Principal's Message

Grandparent and Senior Citizen Morning Tea
Our Grandparent and Senior Citizen morning will be held on Tuesday the 19th March. Please invite an elderly relative, friend or neighbour along to join in the fun, entertainment and stay for morning tea. The entertainment will start at 10:15 and will be followed by morning tea.

Dance and Drama Club
A number of our Year 5 girls are coordinating a Dance Club and Drama Club for our Stage 1 students. Drama is held at lunch time on Tuesday and dance at recess each Thursday. Well done girls, you are really demonstrating initiative and leadership. The students who attend these clubs are really enjoying themselves.

Easter Raffle
The P&C is asking each family to contribute something towards this year’s Easter Raffle. Suggestions include Easter eggs, chocolate, colouring books, pencils, texta etc. Raffle tickets will be sent home this week and the raffle will be drawn on 21st March.

Anaphylaxis
We have some students enrolled at our school who have severe food allergies. Among these are students who are allergic to peanuts and all tree nuts. These students are different to other people with allergies and food intolerances as the allergies are LIFE THREATENING (Anaphylactic). Contact with the allergenic food can cause these students to go into anaphylactic shock. This might involve such severe swelling of the air passages that suffocation and death may occur within minutes. There is no cure for Anaphylaxis. The only treatment is strict avoidance. Just 1/200th of a peanut is enough to trigger a severe reaction!

What does this mean for us? To minimise the risk of contact with these foods we ask for your cooperation please do not send your child to school with: peanut butter, Nutella or other nut spreads. Also avoid muesli bars, cakes, biscuits and slices that contain nuts. Lastly, please avoid whole nuts or similar combinations with dried fruits as a snack food for your child. Even if your child enjoys these foods for breakfast make sure he/she washes his/her hands before coming to school. Foods labelled, “may contain traces of nuts or contain egg” may be brought to school but would not be able to be eaten by the allergic child.

Sharing of Food - As some children are allergic to certain foods and to ensure their safety we have a no sharing of food practice at our school. All students are expected to follow this practice.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 4 Term 1
KLH Dakota B – for more active involvement in discussions
K/1K Toby S – excellent improvement in effort and achievement
1B Jack G – for outstanding efforts in art
2DP Thomas M- fantastic work in writing
3/4A Jye F – being a responsible and hardworking learner
3/4P Hunter M – an excellent speech presented to the class
5R Lachie D – excellent effort in spelling
6M Cameron B – continued application and improvement in mathematics

Week 5 Term 1
K/HL Jaxon R –for being such a helpful class member
K/1K Matthew W – excellent understanding of early number concepts
1B Lucy Mc – for willingness to help all teachers and students in need
2DP Tyler J- Working hard in all areas.
3/4A Shantelle B – being persistent and applying dedication to her school work
5R Logan S – excellent note taking skills
6M Amy Mc – demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities
Come along and see your child receive a merit award at our assembly on Friday at 9.15am

KLH  Caleb T, Tanya D, Caitlin T and Rose Mc
K1K  Coby, Charlotte W, Sienna and Riley
1B   Seth F, Thomas B, Faith R and Brydie B
2DP  Daniel C, Roy, Lillian and Will
3/4A Cody B, Jackson M, Chloe H and Theo
3/4P  Ashkara W, Bryce B, Jacob D and Breanna
5R  Seth W, Emma P, Bailey M and Taneka J
6M  Phoebe D, Shaylee, Sarah K and Emily W

Swimming carnival ribbons will be presented at Friday’s assembly

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
School Contributions are now due, and are set at $30 for one student and $50 for families with more than one student. The proceeds from school contributions greatly assist our day to day running of the school, providing classroom resources not supplied by the Department of Education. School contributions can be paid at the school office. A receipt is supplied for your records. Many thanks to those families that have already paid.

TEXT BOOKS
There are still some outstanding fees for Text books. The cost of this pack is $26, which can be paid at the office as soon as possible (students will be issued with their text books once they have been paid for). If there are any problems regarding payment, please ring Mrs Floyd on 6543 7271.

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL YR7 ORIENTATION DAY
Year 6 students have been invited to attend the first of their Orientation Days for Year 7, 2014 at Scone High School on Wednesday 6th March. Students are expected to wear full school uniform including their school hats. Students can bring recess and lunch and a bottle of water. The canteen will be open on the day.

EASTER RAFFLE
Could all families please donate an item for this raffle; suggestions include an Easter egg, chocolates, colouring in book, textas etc. Please bring all donations to the front office by Friday 15th March. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 21st March. Ticket books will go home next week.

The next P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 20th March at 6pm. Agenda – school uniform

SRC News
This year, the SRC – Student Representative Council – are having a weekly paragraph for the newsletter to update you on what is happening throughout our school. Each SRC member has a class to visit each Thursday and a position within the SRC. SRC positions:

- Culture & Arts – Molly and Georgia
- Sports – James and Jarn
- Mentors – Amy and Phoebe
- Environment – Maddie and Seth
- Miscellaneous school affairs – Josh and Matiah

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3/4P – Seth and James
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6M – Phoebe

Every month, our schools Youth Council Representatives, Matiah and Georgia, attend a Youth Council meeting at Scone. Matiah and Georgia reported back to the SRC, that there will be a family “Movie Night” on Friday 22nd March, held at our school! More information to follow. Also Georgia and Matiah told us about “A Play a Day”.

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Horse Sports
Blandford horse sports has been set down for Monday 25th March. Please confirm if you are still able to attend.

