PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dance Group
The Stage 2 Dance Group performed to a full house last night at the Hunter Dance Festival in Newcastle. We have already had requests to perform at local community events, so if you missed last night’s show there will be future opportunities to see the group in action. All dancers were fantastic, but a special mention goes to Daniel, who shone as our solo male dancer! Look out One Direction there is a new star in town! The Dance Group would like to wish Bryce a speedy recovery after he broke his finger and was unable to perform with us on this occasion.

It was a wonderful experience for the students, who are keen to try out again for next year. Congratulations to all the participants.

Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival was held on Friday and was a great success. Well done to all participants and congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent the school at the Zone Carnival to be held on Friday 2nd August at Singleton. A special thank you to Tracey Dent and Mathew Weaver for all their help, setting up, and to all the parents who assisted and supported their children on the day.

Walk-a-thon
All Walk-a-thon forms and sponsor money was due today. As we have many prizes that we would like to distribute we would appreciate your prompt attention to get this finalised.

150 Years Old
Aberdeen Public School is going to have a very special birthday next year! The school will be 150 years old. I would like to organise a committee to help plan the celebrations for this momentous occasion. Anyone who is interested in assisting, please contact the office and leave your details.

Assembly
Our Assembly will not be held this Friday due to the Stage 2 Science Show. Our Assembly will now be held next Thursday 1st August as there is the Zone Athletics Carnival on the Friday. All parents are welcome to attend.

Michelle Floyd - Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 8 Term 2
KLH Jacob B - excellent efforts in writing sentences.
K1K Maddy G – an excellent attitude at all times.
1B Brydie B - for always following school rules.
2DP Liam J - great oral language presentation.
3/4A Marley P - outstanding dedication in high jump.
3/4P Delta H – excellence in all writing tasks.
5R Gordon B - excellent effort during problem solving tasks
6M Kade H - showing athleticism & sportsmanship.

Week 9 Term 2
KLH Caleb T – interesting ideas in whole class discussion on texts.
K1K Jackson D – excellent sequencing of ideas in his writing.
1B Georgie H - for being a kind and helpful class mate to everyone.
2DP Lila B - fantastic attitude to learning.
3/4A Millie H - commitment to our school public speaking competition.
5R Sabrina D - excellent effort and attitude in class.
6M Madyson T - consistent application throughout all KLA’s.

Come along and see your child receive a class award at our assembly NEXT THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST.

P & C FAMILY PHOTOS
The following times are still available for family photos: 12pm, 12.25pm, 5.25pm and 5.35pm.
Please return your notes and $15 booking fee as soon as possible. Please also include your parent contact name and phone number on the form.

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st July at 6pm in the school library – all welcome.

Canteen
Please be advised that the canteen will now stock chips, ice-blocks and chicken nuggets that are gluten free.

The canteen roster this week is:

**Wednesday 24th July**
Susanne Devine
Jodie Myall - 1pm – 2pm

**Friday 26th July**
Jo Burgin (Uniform Shop)
Judy 9-2pm

LIBRARY NEWS
Library Days have changed and are as follows:
Tuesday – KLH, K1K, 2DP.
Wednesday – 5R, 6M.
Thursday – 1B, 3/4A, 3/4P.

Book Week 17th - 23rd August 2013.
* Our book fair will be held on Friday 23rd August.
* Years 5 & 6 - Bake-a-Book Competition.
- Students make and decorate a cake that represents a book or a character from that book. Entries must be in by 15th August for judging. Please let me know if you want to enter.

Donation
Willow Markets raised $860.00 for the Library. The money will be used to purchase a lovely reading chair.

