PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Expressions of Interest to Operate School Canteen
- Special Dietary Requirements: Gluten/Lactose
- Healthy Canteen Policy
- DEC Nutrition
- Safe Food Handling
- Working with Children
- Insurance
Please contact Michelle Floyd for further information.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 1 Term 4
K/HL Angus S. - excellent efforts in homework.
1B Noni D. - always trying her best and helping others achieve their best.
2DP Jakob J. - settling in to learning tasks quickly.
3/4A Mia T. - being a focused and cooperative learner during literacy groups.
3/4P Jayden H. – an excellent and settled approach to all classwork.
5R Riley M. - excellent effort in maths.
6M Seth M. – application of number facts during mathematics lessons.

Week 2 Term 4
K/HL Steven W. – greater effort in all Key Learning Areas.
1B Matilda H. - for always being honest and kind.
2DP Brooke W. - excellent understanding of maths concepts covered in class.
3/4A Seth B. - Being a wonderful problem solver in maths.
3/4P Ethan P. – wonderful group work skills in HSIE.
5R Alyssa T. - demonstrating excellent independent working skills.
6M Phoebe D. – being responsible and reliable in class and in the playground.

MERIT AWARDS

K/HL Emily H., Liam D., Jacob B., Candy B.
1B Kate S., Jack G., Linden T., Faith R.
2DP Will H., Brodie W., Toby B., Jade H.
3/4A Rowan B., Laura K., Sarah McM., Josh E.
3/4P Lawson E., Bella R-P., Daniel McC., Elizabeth D.
5R Macey I., Gordon B., Cassidee L., Seth W.
6M Hailey H., Cameron B., Ashley W-G., Chloe M.

P & C NEWS

Congratulations to our P & C Raffle Winners:
1st Prize – Marianne Grentell
2nd Prize – Steve Davy
3rd Prize – Steve Davy

The P & C AGM is on Wednesday 20th November at 6.30pm.
Topics on the agenda are:
- Election of office bearers for 2013/14
- Naplan Results
- Expressions of Interest for Operating the Canteen.
- Playground equipment options and opinions.
If you have any items that you wish to be raised and added to the agenda please contact the school.

FORTHCOMING DATES

28th – 30th Oct Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
1st November Out of Uniform Day
20th November P & C Meeting
25th Nov-6th Dec Intensive Swimming
5th December Mini Fete
12th December Year 6 Farewell
16th December Strathearn Visit K - 2
17th December Presentation Day
CANTEEN NEWS
There are no LOL drinks available at this time.

The canteen roster this week is:

Wednesday 30th October
Natalie Burton
Sue Burton

Friday 1st November
Toni Partridge
Kate Surawski

BELLTREES HORSE SPORTS:
Best of luck to the eight competitors we have travelling to Moonan for the Belltrees Horse Sports Carnival. We look forward to seeing your many ribbons at school on Monday.

LIBRARY NEWS
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.

I will be having a Buy 1 Get 1 Free Scholastic Bookfair. Usually we have this bookfair and parents donate the free book to the library, however, this year I wanted to give something back to the families as a thank you for all the support you have given me in fundraising for the Library. I will let you know the date in the coming newsletters.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
There is an out of uniform day on this Friday, 1st November. Please bring in a gold coin to donate to the Rural Fire Service.

Have you downloaded our latest communication tools?

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 from 4pm on Tuesdays. 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

ABERDEEN JUNIOR CRICKET
Aberdeen Junior Cricket is still taking registrations for U10’s and U11’s. Training on Monday and Wednesday at Jefferson Park, Aberdeen at 4pm.

GULPILIL STARS IN AUSSIE ADVENTURE SATELLITE BOY, PG, will be screening on Friday 1st November, at 7.30pm in Scone. David Gulpilil stars in this adventure drama that the whole family are sure to enjoy.

Gulpilil stars as a grandfather trying to teach his ten year old grandson, Pete, the meaning of and a feeling for the land. They live in an old, abandoned outdoor cinema in the desert. When the old drive in is threatened with demolition, Pete and his best mate set off to the city to try and save his home. But they get lost in the Outback. Starving and thirsty, the two boys have to rely on those old bush skills to survive.

Details are on our website www.sconefilms.org.au
Entry $10. Advance tickets from Serendipity Scone, EyecarePlus Muswellbrook, or at the door. Tea/coffee available. Doors open 7.15pm. Running time is 1hr50.
Senior Citizen’s Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. Everyone is welcome.
School Banking is on Mondays. Please bring your bank book and money to the office by recess. If you have 10 tokens please claim your reward as you will not be able to use your tokens next year. Pictures of rewards are below.
CLASS NEWS:

Class KLH
What’s On:
The past fortnight the children have made great progress in reading. We are trying to sound better (which is where we encourage children to make their reading more phrased and fluent).

We have also begun studying the text ‘The very cranky bear’ by Nick Bland. Throughout this unit we have looked at sequencing of the story, rhyming and underlying themes.

For homework we are starting to look at letter blends. As these blends are being written, it is important that your child enunciates out loud, each letter, so that they can hear the blend and so you have the chance to confirm or correct any single letter issues. When both letters are written (and spoken) then see if the blend can be said following in quickly. E.g.... "c", "l", "cl". Repeat each time for each blend traced. "c", "l", "cl"; "c", "l", "cl"; "c", "l", "cl"; "c", "l", "cl"; "c", "l", "cl"; "c", "l", "cl". Trace all four blends each day, until the blend can be recognized without sounding. We will start with one blend this week.

