ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

2nd April 2013 Week 10 Term 1

SCHOOL MISSION: “Quality Education Preparing Students for Life”

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Anzac Day
Our school Anzac Day Service will be held on Thursday 11th April at 10:30 am. Doc Milton, Mr Day and Mr Newell will be involved in this service. You are welcome to attend.

Anzac Day 25th April
I am asking for students to represent our school at this year's Anzac Day March, which will be held on the last Thursday of the school holidays. Participating students are to wear full school uniform and meet Mrs Dunn at 8:45 am outside Aberdeen Preschool in Bedford St.

NAPLAN
All students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN literacy and numeracy assessments from 14th – 16th May. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these assessments please do not hesitate to contact me, I will be happy to answer any questions or discuss any of your concerns.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 9th April 3/4P and 1B
- Wednesday 10th April 2DP, K1K and KHL
- Thursday 11th April 3/4A, 6M and 5R

If you have not yet set an interview time please contact your child’s teacher or ring the school office to organise one. Don’t forget, our staff are happy to accommodate your work hours. If you are unable to attend on the nominated day an alternate day and time can be organised, just contact your child’s teacher or ring the school.

Computer Room
The I.T - computer room is on track and will be ready for use at the start of next Term. This room will incorporate our connected classroom video conferencing facility and 18 computers. An additional 12 computers will be in place by the end of Term 2. The room has been brightened up by with the application of peppermint green and white paint work.

Our students are very excited and are looking forward to using this fantastic new resource.

I have included a copy of our Student Behaviour Code at the back of this newsletter for your information.

I will not be at school on Thursday and Friday this week, as I will be attending a principals meeting. Please see Mrs Dunn, if needed, during my absence.

Michelle Floyd
Principal

FOROUGHCOMING DATES

- 4th April Cricket at Muswellbrook
- 5th April Zone Cross Country
- 14th April Anzac Day Service 10.30am
- 12th April Last Day of School
- 29th & 30th April: Staff only return for Staff Development Day.

- Wed 1st May School resumes for all students.
- 2nd May School Disco
- 6th May Scone Horse Sports
- 9th May Mothers’ Day Stall
Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15th May. This meeting will be held in the Library and babysitting will be available.

Principal’s Awards
Week 8 Term 1
KLH Jacob B – for excellence in attitude & application
K1K Harry D – an outstanding attitude
1B Noni D – for showing great dedication to all areas & always trying her best
2DP Will H – fantastic work in writing
3/4A Josh E – having a fantastic ‘can do’ attitude
3/4P Delta H – for an excellent presentation on South Australia
5R Macey I – excellent attitude & attention in class
6M Cameron BT – showing flexibility & cooperation when working with others

Week 9 Term 1
KLH Jaxon R – always willing to help his peers & his teacher
K1K Charlotte W – diligence & effort in all areas
1B Hallie D – for great improvement & participation in all activities
2DP Brooke W – fantastic work in writing
3/4A Sarah Mc – being a delightful member of the school
3/4P Tiara M – for upholding our school values of Goodness, Truth & Beauty
5R Amanda C – excellent effort in maths
6M Matiah L – showing kindness & thoughtfulness towards others

Come along and see your child receive a merit award at our assembly on Friday at 9.15am

KLH Tyla F, Jordon H, K1K 1B Mason B, Jack G, Malakai P & Kate S
2DP Lara, Jade, Seth & Molly
3/4A Mia T, Seth B, Marley P & Millie H
3/4P Ben, Ethan, Bryce & Bella-Rose
5R Jonah P, Darci D, Brayden R & Jayden F
6M Tristan R, Ashley WG, Bella S & Jesse G

Cross Country ribbons will also be handed out at this assembly.

BLANDFORD HORSE SPORTS

We all had a super day at Blandford horse sports. The girls, Hannah, Meagan & Millie all rode beautifully and Millie came home with Reserve Champion 9yr Pointscore. The 9yrs girls group consisted of 25 riders!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Bags – To borrow from the library, your child must have a library bag to keep the books protected in their school bag. Library bags can be ordered in the library to purchase for $5.00 each. Thankyou to Mr and Mrs Wheeldon (Brooke’s mum and dad) who kindly donated their time to paint the new computer room. We appreciate your help in bringing us closer to a working computer lab. Thankyou also goes to those students who give up some of their time each week to help in the library as library monitors. Special thanks to Mattison, Kaydee and Georgia for offering to help in the library almost every day. I appreciate your commitment to our school library but don’t forget it is important to have some free time as well.

