PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Congratulations
Delta entered the Creative Writing Sections of the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod and won both the Poetry and Short Story section. Well done Delta, what a wonderful achievement.

SRC News
Last Friday our SRC, with the support of the school community raised $220 for Soldier’s Care Packages ($110) and Epilepsy Australia ($110). The students and staff dressed in PJ’s for the day and what smart looking PJ’s they were.

150 Years of Education at Aberdeen Public School
Dave Dever has kindly volunteered to be part of the planning team for this significant event. If you are willing to assist us please contact the school office.

Bloke’s Breakfast
We will be holding a Bloke’s Breakfast on Wednesday 28th August. Children are invited to bring dad, grandad, uncle or a special male friend along to school for a BBQ breakfast. Come along between 7:45 and 8:45am. Sausage sandwiches and Bacon and Egg sandwiches will be provided along with tea, coffee and juice.

Lost Property from Great Aussie Bush Camp
We have a whole garbage bag full of lost property from the Bush Camp. If your child is missing something could you please encourage them to check lost property.

Friday Assembly
Our assembly is this Friday starting at 9.15am. Come along and listen to Delta read her Eisteddfod winning poem and short story.

Lunch- time Interest Groups
Phoebe and Amy will be organising a drama group Mattison and Kaydee will continue the dance group and have planned an entirely new dance routine. Matiah and Hayley continue to co-ordinate the Glee Club.

Practising Glee Club today!

Student Medical Forms
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do. The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.
If your child has developed a medical condition recently, and we have not been notified, please contact the school asap so that we can update this information.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call the school on 6543 7271.

**Group Photos**
On display in the school office are group photos of the whole school, Yr 6 Fun Shot, School Band, SRC Members and School Captains and Vice Captains. These photos are available to all students to purchase and order forms were sent home last week. If you wish to purchase any of these, please return the order form and payment to the office by 30th August.

**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 and invitations will be sent out soon.

**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. There is a sample of the new uniform in the office, please feel free to call in and comment before it is approved.

**Cyber Safety**
Ten cybersafety tips every parent should know

**Fathers Day Stall**
The Father’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 29th August. Parent helpers are needed from 9am to 11am. Please let the office know if you can help.

**Michelle Floyd – Principal**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

**Week 3 Term 3**

**KLH** Rossi L. - excellent efforts in number!

**K/1K** Jackson D. – excellent use of strategies in maths.

**1B** Amelia W. - for always being in the right place at the right time.

**2DP** Isabell B - for always using her 5L’s and sharing great ideas.

**3/4A** Laura K. - persistent application in maths.

**3/4P** Bryce B. – for excellent concentration skills during class discussion.

**5R** Emma P. - attention to bookwork.

**6M** Kaydee T. – being a motivated and positive role model.

**Week 4 Term 3**

**KLH** Dakota B. – always willing to help her peers in all situations.

**K/1K** Charlotte B. – excellent effort in writing this week.

**1B** Jack G. - for his improved concentration and effort in all areas.

**2DP** Seth I. - for creative thinking at reading and writing time.

**3/4A** Caitlin B-M. - increased independence in her work ethics.

**3/4P** Ben J. – for always showing an excellent attitude to his learning.

**5R** Nathan S. - an excellent attitude towards his work.

**6M** Molly B. – demonstrating enthusiasm and being a good sport during PDHPE.

**MERIT AWARDS**

**KLH** Dakota B., Emily H., Caleb T., Chloe C.

**K/1K** Harry D., Ethan G., Summer D., Max M.

**1B** Georgie H., Kate S., Thomas B., Noni D.

**2DP** Mikayla C., Jayden J., Tyler J., Brodie W.

**3/4A** Cullen S., Kasey-Leigh P., Hunter D., Hayley M.

**3/4P** Hannah F., Liam B., Elizabeth D., Jazmin S.

**5R** Emily F., Sabrina D., Riley M., Nathan V.

**6M** Joshua S., Tristan R., Chloe M., Sarah K.

**P & C NEWS**

**Pie Drive**
Aberdeen Public School P&C is holding a Pie Drive. All money raised will go towards new Playground Equipment for the top oval.

All orders and money need to be handed in to the office by FRIDAY 23rd August 2013.

Delivery and collection of orders will be after 2pm on Monday 2nd September 2013 (reminders will be put in the school newsletter).

We are looking for helpers to sort the pies and lamingtons on the Monday, if you can help please let the office know. Help will be needed from around 10am.

We are also in need of plastic bags for the day. If you have any spare, please drop to the office for the P&C.

Thank you for supporting the P&C and Aberdeen Public School.

