SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to our school cricket team, they defeated Scone PS last Friday and now progress to the second round of the PSSA knockout. Our school entered two teams into the Schoolboys Rugby League Carnival at Scone on the weekend, both teams made it through to the grand final. The 9’s were defeated by Muswellbrook PS and the 11’s by King St PS in their respective grand finals. Well done boys, you gave your best.

Millie Harris competed at the Muswellbrook Show on Friday, winning her riding and hack class.

The staff and I appreciate the many parents and friends that give up their time to support our students in their sporting endeavours. Without your willingness to coach teams, drive students to and from sporting events, cheer them on and give encouragement our participation in these events would be very limited. Thank you. Finally the Aberdeen (town) under 12 Cricket team defeated Denman last Saturday and will play against Muswellbrook this weekend. Good luck in this grand final girls and boys.

Please remember our students look up to and admire you, always endeavour to model the highest standard of sportsmanship when spectating at their sporting events.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – BEDTIME STORIES (G)
The Upper Hunter Youth Council Family Movie Night is on this Friday here at APS. Please come along and support the Youth Council in this initiative, their aim is to provide a greater variety of events for the youth of the Upper Hunter. Ms Lindy Hunt, Kerri Cone, I and others will be here to help with supervision. The night starts at 5:30pm. Sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase and a snack bar will operate. Admission is $5 p.p. The night will conclude at about 7:45. Individual students are welcome but please bring your family along if you can.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 6 Term 1

K/HL Kristen S – for excellent efforts in counting forwards and backwards
K/1K Charlotte B – for wonderful reading
1B Mason B – a positive attitude, commitment to learning and behaviour in class
2DP Jayden J – massive improvements in reading
3/4A Rhys N – an outstanding piece of persuasive writing
3/4P Delta H – for an excellent persuasive text on school uniforms
5R Cassidee L – excellent effort in all areas
6M Chloe M – working diligently and cooperatively at all times

Week 7 Term 1

K/HL Chloe C – for reflecting the qualities of our school motto – goodness, truth and beauty
K/1K Ziggy T – fantastic progress in handwriting
1B Kate S – for playing and working safely in the classroom
2DP Brodie W – dedication to his learning
3/4A Matt J – always striving for excellence
3/4P Hannah F – for an excellent work ethic
5R Cain F – excellence in science
6M Hailey H – working conscientiously at all times

Car Park

Thank you to all the parents who are remembering to reverse park when dropping off and picking up students in our bottom car park.

Parent Teacher Interviews

All children should receive a note regarding their class interview day and time this week. Please complete and return to school by Tuesday 26th March.

Computer Room Progress

I would like to say a big thank you to Mark and Vanessa Wheeldon for their assistance in painting the new computer room last Saturday. We really appreciate you giving up your time for this project.
Come along and see your child receive a merit award at our assembly on Friday at 9.15am

KLH  Sam R, Liam D, Rossi L and Steven W
K1K  Ethan G, Lexie W, Chloe F and Austin M
1B   Hayley M, Brae MF, Claire J and Stevie M
2DP  Declan, Tyson, Mikayla and Luke
3/4A Caitlin BM, Hayley M, Mally M, Maddison J
3/4P  Trent, Cailey, Will and Cody
5R   Emily F, Nathan V, Taylah H, Gordan B
6M   Jarn D, Taylor B, Molly B, Georgia F

Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
Students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to come along to our excursion which is planned for late Term 3 or early Term 4. A confirmation of attendance note has gone out, could they be returned by Thursday 21st March.

Cricket Team
The cricket team travelled to Scone last Friday to participate in the knock out competition. Scone was kept to a total of 94 in their first innings thanks to some excellent bowling and fielding from our team. Bailey MF and Cameron B did an incredible job opening the batting with their partnership only ending after Bailey had to retire upon reaching the maximum numbers of 40 runs. Our team reached the total losing just one wicket. Well done to the team! We now face Muswellbrook. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with transport and special thanks to Rick Day for scoring on the day.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY:
The school cross country carnival will be held on Friday 22nd March immediately after the assembly at 10am.