Library Monitors – There is a need for reliable helpers to work in the library at lunch time, putting books away and tidying up the shelves. If you are in year 5 or 6 and are interested in helping could you please come and see me in the library.

Parent Helpers – If any parents are interested it would be great to have adult helpers in the library. There are always books ready to be covered. If you can help please let me know.

Lost library books – If you have lost library books it is your responsibility to let me know asap. If a book is in your name it is your job to look after it so if something happens to it or you lose it sometimes you will have to pay to have it replaced.

Holidays – Could everyone please make sure you return all library books next week before the holidays? Mrs Thompson

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to all students running in the cross country in Muswellbrook on Friday.
LUCKY COUNTRY HALL TOUR
Bob Corbett & The Roo Grass Band - Upper Hunter Tour.
3 Time Golden Guitar nominees and 2012 Toyota Star Maker winner Bob Corbett & The Roo Grass Band will be bringing their national ‘Lucky Country Hall Tour’ to the Upper Hunter from the 12th - 13th April with shows in Scone and Murrurundi.
People of all ages from infants to seniors are welcome to join in this multi-award winning group’s celebration of music and community. The show is fun, diverse and will bring a smile to you face. A multi-award winning band that is not to be missed.
Tickets: $25 Adult. $15 Under 16. ($5 From every ticket sold will be donated to Melanoma Institute Australia.)
Friday 12th April Scone Arts & Crafts Hall - 7.30pm (doors at 7pm) Tix available at Serendipity Collections Shop, 163 Kelly St, Scone or at door
Saturday 13th April Murrurundi RSL Hall - 8pm (doors at 7.30pm) Tix available at Murrurundi Visitor Centre or at door.

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.

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers
Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.
You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.
The next workshop in your area will be held:
Time & Date – Wednesday 1 May 2013 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.
Venue – Scone Council Chambers 135 Liverpool Street
Book now on – 4925 4200 or enrolments@weahunter.com.au

Muswellbrook Netball Development Clinic
Sport and Recreation will be presenting a two day Development Clinic in Muswellbrook during the April school holidays.
The Clinic is designed to provide participants with the opportunity to develop and/or enhance their netball skills.
Who should attend
Young people aged 7-10 years (juniors) and 11-14 years (youth)
Program
Participants will receive a balanced program of activities including:
- Ball skills
- Offensive and defensive skills
- Positional skills
- Game knowledge development
Clinic details
Dates Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 April, 2013
Venue Karoola Park, Dumaresq St, Muswellbrook
Times 9am – 11am (7-10 years) both days
11:30am – 1:30pm (11-14 years) both days
Cost $35 per person
Program No’s 0063010 (Juniors) and 0063012 (Youth)
For more information call 4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

How to enrol
By phone Call 13 13 02 and have your credit card details ready (Visa, MasterCard)
By fax Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to (02) 4929 4397
By mail Complete the enrolment form, include either your credit card details, a cheque or a money order, and mail to: Sport and Recreation, 117 Bull Street, Newcastle West NSW 2302
Student Behaviour Code
All students who attend Aberdeen Public School are expected to follow our school behaviour code.

• Be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing
• Be honest
• Always be polite and use good manners
• Follow the teachers’ directions
• Respect the rights of others
• Play safely, work safely
• Learn as much as you can
• Let others learn as much as they can

We expect all students to follow this code in the classroom, in the playground and at all school related events. If students do not meet the school behaviour expectations there are consequences. In the first instance the consequence will be detention/withdrawal from play privileges. If the inappropriate behaviour continues further consequences may be introduced e.g. withdrawal from involvement in school representative sports, school excursions or other school events.

Home school communication system relating to in class behaviour

• If a student is not following our behaviour code they will receive a warning and their name will be written on the board.

• If the student continues to disregard our behaviour code they will receive another warning and their name will be written on the board.

• On the next occasion an X will be placed next to child’s name and they may be sent to another classroom for time out.

• If the child behaves inappropriately for a fourth time they will be placed on detention and a note will be sent home outlining their behaviour. You will be asked to discuss the behaviour with your child, sign the note and return it to school.

