**Principal’s Message**

**BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Walkathon**

Our walkathon is fast approaching; all funds raised will be used to upgrade our playground equipment. **Please get behind this major fundraiser as every dollar our school community raises will be matched by bhpbilliton Mt Arthur.** All funds raised will help improve school facilities and benefit your child.

**Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod**

I would like to congratulate our school band and all K-2 classes, they have represented our school proudly at the eisteddfod.

Primary School Band: Highly Commended
Primary School Instrumental: 3rd Place
Nursery Rhyme: KLH 3rd, 1B Highly Commended
2DP: 3rd
Two Contrasting Poems: K1/K Highly Commended
Well done.

**Vandalism**

Unfortunately there have been many incidents of minor vandalism after school and on weekends, over the past few months. If you see anyone in the school grounds after hours please report them to the police on 65 42699 or contact me at school with any details you may have.

**Lost Property**

There are a number of items of lost property here at school, unfortunately they are not labelled with the owners name so cannot be returned. If your child has lost an item of clothing please check in the lost property box located outside the school office.

I hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

Michelle Floyd
Principal

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**Principal’s Awards**

**Week 4 Term 2**

**KLH** Dakota B – always willing to help her peers

**K/1K** Charlotte B – enthusiastic participation in poetry

**1B** Thomas B – displaying enthusiasm and a willingness to learn in all areas

**2DP** Roy H – enormous efforts in reading groups

**3/4A** Brianna H – outstanding commitment to learning

**3/4P** Elizabeth D – an excellent and sustained effort during maths lessons

**5R** Jayden F – excellent work in literacy activities

**6M** Madysion T – application and effort in literacy and spelling

**Week 5 Term 2**

**KLH** Tyla F – for earnest efforts in everything he endeavours

**K/1K** William G – for WOWing Mrs Kerrigan with his writing vocabulary

**1B** Kirra C – for always being energetic and ready to learn

**2DP** Lillian D – always using her initiative and being an independent worker

**3/4A** Rowan B – wonderful improvements in times tables and working well with others

**3/4P** Dylan C – an excellent approach to all schoolwork

**5R** Logan S – excellent effort in maths

**6M** Mattison H – demonstrating outstanding leadership skills

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

**KLH** Rose Mc, Liam D, Chloe-Ann B and Caleb T

**K1K** Harry D, Max M, Riley T and Jessie B

**1B** Brae MF, Stevie M, Ethan H and Kate S

**2DP** Jade H, Liam H, Brodie W and Ryan P

**3/4A** Josiah E, Laura K, Matt J and Jaylea T

**3/4P** Hannah F, Brodie H, Breanna C and Lawson

**5R** Charlie C, Darci D, Blake H and Nathan V

**6M** Hailey H, Chloe M, Matiah L and Cameron B

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*There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will.*

Epictetus
P & C News
Walkathon
Hopefully everyone is filling their walkathon sponsor cards! This is our major fundraiser for the year and we are looking forward to a huge response. Through the generosity of BHP Billiton and Mt Arthur Coal employees, every cent raised will be matched by them, through their Matched Giving Program. This is a great opportunity for our school to raise much needed funds to benefit all students. If anyone is available for a couple of hours on the day, some help is required with the BBQ. Please contact the school if you can assist.

Canteen
We are calling for any parents, grandparents and friends who may have a couple of hours spare on Wednesdays or Fridays to join our friendly team of canteen volunteers. The term 3 roster will be done in the next couple of weeks, so please consider becoming involved, even if you are only available once a term. All help is much appreciated and the children love to see a familiar face at the canteen. Contact the school and they will pass on your details to the canteen roster manager.

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 19th June at 6:30pm in the school library and child care is provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Scone High School Orientation Day
Year 6 students are invited to Scone High School for the second of our Orientation Days to help prepare for Year 7 2014 on Wednesday 5th June 2013 from 9.30am-1pm.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers
Help support our school! Remember to collect Earn & Learn Points stickers when you shop at Woolies. The more we collect, the more our school will benefit. The Woolworths Earn & Learn program ends on Sunday 9th June. Thank you for your support.

Soccer
Last Friday the boys and girls soccer teams travelled to Scone to compete in the local knockout competition. In the first game the girls came up against a very strong team. They battled as bravely as they could but finished second in a tough match. In the second game the boys also faced strong Scone opposition. Aberdeen played well and had chances to score multiple goals but in the end went down 4-1. Seth M scored the goal for Aberdeen. The sportsmanship of our players was of the highest order and we were a pleasure to take away to represent the school. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport.

Touch Football
Good luck to our boys and girls touch football teams who are playing at Jefferson Park this Thursday against Scone Public. Family and friends are more than welcome to come and cheer our teams along. The boys game will start at 10am and the girls at 10.45am.

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**CLASS NEWS**

**Class KLH**

It has been a very exciting fortnight for KLH. In Jolly Phonics we have learnt v, ng, z and w. As part of our HSIE unit we will be asking students to bring in photos of themselves doing something they enjoy (such as football or looking after pets). These will be displayed in class. Over the next few weeks students will be asked to discuss these pictures and why they are important. They will be handed back at the end of term. To look after the pictures parents are asked to place the pictures in zip lock bags.

In maths we will be looking at making seven, counting on, triangles, and day and night. We are also looking into the numbers eleven to thirteen, sharing one at a time, following instructions and comparing lengths.