FORTHCOMING DATES
20th March  P&C Meeting
21st March  PSSA Winter Trials
22nd March  School Cross Country
2nd April   Visiting Performance

Group 21 Schoolboys Knockout
Thank you to all parents, students and supporters who travelled to Scone on Sunday to play in the Group 21 Schoolboys Knockout. Congratulations to all on your efforts.

U/9’s Schoolboys Rugby League Team

U/11’s Schoolboys Rugby League Team
CONGRATULATIONS MILLIE

Millie won her riding class, pony hack class and came second in the pairs at Muswellbrook show. Well done Millie.

Friday 12th April 2013

**DISCO**

Preschool age
(3-5 years)
5pm until 6.30pm

Primary School
(Years K-6)
7pm until 8.30pm

Cost $5.00
Includes sausage sizzle
Drinks and sweets available for sale
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**Get Hooked on Hockey**

Are you looking to try a new sport? Or do you play hockey already and want some extra coaching?
Then come along to **Sport & Rec’s Hockey Development Clinic** in Scone, on **Saturday 6th April**.
9-10.30am is for 6-10 years, 10.30-12.00pm for 11-16 years.
The clinic will be held at the Bill Rose Sports Complex, and costs $15 per player. **Registrations are limited, get in quick to secure a place.**
Call Sport and Rec on 131302 to register. For more details contact Gary on 0428-412483, or Danny on 0407-549119, or go to [www.sconehockey.org.au](http://www.sconehockey.org.au).
Scone Hockey is holding a registration morning at the sports complex on Saturday 23/3 and regos will also be taken on 6th April.

**P & C Meeting:**

Please help ensure that we have a strong and active P&C, show your support by attending the monthly meeting which will be held **next Wednesday, 20th March at 6pm in the staffroom**. Supper will be provided.

**Agenda Includes**

- School uniform issues - quality of the polo shirt and skort, new school jumper
- Mother’s Day stall
- KidsMatter initiative
- School Disco
- Playground equipment
- Cut back to school cleaning hours
Family Movie Night.
at Aberdeen Public School Hall

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March 2013
Hosted by the Upper Hunter Youth Council
“Bedtime Stories” G Rated

Cost $5 / person

5.30pm for a 6.00pm movie start 8.00pm approximate finish time

Sausage sizzle $2 Drinks $2 Snacks $1-3

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March is the last day of seniors’ week, so bring along your grandparents and parents for a fun movie night.

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**Class KLH**

Over the last two weeks the students have enjoyed learning the letters H, R, M, D, and sight words - went, and, is, it, in. This week we are looking at G, O, and next week U, L.

Some students are beginning to sound out unfamiliar words using the sounds we have learnt, this is a helpful skill to learn when reading and writing. The words we have tried to learn over the past fortnight are and, went, to and the. Helpful Hint: Using the words your child has learnt, play cards games with them, such as memory. This helps them to identify the words quickly and in turn, recognising them quicker in text. L3 literacy rotations continue and we are still looking for any parent helpers in this time, as it would greatly increase the time teachers have to build student's knowledge. If you are interested please contact Mr Larnach or Mrs Hill.

In maths we have been investigating the number’s 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and revising: sorting data, comparing areas, equal and not equal groups, full and empty and circles, as we set to work in our new maths text books. This fortnight we will be addressing halves, position, heavy and light, adding, sorting and tracing. Please continue to read to your child every night and perhaps discuss the book when finished. ‘That was funny, I liked it when.....’

Next Monday we will be video conferencing with an Easter Bilby! This will be an exciting session put together by the Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre.

Please continue to make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled and to check that what your child has brought home is actually theirs!

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**Class K1K**

K1K loved celebrating Grandparents Day. The highlight was having their grandparents visit our classroom so they could show off their wonderful work. Thank you to everyone who could attend on the day. In class we are learning to write simple recounts - events that have happened such as, Grandparent’s Day. Recounts tell us who, when, where and what. We are continuing to do guided writing and reading three times a week and increase students’ knowledge of high frequency words. In maths, Year 1 are learning to find the difference between two numbers, count in groups in ten, determine mass, recognise odd and even numbers, make picture graphs and investigate types of lines. Kinder are learning to write the numeral 6, joins to two groups to find the total, sort coins and investigate shapes. Starting on Monday, Kinder will be given homework to complete and return on Friday.

