School to Home Communication
Over the last 2 years we have put a number of processes in place to enhance school to home communication: Skoolbag, Facebook, school website, weekly newsletter, excursion notes, information notes.
In a bid to further reduce our paper use, from now on only one copy of each paper note will be sent home. If this copy goes astray you will be able to download a new copy from skoolbag on the school website.

School Policies
Schools are very policy orientated. We have an OH&S Policy, Student Welfare Policy, Enrolment Policies, Excursion Policies etc, etc. These policies are put in place to ensure we provide a safe learning and working environment for our students, staff and wider school community.

One of our school policies that is often discussed by parents relates to Parent drivers transporting students to school based events and excursions. I thought I would take the opportunity to give the Department of Education and school stance on this.

Parent Drivers: We often rely on parent drivers to take students to school based events. These events occur during, and on occasions, out of school hours. There are many instances where students would not be able to attend an event if it were not for parents and teachers being prepared to drive.

It is the policy of this school and the policy of the Department of Education and Communities that we sight the licence and registration papers of the driver if they are taking students to any school based event.

We do this firstly, because I and the staff have a duty of care to our students.

Secondly we do this because I, as principal, have a duty of care to my staff. Thirdly, I have a right to protect myself.

The reasoning behind this policy is explained in the following scenario.

A parent was driving their child to a school endorsed event. They had an accident and the student was injured. It was later revealed that the driver was unlicensed or had no registration. Therefore the child had no insurance protection.

At a later date the child may need medical treatment that their family may not be able to afford. There is every possibility that the teacher/principal or Department of Education and Communities could be sued for failure in their duty of care to the student.

I would not like to see one of our students, my staff or I placed in this position. This scenario may never eventuate but I need to ensure that we are all protected.

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.

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.
Public Speaking Finals
A big thank you to Mr Turvey and Mrs Moore for adjudicating our Public Speaking Finals on Wednesday. All our finalists should be very proud of the outstanding job they did presenting to the school and our audience. Also worthy of praise are our Chairperson, Madyson T. and Timekeeper, Emily W., both girls did a fantastic job. The results are as follows;

Stage 1
1st – Luke D.
2nd – Lillian D.
Highly Commended- Vanessa H.

Stage 2
1st – Delta H.
2nd – Daniel McC.
Highly Commended - Ben J.

Stage 3
1st – Amy McC.
2nd – Georgia F.
Highly Commended – Matiah L.

Congratulations to Delta, Daniel, Amy and Georgia who will now progress onto the Zone Public Speaking Finals which will be held next Wednesday at Singleton Heights Public School.

Georgia has kindly allowed us to publish her speech in this newsletter. Please take the time to have a read.

Zone Athletics
Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport and helped with the running of the carnival. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 1 Term 3
KLH Steven W. – Improvement in confidence towards all class work.
K1K Summer D. - for always being an excellent class citizen.
1B Claire J. – for her commitment to learning.
2DP Daniel C. - positive contributions to class discussions.
3/4A Jack F. - excellent skills in finding key words during reading!
3/4P Danielle S. – for continued application in every task attempted.
5R Taneka J. – excellence in oral tasks.
6M Jesse G – joining in with his peers and giving new things a try.

Week 2 Term 3
KLH Tyla F. – excellent conservation of volume.
K1K Charlotte W. - for writing an excellent fairy tale.
1B Linden T. – for his increasing enthusiasm in all areas.
2DP Molly J. - amazing progress in her reading.
3/4A Jackson M. - for outstanding skills when using Microsoft powerpoint.
3/4P Daniel McC. – for excellence in writing tasks and independent working.
5R Seth W. – presenting an excellent speech.
6M Shaylee H. - being a responsible, courteous and cooperative student

Come along and see your child receive a class award at our assembly.

KLH Tanya D., Liam D., Kristen S., Jaxon R.
K1K Max M., Chloe F., Sienna B., Riley T
1B Vanessa H., Seth F., Hallie D., Tilly H.
2DP Savanna WG., Brooke W., Lillian D., Will H.
3/4A Cody B., Shantelle B.,Mally M.,Callum D.
3/4P Ethan P., Jacob D., Breanna C., Bella R-P.
5R Macey I., Alyssa T., Cassidee L., Logan S.
6M James C., Jarn D., Pheobe D., Molly B.

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

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.

UNIFORM SALE
50% off all remaining stock
Fridays at Uniform Shop

P & C NEWS

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 7th August**  
Kelly McMahon  
Jodie Myall (1pm-2pm)

**Friday 9th August**  
Kate Ducker (Uniform Shop)  
Catherine Henry 11-2pm

**Speech on Bullying by Georgia F.**

Good morning teachers, students and guests. I am here to talk to you about bullying. Bullying is a serious matter. Bullying is horrifying to people who are getting bullied and it is hard to put up with it constantly.

