Principal’s Message

Naplan
Individual student Naplan results (Year 3 and Year 5) were sent home with students yesterday. Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s results with their class teacher or myself.

P & C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night in the school library, commencing at 6:30.
Agenda items include:
- Possible closure of the school canteen in 2014.
- Specialist sports programs e.g. dance, gymnastics, Sport in Schools in 2014.
- Colour scheme for external library repaint.

Please come along and voice your ideas and opinions regarding these important topics.

The P&C had a successful fundraising BBQ at the Willow Markets. I would like to thank Catherine and Brian Henry, Taresa Hateley and Corallee Kerrigan for manning the stall on the day, Tim Hateley for assisting with the packing up and Susie Devine and Natalie Burton for calling in to assist.

Dance
Each afternoon this week all students are participating in a dance program with Christina from Foot Steps. Yesterday’s lesson was a resounding success.

Kinder – Year 4 Footsteps Disco
Christina has kindly offered to run a disco for our Kinder to Year 4 students this Thursday night, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Entry is free, students can purchase a sausage dog (sausage in a bun) and drink for $4 extra sausage dogs are $2.

To help with catering a pre-order form is attached to this newsletter. Please cut out and return to the office. Payment to be made on the night.

Kinder – Year 4 Footsteps Disco
My child………………………………………………,
in class ……………… will be attending the Kinder – Year 4 Footsteps Disco on Thursday night and would like to order:

...................... sausage dog(s) and 1 soft drink (please insert the number of sausage dogs)

Enjoying the new court with a very competitive netball match – a very big thank you to the P & C for helping fund this project.

Michelle Floyd – Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 9 Term 3

K/HL  Caitlin T. - being a kind and diligent class member.
K/1K  Austin McG. – an excellent effort with homework.
1B    Malaki P. - for continuously being in the right place at the right time.
2DP   Mikayla C - for settling into learning tasks quickly.
3/4A  Jack F. - significant improvement in times tables.
3/4P  Cailey G. – for a fantastic commitment to her independent work.
5R    Emily F. - demonstrating excellent listening skills.
6M    Amy McC. – showing initiative and enthusiasm as a school leader.

Week 10 Term 3

K/HL  Kristen S. - giving her best in every endeavour.
K/1K  Ziggy T. – using interesting words in his writing.
1B    Kate S. - for always being kind and thoughtful towards others.
2DP   Liam H - for improved on task behaviour.
3/4A  Millie Harris- an outstanding return to term 4. Keep up the focused work!
3/4P  Daniel McC – for showing excellent problem solving skills.
5R    Nathan V. - an excellent attitude towards his work.
6M    Bella S. – demonstrating enthusiasm and fairness during PDHPE.

MERIT AWARDS

K/HL  Travis D., Kristen S., Rose McB., Tanya D.
K/1K  Coby L., Summer D., Ethan G., Jackson D.
1B    Stevie M., Hayley M., Linden T., Amelia W.
2DP   Tyler J., Roy H., Brooke W., Lillian D.
3/4A  Chloe H., Caitlin B., Seth B., Holly D.
3/4P  Elizabeth D., Jacob D., Tommy D., Breanna C.
5R    Darci D., Ashley F., Jayden F., Taylah H.
6M    Toby J., Cameron B-T., Tristan R., Kade H.

P & C NEWS

Raffle Tickets need to be returned by this Friday 18th October.
The raffle will be drawn on Friday 25th October.
1st prize is 2 nights accommodation at Shoal Bay Resort and Spa in a pool view studio including hot and cold breakfast for two people.
2nd & 3rd prizes are a $30 meal voucher from local Aberdeen restaurant and bottle of wine. Proceeds will go towards play equipment for the school.

