Principal’s Message

Aberdeen Highland Games
We have the opportunity to run a Nachos stall at the highland games. This would be a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for playground improvements, consequently I am very keen to follow through and operate the stall. To do this I need your help. Could your family:

- provide ingredients,
- pre-cook the mince; or
- man the stall.

If you can do any of these please fill in the note on the back of this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Peel Schoolboys Rugby League Carnival (Tamworth)
Mrs Thompson is coordinating our involvement in the carnival this year. To enter teams we will need students who are interested and parents prepared to coach and manage each team. Permission notes have been sent home with students today; please return them to Mrs Thompson as soon as possible.

P&C Meeting
We had a successful meeting last Wednesday. The topics covered included the upcoming BHP Billiton Walkathon, trying to negotiate a better deal for families with our visiting performances and sporting programs and our class uniform focus. The P&C also ratified the purchase of 6 new desk-top computers and 8 notebooks. Jessica Vanderdonk and Ally Ducker provided a child minding service in the technology/computer room. They will be back to help out with child minding at our next meeting. Thank you girls the P&C members appreciate your help.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 19th June at 6:30pm in the school library.

Michelle Floyd
Principal

Principal’s Awards

Week 2 Term 2
KLH  Rose M – for excellent expression in reading
K/1K  Riley T – good sight word recognition
1B  Seth F – for always following teacher directions with a smile
2DP  Savanna WG – always displaying perfect behaviour
3/4A  Caitlin R – excellent improvement in classroom work ethics
3/4P  Delta H – for excellent lateral thinking skills
5R  Seth W – excellent work in PDHPE
6M  Toby J – being an attentive class member and always working cooperatively

Week 3 Term 2
KLH  Rossi – for remembering when writing, to leave spaces between lines
K/1K  Charlotte W – being a great independent worker
1B  Faith R – for continuously being in the right place at the right time doing the right thing
2DP  Will H – presenting super neat work in all KLA’s
3/4A  Cody – outstanding achievements in our times tables challenges
3/4P  Cailey G – for a mature approach to new skills and tasks
5R  Alyssa T – demonstrating excellent listening skills
6M  Shaylee H – for being a motivated learner who always strives to achieve excellence

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

KLH  Travis, Callum, Chloe and Hayden
K1K  Chloe, Lexie, Coby and Maddy
1B  Georgie, Jae, Brydie and Malaki
2DP  Brooke, Mikayla, Tyson and Seth I
3/4A  Jye, Rhys, Shantelle and Kasey-Leigh
3/4P  Kynan, Kobe, Trent and Danielle
5R  Nathan, Emily, Emma and Amanda
6M  Joshua, Kaydee, Amy and James
Cross Country & Regional Cross Country and Touch Footy ribbons will be handed out at Assembly on Friday.

**FORTHCOMING DATES**

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**Visiting Performance**

On Monday 27th May we have a performance for all students at 2pm. ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems’ compliments the curriculum areas of English and Creative and Practical Arts across K-6. Students will engage in an interactive presentation of verse, rhyme and tongue twisters. Permission notes have gone home to all families and are due back to the office, with payment of $4 per student, by Friday 24th May.

**Library News**

May is National Reading Month so why not spend some quality family time together, reading. On the 22nd May at 11am it is National Simultaneous Storytime across Australia. K-6 will be listening to a digital presentation of ‘The Wrong Book’ by Nick Bland, along with 380,000 children at over 2,000 locations across Australia, promoting reading and literacy.

**School Leadership Conference**

Tomorrow, ten of our school leaders will travel to Newcastle to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference. This is an outstanding opportunity for our school leaders to hear first-hand how they can make a positive and lasting impact on the culture of our school. Students will listen to guest speakers and be participating in a variety of activities aimed at developing their leadership skills. Thank you to Zenni Clifton and Jen Case for assisting students with transport to and from the event.

**Cricket**

Good luck to our cricket team playing King Street Public School this Friday at Jefferson Park. The game will commence at 10am and parents are welcome to come along and cheer the team on.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Aberdeen Public School is collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Be sure to ask for your stickers when you shop at Woolworths. The more you collect the more educational equipment for Aberdeen School.

**MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES**

Presented by: The Upper Hunter Concert Band & Jazz Band performing with the Muswellbrook Shire Concert Band. Including music from

- Remember the Titans
- TopGun
- The Blues Brothers
- How to Train your Dragon
- And more!

Featuring marimba solo

“Devil went down to Georgia” performed by Lachlan Rogers

Saturday 22 June 2013
Scone High School MPU 7pm
Tickets $10 Adult $5 Concession

**Allergy Awareness Week**

Last week K1K enjoyed food allergy awareness week. 1 in 10 children have a food allergy so K1K recognised this by painting 1 fingernail out of 10 with blue nail polish. We also enjoyed some delicious nut free cupcakes made by Matthew’s mum.
**CLASS NEWS**

**Class KLH**
Homework is going well, thank you, and home readers are returning every day (don't forget the prompts outlined on the green laminated sheet) and how are you enjoying the maths games? In this week's game please encourage your child to select the largest number and then to count on.