Bullying occurs in every country around the globe when kids aren’t tolerant of each other. It is a universal problem faced by kids of every age. It happens in schools, neighbourhoods and homes every single day.

There are different types of bullying such as violent bullying, cyber bullying, physical bullying, verbal bullying, intimidation and indirect bullying which is like spreading rumours that aren’t true. People that are getting bullied find it hard to tell people or talk about it because they are scared of this person and sometimes even petrified.

Bullies make us feel bad about ourselves because we may not be as pretty as other girls, or we are not as skinny as other girls but we are all different. Bullies pick on others because they may feel bad about themselves, so making someone else feel bad about themselves makes them feel better and, that they are not alone. They perceive that this makes them look popular, but in reality bullies don’t have any true friends.

The emotional scars from bullying can run very deep and become a lifelong battle to overcome. You should always tell a teacher or parent if you are getting bullied otherwise it may not stop.

If you see someone getting bullied, tell an adult or stand up to the bully. You should never stand there and take another person putting you down or someone else, just simply walk away – take away their power.

Some little kids don’t know what bullying means. Bullying is constant (every day) people being mean to you, calling you names, hurting you and putting your self-confidence down. Your self-confidence is believing in yourself and knowing that you can achieve your goal that you have set. It’s like challenging no-one else but you. You shouldn’t let bullies faze you because everyone is different in their own way. Bully Busters aka bb is based on an Anti-Bullying Project. You can phone them with a bullying issue and they can give you some helpful tips so you can try and stop the bullying from happening.

Bullying leads to unmentionable things. I chose this topic because we are focussing on things like bullying and our invisible buckets at school and I thought it would be a good topic to speak about.

Thank you.

**DON’T FORGET…..**

**THE A.P.S S.R.C PRESENTS**

**P.J. DAY**

**FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST**

**GOLD COIN DONATION TO SUPPORT SOLDIERS SUPPORT PACKAGES AND EPILEPSY AUSTRALIA**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

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

**Library Monitors** – Thank you to the very committed group of 3/4 students who volunteer their time to help out in the library, without your help the library would not be as well organised.

**Premiers Reading Challenge** – The class with the most students to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge this year will have a reward day at the library. We are thinking PIZZA 😊. If teachers could remind their class to update their lists on the portal that would be great as we don’t always have time in library lessons.

**P.I.P Project** – Thank you to the year 5 students who completed the P.I.P Project in term 2. I was very happy with the effort made by this group of students. The work presented was of a high standard and the commitment each one made to presenting a terrific piece of work was great.

**Book Week**

**Bake-a-Book Competition** - is judged next week on Thursday. If you are planning on entering a cake please let me know ASAP so that I can organise a very special judge ;)

**Book Fair** – will be held on Thursday 29th August in the library. The books will arrive on the 23rd so there will be plenty of time to have a look and write your wish list.

**Willow Markets** – the next market will be on the 29th September from 9-2 in the grounds of Aberdeen Public School. The Willow Markets raise money for our school library.

**Mrs Thompson 😊**

**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](http://www.stheliersheavyhorse.org.au) for program, forms and information.
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.

Have you downloaded our latest communication tools?

Kindergarten 2014 Early Birds Program

If you wish to enrol your child in Kindergarten for 2014 please contact the school on 6543 7271.

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 noon – 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

Please Note: Parent Information Days will be held on Wednesday 11th September and 20th November at 2pm.

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

FORTHCOMING DATES

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CLASS NEWS:  

Class KLH  

What's On:  
The students of KLH are really enjoying writing. Our focus has been on the text type narratives. Throughout this unit the students look at how to write a great story. We also look at the structure of a narrative. Lately we have been looking at the orientation of the story (the beginning). In this part of the story we have who, when and where.

On Friday the students jointly constructed an orientation of a story using a picture of a knight.

The Brave Knight
Once upon a time there was a brave knight. He wore shiny armour with a lion on it, a sharp sword, a large shield and a helmet with a feather on it. The knight lived deep in a forest in a castle. He live with a princess. They were married.

By KLH

What a fantastic start to a story, all imagined by the students. I wonder how it finishes?

CHALLENGE: Mr Larnach challenges all students to attempt to finish this story. The most pleasing end will receive a surprise!

In Maths we will be exploring seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty, describing patterns, recognising 3D objects, sorting shapes, naming and ordering the days of the week, comparing masses and working with ordinal numbers.

