PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week is Education Week. Yesterday members of our school community were recognised for their valuable contribution at an award ceremony for all Upper Hunter Learning Community Schools held at Scone High School.

Congratulations to our worthy award recipients:

Mrs Jessica Loveridge: for her enthusiasm and commitment to teaching and learning at Aberdeen Public School.

Mrs Maree Laurie: for her helpful manner and outstanding interpersonal skills.

Kaydee T. and Mattison H. for their outstanding contribution to school life and their work to instigate and co-ordinating the Stage 1 dance group.

Aberdeen Public received an achievement award for our Quick Smart Program and its demonstrated improvement in student outcomes.

This ceremony was co-hosted by our school captains Amy and Joshua who did an outstanding job, I was extremely proud of them both.

To help us celebrate Education Week please come along to our Public Speaking Finals on Wednesday morning commencing promptly at 9:15 and our assembly this Thursday commencing at 9:10.

Rugby League

Members of the Under 11’s rugby league team travelled to Penrith for the state carnival on Monday the 29th July 2013. The students did a wonderful job of representing our school. I would like to thank their parents and Mrs Thompson for ensuring they had this wonderful opportunity.
Zone Athletics
The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Alroy Oval in Singleton on Friday 2nd August commencing at 9.00am. Information has been sent home to all students who have been selected to attend. I would like to wish all students attending the best of luck and I hope you have a great day.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2014
Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken by Aberdeen Public School for 2014. If you have a child who will be five by 31 July 2014 and you wish to enrol at Aberdeen Public School, contact the office on 6543 7271. We will begin our Kindergarten Early Birds Orientation Program in September to assist your child with a smooth transition to big school.

Walk-a-thon
All Walk-a-thon forms and sponsor money was due last week. 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 be held THIS Thursday 1st August due to the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday. Merit and Principal's Awards will be presented. We have reprinted the award winners for you to see if your child will be receiving one. All parents are welcome to attend.

School Uniforms
By the end of this term you will be able to purchase all Aberdeen Public School uniforms from Lowes at Muswellbrook. The P & C Uniform Shop still has some stock available at half price

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 THIS THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST.

Levelled System of Awards is as follows:
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s = Level 1 = Badge
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s= Level 2 = Bronze Patch
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s= Level 3 = Silver Patch
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s= Level 4 = Gold Patch
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s= Honour student = Cap

P & C NEWS

UNIFORM SALE
50% off!!
8.30am – 10.30am
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 this Wednesday 31st July at 6pm in the school library – all welcome.
CANTEEN NEWS
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 31st July**
Lisa Taylor
Natalie McCamley

**Friday 2nd August**
Emma Hodge (Uniform Shop)
Michelle Ison 11.30-2.30pm
Mathew Weaver
Linda Turner

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS
Stage 1, 2 and 3 Stage Finals in the hall at 9.15 tomorrow (Wednesday). Parents are most welcome to attend.

SRC PYJAMA DAY
Friday 16th August supporting Epilepsy Australia and Soldier’s Care Packages.

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL MATHS DAY
On Tuesday 23rd July Mady T., Matiah L., Hailey H., Maddie B., Emily f., Cane F., Cameron BT., Tristan R., and Alyssa T., visited Scone High School for an interactive maths day. During this day we had to solve problems such as weigh the blocks and find the dud one, roll a ball around the maze and get to the end, find the best way to plant trees and turn the gears and see how many times they rotate. We all had lots of fun and encourage anyone in years 5 and 6 to participate next year.

By Mady T. and Matiah L.

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

STAGE 1 DANCE GROUP
Stage 1 dance group will be performing at assembly this week.
Kaydee, Mattison & Georgia

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday 2nd August at Alroy Oval, Singleton Heights. The carnival starts at 9am sharp and finishes at approximately 2pm.
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.

NEW COMPETITION – Year 6 to adults AFL 9’S COMING TO SCONÉ IN OCTOBER 2013
No tackling – 9 players on athletics field, Scone Mixed teams – minimum 2 females on field
2 x 20 minute halves play on Monday evenings
Starting Monday 21st October – 8 week comp
Come and try – 2nd Sept and 9th Sept, 4.30-5.30pm
Cost for 8 week competition - $45 per player
To register your team collect a form from Council or email nwester@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

MUSWELLBROOK TOUCH
Junior Touch: The 2013 – 2014 Junior Touch competition commences on Monday 9th September at Olympic Park. Team nominations close on 31st August and Registration days will be held at Olympic Park on Wednesday 21st and 28th August between 4 – 6pm and Saturdays 24th and 31st August between 10am – 1pm. Age divisions for both boys and girls are 6 years and under, 7-8 years, 9-10 years, 11-12 years, 13-14 years and 15 – 17 years.

Junior State Cup: Players who are interested in representing Muswellbrook in next year’s Junior State Cup at Port Macquarie must register their names on or before 29th August 2013.

Ladies and Mixed: The competition commences on September 2nd, team nominations close 24th August. Further information is available on nomination form.

Mens: The completion commences on Wednesday 11th September. Nomination form will ONLY be accepted at the Annual General Meeting at the Muswellbrook Golf Club 28th August commencing at 6pm. At least one player from each team must attend.

All nomination forms for any competition are available at Fine N’Dandy or on our website.
For further information please contact Betty Nicol on 6543 2477 or Paul Benkovic on 0411 278 244.

ST HELIERS HEAVY HORSE FIELD DAYS
August 10th and 11th St Heliers Exhibition Grounds
Sandy Creek Road Muswellbrook
Gold Coin Entry
Visit www.stheliersheavyhorse.org.au for program, forms and information.

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 whether 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.