This is a sample of the letter that will be sent home.

Date: ______________
Dear Parents,
Today your child ___________________________ was placed on detention for breaking our class rules. The following rules were broken:

Name placed on the board:

______________________________________________________________ Parent’s Signature

Teacher                                                                                                          Assistant Principal

If you would like to discuss this practice, or any other school related matter, with me please feel free to contact the office to organise a mutually convenient time. Please remember that by communicating and working together, we can make a difference for your child.
CLASS NEWS

Class KLH
It has been an exciting fortnight for KLH. At the end of last week the students participated in a video conference with 2 other schools (Tanilba Bay PS and Warners Bay PS). We learnt about Bilbies. We made Bilby nests using shaped material, leaves and sticks.
Next week (week 11) there are parent teacher interviews. Mrs Hill and Mr Larnach are very excited to see you and talk about the wonderful progress each individual student has made in all areas of learning.

Class K1K
Last Thursday we enjoyed our virtual excursion, The Easter Bilby via video conference. The students learnt about some special Australian animals and where they live. We also listened to story about the first Easter Bilby. The students enjoyed making their Easter basket and taking them home filled with goodies. They were happy to show them off for a photo opportunity. The baskets were made by dipping hessian into a mixture of PVA glue and water then draped over a small container and secured with an elastic band. Once dry, the hessian retained the shape of the container, much to the children’s amazement.

Class 1B
1B are looking at recounts and will be for the rest of the term. Make sure your children have lots to tell us about the weekend, we have already had lots of fabulous Easter recounts in news today! 1B has also been very busy creating some fabulous ‘birds on a wire’ artworks; these artworks allowed us to practise our painting skills as we painted straight lines and beautiful round birds. Below are some examples of our artworks.

Class 2DP
Thank you to the students who presented their speeches. Time is running out; the cut-off date is next week.
2DP interviews are next Wednesday; please let Miss Power or Mrs Dunn know if you don’t have a time yet.
Due to the short weeks and the fact that we don’t give homework on the last week of each term, we have decided to send home sight words for the children to practise. Some children are experiencing difficulties with their reading because they don’t know enough sight words. Please use this break from normal homework to assist your child and make reading easier for them. If your child is flying through the words, perhaps you could challenge them even further by asking them to spell the words.

Class 3-4A
I would like to thank all the students and families for a wonderful term. I feel very welcome at Aberdeen Public School, and I am very happy with my decision to move here. I hope you all have a fantastic, well-earned break and please stay safe during the 2 week break. We return to school on the first of May. The students will be sitting NAPLAN early in term 2, so if you have any rainy days during the holidays you could go on studdyladder and complete some practice tests. I will assign a few of these for you. I don’t expect them to be completed; they will just be an option for you.
Thanks parents for the support you gave your children while completing their projects at home, they look fantastic and I have really enjoyed the presentations.

Class 3-4P
What a wonderful Easter! I hope you were all spoilt by the Easter Bunny and had a great long weekend.
I would like all students to bring in an egg carton before the holidays please. They will need to hold 12 eggs. No more information – it is a surprise!!!!
Class 5R
In science we have been conducting experiments relating to plant adaptions and this week we will be looking at the algae we have grown. Fortunately, we have just secured some new microscopes so it will be interesting to observe the algae closely and report our findings. In maths, students are continuing to make good progress in utilising problem solving strategies. Each week we have been using a different strategy to solve problems and arrive at a solution. It is always interesting to see the different ways students like to tackle problems and justify their answers. Comprehension this year is being taught using the world renowned program Focus on Reading. The program aims to improve student's ability to comprehend a text and explicitly teaches reading for meaning. Although we are in the early stages of this program students are developing strategies that can be utilised throughout their lives. It is an exciting program to be a part of. Just a reminder to return parent teacher interview request forms as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Return notifications of interview times will be going home this week. I hope you had a restful Easter break.

Class 6M
We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and are looking forward to the last two weeks of term. Our classroom rainforest display is almost complete and we have begun to place our animals into their natural environment. Mrs Mooring is looking forward to meeting with each student’s parent/s at Parent Teacher interviews next week. If you haven’t made a meeting time please let the ladies in the front office or Mrs Mooring know as she still has plenty of times available.

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