The next P & C Meeting is this Wednesday 16th October at 6.30pm.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen roster this week is:

Wednesday 16th October
Susanne Devine
Jodie Mayall

Friday 18th October
Kate Ducker
Melissa Dixon
Help Needed 11 – 1pm

GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club requires donations of wooden garden stakes and garden mulch. If you have any donations please bring them to Mr Larnach.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

There are still places available in the Intensive Swimming Program that will be held in Week 8 and 9 of this term. It is important that our children have the skills to survive in the water. It is especially relevant with summer just around the corner. Please fill out the permission slip on the back of this newsletter and return it as soon as possible so travel arrangements to the Scone pool can be confirmed.

LIBRARY NEWS

I would like to thank those P & C parents who helped out at the Willow Markets on the BBQ. I really appreciate the support you give me in my fundraising efforts for the school library. The next Markets are on 1st December 2013. The Willow Markets are on 1st December 2013 from 9am – 2pm. The markets are a fundraising activity for our school library. If anyone from our school or community would like to have a stall or provide food on the day as a fundraising opportunity let us know by email: willowmarkets@outlook.com or see me in the library. Are there any parents or carers interested in helping out in the library? There is a lot to do between purchasing books and putting them on the shelf. The children are wonderful helpers when they can but there are a lot of activities happening in the school and often there is no one to help in the library. I would appreciate any help at all.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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Aberdeen League Tag back in 2013
Registrations for Aberdeen League Tag are now open online, and will also take place at McKinnon Oval in Aberdeen on Tuesday 22nd October from 4.30pm. Cost is $20 per player which includes a footy at the end of the competition. League Tag will happen on Tuesday afternoons at 4pm, starting on Tuesday 29th October through to Tuesday 3rd December. Open to players from 7 years to 14 years, with a division for female teams depending on numbers.

Nicky Western 0414-806074
Sports Participation Officer Upper Hunter Shire Council  nwestern@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Sunday Indoor Markets

WHEN: Sunday 20th October
TIME: 10am-2pm
WHERE: Aberdeen Sport & Rec Club

*Cakes by Deen City Skate Group
*Raffles from Aberdeen All Stars

FREE ENTRY

Have you downloaded our latest communication tools?

Skoolbag
Smartphone school to parent communication

Install the Aberdeen Public School App for FREE in the App Store and Play Store.

Like our facebook page and keep up to date with what’s happening at A.P.S.
CLASS NEWS:

**Class KLH**

**What’s On:**
Welcome back to a very exciting term for KLH. We have already begun home work and home readers and students should still be practicing their sight words.

Kristen, Jordon, Callum, Candy, Jaxon and Steven started off the term with beautiful rainbow writing, ie tracing over the sounds each day using a different colour. In the end, each letter has been traced 4 times and each letter looks like a little rainbow!

This term we have returned to number games using playing cards so if you have lost your pack, please grab another next time you’re in town. Meanwhile, I have made a sheet of numbers you could use, as I really, really encourage you to play.

With the homework game this week, clever helpers are to count to three before they give their answer. Some speedy children may need to be dealt three cards.

For the first 5 weeks of this term for our 'Focus on Reading' we shall be looking at 'Questioning'. Questioning is an important skill for any reader as it helps us not only search for meaning when reading but also gives a curiosity for reading which leads to purpose. The students were shown pictures from a text on Egyptian Mummies. After looking through the book the students were asked to write a question which they would like to find the answers about throughout the text. Afterwards we read the texts and students then answered their earlier questions.

The following are just some of the fantastic questioning and answering skills;

What are the letters of the writing called?  
Their writing is called Heirowglephs. Rose McB.

Why do they wear masks?  
The masks are for the gods they liked. Candy B.

Why do you make pyramids?  
The pyramids are for the mummies. Rossi L.

Why do they make pyramids?  
To keep the mummies stuff in. Travis D.

Why do they have golden faces?  
Rich people are buried in gold. Angus S.

Why do they wrap up people?  
To keep the mummies safe. Kristen S.

**Class K1K**

**What’s On:**
It was great to catch up with some of you at last week’s parent/teacher interviews. If you missed this opportunity and would like to discuss your child, please contact me via the school office to arrange an appointment.