**P & C Family Photos:** This Saturday in the hall.

**UNIFORM SALE**
50% off all remaining stock
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 21st August**
Janette Bridge
Carly Baker (1pm – 2pm)

**Friday 23rd August**
Kate Ducker (uniform shop)
Melissa Dixon
Catherine Henry (11 – 2pm)

LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Week**
**Bake-a-Book Competition**
What an amazing response to this competition!! We had 14 entries and it was a very hard decision for Mrs Floyd to make. Each and every one of the cakes were amazing and I’m so proud of the effort that these students made. There was however just one winner and it was Bella Smith with her haunted house cake from the book “Tashi”. Well done Bella.

Millie had a great day at Calrossy Horse Sports on Friday. She won lots of ribbons and had lots of fun. Millie had a clear showjumping round and she won the 9yrs top score showjumping!

**ABERDEEN SENIOR & LITTLE ATHLETICS**
Aberdeen Senior and Little Athletics Centre is holding registration afternoons on 13th September and 20th September at Harrison Oval, Jefferson Park, Aberdeen at 6pm.
Costs will be $70. If you have more than one child it will be $70 for the first two children and then $45 for every child after that.
You can register online at [www.aberdeenathletics.org.au](http://www.aberdeenathletics.org.au) or at the oval on the 13th and 20th September. Any enquiries please phone James Earl on 0413546610.

BOOK FAIR
The books will arrive for book fair this Friday. The following Tuesday children will have the opportunity to write a wish list. The book fair will be held from 9am to 11am on Wednesday morning in conjunction with the bloke’s breakfast.

**PIP Group**
Congratulations to the Year 5 PIP Group (Personal Interest Project) who completed their presentations last week. You all did a good job, well done.
National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc

Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don't know how or just can't over commit?

Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, and can't always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do if they had the resources.

If you have an hour or two to spare a week or even a month and can help, for any specified length of time, please send us an email to narga.nhcc@gmail.com and we can discuss this new program with you.

If you can open your home and your heart, please consider fostering a pet. This is a very heart-warming and rewarding experience. All costs are covered! For more information please email narga.nfdc@gmail.com.

Together we will make a difference!

www.narga.org.au

FORTHCOMING DATES

28th August   Book Fair
              Bloke’s Breakfast
              Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

29th August   Father’s Day Stall

30th August   Regional Athletics at Glendale

Guiding Hands Expo 29th August 2013

Information Day

Aberdeen Community Hall
10am - 4pm
Morning Tea
Gold Coin Donation, Raffle
Aberdeen Neighbourhood Centre 6543 8457

Guest Speakers
10am Community Health
Liz Garlick Child and Family Nurse
Carolyne Enks Women’s Health Nurse
Upper Hunter Family Day Care
Australian Breast Feeding Association
11am Thermomix Demonstration
12noon Janene Henderson
Bowen Therapy
1pm Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music - Adam Wills
1.30pm Family Night

On site all day
Ability Links Representative – Debbie Comis
Enjo Consultant – Wendy Brookshaw

Have you downloaded our latest communication tools?

Install the Aberdeen Public School App for FREE in the
App Store and Play Store.

Like our Facebook page and keep up to date with what's happening at A.P.S.

PJ DAY SUPPORTING SOLDIERS SUPPORT PACKAGES AND EPILEPSY AUSTRALIA.
CLASS NEWS:

Class KLH

What's On:
Firstly KLH would like to welcome Miss Buckney. She is a training teacher from the University of New England. If you see her please make her feel welcome by saying hello.

KLH had a fantastic fortnight. Most students have had terrific improvement in reading and vocabulary.

As part of our Focus on Reading we have started looking at the skill of ‘Predicting!’ In this skill students start to think about what they might see or hear in the test. On Monday we made a "Web of Prediction" on the book *Max* by Bob Graham.

In maths we will be ordering our numbers to 20, comparing lengths, sorting and interpreting data, using materials to add small numbers, using and understanding left and right, covering and comparing areas.

Hints for home reading:
When trying to sound out unknown words, the letter names should be avoided. We do not use the capital letter’s name, rather the sound it makes within the word. If a word is not easily sounded then perhaps the reader can think to
- Look for chunks they know
- Look at the picture
- Think about what would make sense
- Reread the sentence
- Get their mouth ready to say the first sound

Once solved it is best practice to reread the sentence to help gather and maintain meaning.

Hints for homework:
Only use the letter’s sound; trace the letters daily; go through their homework book and reread all the other sounds.
Practice the maths games every day. Not all games suit every child – when a game is proving to be a challenge then revisit an old familiar game and practice.

