Mayor for a Day
Late yesterday I attended the Mayor for a Day awards presentation at Upper Hunter Shire Council. Congratulations to Gordon B. who received a medallion for his school winning entry in the Mayor for a Day competition. Well done Gordon.

Spelling Bee
Congratulations to all students who participated in last Friday’s school Spelling Bee final. There were many tricky and challenging words. Our representatives at the regional spelling bee will be:
Stage 2 - Takira W-G., Daniel McC.
Stage 3 - Amy McC., Taylor B.
Well done girls and boys.

Open Door Policy
The education of your child is an active partnership between you, your child and the school. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or me to discuss any issues or concerns you may have regarding your child’s education or the school. Your views and opinions do matter to us.
Please also remember to pass on positive feedback when warranted.
I will not be at school next week, I will be in Sydney attending a training course and a number of meetings. Please see Mrs Kerrigan, if needed, during my absence.

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 on 11th September this will assist your child’s smooth transition to big school.

Bloke’s Breakfast
We will be holding a Bloke’s Breakfast this 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.

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

Reminder NO NUTS or nut products at school.
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. If you wish to purchase any of these, please return the order form and payment to the office by Friday 30th August.

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

Delta’s Upper Hunter Eisteddfod Winning Poem
The Dream Mind
She dreams of fairies and white fluffy clouds, and toadstools growing in glistening crowds.

She adventures off through lava falls, and escapes from scary animal claws.

That’s what she dreams of throughout the night, enjoying the wonders of her night time flight.

P & C NEWS
Pie Drive
Thank you, the response to the Pie Drive was great. Delivery and collection of orders will be after 2pm on Monday 2nd September 2013.

P & C Meeting
The next P & C Meeting is tomorrow, 28th August at 6pm. A topic for discussion will be the school budget.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen roster this week is:

**Wednesday 28th August**
Susanne Devine
Jodie Mayall (1pm – 2pm)

**Friday 30th August**
Kelly McMahon (Uniform Shop)
Kate Surawski
Toni Partridge

LIBRARY NEWS
BOOK FAIR
The books have arrived and children have had the opportunity to write a wish list. The book fair will be held from 9am to 11am tomorrow morning in conjunction with the bloke’s breakfast.

CAKE STALL
Monday 2nd September
To raise money for Aberdeen Public School SRC.
KLH, K1K, 1B and 2DP are asked to bring a plate of slice or cakes or biscuits.
Thank you for your support.
Reminder NO NUTS please!

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS
On Monday 12th August, Millie, Meagan, Hannah, Chloe, Georgie, Harry and Luke represented APS at Merriwa Horse Sports. All riders had a great day with Luke and Harry coming home with point scores and medals from the presentation. Well done to all riders.

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Singleton
ARE YOUR CHILDREN DRIVING YOU CRAZY?

Are your children between 2 and 12 years old?
Would like to stop their whining and fighting?

You are invited to participate in a well-known parenting program for free!

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to:

- watch audio-visual material (at home!)
- fill in online questionnaires

Please contact Renata Drummond
(Department of Psychology, Macquarie University)

Email: renata@ozemail.com.au

Text: 0411 709 752

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.
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 or at the oval on the 13th and 20th September. Any enquiries please phone James Earl on 0413546610.

ABERDEEN JUNIOR CRICKET
Aberdeen Junior Cricket will be having a registration day for girls and boys Under 10’s/12’s/14’s and Under 17’s on Thursday 29th August 2013 4pm – 5.30pm at Harrison Oval at the cricket nets or contact Garry Reid on 0438 201 207. Beginners are welcome. Information sheets available at the office.

KEEPING LUNCHBOXES SAFE
- Before preparing your child’s lunchbox, always wash your hands and ensure you have a clean chopping board, lunchboxes and utensils.
- Bacteria that cause food poisoning grow at room temperature so it is a good idea to keep lunchboxes cold, even in winter. Include a frozen drink or ice-brick to keep sandwiches fresh and safe.
- Wrap frozen drinks in a paper towel to stop condensation making lunches soggy.
- Be selective about what you pack, especially on hot days. Try to avoid cold meats, chicken and eggs on hot days.

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 a Registration day will be held at Olympic Park on Wednesday 28th August between 4 – 6pm and Saturday 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.
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.

Three Choices Parent Program
incorporating
1–2–3 Magic & emotion coaching

To help parents & caregivers manage difficult behaviour in Children 2 – 12yrs:
- Learn a simple technique to get your kids to STOP doing what you don't want them to do (whining, arguing, tantrums, etc.).
- Learn several effective methods to get your kids to START doing what you do want them to do (cleaning rooms, going to bed, homework, etc.)
- Learn techniques that reinforce your bond with your children

Facilitated by: Upper Hunter Community Services
Where: Aberdeen Public School
When: Tuesday 12th November
Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm
Cost: FREE
Bookings Essential: Ph (02) 6542 3555
Childcare available & light lunch provided.

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