Skoolbag
A new Skoolbag App is now available for android phones. To install, visit the Google Play Store and search for Aberdeen Public School.

NRL Skills Clinic
NRL Development Officer Kasey Drummond will be visiting the school on Monday 11th March to work with students in years 2-6.

Aberdeen Junior Rugby League
Still taking registrations for the coming season. Come along to footy training on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5pm and have some fun. Looking especially for Under 6’s, 7’s, 8’s, 9’s, 10’s and 11’s.

FORTHCOMING DATES
6th March  Scone H.S. Orientation Day
8th March  PSSA Rugby League
15th March  Cricket at Scone
17th March  Schoolboy’s Carnival
19th March  Grandparent’s Day
21st March  PSSA Winter Trials
22nd March  School Cross Country
2nd April  Visiting Performance.
CLASS NEWS

Class KLH
Over the last two weeks the letters the students have enjoyed learning are p, n, c, k, e and sight words- I, a, the, is, can, mum, dad, see. We can see that some children are talking at home about our sounds table, little items are being brought in to share with the class. This week we are looking at letters Hh, Rr and next week Mm, Dd. L3 literacy rotations are up and running. We are still looking for any parent helpers in this time, as it would greatly increase the time teachers have to build students’ knowledge. If you are interested please contact Mr Larnach or Mrs Hill.

In maths we have been looking closely at the number’s 1, 2, 3 and 4; sorting data, comparing areas, equal and not equal groups, full and empty and circles. Look out for opportunities to discuss these concepts in everyday life and help make the language common place.

Reminder: Art shirts...Thank you to those who have already sent them in, however we need more.

Helpful Hint: To encourage your child with reading you should read to your child every night. This shows your child that reading is an enjoyable activity.

Class K1K
This fortnight K1K has been learning about the sounds p,c,k,e,h, ch and th. You can help your child develop their phonemic awareness skills (ability to hear sounds in words, rhyme etc.) by playing games such as “I am thinking of a word that begins with..... I Spy...” identifying rhyming words in familiar nursery rhymes & so on. In literacy we will be looking at the text type, recount. A recount has an orientation, sequence of events in chronological order and concluding statement. Asking your child to tell you about their day at school, special events and shared experiences are good activities to support learning. Students will start presenting news next week. A list of topics will be sent home this week, along with your child’s news day. Please help your child prepare a short oral presentation to present to the class on their news day. In maths, we are all learning early arithmetic skills using fun, play based activities.

Grandparent’s Day is on Tuesday, the 19th of March. As part of our unit, “Families, Past and Present “and as part of our school public speaking program, I would like the children to prepare a one minute speech on “ What Life Was Like When My Grandparents Were Young”. If your child doesn’t have any grandparents that they can talk to for ideas they can speak to an older family friend. They might speak about such things as, ‘What was school like when you were young?” Did you have the internet or even computers at school? What games did you play? It only has to go for one minute. No props please. The students can use cards to read from if they wish. The speeches will begin in Week 8 and the best speakers will go into the next round in Week 10. The School Cross Country is on in Week 8 on Friday the 22nd of March. Anyone who loves running long distances might like to start practising. Mrs Dunn and Miss Power are very pleased with the manners and behaviour shown by 2DP over the past week.

Class 3-4A
3/4A have begun literacy groups this week which is very exciting. We are hoping to have some parent helpers with these, so if you are able to spare an hour at all, please let me know. I will send a note home with times and days soon. We are really enjoying our HSIE topic ‘Australia, you’re standing in it,’ Next week for Homework I will be asking students to prepare a speech on a great place they have visited in Australia, they can even bring along some
photos. You may want to start on this over the weekend. Keep up the great work with homework, I am very impressed 😊

Class 3-4P
What wonderful speeches your children presented to the class last week. Congratulations to everyone who tried their hardest in this task. 3/4P will be presenting a class item at the assembly this week. Could you please help your child organise something green and gold to wear.
Are you interested in helping during Reading Groups? Groups will be held every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:40am. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Mrs Pennell.
Equipment is now beginning to dwindle. Could you please ensure that your child’s pencil case is regularly stocked with essential items that make their daily routines at school that so much easier. Rulers, pencils and glue seem to be the things that are not at school the most.

Class 5R
Year 5 are making terrific progress in all areas and this is really down to their wonderful attitude. The class is working harmoniously and all striving to do their best. In Science, we are continuing our work on Plant and Animal Adaptations and this week we will be doing experiments, such as, growing our own algae. Students are enjoying the text Bungawitta and have been working hard to improve their skills in comprehension. The Stage 3 Excursion organisation is well underway and hopefully by next week it will be finalised, so stay tuned.

Class 6M
6M will be heading off tomorrow on to our first Orientation Day at Scone High School. This is a very exciting and informative day and marks the beginning of our transition to high school. Students may bring along their recess and lunch and a water bottle or purchase food from the canteen. Please remember to be at school on time on Wednesday morning as the bus will be leaving at 9am. We will be conducting some experiments in Science and HSIE in the next few weeks to complement our units on Rainforests and Plant and Animal Adaptations. To help us with our experiments we are asking for any glass jars with lids and large PET plastic bottles to be brought in to class. In Maths, we are continuing to practice our multiplication and division facts to help us complete more complex maths problems. Don’t forget to practice these at home. Well done 6M on completing and returning homework on time.

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WITH
5 SPECIAL EASTER PRIZES
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TICKETS $1 EACH

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