This Friday, all going well, KLH will be performing their assembly item. All are welcome to watch. We will be reciting two poems, '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' and '1, 2'!

Class K1K  

What's On:  
In our literacy session we have been learning to do the Daily 5. The Daily 5 is a series of literacy tasks which students complete daily while the teacher meets with small groups or confers with individuals. The tasks are: Reading to self; Reading to Someone; Listening to reading; Word Work; and Work on Writing. Helpers are always needed during literacy, please see Mrs Kerrigan or Miss Teague if you are able to assist. Our literacy session begins at 10am Monday - Thursday.

K1K is learning about fairy tales this term. Please share your favourite fairy tales with your child and encourage them to do the same. We will be holding our annual fairy tale ball in Week 9 of this term. More information will be forwarded home in the coming weeks.

Miss Teague is teaching an integrated unit on 'Environments'. Kinder are looking at natural and built environments whilst Year 1 are focussing on wet and dry environments. Please take opportunities to discuss these topics with your child. The students are also enjoying learning about physical sciences as we examine different materials - their properties, uses, changes, etc.

We are very excited to have students from St Josephs' HS instructing us in PE/Sport this term. The HS students are helping us to develop our motor skills and learn new games. It's lots of fun!

Our class is in desperate need of good quality children's books that are in good condition. We are particularly interested in books by Pamela Allen, Mem Fox, Joy Cowley, Dr. Seuss and Eric Carle, however, all books will be very much appreciated. If you are cleaning out your bookshelf, please keep us in mind. Any book donations can be dropped into the office or K1K classroom. Thank you.

Class 1B  

What's On:  
Hello everyone and what a great start to the term it has been! 1B have just finished looking at The Three Billy Goats Gruff in Literacy and are beginning to look at Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be using this story to guide our writing, grammar and reading sessions.

We are looking forward to a lot of art and craft activities this term, so it would be great if you could make sure your child has a paint shirt to protect their fabulous uniforms.

In science we are looking at materials and what they are used for this term and in HSIE we are looking at community groups, so if you are a member of group and would like to come in and talk about it please let me know.

Class 2DP  

What's On:  
The children have enjoyed visualising Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at reading time. We have been creating movies in our head while we listen to the story. This week we are exploring how our visualisations differ or are similar to the movie version. Our super star Seth was great at spotting on task behaviour. This week Molly is doing a great job too.
Class 2DP continued

There are not enough children bringing their homework in on a Friday to be marked. Please help your child to manage this responsibility. It has been great to see more drink bottles on students’ tables to help keep them hydrated and switched on for learning.

Please check our blog aberdeenadventurers.blogspot.com.au regularly to see the great learning our class is doing. We are enjoying sharing our learning with a wider community.

Class 3-4A & 3-4P

What’s On:
We are off on Bush Camp tomorrow! We are all very excited. Just a reminder that students need to be at school by 7:30am tomorrow morning.

Please remember that all devices (ds, ipods, ipads etc) are banned from our class excursion.

The students have all been given a project which is due on Friday the 16th of August (PJ day). I have bus duty this week and next week and have told the students they can use our computers during lunchtime if they do not have access to a computer at home. I would like to congratulate my students and parents on the beautiful uniforms, our presentation has been exceptional, keep it up!

Class 5R

What’s On:
We are really enjoying reading the text “Holes” by Louis Sachar. The main character in the book has the unique name, Stanley Yelnats. This was interesting because his name is in fact a palindrome which can be read the same way either forwards or backwards. We have also came up with own palindromes.

A few reminders; please check to see where your child is up to regarding payments for the excursion. Secondly check to see if your child is missing any equipment for class.

Stage 3 Excursion
Please check where you are up to in regard to payment for the Sydney excursion. Please feel free to contact the office for an update of your payments to date. There are a considerable number of students with payments not up to date. As of the 29th July you should have paid at least $175.00. We understand that this is a considerable amount of money and we appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Class 6M

What’s On:
Congratulations to our successful Public Speakers and Zone Athletes. It is wonderful to see our students striving to achieve in academic, cultural and sporting activities.

By now all students should have a copy of the Premier’s Spelling Bee list words to learn and revise. We will be holding our class competition soon and will select students to go onto stage finals from this. We have been focusing on using effective comprehension strategies when reading in class and are focusing on two very descriptive and entertaining stories; Tanglewood and Spooks Incorporated.

Well done to students who have completed the ‘Creative’ and ‘Challenge’ activities included in our homework so far this term, your posters and presentations look great and I hope you have enjoyed making some new discoveries about our solar system while completing them.