Willow Markets
The next Willow Markets will be held on Sunday 29th September, 2013. If you have fresh produce, eggs or a food stall idea and would like to attend please contact Willow Markets on facebook www.facebook.com.au/willowmarkets or email willowmarkets@outlook.com.au

P & C NEWS

**Uniform Sale**
50% of school uniforms at the canteen on Friday 26th July from 8.30am.
STAGE 1 DANCE GROUP
Due to the cancellation of the assembly this week, Stage 1 dance group will now be performing next week.
Kaydee, Mattison & Georgia

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} August at Alroy Oval, Singleton Heights. The carnival starts at 9am sharp and finishes at approximately 2pm.
Students who have qualified for the Zone were given notes yesterday which need to be returned by THIS FRIDAY 26\textsuperscript{th} July. A levy of $2 is required. All students will depart by private vehicle and will be supervised at the carnival by Mrs Pennell and Mr Ramage.
Full school uniform is to be worn.
Canteen facilities will operate on the day.

SRC NEWS
Thank you to everyone who supported Crazy Hair Day and helped us raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Australia. Both students and staff looked completely crazy in their multi-coloured, spiked, curled and crimped hair!
This term we will be holding a Pyjama Day. Keep your eyes on the newsletter for more information.

A story by Luke D. in 2DP
If I was invisible I would...
I would help others in my community and others around me. I wouldn’t tell a soul and keep it a secret. I would stop bullies. I would never be a bully. I could scare people but naa, it wouldn’t be much fun.

CLASS NEWS CONTINUED

Class 3-4A
Welcome back to term 3, we are over half way through the year. Our library day has changed to Thursday this term so please remind your children to bring books and library bags on Thursday. We are going to a science show here at school on Friday which is very exciting. Please ensure your child has all necessary equipment for school each day.

Class 3-4P
What a busy start to the term! Thank you to all of our fantastic parents for helping at the athletics carnival. It would not have been as successful without you! The Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion is fast approaching. A final information note for all attending will go home at the end of the week.
We will be learning about “People and their Beliefs” and working on how things move in “Physical Sciences” this term.
Expect lots of interesting comments about our learning from your children.
The Premier’s Spelling Bee words have been sent home for your child to practise at home. The date for the School Spelling Bee has been set for Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} August.

Class 5R
This semester we are continuing our focus on reading by analysing texts related to all key learning areas. In science we are studying the solar system and completing research tasks based on this topic. In HSIE we are investigating State and Federal Government with the aim of being well prepared for our Sydney excursion. We will also be reading "Holes" by Louis Sachar and completing tasks related to this text.

Class 6M
Welcome back for Term 3. Students have made an enthusiastic return to school and have settled straight back into routine.
Congratulations to all participants in our Athletics Carnival! Well done for persisting even in the wet weather and thanks to Cameron and Cameron BT for making sure we left the area clean and tidy.
This term we will be focusing on “Government in Australia” and “The Solar System”.
Good luck to our entrants in the Public Speaking Finals, Molly, Matiah and Amy. A reminder that the finals will be held on Wednesday 31\textsuperscript{st} July from 9:15am in the hall.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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CLASS NEWS

Class KLH

We are so proud of our little people, not missing a beat as they return from their holidays! Everyone was so eager to see their friends and to get back into routine...... Hayden kept reminding me, "We haven't done maths yet Mrs Hill!"

This week we are adding another element to the homework..... sight words. The aim being to practice and develop individual 'sight word banks'. A new list will be given once a whole list can be read successfully on three consecutive afternoons. The rate that this happens will vary greatly from child to child. The lists will be kept in their homework book and will be viewed each Friday when homework is handed in. However, your child may bring in the completed list and ask for a new list during the week, you do not need to wait till the end of the week for this request and if the list cannot be read by the end of the week, there is no consequence; the list is kept until success is achieved. We would like to see the lists each Friday so that we can monitor progress. Daily practice is important and gains whichever they be big or small are to be celebrated! THANK YOU.

