Lessons will commence Wednesday 13th February.
We are looking for interested Year 2, 3 and 4 students who would like to join the school band.
There are a number of instruments available. If you are interested in your child having lessons please contact the Conservatorium or Mrs Wither for more information.

CANTEEN:
The canteen will be open for recess and lunch on Fridays and for drinks and snacks on Wednesdays at lunchtime.
The canteen WILL BE OPEN this Friday 1st February.

UNIFORM SHOP:
Unfortunately we are currently out of stock of all school shirts, sizes 6-14. They will arrive at the end of February. Size 4 and 16 shirts are available! We are sorry for this inconvenience and if needed a plain gold Polo shirt can be purchased from the local retailers.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:
Our school swimming carnival has been planned for Wednesday 6th February for all children turning 8 years and older this year.
Permission notes with event nominations must be returned by Monday.
Parent assistance is welcome and needed on the day. If you can help please fill in the slip at the bottom of the swimming carnival note.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY:
The staff undertook compulsory training on our Professional Development day this week. There are a number of mandatory training courses that staff members have to attend and update their skills each year. For example staff have recently undertaken training in Child protection, CPR, First Aid, OH&S and Anaphylaxis.
Yesterday we also took the opportunity to revise our Personal Development and Health Scope and Sequence across the school from K-6. This included a visit from Lisa Hammond, the Road Safety Consultant who has worked with Mrs Hill and other staff members to produce some excellent road and bus safety units pertaining to our students at Aberdeen.

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LIFE EDUCATION: Healthy Harold
Life Education NSW will be visiting our school from Monday 18th February to Thursday 21st February. This not for profit community-based organisation offers a range of programs which empower children to make informed choices for a safe and healthy life. The program is part of our PD/H curriculum at Aberdeen and personal development lessons this term will be based around the concepts covered in the program. The program is usually $7 per child but due to sponsorship from Mt Arthur Coal the cost has been reduced to $2.

The range of programs in which the children will be participating are all age appropriate. More information regarding the outline of the programs will be in the note to be sent home.
Kindergarten: Clued Up
Year 1: Harold’s Mystery Tour
2DP: All Systems Go
3/4 A & 3/4P: bCYberwise
5R: It’s Your Call
6M: Think Twice

Skoolbag
Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It allows our school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, excursions, sports days and newsletters etc. Parent can create Skoolbag at any time to see the latest updates and information. It is FREE for parents to use.
How to Install Skoolbag on your Smartphone.

iPhone Users: iTunes
Simply search for “Aberdeen Public School” in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

Android Users:
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FORTHCOMING DATES
Swimming Carnival: 6th February
Band Lessons: Commence: 13th February
Bus Safety Kindergarten: 13th February
Healthy Harold K-6: 18th -21st February

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