Principal’s Message
Welcome back to Term 2, 2013. I hope everyone had a great holiday.

Our teachers have been extremely busy over the past 2 days; we have been engaged in professional learning centred around the new National Curriculum and Focus on Reading. The National Curriculum will be phased in over the next 2 years. Our teachers are already using the new Science Curriculum, the English Curriculum will be phased in over the next 12 months and the Mathematics Curriculum will be fully implemented in 2014. Focus on Reading is a teacher professional learning program that assists teachers to specifically zero in on the strategies students need to develop to comprehend and actively engage with texts.

KidsMatter
Colour Your World With Happiness
This term we will be introducing our 8 Colour Habits to students. The habits represent qualities and capacities we aim to promote in our school. Each habit has the catch phrase “Colour your world with ….”. Our first habit is Happiness. The analogy of a bucket will be used to help children understand what makes them happy. When children have their buckets filed and learn how they can fill other people’s buckets, they understand how special, valuable and capable they are.

Michelle Floyd Principal

Stewart House
Today, every child has been given a Stewart House Donation envelope. If you are able to support this very important charity, that supports many public school students, please place $2 in the envelope and return to the school office by Friday 10th May.

Anzac Day
Many thanks to all the students who marched on Anzac Day. Special thanks to Mrs Dunn & Mrs Kerrigan for organising the students.

Gymnastics
The school will be running a Gymnastics program this term in place of the Sport in Schools program. The program will run for 10 weeks, starting tomorrow Thursday 2nd May and the cost is $3.60 per student per week, a total of $36.00 for the 10 weeks. All students K-6 will participate in this program.

Visiting Performance
In week 5 of this term we are lucky enough to have a visiting performance at our school for all students. The show is called ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems’ and promises to be a lot of fun. A permission note and more details will be sent home closer to the date, the cost of this show will be $4.00 per student.

P & C News
Please note the change of date for the Disco. It will be on next Thursday 9th May in the school hall. The cost for entry is a gold coin donation and drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. K – 2 will start at 5.30pm to 6.45pm and Years 3 to 6 will start at 7pm to 8.30pm. Any parents available to help out at the disco would be most welcome.

The Mother’s Day stall will be on Thursday 9th May between 9.00am – 11.am. Gifts will be priced from $2 - $7. Assistance from parents to man the stall would be much appreciated.

The next P&C meeting is to be held on 15th May at 6.30pm in the library. Child minding will be available and everyone is welcome to attend.
REVVED UP
The next Revved Up program is underway in our school. This is a boys only, skills building program that prepares students to face issues that they have to deal with, both at school and at home. Some of the content includes; communication skills, anger management, cyber bullying and teamwork. Pictured here are students in the program developing problem solving skills and teamwork by trying to untangle each other from a tricky situation. The students selected for this program are done so on an individual basis. Please contact Mrs Floyd if you would like to know any more about the program.
Mr Ramage

Coles Sport In Schools Equipment

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of our school community, collecting vouchers during the 2012 Coles Sport in Schools promotion, we recently received some great sports equipment for all students to enjoy. Pictured above are students from 5R playing Roller Hockey, learning new skills and having a lot of fun.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
The Woolworths Earn & Learn initiative is on again. There was such a great response from the school community last year and as a result the school received some wonderful resources for all students to access. So collect your stickers at the checkout whenever you spend $10 or more, fill the sheet in and drop them in to either the box at the school office or the one at Woolworths in Muswellbrook or Scone for our school. Some of the great resources APS received from the 2012 Earn & Learn program were ten microscopes & musical instruments.

Town Soccer for students aged 10+ years
Do you need something active and social to do on a Saturday morning? Scone Soccer has organised a 6-a-side competition for students aged 10+ years, to be played in Scone each week. Games are at either 9.30am or 10.30am and last for 50 minutes. Come along and have a “social” game of soccer without having to travel too far! For more information contact Lesley on 0413-958478.

Scone Films will be screening the drama/romance/comedy, Silver Lining’s Playbook, starring Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper, Robert de Niro and Jacqui Weaver, rated M, at 7.30pm Friday 3rd May, at the Senior Citizen’s Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. This film won a BAFTA, and Jennifer Lawrence won an Oscar and a Golden Globe for her role in it. Tickets are $10, available in advance from Serendipity in Scone or Muswellbrook Eyecare, or at the door. Doors open 7.15pm. Running time is 1hr 54min. Everyone is welcome.
Additive-Free Pantry:
Where: Muswellbrook Library  (Limit 75 people)
When: 23rd May 2013
Time: 5.30pm
Tea, coffee and nibbles
Presentation: 6.15pm
Finish time:        8.00pm  (Library closes)
Registrations to: anne@familyinsight.org.au
or 0407 723 320
Bookings essential – limit 75 people.
Registrations close:  17th May 2013
Light refreshments provided. Lucky Door Prizes.

Tanya Winfield is a mother of three who created Additive Free Pantry to inspire change throughout Australia. Having a child with Asthma motivated Tanya to look at what type of foods were going into her young son’s body. Shocked at the number of chemicals added to the food he was consuming, Tanya cleaned her pantry out and never looked back. Not realising her youngest son would benefit greatly too as he was known to throw the odd temper tantrum down the local supermarket. Seeing such astounding results within her own family, prompted Tanya to start her business to empower others to do the same. Tanya believes everyone can choose to eat additive free foods, you just need to know how, why and where to start.

Road Safety at Aberdeen Public School
Aberdeen Public School is located on the corner of Segenhoe and Graeme Streets.
Aberdeen Public School has a road safety education program with quality teaching and learning activities for all our students.

Parents please
• always try and meet your child on the school side of the road at the bottom gate.
• always be a role model for your children
• never call your child across the road
• never double park your car
• always obey the 40km speed limit around the school.

Please help support us by setting good examples, obeying all road rules and practising safe road behaviours with your children.

Staff car park
The staff car park is for staff only. Please do not use the car park to drop off and pick up your children.

Pick-up and drop-off in Graeme St
When you drive your children to school, always pick-up and drop-off your children on the school side of the road in Graeme St. Please always park in a safe manner, rear to fence.

No stopping and bus zones
The school’s bus zone and flagged children’s crossing are located in Segenhoe St. You are not permitted to stop or drop-off passengers in or near these zones.
The staff and students of Aberdeen Public School would like to thank Mr Doc Milton, Mr Newell and Mr Day for attending our ANZAC assembly on Thursday 11th April. We all feel very privileged to have you visit our school.