In Maths we will be exploring fourteen, fifteen and sixteen and equal groups; interpreting data and comparing areas and lengths. A big THANK YOU to those who despite the weather were able to help out at the athletics carnival/Fun Day last Friday and another big THANK YOU to those who have found a way to come in and help with L3 rotations, however, we could still use more. In this time students have different activities they need to complete. While doing this Mrs Hill and myself are busy reading and writing with small groups of children. We need some adult helpers, any amount of time you can volunteer would be great! We need volunteers to:

- Help with rotations
- Reading with students
- Craft activities
- Assisting with computers

This is just a small list of the many things children do in rotations. If you are interested please see Mrs Hill or myself. (If you have any children not of school age and are worried about them, bring them too. The more the merrier!).

Class K1K

K1K have settled well after a much needed break. This term we welcome Miss Jackie Teague into our classroom. Miss Teague is an intern from the University of New England. I have had the opportunity to observe Miss Teague work with the class and am confident in her teaching ability and the report she has established with the students in such a short time. As an intern Miss Teague, is expected to accept the majority of responsibility for the day-to-day running of class programs. Teaching interns do not require the class teacher to be present at all times, however I will mostly be in the school when not in the classroom. You can contact Miss Teague or Mrs Kerrigan to discuss matters relating to your child.

This term we are studying fairy tales during the literacy session. As part of the unit of work we will look at the narrative structure and purpose, descriptions and focus on comprehension strategies such as key words, retelling, story maps, etc. Fairy tales will also be our inspiration for art and crafts this term.

In maths we continue to work through the Maths Plus program. Students really enjoy the hands on activities to build concepts and then by working in their text books to develop and consolidate their knowledge and understandings.

This semester, Mrs Thompson will do computers with the class following their library session on Tuesdays. Despite a wet day on Friday, most of the children enjoyed their Infants Fun Carnival – some were disappointed that we had to cancel novelty activities. Many thanks to those parents who assisted, cheered the children on and who remembered to sign their child out when taking them home early.

Class 1B

Welcome back, 1B have started what looks to be a very busy and exciting term 3. In literacy we have focusing on Fairy Tales in the lead up to our annual Fairy Tale Ball. This fortnight we are looking at the Billy Goats Gruff. If there are any parents willing to help out for an hour on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday mornings please let me know. If your child has a favourite fairy tale story they would like to bring and share with the class they are more than welcome, it is great for the students to share their favourite books and passion for reading.

We will be starting homework and home reading again this week, and a reminder to those that still have books from last term to bring them back, book baskets will not be changed until all books are returned. Homework books are to be covered at home if your child wants a cover. Please remember that if your child comes out of uniform to send a note to school with them explaining why.

Class 2DP

We have had a very busy start back to the term! I was very impressed by how adventurous the 8 year olds were at the athletics carnival on Friday. Last week Brock was a great Super Star and Lillian is off to a flying start this week. I am very happy with the number of home readers that are returning to school each day. Spelling starts back this week. We are learning about workers in the community and how to keep ourselves healthy this term. A class member has lost their black “Bad Boy” jumper at the athletics carnival – if you have found one please return to our class or the front office – thank you.
Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken by Aberdeen Public School for 2014. If your child will be five by 31 July 2014 and you wish to enrol at Aberdeen Public School, please return slip below or contact the office on 6543 7271.

If you know of any families in our area with pre-schoolers, please advise them we are now taking enrolments.

We will be running our Kindergarten Early Birds Orientation Program to assist your child with a smooth transition to big school.

The program will run over nine weeks from 12.00pm – 3pm as follows:

- Wednesday 11th September
- Wednesday 18th September
- Wednesday 9th October
- Wednesday 16th October
- Wednesday 23rd October
- Wednesday 30th October
- Wednesday 6th November
- Wednesday 13th November
- Wednesday 20th November

Parent information days will be held on Wednesday 11th September and 20th November.

We look forward to welcoming the future of Aberdeen Public School.

(please complete and return to the front office)

Aberdeen Public School
Kindergarten Enrolment 2014:

Child’s Name: _____________________________________________
Date of Birth: _____________________________________________
Parents Names: _____________________________________________

Sibling Names: _____________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________
Phone No: _____________________________________________