A big thank you to all parents who are encouraging their children to read each night and who are giving the maths games ago, only a few parents are commenting so I’m hoping that you are enjoying playing them.

The Eisteddfod went well. The children did a wonderful job and we were very, very proud of them.

**Class K1K**

Term 2 continues to rush by and there is so much happening, it’s hard to keep track! Firstly, congratulations to K1K students on receiving a Highly Commended at the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod. Well done, you were wonderful and I am so proud of you all! Thank you to parents and care givers who assisted with transportation and for your loud applause on the day. In class, we will continue to focus on public speaking and students will be asked to prepare and present a 1 minute speech next week. More information will be forthcoming. The winter bugs are making their rounds with many sniffles, coughs and the like plaguing students and teachers! Please reinforce with your child the importance of putting used tissues in the bin and washing hands regularly. In class we will be using the catch phrase, “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it” to remind students about appropriate hygiene for colds and flu.

**Class 1B**

Wow, I can hardly believe it is Week 6 already! We have been very busy in 1B, practise for the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod and our assembly item has been taking up a lot of time, but I think it has been worth it with all the fun we have had creating actions and experimenting with different arrangements. This week we have speeches on the regular news day with the topic being ‘My Family’. This is in preparation for the public speaking competition in Week 7 and Week 8. These speeches will form part of the student’s homework this week to ensure everyone is ready for the Monday of Week 7. Reminder: Home Readers and homework are due back to school every Friday, it is ideal that Home Readers are swapped daily; although I understand this is not always possible. Ensure that Home Readers come back each Friday with your student’s homework whether they have been read or not as books can become easily lost over busy weekends. If there are any parents that would be interested in helping with either reading or math groups please let me know. It is always beneficial to have an extra helper in the classroom to organise and manage group games and activities.

**Class 2DP**

Congratulations to our latest class super stars, Week 5 Mikayla C and Week 6 Daniel C. Mikayla did an exceptional job last week and now it’s Daniel’s time to shine. 2DP have made a massive improvement with returning their home readers this week. It is fantastic to see children reading every single night. Our goal is to have a day where each and every child brings their home reader back to school. Our spelling results have also improved with 8 children scoring 10/10 in the spelling test on Friday. Well Done! We had a great start to the Premiers Sporting Challenge this week with most children participating in some form of physical activity each day. We are trying very hard to win the school uniform award at the next assembly. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform everyday including black or gold socks. Also remind them to put their jumpers and jackets into their school bags as way too many items are being left behind each day. On Monday the whole class proudly represented Aberdeen School at the Eisteddfod. They performed very well and managed to pick up third place with their Nursery Rhyme.

**Class 3-4A**

We are well into Term 2 and students in 3/4A are learning lots of new skills. In writing this term, students will be learning about information reports and recounts. Our Science topic is Biological Sciences so we will be looking at life cycles, classifying plants and animals and we may even be growing some of our own plants. In HSIE we are studying the unit ‘British Colonisation of Australia’, which is very interesting. We have been working very hard this term on our times tables, practicing them each and every day, so maybe you would like to quiz your child on a set of times tables each evening. Remember, it is now winter and mornings have been very cold so please ensure jumpers are on and it has your name on it.

**Class 3-4P**

I would like every family to make a conscious effort this week to make sure that all students have their own equipment. I fully understand that I must sound like a broken record, but there are students without pencils to write with or textas to colour in with. The children are working hard and therefore their equipment does deplete quickly. Having the correct equipment at school is vital to your child’s learning. Practising times tables at home is becoming quite important. We are practising in class but if you could please spare some time at home to do so it would be fantastic. Remember that the Walkathon is coming up and that all money raised is matched by Mt Arthur.
This money is used by the P & C to buy great things for our students.

**Class 5R**

Students are enjoying studying our units about Bali in HSIE and Solids, Liquids and Gases in Science. There has been a lot of discussion about in what category to place particular substances, eg: jelly, is it a liquid or solid? As a result there have been a lot of questions raised about this topic and I am sure there will be many more to come. At the moment a lot of students do not have glue. Please check with your child to ensure they have everything they need. Permission notes have been sent out to the lucky people who indicated they could assist with the Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney. Thank you to all those people that volunteered their services but we only had a limited amount of positions available. We just pulled names out of a hat to see who would go. If circumstances change and we can accommodate you on the trip I will let you know.

**Class 6M**

Time is almost up to order your Year 6 T-Shirts! 6M have been working hard during their time in the new computer lab and are close to finishing very informative and colourful presentations on our HSIE unit “Bali”. Students have been researching the differences between Balinese food, culture and lifestyles and those of Australia. We have also started preparing our puppet shows and hope to share these with some younger classes soon.

We will take part in our second High School Orientation Day at Scone High tomorrow. This will be another valuable experience as we are rapidly approaching our secondary education.

Students are reminded that their speeches will be presented on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Our homework this week includes practicing our presentations especially the way we use our voices to keep our audience’s attention.

**HAPPINESS – Keep Your Bucket Full**

Our focus habit is Happiness. We are using the analogy of a bucket to help children understand what makes them happy. When you try hard, are helpful, do good deeds and the right thing you can fill not only your own bucket but that of others. We are encouraging all students to be bucket fillers not dippers. All students are showing an understanding of how their actions can affect not only their own happiness but that of others.

**Highland Games Helper Form**

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

Donating:
- 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 __________________