Possible ways to extend your child......think of words that can begin with this blend....climb, clap, clump, clever, clip. Have a go at writing them. Look for the blends in the home readers each day. Find them in magazines.

Apologies for not explaining the point of the yellow card sent home last week with the homework. This was to use with the maths games if no playing cards were available. It is very important to speed up these skills too. While I realise 12 out of 19 children have a pack of playing cards at home, I don’t know which ones actually don’t! So whoever indicated that they wanted the sheet of number cards was given one!

Thank you.

Class 1B
What’s On:
Wow. Year 1 sure have had a busy fortnight! In class we have been revising letters Pp and Bb in handwriting and Learning how to identify ‘Very Important Points’ in reading and summarising these VIP’s in our writing. In Maths we have been skip counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s when playing Buzz and practising doubles to 20 with our Thinking Partners. In drama we have pretended to be wetland animals and in art we made some spectacular potato stamped book covers.

Please don’t forget that Library day is on Thursday and homework is due this week along with news items. Still looking for some helpers to listen to our beautiful readers, if you are available please see me after school or leave a message at the office. You would be welcome any time from 9-11 and 11:30-1pm.

Last week was very special for 1B as we welcomed Miss Faith back from her European holiday and enjoyed hearing about the great adventures that were had. Here you can see Faith in her Spanish dress with castanets performing a special Spanish dance for us.

WETLANDS EXCURSION
Last week 1B also had their excursion to the Hunter Wetlands! Lots of fun was had by all teachers, parents and students. Below are some of the recounts written by students on Monday.

On Friday year 1 and year 2 went to the wetlands. I caught a shrimp and a hat! I liked the wetlands.  By Jae D.

On Friday year 1 and 2 went to the wetlands. I caught a tadpole and saw a turtle. It was fun.  By Seth F.

On Friday year 1 and 2 went to the Hunter Wetlands. The Cool Croc’s saw a red belly snake. At the wetlands we went dip netting. It was fun.  By Noni D.
Linden using the microscope to view the fresh water shrimp he has caught.

Class 2DP
What’s On:
Wow what a fantastic excursion to the Hunter Wetlands! The children enjoyed dip-netting, using microscopes and looking at all the interesting wildlife. Our Wetlands teachers were very knowledgeable and taught us lots of interesting things about this special habitat. The children behaved beautifully and represented Aberdeen Public School well. It was great to hear the children saying "Wow come and look at this!" and asking lots of great questions.

We would like to thank the parents who came and supported our children on this excursion. If there are any parents or grandparents who would be interested in helping out in the classroom please let Mrs Watson know a time that suits you. We would love to have you in our class!
Class 3-4A

What's On:
We've been having a big push on Timetables and we are seeing lots of improvements. Could I ask for your help in asking your child to recite a set of tables each night?

Just a reminder that this week is normal class sport and next week we return to elected sport. Don't forget your $8.00 if you are in a paying sport (Tennis and lawn bowls) and haven't paid yet.

Thank you to the parents who have donated magazines, I'm still after a few more if you have any old ones. Also, its coming up to Xmas Craft time so please send in an old t-shirt to protect school clothes.

Class 3-4P

What's On:
Students have been working hard learning about their community and how the things and people in it cooperate with each other. Mapping skills are being refreshed and Google Maps has had quite a work out also!

Because everyone enjoyed "James and the Giant Peach" last term, we are beginning a new book called the “Eighteenth Emergency” by Betsy Byars. This will be on-going until the end of the year.

Please continue to practise times tables at home. We are practising in class but if you could continue to spare some time at home to do so as well, would be fantastic.

Once again it is time for my fortnightly reminder to all about re-stocking your child’s pencil case. It has been a busy term and a lot of equipment really does need to be replaced. Lead pencils, glue sticks, rulers and scissors are the main culprits.

Class 5R

What's On:
All nominations for prospective 2014 captains have now been accepted. We have had an excellent response with many students nominating for captains roles for next year. The group of candidates will be reduced to eight people by the end of this week. Good luck to all those people involved. Everyone is very excited about the excursion to Sydney this week and no doubt we will return with some interesting tales to tell.

Class 6M

We had a fantastic time at our selected sports on Friday, well done to all students who demonstrated teamwork, cooperation and good sportsmanship. Please remember to bring a hat and drink bottle, especially on Fridays.

We are learning about the reality of living through conflict during Literacy as we read “Zlata’s Diary”. Our class discussions after reading this novel has emphasised how lucky we are to live in Australia.

Our world map is starting to come together as we begin to map out the connections Australia to the rest of the world. We have also begun discussing organisation for the annual mini-fete, look out for a note early next week if you would like to help us out during this event.

ASTHMA FOUNDATION NEWS

The bushfire season has started early this year with 100 fires burning across NSW in the last week. A thick cloud of wood smoke present in many areas and hot, windy conditions forecast Asthma Foundation NSW is urging children with asthma and their carers to be particularly vigilant.

Smoke can seriously affect the health of people with medical conditions, especially those with asthma. Wood smoke is a prime trigger for what could be a potentially fatal asthma attack.

During this time, we are asking responsible adults to keep a close eye on all children. Children with asthma should be taking their preventer medication as prescribed and carrying their reliever medication with them at all times. If a child shows signs of respiratory distress and their medication is having no affect call Triple Zero (000) immediately.