Thank you for all your efforts to get homework in each Friday, this makes Monday a whole lot less hectic for me!

Class 1B

What's On: 1B have been very busy working on fairy tales, as you can see from our classroom display we are looking at Jack and The Beanstalk. We have been looking at the different parts of fairy tales and how to write an interesting fairy tale by using different adjectives. In science we are looking at the unit ‘Material World’ and this week we are concentrating on how materials can change. We will be doing an experiment this week and students will need a plastic container with a lid to share their experiment with you at home. It’s great to see that lots of containers have already come, if you have not brought one in you have until Wednesday.

Just a quick reminder that library is on Thursday's this term and paint shirts are still needed for many students, paint shirts can be an old shirt or one from an op shop, although plastic ones are preferred to prevent paint from seeping through.

Reading, maths or computer helpers are always welcome.

Stage 1 Wetlands Excursion
Reminder that all Wetland excursion notes were due back last Wednesday 14th, any late notes must be back by Wednesday 20th as buses will be booked using the numbers provided. It is
important that all notes are returned so costs can be correctly tallied.

Class K1K
What's On: Most of the class had a fantastic time at Zumba last week. Some found it a little tiring. The children were so inspired they wrote about their experience. Here is some of their work:
I thought Zumba was fun. By Ethan
On Thursday I did Zumba and it is fun. By Charlotte W
On Thursday K1K and KLH went to Zumba because it is exercising. By Summer
I liked Zumba, it was fun. It was on Thursday. By Ziggy
On Thursday I went to Zumba. We got to jump up, up, up! By Madison
Zumba is fantastic because it is fun. By William
On Thursday at Zumba I got worn out at Zumba and I do not like it. By Max

Class 2DP
What's On: We can't believe we are already in week 6! The term is zooming past very quickly with lots of fun and learning happening every day. Lila was a fantastic Super star last week and we are looking forward to Jakob being a great Super star this week. Our class Super star is nominated by a fellow student and the whole class vote for who they think is a great Aberdeen learner. We are getting very excited about the upcoming Fairy Tale Ball and we will be filling you in on all our exciting plans later this week! We had a great time at Zumba last week and can't wait to get our groove on again this Thursday. We are very happy to welcome back Miss Hunt for the second part of her Professional Practice. She will be teaching with us for the rest of the term. Please remember you are welcome to contact Rachelle about any queries or concerns you may have.

Class 3-4A
What's On: Well we had an excellent time at The Great Aussie Bush Camp. The students behaved beautifully and so did the parents! Thank you to those parents who came along and helped out, it was very enjoyable. Just a reminder to check that your child has the supplies they need for school. Blue pens or pencils (depending on what they are using) seem to go missing often in our room so please ensure your child has more than one of these. I am looking forward to the spelling bee competition this Friday, straight after our assembly. Parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish. Don't forget the book fair is next Wednesday and Father's day stall is Thursday.

Class 3-4P
What's On: Thank you to those students who did such a fantastic job on their information reports last week. You are to be congratulated on your efforts!
Once again I find myself having to remind students that they need new equipment. Please check with your child that they have the necessary things for class.
We use a lot of glue, colours and lead pencils. They run out more than you would think.
Thank you to all of the parents who joined us at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. The instructors, Miss Anderson and myself were more than appreciative of your help and support during the activities.
Photos have been placed on the school website with a few more to follow.

Class 5R
What's On: Considering the Federal Election is coming up it is appropriate that we are working on a Government unit at the moment. As a class we are discovering that governing is not easy especially when trying to come up with solutions to problems that affect a lot of people. Students were presented with a scenario whereby they had to ensure ducks could cross a busy road safely whilst maintaining traffic flow. There were lots of solutions suggested to tackle this problem. One of the more original ideas but perhaps just slightly costly was to teleport the ducks from one side to another. After listening to our real politicians carry on, perhaps this is not such a far-fetched idea!

Class 6M
What's On: What a busy term we are having! Last week we farewelled Miss Harris and next week we will welcome Miss Carter to our classroom. Both ladies are studying to become teachers in the future. Fifteen students from our class will be competing in the Premier’s Spelling Bee in the hall on Friday. All parents and friends are welcome to come along and support our entrants. Well done to Georgia and Amy who travelled to Singleton last week to compete in the Zone Public Speaking Finals. Both girls made outstanding speeches and were fine representatives of our school. Don’t forget that students who will be attending Scone High School next year will be attending the third orientation day on Wednesday. Students are permitted to wear their Year 6 shirts on this excursion.