Mrs Helen Irving came to visit our classroom on Monday to talk about VIEW Clubs of Australia. As part of our class unit, Responsible Citizenship we are learning about groups in our community and their responsibilities. Anyone else who belongs to a charity or community group is invited to talk to the class about what their group does. Please see Mrs Kerrigan if you or someone you know is willing to participate.

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**Class 1B**

1B has been very busy sorting out their home readers this week, but we are missing some! Parents please remind your children to look for them. Reminder to all, the public speaking competition has been moved to Term 2! This gives us lots of time to prepare.

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**Class 2DP**

We have started our class speeches. The school finals will be in Term 2.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Grandparent’s Day Assembly. We hope that you enjoyed the celebration.

The Cross Country is on this Friday. Students who are 8 this year are eligible to compete. Please ensure that your child wears sunscreen, brings a hat and has enough water to drink.

The Family Movie Night is on this Friday. All are welcome.

We have been enjoying the unit, Family, Past and Present. It has allowed the children to learn more about their family's history. Please spend some time talking to your child about their ancestors. Miss Power and I have almost completed the reading tests and it looks like many children need to spend some time learning common sight words. I will send home a package shortly, please set aside some time to assist your child. It can make reading so much easier for them.

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**Class 3-4A**

Well I can’t believe it is week 8 already. 3/4A have worked really hard this term and I am pleased with the progress we are all making. Year three have begun looking at NAPLAN style questions, just to get them familiar with the presentation of the tests and the type of tasks that they will be required to complete in the NAPLAN early next term. There are quite a few free Apps available to download that are practice questions for the tests if you are interested. 3/4A did a drawing lesson last week where we followed a number of steps to draw green tree frogs. We held a drawing contest and along with Mrs Floyd and Catherine Henry, I chose a girl and boy winner. There artworks are below. Congratulations to Mia T and Rhys N, awesome drawing.
Class 3-4P
We have been busily creating our own sundials this week on the basketball court. Students have come to the quick understanding that the Earth does in fact rotate around the sun and that their shadows on the ground prove it! Students have taken home a research project on an Australian state of their choice. This can be presented in any form. It is due in Week 10 after the Easter break.

Class 5R
Year 5 have found it is essential they know their times tables very well. Almost every maths concept involves students applying knowledge of their times tables. Please ensure your children are practising their tables each week.
Mr Ramage
Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
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Class 6M
6M Updates
What a busy few weeks we have had! We have attended our first Scone High School Orientation Day, Rugby League Skills and Grandparents Day along with all our regular classroom activities. Thank you to all Grandparents, parents and extended family members who came along today to celebrate Grandparents Day with us, we hope you enjoyed our special assembly. Congratulations to students in 6M who have completed the first level of their ‘Achievement Log’ and received a prize. These students are demonstrating that they are respectful, responsible and considerate class members.
Scone High School Orientation Day
Last Wednesday 6M went to the Scone High School Orientation Day. We had a chance to try out different subjects on offer at high school such as Science, cooking (Home Economics), Visual Arts, P.E. and Drama and we got to meet new friends. In Science we learnt about pressure and how chemicals react with each other. In cooking we learnt how to cook pikelets, which were delicious. We all played dodge ball in P.E. and expressed feelings and emotions in Drama. In Visual Arts we learnt how to sketch with our eyes on our subject instead of the paper. We drew our own thumb and a friend’s face. 6M had lots of fun and can’t wait for our second orientation day next term.
By Cameron B and Cameron BT

*Please remember 2014 High School Expression of Interest Forms are due back to Mrs Mooring BY FRIDAY*

Grandparents Day
What a wonderful morning we had with our grandparents, parents and friends. Thank you all for coming we hope you enjoyed visiting our school.