This term, Miss Teague is implementing a writing program with students as part of our L3 time and I will continue with guided reading. The students will participate in MUST DO activities and once these are completed they will be able to select from the CHOICE activities provided. Volunteers are always appreciated during the L3 session so don’t be shy if you have some time to spare. Miss Teague will stay on class from 11.30am onwards on Monday and Wednesday as well as during the middle session on Tuesday and Thursday. I will be implementing other programs within the school at these times.

In Science, Kinder will be learning about motion and Year 1 will be using their senses to gather information about light and sound. This unit will involve hands-on experiments and investigations so children may be asked to collect items from home for this purpose. News days have changed for some students. News days and topics will be sent home in a separate note this week.

**Class 1B**

**What’s On:**
Well what a great start to Term4! 1B have already been busy in class learning about wet and dry environments in preparation for our Stage 1 Wetlands excursion next week. Remember the permission notes and money were due back on Monday 14/10/13. Thank you to all those that have already handed in their notes, you must be just as excited as Miss Birch and Mrs Watson!
Class 1B continued
Library day will be on Thursdays this term for 1B students. So don’t forget to bring back your books to swap them over. 1B made some wonderful caterpillars in art last week, here are Kate’s and Claire’s.

Class 2DP
What’s On:
Welcome back to term 4! We have settled back in to learning really well. We are really looking forward to our excursion on the 25th of October. If your child has not brought back their money or note, this needs to be returned to school as soon as possible.

This term we are doing an inquiry for Science and HSIE on wet and dry environments and living things. If you are or no anyone who might be an expert in this area and would like to come and talk with the class please let Mrs Watson know.

Class 3-4A
What’s On:
3/4A will be doing an art activity this term that requires magazines. If you have any magazines that you could donate it would be greatly appreciated. Please either drop them into the office or send to our classroom. Also, if you have an old T shirt that could be kept at school to protect uniforms during art I would appreciate that.

Class 5R
What’s On:
I would like to welcome everybody back to what is going to be a very busy Term 4 for Year 5 students.

On the agenda for this term: 2014 School Captain Nominations, Stage 3 Excursion, Year 6 Farewell, and Intensive Swimming. I would encourage all students who are thinking about running for school captain positions for 2014 to start thinking carefully about why they believe they would make an excellent candidate for the coming year. The nomination process will take place in the coming weeks. At the end of this time prospective candidates will be reduced to eight people. All students and staff will then vote by order of preference to determine our captains for 2014. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Just a reminder to any parents who I did not see last term, if you feel you would like an interview I’m more than happy to meet with you early this term. Please contact me at the school to arrange a suitable time.

Class 6M
What’s On:
Welcome back! Out term is sure to go by very fast and we are rapidly approaching the end of our primary school days.

This term we are focusing on improving our spelling skills. Please remember to complete your spelling words in your homework each afternoon, this is great practice for our Friday spelling tests. In HSIE, we will be looking at the ways that Australia is connected to other countries through imports, exports and communication. In Science and Technology, we are investigating light, where it comes from, how it is made and how we use it.

Don’t forget to return your yellow medical note for the Sydney excursion before Friday.
10\textsuperscript{th} of September 2013

**Intensive Swimming Program 2013**

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

The Intensive Swimming Program for 2013 will be held in Week 8 and 9 of Term 4. This program is aimed at children in Year 2 to 6, who cannot swim 25 metres unassisted in a recognised style. The program includes trained swimming instructors who teach swimming technique and survival skills.

To organise transport and instructors we would appreciate you indicating if you would like your child to participate in this program.

Please be aware that these lessons will involve a cost for pool entry and bus fare. More information regarding this cost will be sent home closer to the date.

You need only to return the note if you **DO** want your child to take part.

Kind regards,

Rachelle Watson
Intensive Swim Organiser.

________________________________________________________________________

Mrs Watson.

Yes, I would like my child______________________________ in class____________ to take part in the 2013 Intensive Swimming Training in Term 4. I am aware that the lessons will involve a fee.

Signed: _____________________________ Date: __________________

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