In Jolly Phonics we have looked at the sounds 'oa'-as in goat, 'ie'- as in pie and 'ee' as in see.

In maths we continue to study our numbers to 10, counting on and back along our number line. We are also looking at position - near and far, next to beside, close to.... and lines - curved and straight, open and closed. Gymnastics continues each Thursday. The children are very much enjoying this opportunity.

**Class K1K**
Homework is going well, thank you, please remember to return homework on Fridays. This week homework will go home today due to technical difficulties. How are you enjoying the Fridays games? In this week's game please encourage your child to select the largest number and then to count on.

In maths we continue to study our numbers to 10, counting on and back along our number line. We are also looking at position - near and far, next to beside, close to.... and lines - curved and straight, open and closed.

**Class 1B**
1B have been busy writing persuasive letters to giants and learning a nursery rhyme for the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod. We are having fun in Math with Mrs Hill coming on Tuesday's to teach us new TEN's games and skills. Just a reminder about the 'Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems' show that is on, notes and payment of $4 need to come back to school ASAP as it is on next Monday 27th May.

**Class 2DP**
Congratulations to our Super Star students for the term so far. Week 2 - Luke D, Week 3 - Liam H and Week 4 - Savannah W-G. Each student has been voted in by the class and has done a brilliant job of being the class assistant and modelling good behaviour. We are very excited to hear our scarecrow "Fangpire" won 2nd place in the Denman Scarecrow Competition. We have been working on our word processing skills in computers with Miss Power and developing our listening skills with Mrs Wither. Mrs Watson has been focusing on strengthening our writing skills - especially remembering to use capital letters and full stops. Our library day is Tuesday. Please help your child to remember their books.

There is a disappointing amount of students not returning their home reading folders every day. It is very important your child brings it to school every day. Please come to our assembly this Friday as we will be presenting our assembly item.

**Class 3-4A**
3/4A have started using Classdojo, which is an online, interactive behaviour management system. Students receive a report each week which outlines the positive and negative points they have been awarded the previous week. Congratulations to year 3 who completed NAPLAN last week, it was a big week but they all tried very hard. A reminder to make sure you are making payments for the Great Aussie Bush camp, gymnastics as well as returning notes and money for the visiting performance 'Pick A Peck Of Pickled Poems', which is on next Monday.

**Class 3-4P**
Unfortunately, there are students in Stage 2 without the necessary equipment to get them through the easiest of tasks each day. Could you please ensure that your child's pencil case is regularly stocked with essential items that make their daily routines at school so much easier. Rulers, pencils and glue are a necessity. I realise that it gets a bit boring reading the same message in each newsletter but having equipment at school is vital to your child's learning. This term we are learning about life cycles in Biological Sciences. This will be linked with Information Reports in Literacy. Look out for some projects in the coming weeks. We are also learning about our heritage and our country's heritage in the "Colonisation" unit and will be linking this with some aboriginal art activities. A big thanks to all Year 3 who worked very well during their NAPLAN tests last week. You all tried your hardest and worked well.

**Class 5R**
NAPLAN is over for another year and I want to thank the students for the hard work they put in during the week, they all worked hard and should be happy with their efforts. If your child is going on the Sydney excursion please ensure that their permission note is returned and the $25.00 deposit paid. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you are attending. In class we are well into our units of work and have just started reading our text for the term 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. The students are all really impressed with the character, Mr Twit from the story. Parents, I am sure your children would love to share with you some of the different types of food that became lodged in Mr Twit's beard!

**Class 6M**
6M have made an outstanding start to their Public Speaking presentations with most drafts being handed in on Friday. We will start presenting these in week 7 so keep practicing at home, remember your gestures, pace and volume help to keep your audience engaged when you are speaking. In our class this week we will continue to discuss how we can help each other to ‘fill our buckets’. As class members it is important for us to reflect on how our actions affect our peers and how we can work as a team to ensure our classroom is a happy place to learn. Our encore performances of ‘The Paper Bag Princess’ will take place this week at the Aberdeen Pre-School, we are sure the children will enjoy watching it as much as we enjoy presenting it.
The school would like to run a Nachos and Drinks stall at the Highland Games on 6th July.

To do this we need your help. We need parents/carers to donate ingredients, pre-cook the mince and man the stall.

Please fill in and return the note below to the school office by Friday 24th May. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. All funds raised will go towards playground projects.

Thank You.

Michelle Floyd

I would like to help out at the Nachos and Drinks stall at the Highland Games by:

Donating

- Corn Chips
- Sour Cream
- Mince
- Avocado
- Grated Cheese

I can

- Pre-cook Mince

I can man the stall

- 11am – 12 noon
- 12 noon – 1pm
- 1pm – 2pm

Name: _____________________________
Childs Name: ____________________________  Class ____________________
Contact Number: _____________________