PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Variation to School Development Day
As you know all NSW Public Schools have two school development days at the end of each school year. This year the students finish school for the year on Wednesday 18th of December and the staff development days are scheduled for the 19th and 20th of December. Our teaching staff has requested a variation to this; they would like to substitute Saturday the 16th November for Friday 20th December. This means they would attend further training around the new curriculum on Saturday the 16th November for Friday 20th December. This means they would attend further training around the new curriculum on Saturday the 16th November and not attend school on Friday 20th December.

Please contact me if you do not agree to this variation. If there are no objections from our school community and the Regional Director gives his consent the requested variation will go ahead. If successful our school office will remain open on Friday 20th December and I will be in attendance on this day.

Kindergarten 2014 Early Birds Program
We are looking forward to the commencement of our Early Birds Orientation Program tomorrow, 11th September, for children starting school in 2014.

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

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.

If you wish to enrol your child (must turn 5 by 31st July 2014) at our school, please contact the office on 65437271.

The Music Night has been postponed till term 4.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

AUTHOR VISIT
Last Wednesday all students at Aberdeen Public were given the opportunity to travel to St James Primary School in Muswellbrook to see author and illustrator David Legge. Thank you to Coal & Allied who sponsored this visit.
BLACK COAL CUP
Last Wednesday 3/4P, 3/4A and 2DP travelled to the Muswellbrook Golf Club for the Black Coal Cup. When we arrived we got free chocolate milk and stickers. Then we got a Newcastle Knights poster and had it signed by Adam Cuthbertson and Ben Rogers. We also got to see the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and got to ask questions about it. It was a great day.
By Delta and Takira.

SCHOOL NEWS BLOG
Check out our Aberdeen Public School News Blog to see what our fabulous students have been getting up to at school.
apsnewsblog.blogspot.com

SRC NEWS
Thank you to all the families who provided cakes, biscuits and slices for our cake stall. We raised over $425. A portion of this money will be going towards our end of term rewards day next Friday.

Rewards Day
Next Friday 20th September Aberdeen Public School SRC will be holding a reward day to celebrate a great Term 3. Students will be participating in a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. Please remember to bring your school hat. Students should still be in full uniform. Students who have consistently shown good behaviour throughout the term (less than three detentions) will be given a special treat.

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 5.30pm. Costs will be $65. If you have more than one child it will be $65 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.

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS
Mikayla represented Aberdeen Public School for the first time at the recent Merriwa Central Horse Sports Carnival. She won seven ribbons on her first outing and even one for “not spitting the dummy” (her own words) which was the D & L Porter Sportsmanship Award. Mikayla had loads of fun riding with her fellow A.P.S. students. The school is very proud of the excellent riding and sportsmanship shown by all of our students at this event.
Well done Mikayla

The canteen roster this week is:

Wednesday 11th September
Lisa Taylor
Natalie McCamley

Friday 13th September
Emma Hodge (uniform shop)
Mathew Weaver
Linda Turner
Michele Ison 11.30 -2pm

CANTEEN NEWS
Term 4 canteen rosters were sent home last week to all current volunteers. If you did not receive your copy please contact the office. New helpers are always welcome. If you can spare a couple of hours on Wednesdays or Fridays, even just once a term, please leave your name and contact number at the office to be passed on. All help is greatly appreciated.

Aberdeen Public School Dancers who performed at Big Boys Toys on Saturday.
SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!
In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmites moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

Banking is on Monday. Please drop your bank book and money to the front office by recess on Monday, thank you.

ST ALBAN’S SPRING FAIR
The Anglican Parish of Muswellbrook will be holding their Spring Fair on Saturday 21st September in the grounds of the church (just over the railway line) from 9am to 1.30pm. There will be children’s entertainment including a jumping castle, Kindifarm Petting Zoo and face painting. There will be plenty of stalls to browse for mum and dad as well as coffee from Cafe Mobilita and a chocolate wheel running throughout the day packed full of awesome prizes. So if you are looking for something for the family to do on the first day of the school holiday, come on down and have some fun at our Spring Fair. All money raised will be going towards fighting poverty and injustice at home and abroad.
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

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